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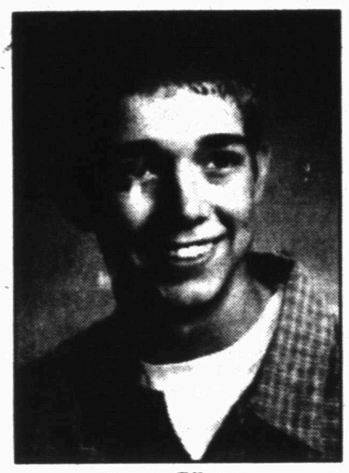
Vanessa Jones, Brett Gibson...

Snyder High names top two graduating students

Vanessa Jones has been named valedictorian for Snyder High School for the 1999 graduating class, while Brett Gibson has been named salutatorian.

Jones has compiled an honors grade point average of 5.029, while Gibson's average is 4.923.



Brett Gibson

Jones has been in the top 10 percent of her class throughout her high school career and the top 10 academically all four years. The same is true for Gibson.

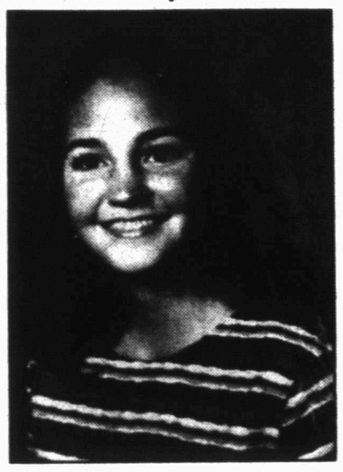
Jones has also participated in golf, softball, choir, forensics, French club, Spanish club, FFA, industrial technology and student council, serving as an officer this year.

She has also been selected as sweetheart of the industrial technology club, and the forensics club.

Gibson participated in band, student council, National Honor Society, choir and was a nominee for class favorite for three years.

He participated in tennis for four years, and was named all-district each year.

He was also chosen tennis sweetheart this year.



Vanessa Jones

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN — Snyder's Special Olympics team, law enforcement officers and Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees helped kickoff the local Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Tuesday. Snyder Police officers Mike Duddleston, David Presley, Trey Wilson and Patrick Coggins along with Snyder EMS personnel Kyle and Stacy Haley are local representatives who will help run the torch to the State Special Olympic Games in Houston. Local runners will join officers across the state in carrying the torch. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC recognizes honor students

As registration for the summer session at Western Texas College began today, ninety-six students were also recognized for academic achievement for the 1999 spring semester.

Eleven students were named to the President's List, the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC.

They were Jennifer Bullis, Jennifer Featherston, Chris Halbert, Alisha Henry, Nicole Mazarova, John Michel, Charsalynn Mitchell, Geoffrey Sanders, Peggy Segura, Michael Tedford and Jason Tyler.

To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Students named to the Dean's List were Wilma Brooks, Summer Coulter, Kerry Cummings, Cody Denman, Norma Garcia, Erica Garvin, Reynaldo Gomez, Richard Jouett, Todd Lancaster, Lester Lombard, Nicole Lyons, Devin Odom, Pete Olivarez, Matt Pond, Bradley Reeves, Deanna Regaldo and Kory Williams.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

The Merit List is comprised of students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of at least 3.5

Students named to the Merit List included Thomas Artificavitch, John Bailey, Kerry Brown, Steven Camp, Damion Carmona, Dana Carroll, Lonique Coots, Garret Cox, Annette Davidson, Sean Duncan, Brock Durham, James Eslinger, Jerry Failing, Lori Favors, Larry Ferguson and Rachel Foster.

Others include Ellena Franco, Makiko Funai, Andrew Garcia, Mitzi Garcia, Brett Gibson, Gregory Gonzales, Jana Guelker, Sharon Gulseth, Richard Halford, David Hanna, Charles Hernandez, Ricky Holman, Gene Howland, Halea Huestis, Alicia Irwin and Larry Lambaren.

Also Lisha Leatherwood, Rodolfo Limas, Michael Logan, Michelle Lumpkins, Gabriel Madrid, Chad McGeary, Mikayla McGrew, Bernard Mitchell, David Mobley, Michael Moore, Lindsey Northcott, Miguel Olivarez, George Oliver, Lara Payne, George Perez, Neika Porter, Victoria Proctor, Luke Richards, Heather Riggs and John Roark.

Others are Monica Roberson, Tony Roberts, Christina Russ, Patrick Sheridan, Barbara Stahl, Clint Stewart, Scott Stroman, Samuel Waddell, Joseph Whitaker, TJ Wood and Wade Yearwood.

Lomax is finalist for Hereford ISD superintendent spot

Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax is one of three finalists for the superintendent's post in Hereford.

Lomax, plus Elizabeth Abernethy of Navasota and Robert Kenneth Crouch of Bridgeport, were selected by the Hereford trustees Monday night for another round of interviews.

These interviews will be conducted next week by the Hereford board, with their choice expected to be named on June 5.

Formal action by the Hereford board is expected on June 15.

Lomax said Tuesday that he was asked to apply for the position by a member of the Hereford ISD search team.

"My application in Hereford does not in anyway indicate any dissatisfaction with Snyder as a community, or the Snyder ISD trustees," said Lomax.

Lomax said the Hereford school system had 4,100 students, while Snyder has 3,000.

Lomax has been superintendent of the local system since June 1, 1994.

He is currently under a three-year contract which expires June 30, 2001. He is currently paid $80,000 per year.

Gayle Lomax

Hospital board...

New bill paying order on agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers, when it meets at 8 a.m. Thursday, is expected to consider a revised procedure for issuance of hospital accounts payables.

The item will be considered under "old business" on the board's agenda.

The issue of when the hospital board can certify bills for payment has been discussed in the last two meetings, with board member Dink Foree stating his objection with the current procedure.

Presently, the board approves the bills after checks have been placed in the mail.

In a meeting earlier this month involving County Judge Ricky Fritz, County Auditor Eddie McHaney, hospital administrator Jeff Reecer and hospital controller Selina McGuire, an accord reportedly was reached on a new procedure.

Fritz said the hospital's financial committee, consisting of McHaney and two yet-to-be-appointed hospital board members, will meet twice montly to review bills.

The committee will then sign a cover letter to the fact they have examined the bills, and bills will then be sent to commissioners court where at least three commissioners will again examine them.

After the entire commissioners court approves the bills for payment, the checks will be mailed.

Fritz said the hospital board as a whole, would then vote to "certify" the bills.

The disagreement on when the hospital board could or could not certify bills for payment surfaced at two previous hospital board meetings.

Foree said he believed the hospital board is breaking the law by following the current procedure of certifying the bills after they had been paid.

However, a vote in April to maintain the present procedure passed on a 5-1 vote with Foree dissenting.

At that meeting, board member Dr. Mark Weaver said he was satisfied with the current process.

As part of the discussion on the bill-paying procedure, board chairman Jim Bob Cave is also expected to appoint the two board representatives to the finance committee.

Other items on the board's agenda for Thursday include the monthly medical staff report from Dr. James Burleson, the April finance report from McGuire, and informational items as presented by Reecer.

Piping causes delay in opening Towle Park pool

Due to problems with the piping at Towle Park swimming pool, the annual "Splash Day" set for Thursday has been cancelled.

"We'll be open Saturday for our first day of swimming," said pool manager Mike Harrison.

Pool hours this year are from 1:30 until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with family night set for Saturday from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

The pool is closed on Monday for routine maintenance and cleaning.

Prices this summer are $1.50 for ages 17 and under, and $2 for those 18 and over.

On family night, the entire family can swim for $4.

Monthly swim memberships are $25 per person and family memberships are $50 for two people, plus $15 for each additional family member.

The pool's concession stand will be open during regular operating hours, said Harrison.

Senate poised to OK deregulation proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate was poised to approve legislation today to deregulate the state's utility market, the Senate sponsor of the measure said.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, said he would ask the Senate to approve the House version of the bill that supporters predict could mean lower electric rates for most of Texas' residential customers. The House approved the bill last week.

With Senate approval, the bill will go to Gov. George W. Bush. As Senate sponsor, Sibley had the option of recommending the Senate reject any changes made by the House, which would have forced the two sides to negotiate the bill over the final days of the session. The session ends Monday.

Sibley likes the House version, which he says has good environmental and consumer protection measures.

Sibley also said he expects little or no opposition to the House bill in the Senate.

"We passed our version with just three dissenting votes and the House made it even better," Sibley said.

Bill supporters expect utility companies to be enticed into moving to Texas to offer lower prices and new technology, which could range from selling "green power" to providing gadgets that tell consumers when they are wasting the most electricity.

Thursday last day for Snyder schools

The last day of school for Snyder is Thursday and students will be released at noon — with the exception of seniors whose last day was today.

Friday will be the last day for teachers as they have a teacher preparation day scheduled.

Seniors will graduate at 8 p.m. Friday in Scurry County Coliseum.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's no sense in being pessimistic. It's not likely to work anyway."

You may have never wondered about all those items hanging next to the checkout counter.

Every store has 'em, so it's proof positive that impulse buying is alive and well.

According to research, shoppers with lists and those without lists make the same number of impulse purchases.

The research also reveals that shoppers are motivated by the same triggers. Separate studies done by the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the University of California at Berkley found that unplanned purchases account for 68 percent of items bought during major shopping trips. The total is 54 percent on shorter shopping excursions.

Of course, not all of those impulse items are located next to the checkout counter. Some of 'em are in the aisles or at the end so you practically have to push your cart over them.

The study shows that shoppers are heavily influenced by displays, especially at the end of aisles. Surprisingly, the findings revealed that habits haven't changed much over the 30 years.

A similar study three decades ago also revealed that the implication for retailers is in-store position, price and display.

Only now, the stores are much bigger. Also the displays are scattered throughout the store to lure shoppers to more sections — and more impulse buys.

Ole what's-her-name's research may not be scientific, but we can't dispute the conclusions.

The house husband — when sent to the store for an essential single item — will likely return with more.

If the wife gives you a blank checks. The items can exceed 10 snack foods.

If expected to pay cash out of the man's wallet — only the single essential item likely is purchased.

Heard about a picket line outside a big-town supermarket. Guess somebody needed a cause.

The protest sign read: "Boycott shampoo. Demand real poo."

ASK US

Q—When are the fire department's "storm spotters" put on duty?

A—Anytime the weather service forecasts severe weather for the county. For instance, they were on duty this morning from 1:30 until 3:30 as a severe thunderstorm passed just north of Snyder.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 87 degrees; low, 60; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 61 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1999, 5.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, rain chance: 50%; some storms may be severe. Mostly cloudy; low, upper 50s. E-NE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy; 40% rain chance. High around 80. E-NE wind 10-20 mph.

Houston Flores
Rain chance

Sunset:
8:40 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 145 days in 1999, the sun has shone 138 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Out of the clutter of details, find simplicity and focus."

Unknown

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Tax bills studied

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has endorsed more than $370 million in consumer tax breaks, reviving a holiday for school clothes, while putting a priority of Gov. George W. Bush — business tax cuts — in serious jeopardy.

Hours of backroom dealing pushed the two tax bills against a midnight deadline Tuesday for getting Senate legislation House preliminary approval.

In the end, a bill to grant $179 million in research and development tax credits was killed on a technicality after Democrat lawmakers argued it would cost too much.

Another bill — originally intended only for Internet-related tax relief — was loaded down with a series of other tax cut proposals. It was passed less than 30 minutes before the deadline.

"There is no question in my mind it was the right thing to do and the right thing for the state of Texas," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, who called the "point of order" on the business related bill.

According to Turner, the bill that survived included:

— About $61 million for Internet access tax relief. Under this provision the state would exempt the first $25 of monthly access service and would phase in an exemption for all information and data processing services from the sales tax.

— About $60 million for a three-day school clothes tax holiday. The sales tax exemption would apply to clothes less than $100.

Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, had sponsored similar legislation that got stuck in committee after leading lawmakers became concerned that there wouldn't be enough to accommodate all requested tax relief.

— More than $250 million for a sales tax exemption for medicines.

The tax cuts given preliminary approval Tuesday, face another House vote today. They will then be sent to the Senate.

The research and development bill is SB5.

The Internet bill is SB441.

SWORN IN — Jeanne Johnson, city secretary, read the oath of office as city officials were sworn in Monday evening at city hall. From left are Johnson, Mayor Dayton Robertson, James Ashley, at-large councilman; Terry Martin, at-large councilman; and Place 3 Councilman James Jenkins. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

House passes emissions bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation requiring older industrial plants to cut emissions has received preliminary approval from the Texas House after lawmakers accepted several amendments favored by environmentalists.

The legislation, a priority of Gov. George W. Bush, was initially designed to allow so-called grandfathered plants to voluntarily apply for a flexible permit from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The permit would not have been as stringent as those issued for newer plants.

But facing a midnight deadline for preliminary House approval, bill sponsor Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, late Tuesday accepted amendments requiring the plants to use the best available technology to upgrade their equipment by 2003 or shut down.

Allen, fearing the bill would be lost altogether because of the deadline, said he was willing to accept the amendments — for now.

"We knew that we had to move the bill forward," he said. "Sometimes in this process, the parliamentary maneuvering, the people who use the rules to the best of their advantage, live to fight another day."

With preliminary approval, the bill needs one more House vote before it is sent back to the Senate, which passed a more flexible version. The initiative would then likely go to a conference committee to work out differences between the two versions.

Lawmakers will then have until Sunday to work on a final bill, Allen said.

He added that he plans to fight against many of the amendments added late Tuesday.

"I'll certainly try to strip some of them out," Allen said, adding that he was particularly concerned about the 2003 deadline.

"I consider that to be very dangerous," he said. "These ... affect lots and lots of people. For example, the largest polluter in its county is Texas A&M University. I don't think anyone wants to threaten to put Texas A&M University out of business."

Tom Smith, director of the consumer group Public Citizen, called the bill "an enormous victory for the environment."

But he remained concerned that the bill could still be watered down.

"The real battle shifts to the conference committee now where there is less attention," Smith said.

The emissions bill is SB766.

Jury gives man life

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who infected a 7-year-old boy with the virus that causes AIDS during a 1993 sexual assault has been sentenced to life in prison.

It took the jury of eight women and four men about 20 minutes to set punishment for Paul Edward Broussard, 39. He had been convicted earlier in the day on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Broussard showed no emotion when state District Judge Mike Anderson read his sentence.

"Mr. Broussard, you have read a Bible throughout this trial. Now sir, it seems you will reap what you have sowed," Anderson told the defendant, who must serve 30 years before he will be eligible for parole.

Broussard sexually assaulted the boy in August 1993 while the child and his parents were living with him in northeast Harris County, said prosecutor Terese Buess. The abuse continually occured for a year, with Broussard making the boy submit to anal sex and also forcing him to perform oral sex.

The boy, now 14, didn't know he was HIV positive until July, Ms. Buess said. He kept getting sick, went to a doctor and learned he had the virus.

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Last Week's Photos: 1. Ronnie Williamson 2. John Powell 3. Jim Featherston 4. Jerry Wilson 5. Gerald Wilson 6. Glenn Patterson 7. Joe LaRoux 8. Joe Kelly 9. Jerry Jackson 10. Tom Kincaid

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband Wants to Take Steps To Tell Stepchildren to Leave

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago I lost my first wife. About a year and a half later I remarried. My kids were adults and on their own. My new wife still had children in high school. I helped all of them to get their first car, and sometimes worked on their cars to keep them running. When they have problems or need money, I have been the one they came to for help.

My grown children try to work out their own problems and hardly ever come to me for help. When my wife's kids have problems with their marriages, they stay at our home. One has been with us for several months now. Another thinks we should baby-sit two or three times a week. When I say anything to my wife, she gets upset.

I'm retired now and would like to have my home back for my wife and me to enjoy our retirement. I worked for more than 40 years to enjoy retirement — now I hate every day of it.

I've considered leaving, but with the laws as they are, she would get half of my retirement, and she never worked to put anything into it. Not a day goes by that I don't wish I had not remarried. I would have been happier living by myself.

HATES EVERY DAY

DEAR HATES: It's possible that when your wife's children were in high school, you over-indulged them. However, you are all adults now, and it is time for them to accept responsibility for themselves. You are overdue for a talk with them. If your wife feels unable to bring herself to talk to them with you — do it alone.

After 40 years of hard work, you are entitled to some happiness in your retirement. If you are truly as unhappy as your signature indicates, talk to a lawyer about your options, and what your wife is entitled to if you and she should separate. It may not be as much as you fear.

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DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a reader signed "Ex-Seminarian" discussing the topic of Immaculate Conception. He stated that according to Christianity, Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's having been born without the stain of sin (original sin). Well, I take exception to that statement.

There is absolutely no biblical reference to Mary, the mother of Jesus, having been born without "original sin." The Immaculate Conception refers to just that — Jesus was conceived while Mary was a virgin. The concept of Mary being born without sin is something the Catholic Church has perpetuated for many years. She was certainly chosen by God to bear his son, but by no means or biblical reference was she without sin. This is merely man-made doctrine with no biblical basis.

You are *not* confused, Abby. It is "Ex-Seminarian" who is confused.

MARINO GARCIA, CINCINNATI

DEAR MARINO: Perhaps. You weren't the only one to point this out. I should have caught the misstatement "according to Christianity" and corrected it to read "according to the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church." Other Christians may not accept the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, but the term is properly used to describe the circumstances of Mary's conception, not Jesus'.

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

Susan McDougal, Julie Hiatt Steele...

Starr won't retry two women

WASHINGTON (AP) — After fighting legal battles all the way to the Supreme Court, Kenneth Starr is invoking pragmatism in declining to retry two witnesses he accused of hindering his investigation.

Starr decided Tuesday he won't prosecute anew Whitewater figure Susan McDougal and Julie Hiatt Steele, a witness in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, after both their trials this spring ended with hung juries.

"Retrials raise important questions of resource allocation.... The jury's inability to reach a unanimous verdict is a reality that we have taken seriously," Starr said, signaling that his five-year, $40 million investigation may be one step closer to wrapping up.

Three of Starr's key deputies left for the private sector this spring.

The independent counsel's decision came after juries handed him consecutive setbacks in his effort to punish witnesses he contended were uncooperative or gave false testimony that delayed his investigation. Mistrials were declared in both cases.

The announcement was welcomed by some of Starr's harshest critics.

"I don't believe he would have gotten a conviction and he would only have put my family through the misery of a retrial," said William Henley, one of Mrs. McDougal's brothers. "I think he did the right thing."

Starr's decision ends five years of legal warfare with Mrs. McDougal, who along with her late ex-husband started the Whitewater land venture with President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Mrs. McDougal was sent to prison after being convicted in the first Whitewater trial in 1996, was also jailed for refusing a judge's order to answer Starr's questions before a grand jury and then was tried this year for obstruction. From her jail cell to television interviews, she repeatedly attacked Starr's motives and tactics.

Ms. Steele's lawyer, who also made Starr's tactics an issue in her client's trial, said the decision reflected an assessment that "this was a case that could not be won."

"Whatever his motivation, we are pleased and relieved," said attorney Nancy Luque.

Starr still has two more trials involving another witness he has accused of being uncooperative, presidential friend and former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell. Hubbell, who has already served prison time on charges brought by Starr, faces separate indictments alleging tax evasion and false testimony. The first of those trials is set to begin in August.

Starr had accused Mrs. McDougal of obstructing his investigation and defying a federal judge's order by refusing to testify before the grand jury that investigated the Clintons' Arkansas business dealings.

A jury in April acquitted Mrs. McDougal of the obstruction charge and deadlocked on the contempt of court charges.

Mrs. McDougal testified in her own defense. She said she refused to talk to the grand jury because she feared that Starr would punish her if she did not give testimony that matched his theory of the case.

Starr's office charged Ms. Steele of Richmond, Va., with lying to federal investigators in testimony that undercut the claims of presidential accuser Kathleen Willey.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; business meeting and club members should bring a picture for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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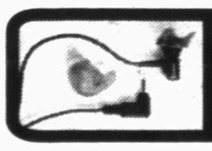

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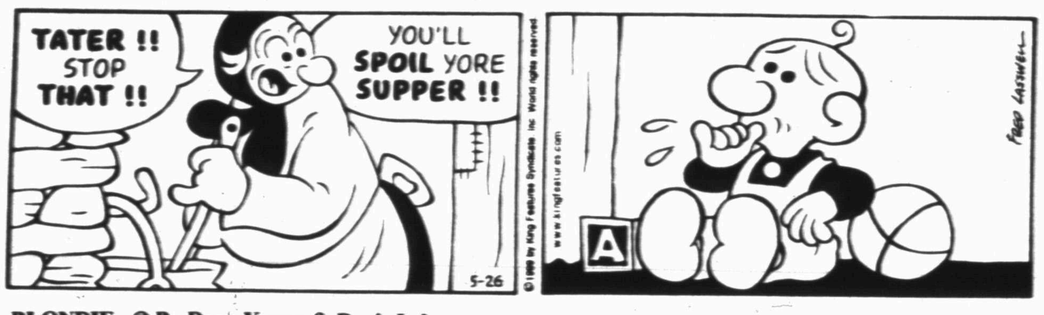

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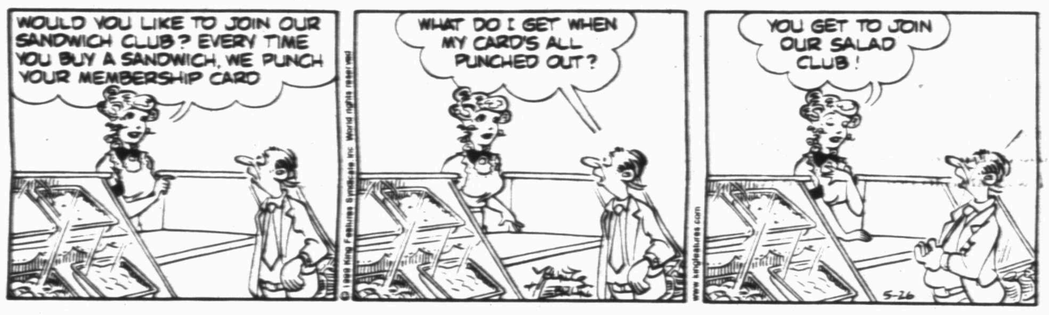

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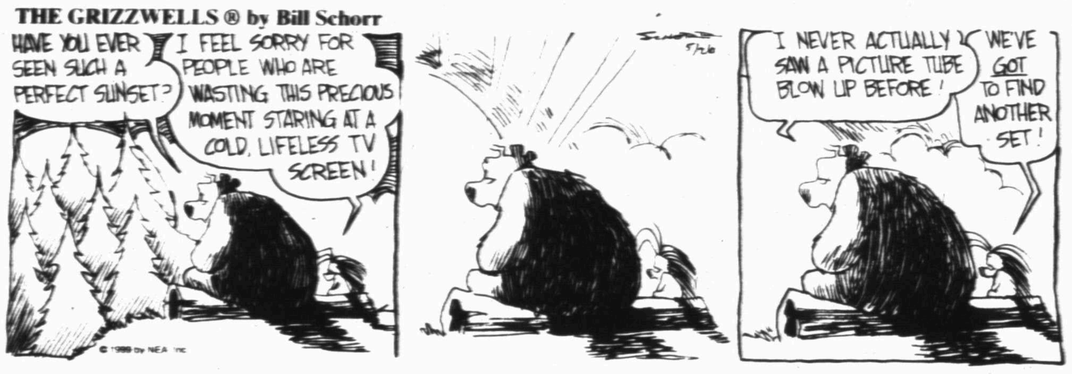

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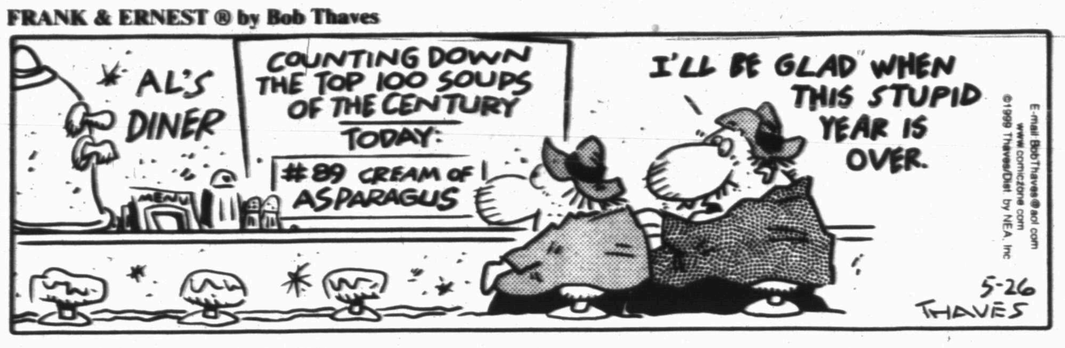

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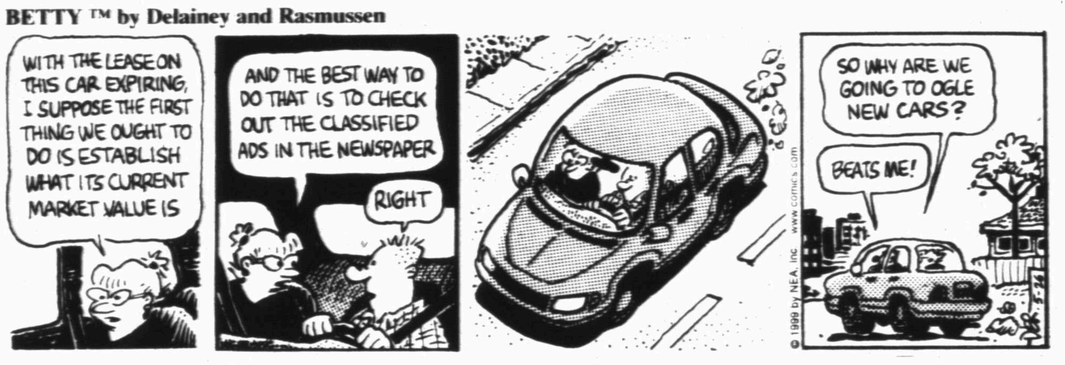

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10 Hairy
12 Science-fiction topic
14 Smelled strongly
15 Tapes over the tape
16 Sugary suffix
17 Simian
19 Harvest
20 Kings and queens
23 Indo-European
26 102, Roman
27 Metric lead-in
30 Ferocious
32 Got closer
34 Shining
35 Lament
36 Strike lightly
37 Actor Cariou
39 Command
40 By this time
42 Soaks up
45 Sea dog
46 Call — — day
49 Chirac's country
51 Mountain feline
54 Preoccupy
55 Express in behavior
56 Arrange in sequence
57 Female relatives

DOWN

1 Bushy hairdo
2 Calendar col.
3 Forest unit
4 Noah's craft
5 Female sandpiper
6 Over: prefix
7 Eared seal
8 Urania or Erato
9 Land measure
11 WWII event
12 Sensation
13 Sixth sense: abbr.
18 Lumberman's boot
20 Desirable to a collector
21 Available, as a doctor
22 Car part
23 At a distance
24 Capital of Latvia
25 Sound from a kennel
27 Ticked off
28 Golfer — Ballesteros
29 River in Germany
31 Comes out
33 Breezy
38 Keanu Reeves, in "The Matrix"
40 Actor Ed —
41 "Dancing Queen" singers
42 Calif. airport designation
43 Spherical bodies
44 El —, Texas
46 Sacred image
47 Stretched tight
48 Units of Siamese currency
50 Tex. time
52 Oxalis plant
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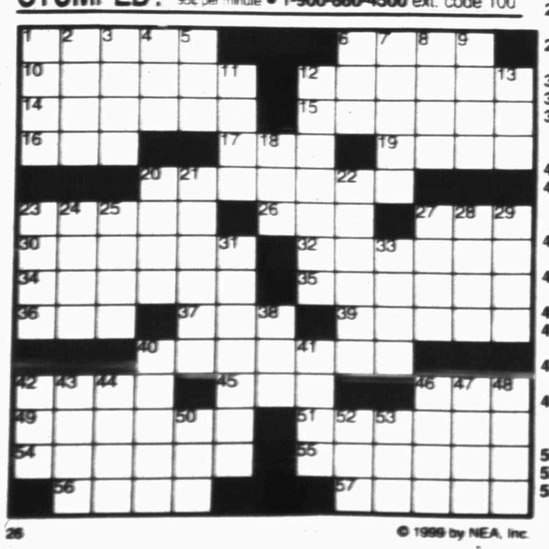

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SPORTS

Spurs get much-needed rest while awaiting next opponent

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Getting some rest before the Western Conference finals has its advantages and disadvantages.

The San Antonio Spurs hope they don't fall victim to getting too much down time before facing the Utah Jazz or the Portland Trail Blazers, who still lead their best-of-7 series 3-2 despite losing 88-71 Tuesday night.

"On one hand, it's a blessing. On the other hand, it's not," said Will Perdue, pondering the pros and cons of several days off. "We might lose a little bit of that momentum that we had going in the Minnesota series and the Lakers series."

After defeating the Minnesota Timberwolves 3-1 in the first round, San Antonio swept the Los Angeles Lakers 4-0 in their semi-final series with a victory Sunday at the Forum.

Since then, the top-seeded Spurs have been home waiting to learn who their next opponent will be.

"I could care less," Malik Rose said. "I'm just trying to get prepared as far as what the Spurs are going to do."

Several Spurs players — Avery Johnson was the only starter present — took part in a workout Tuesday at the Alamodome. Starters Tim Duncan, David Robinson, Mario Elie and Sean Elliott took time off.

"Just keep a sweat going every day, try to stay loose and fit and be ready to focus on the next game, whenever it comes," said Jaren Jackson, who scored 42 points for the Spurs on Saturday and Sunday.

Rose, one of several Spurs players who successfully guarded Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers, said he was preparing for a difficult series in the conference finals, regardless of the opponent.

"Either way, it's going to be a war. I'm just getting ready for it," Rose said. "We're all trying to help this team get as many wins as possible."

REGION I PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A
Midland Lee (W4) (25-6)
vs. Duncanville (R7) (23-8)
Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 30 minutes after first game
*-Game 3: 8 p.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene

Abilene Cooper (R4) (20-7-1)
vs. Carrollton Newman Smith (22-8)
Game 1: 4 p.m. Thursday, Carrollton
Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Abilene
*-Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Graham

CLASS 4A
Pecos (W2) (23-6)
vs. Weatherford (W8) (22-8)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Moffett Field
Game 2: 30 minutes after first game
*-Game 3: 8 p.m. Saturday, Moffett Field

Estacado (R4) (25-9)
vs. Andrews (W5) (28-3)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Seminole
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Seminole
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game

CLASS 3A
Alpine (W4) (24-4)
vs. West (T8) (23-10)
6 p.m. Thursday, Sonora

Perryton (W1) (22-6)
vs. China Spring (R8) (22-8)
10 a.m. Saturday, Hoskins Field, Wichita Falls

CLASS 2A
Abernathy (W4) (18-9)
vs. Holliday (W8) (16-4)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, O'Banion Field, Lubbock
Game 2: noon Friday, Hoskins Field, Wichita Falls
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game

Coahoma (W3) (18-7)
vs. Stamford (T7) (13-5)
7 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene

CLASS 1A
Claude (R2) (11-8)
vs. Cotton Center (W3) (15-4)
Game 1: 2 p.m. Thursday, Jaycee Park, Plainview
Game 2: 30 minutes after first game
*-Game 3: time TBA Saturday, Randall HS, Amarillo

Aspermont (W5) (8-6)
vs. Cross Plains (R8) (13-11)
Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday, Wylie HS, Abilene
Game 2: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wylie HS, Abilene
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game

Memphis (W2) (14-5)
vs. Paducah (W4) (9-1)
4 p.m. Thursday, Vernon

Ira (R5) (10-5)
vs. Ranger (R7) (18-7)
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Hunter Field, Abilene
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game

* — if necessary

Against Ranger...

Ira facing tough area match-up

It's going to be a dogfight, literally.

The Ira Bulldogs and Ranger Bulldogs open their three-game area playoff series Thursday night at 6:30 at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The series won't resume until 2 p.m. Saturday, with both schools holding graduation Friday night. That's a distraction that each team will have to deal with in its own way, according to Ira coach Bubba Edwards.

"Certainly you don't like to have distractions, but when they do come up, you just have to deal with them as best you can," the first-year Ira coach said. "Ranger wanted to play a three-game series, and they won the coin-flip. So the only way to do it is to play on Thursday and Saturday, with graduation in between."

Ira enters the series with a 10-5 mark, after knocking off Marfa, 9-7, in the bi-district round. Ranger comes in carrying a record of 18-7, after taking two out of three from sixth-ranked Baird.

"They have some strong pitchers," Edwards said of Ranger. "Their ace is supposed to be pretty good, and then there's not much drop to their second guy. I wanted to go one game, because we're playing well in that situation right now. We won our last two games to make the playoffs, then beat Marfa in bi-district."

Ranger will hold the advantage of depth at almost all positions. Even though the two schools compete in the same baseball classification, Ranger has as many graduating seniors, as Ira has total students.

"They are quite a bit bigger than us, so they have more students to pull from," Edwards remarked. "But we're not going to focus on that. We just want to play the best that we can. And we'll see what happens from there."

The series winner will face the winner of the Memphis-Paducah game.

Texas topples Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rookie pitchers Ryan Glynn and Mike Venafro allowed two runs over eight innings and Juan Gonzalez extended his season-high RBI streak to seven games as the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-2 Tuesday night.

Venafro (1-0) retired 11 of the 13 hitters he faced over 3 2-3 scoreless innings to get his first major league win. He needed only two pitches to retire Wade Boggs and Paul Sorrento on groundouts after replacing Glynn with a runner on second and one out in the fifth inning.

Rusty Greer's sacrifice fly and a run-scoring single by Gonzalez keyed a three-run, third-inning that put Texas up 4-0.

Glynn pitched in and out of trouble during his first major league start, stranding seven baserunners through four innings. He was pulled just two outs away from possibly qualifying for his first victory.

Venafro entered in the fifth with the Rangers leading 5-2. The left-hander allowed just two singles, to Fred McGriff and Miguel Cairo.

Sammy Baugh enshrined in Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame

DALLAS (AP) — Their contributions to Cotton Bowl history on the field and off have made their names synonymous with the annual New Year's Day college football game.

Sammy Baugh led Texas Christian to victory in the first contest, in 1937. James Street guided Texas to victories in 1969 and 1970. David Hodge became the second player to win back-to-back game MVP honors as a Houston linebacker in 1979-80.

Frank Broyles coached Arkansas in four games, winning twice. Gussie Nell Davis was the founder of the Kilgore Rangerettes, who have performed at every game since 1949. Felix McKnight was in charge of picking teams for 31 years.

On Tuesday, the group became the second class of inductees into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

Topping last year's inaugural class was difficult with an inductee list highlighted by former Syracuse star Jim Brown and Southern Methodist back Doak Walker. But this year's list was nonetheless impressive.

"This award has a special place for me because the Cotton Bowl is home for me," said Broyles, Arkansas' athletic director. "It's been home to me for over 30 years."

Street engineered a masterful, marathon drive to give the Longhorns a 21-17 victory over Notre Dame in 1970, extending his 20-game winning streak as a starter and providing him with his favorite Cotton Bowl memory.

"When you came to the Cotton Bowl, you were the champion of the Southwest Conference and that was a big deal," Street said. "So I never wanted to go to the Orange Bowl, I never wanted to go to the Sugar Bowl. Fortunately for us I was able to come up here two years in a row."

All the inductees have helped to add to the Cotton Bowl's mystique. Hodge did so by defining himself as a defensive terror, recording 35 tackles and an interception while appearing in three games in four years.

Baugh, who helped revolutionize the passing game as a pro, led three long scoring drives in a 16-6 victory over Marquette in the first game. He seldom travels far from his Rotan ranch and did not attend the ceremony. Snyder's Bob O'Day accepted on his behalf.

McKnight helped secure teams to play in the Cotton Bowl as the team selection chairman from 1943-74 and was on the executive committee from 1953-99. He also covered the game for several decades as an Associated Press sportswriter and as an editor at The Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times-Herald.

Davis' Rangerettes have become a permanent element of the game. The danceline group has remained popular despite her death in 1993.

The Cotton Bowl, and its hall of fame, are sponsored by Southwestern Bell.

Sports Briefs

Owners accept bid on Redskins

ATLANTA (AP) — Communications mogul Daniel Snyder received unanimous approval from NFL club owners for his $800 million purchase of the Washington Redskins. The 31 owners accepted his record bid in the only action taken at the start of the two days of NFL meetings.

Twenty-four votes were needed to approve the sale, which includes the new Jack Kent Cooke Stadium. Approval was widely expected following last week's endorsement by the NFL's finance committee.

Dunston suspended three games

NEW YORK (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Shawon Dunston was suspended for three games for charging the mound in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Dunston has appealed the suspension and can continue to play pending a hearing before NL president Leonard S. Coleman.

The suspension stemmed from Dunston charging the mound Sunday after being hit in the back by a fastball from Dodgers rookie Jamie Arnold following a home run by Mark McGwire in the ninth inning on Sunday.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College beginning Monday and running through June 4. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Instructors will be WTC head pro Rick Kahlich, and Snyder High School coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales. Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, all the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Baseball camp

The Snyder Tiger baseball camp will begin Monday and run through June 4 at the high school. The camp will be geared toward the fundamentals of fielding, throwing and catching.

Ages 7 and up are welcome. Cost is $40 per camper, with a discount available for two or more family members. Camp hours will be 9-10:30 a.m.

To register, call Coach Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

Basketball camps

The 1999 Jason Weese Girls Basketball Camp will be held at Ira High School beginning Tuesday and will run through June 4. Instruction will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and cost is $40 per camper. For more information, contact Coach Weese at 573-2628 (work), or 573-2647 (home).

The 1999 Bubba Edwards Boys Basketball Camp will be held on the same dates at Ira High School. Instruction will run from 1-5 p.m., and cost is $40 per camper.

Two Sam Tipton Basketball Camps will be held at Snyder High School. The first camp will be June 7-10 for incoming 3-6 grade boys and girls. The second camp will be June 28-July 1 for incoming 7-9 grade girls only.

Instruction will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost per camper is $50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30 (work) or 573-4437 (home).

Memorial Day scramble

A Memorial Day scramble will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee for the A-B-C-D event is $20. Teams will be put together by SCC pro Rick Mammolite.

Matthies aces par-4 at WTC

Keith Matthies' first hole-in-one was also a double-eagle.

Matthies used his driver to ace the 270-yard, par-4 ninth hole at Western Texas College.

Witnesses to the accomplishment were Bobby Beard, David Beard and Vic Chambers.

NBA GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 17
Indiana 94, Philadelphia 90
San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers 81
Tuesday, May 18
New York 100, Atlanta 92
Utah 93, Portland 83
Wednesday, May 19
Indiana 85, Philadelphia 82
San Antonio 79, L.A. Lakers 76
Thursday, May 20
New York 77, Atlanta 70
Portland 84, Utah 81
Friday, May 21
Indiana 97, Philadelphia 86
Saturday, May 22
Portland 97, Utah 87
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 91
Sunday, May 23
Indiana 89, Philadelphia 86, Indiana wins series 4-0
New York 90, Atlanta 78
San Antonio 118, L.A. Lakers 107, San Antonio wins series 4-0
Portland 81, Utah 75
Monday, May 24
New York 79, Atlanta 66, New York wins series 4-0
Tuesday, May 25
Utah 88, Portland 71, Portland leads series 3-2
Thursday, May 27
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 29
Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 30
New York at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 7
Indiana at New York, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9
New York at Indiana, 9 p.m., if necessary
Friday, June 11
Indiana at New York, TBD, if necessary
Sunday, June 13
New York at Indiana, TBD, if necessary

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	27	17	.614	-
NewYork	24	19	.558	2½
Toronto	23	25	.479	6
TampaBay	22	24	.478	6
Baltimore	16	28	.364	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	31	13	.705	-
KansasCity	22	21	.512	8½
Chicago	20	22	.476	10
Detroit	19	26	.422	12½
Minnesota	17	28	.378	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	25	20	.556	-
Anaheim	22	23	.489	3
Oakland	22	23	.489	3
Seattle	22	23	.489	3

Tuesday's Games
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2
Cleveland 3, Chicago 1
Toronto 5, Detroit 3
Boston 5, New York 2
Seattle 15, Minnesota 5
Anaheim 4, Baltimore 1
Oakland 5, Kansas City 3

Wednesday's Games
Boston (Portugal 3-2) at New York (O.Hernandez 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 4-4) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-6), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Helling 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 2-5) at Cleveland (Burba 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 3-2) at Detroit (Blair 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 3-3) at Oakland (Haynes 2-5), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-3) at Anaheim (Belcher 3-3), 10:35 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	27	18	.600	-
NewYork	26	20	.565	1½
Philadelphia	23	21	.523	3½
Montreal	14	29	.326	12
Florida	15	31	.326	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	28	16	.636	-
Cincinnati	22	19	.537	4½
Chicago	23	20	.535	4½
St.Louis	23	20	.535	4½
Pittsburgh	22	23	.489	6½
Milwaukee	21	23	.477	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	26	19	.578	-
Arizona	26	21	.553	1
LosAngeles	22	22	.500	3½
Colorado	18	24	.429	6½
SanDiego	17	27	.386	8½

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 2, 11 innings
New York 8, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2
Florida 6, Chicago 3
Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 2
Houston 2, Colorado 1, 12 innings
San Francisco 17, St. Louis 1
Arizona 4, San Diego 0

Wednesday's Games
Florida (Hernandez 3-4) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-5) at Philadelphia (Loewer 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Hershiser 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 3-3) at Cincinnati (Tomko 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Chen 0-0) at Milwaukee (Nomo 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 4-3) at Houston (Bergman 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 3-2) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 7-1), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 2-2) at Arizona (Anderson 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 22
Colorado 2, Dallas 1
Sunday, May 23
Buffalo 5, Toronto 4
Monday, May 24
Dallas 4, Colorado 2, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, May 25
Toronto 6, Buffalo 3, series tied 1-1
Wednesday, May 26
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 28
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 29
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Colorado at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 31
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 2
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, June 3
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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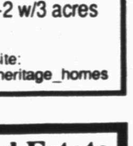

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Bruise can follow muscle cramp

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last week while jogging, I felt the muscles in my left calf knot up. Then I developed a long bruise under the skin. What caused this? I eat normally and exercise regularly.

DEAR READER: There are two possibilities: either your calf muscle cramped and some of the fragile blood vessels in the muscle burst, or you may have inadvertently torn part of the muscle, with resultant bruising. Both problems are fairly common and do not indicate a dietary deficiency, unless you have noticed spontaneous bruising on other parts of your body. In this instance, you should see a doctor.

I believe that you should take it easy for a week or 10 days to allow the muscle to heal. Then, you can safely and gradually return to jogging, letting pain tell you when to back off. If you experience a repeat episode, apply ice as soon as possible and check with your doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 82 and no matter what I eat, I have a terrible taste in my mouth about two hours later. What could cause this?

DEAR READER: The sequence of events you describe suggests at least three possibilities:

1. Food may be catching in and around your teeth and, as saliva digests it, an odor and unpleasant taste may result from bacterial decomposition. Brush and floss your teeth after eating. Also, certain foods may chemically react in your mouth. Try altering your diet and add some yogurt as your last course.

2. You may have an infection in one of your salivary glands. When these glands are stimulated by food to produce saliva, infected material may also be secreted and cause an odor. Check with your doctor or dentist.

3. The observation that your symptom develops about two hours after eating raises the possibility of a digestive disturbance. Your doctor can determine whether your digestive process is proceeding normally or whether some food is being trapped somewhere along the line, fermenting and causing odor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is the penicillin widely used in animal feed a hazard for someone who is allergic to penicillin?

DEAR READER: Although agricultural authorities reassure us that only trace amounts of the antibiotic appear in such animals, some of the drug surely enters our bodies when we eat meat. I have never heard of penicillin causing human problems in this manner, but in theory it could. Animals ingest other antibiotics, chemicals and hormones. Short of becoming vegetarians, we cannot avoid exposure to these compounds. This is a troubling realization, but not a health hazard in the vast majority of cases.

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FDA tells meatpacking plants to revise processing methods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is ordering meatpacking plants to revamp their processing methods to guard against the potentially deadly listeria bacteria, which has contaminated millions of pounds of hot dogs and luncheon meats in the last year.

The 1,100 plants that produce hot dogs and other ready-to-eat meats must begin using new processing methods immediately, USDA said Tuesday.

"As summer begins, Americans need to be able to grill hot dogs or pack sandwiches for a picnic with confidence that their food is safe," said Tom Billy, administrator for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "Working together with industry and consumers, we can take steps to better protect the public from foodborne illness."

The decision comes after contamination from the Listeria monocytogenes bacteria forced several food recalls last year, including an outbreak at the Sara Lee-owned Bil Mar Foods plant in Zeeland, Mich.

Bil Mar recalled 15 million pounds of hot dogs and luncheon meats in December — the largest meat recall ever — because of suspected contamination with a rare strain of the bacteria.

Since then, listeria-contaminated products from the plant have been linked to 100 illnesses in 22 states, as well as 15 deaths and six miscarriages or stillbirths.

"By requiring companies to handle this as part of their own hazard control programs, USDA is assuring that some action will be taken immediately," Carol Tucker Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America said.

The new policy advises plants to re-examine their plans under a scientific-based food inspection program, known as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points system or HACCP.

HACCP is essentially a system of prevention-oriented checks in the food production system. Before the program was implemented, plant workers only poked at carcasses to search visually for signs of disease.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

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4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Want to move with the times?

By Phillip Alder

A good place to learn about modern bidding is "Twenty-Five Bridge Conventions You Should Know" by Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith (Master Point Press). The authors begin with Stayman, takeout doubles, weak twos and transfers, move up to splinters and cue-bid raises, then cruise home with Lebensohl, Reverse Drury and Roman Key Card Blackwood. The book's not perfect — what is? — but it contains something for everyone.

One of my favorite calls is the out-of-the-blue cue-bid, like North's four clubs here, which shows the club ace and a good hand for play in spades. After two more cue-bids, South makes a slam-try.

West leads the heart queen.

It looks as though South must find East with king-doubleton or -tripleton of diamonds. Yet there is another possibility. After winning trick one in the dummy, draw trumps, play off three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last, and return to dummy with a heart. Now call for a low diamond.

If East plays low, play *low* from hand. Since you always have a diamond loser, this duck cannot cost. And it gains whenever West has to win with a singleton. He must concede a ruff-and-discard. South ruffs in the dummy, discards his last low diamond from hand, then finesses the diamond queen.

However, East can defeat the plan by playing the diamond *king* on the first round of the suit. This swallows his partner's jack and ensures two diamond tricks for the defense.

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Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	64 13-16	63¾	63¾—	1-16
AT&T Corp s	58¾	55 13-16	57 3-16	— ¼
AirTouch	102¾	100 7-16	101 7-16	— 1
Albertsons	54¾	54 3-16	54 9-16	+ ¼
AlldSignal	60¾	59 5-16	59¾	
Alltel	69 15-16	68 11-16	69 15-16	+11-16
AmOnline s	119 15-16	105	111½	— 3½
AmStores	33¾	33 5-16	33 7-16	+ ¼
Ameritech	66¼	64¼	66¼	+ 1¼
AndarkPtr s	38¼	36¾	38¼	+ 1¼
Armcolnc	6 11-16	6½	6 11-16	+ 3-16
AtlRichfld	84 11-16	83 15-16	84 9-16	+13-16
ATMOS Egy	25¾	25¾	25 7-16	— 1-16
Aviall	15 11-16	15¾	15 9-16	— ¼
BP Amoco	109¼	108¾	109 1-16	+1 7-16
BakerHughes	30¾	29¾	30½	+ 1¾
Bank of Amer	63¾	61½	63 3-16	+ 7-16
BellAtl s	55 13-16	54¾	55 13-16	+ ¾
BellSouth s	47½	46 13-16	47½	+11-16
BethSteel	8¼	8¼	8 13-16	
BurlNoSFe s	31 7-16	30 9-16	31 7-16	
CBS Corp	41¾	40½	41	— 7-16
Caterpillar	58¼	585⅜	—	1-16
CenSoWst	26¼	2626¼	+	¼
Chevron	93 15-16	92 3-16	93 15-16	+2 15-16
Citigroup	64⅜	62 11-16	64¾	+ 1⅜
Coastal s	38 15-16	38⅛	38 15-16	
CocaCola	68¼	67 1-16	68 3-16	+1 3-16
ColgatePalm	96⅜	94½	96¾	+ 1¾
ComclMetals	23 9-16	23 9-16	23 9-16	— ⅛
Cooperin	51 1-16	50 5-16	51	+ 5-16
CyprusAmax	12 13-16	12½	12 13-16	+ 1-16
DaimlrChry n	90¾	88⅜	89 1-16	— ⅜
DallSemicn	42 13-16	42 1-16	42 1-16	— ⅜
DeltaAirl s	58 7-16	57 5-16	57⅜	— ¼
Dillards Inc	35¼	34 3-16	34 11-16	— ⅜
DowChem	125¼	122 7-16	124 15-16	+ ⅞
DuPont	67¼	66¼	67¾	— ⅛
EastmanChem	51⅞	50¾	51¾	+15-16
EstKodak	70¾	67 9-16	70 1-16	— 7-16
EDS Corp	57 15-16	56¼	57 7-16	— ⅛
Entergy	32¾	32¼	32 7-16	+ ⅛
Exxon	81½	80⅝	81⅜	+1 3-16
Flowers	23¾	23	1-16	23¾
FordMotor	57¼	56 3-16	57 1-16	+ ⅜
GTE Cp	64 9-16	63¾	64 9-16	+ 7-16
GenDynam	64½	63½	64¾	+ ¾
GenElec	103 9-16	101½	103	+ ⅜
GenMills	80⅝	78 7-16	80⅝	+1 13-16
GenMotors	84 11-16	83 9-16	84⅛	
GaPacGP	90¼	86 15-16	89⅛	+ 3⅛
GlobalMar	14 9-16	14 3-16	14½	+ ⅛
Goodrich	42 5-16	41 11-16	42 5-16	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	60¼	58¼	58½	— 1¼
GtAtlPac	32 15-16	32 9-16	32¾	— ⅛
Halliburta	40⅜	39 13-16	40¾	+ 1⅛
Hanson ADS	44½	44½	44½	+ ⅛
HarteHanks	23½	2323	—	¼
HomeDepot	57⅜	55¾	57¾	+ 1⅛
IBM	226½	221 7-16	226¼	+5 1-16
IntlPaper	55⅛	54¾	55½	+ 9-16
JohnsonJn	89 5-16	88¾	89¾	+1 7-16
K mart	16¼	15⅜	15 15-16	+ 1-16
Kroger Co	52½	52¼	52¾	— 3-16
Litton	63¼	62 13-16	63 1-16	+ 5-16
LockheedM s	41 15-16	41¼	41⅞	+15-16
Lowes Cos s	52 50⅜	51¼	+	1-16
Lubys	17 3-16	17 1-16	17⅜	
LucentTech s	56¼	54⅜	55⅞	+ ⅛
MayDeptStr s	43 7-16	42½	43	— 7-16
MediaOne	74 11-16	73 3-16	74⅜	— ⅛
Medtronic	63 7-16	62 5-16	63⅜	+ ⅜
Mobil	102 3-16	100⅜	102 1-16	+ 2¼
Monsanto	42	41¼	41⅜	+ ⅜
MorganJP	134½	132¼	134 7-16	+ 1⅜
Motorola	81¼	8081⅛	+	2⅛
NCR Corp	41 7-16	40	40¾	—1 3-16
Navistar	52⅛	49 3-16	51⅜	— 1⅛
Penney JC	53 11-16	52⅜	53 11-16	+ ⅛
PennzEnrgy s	15⅝	15⅛	15 5-16	+ 3-16
PepBoys	19 7-16	18⅜	19 5-16	+ 1⅛
PepsiCo	37 13-16	37 5-16	37⅜	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	56⅜	55 1-16	56	
PhilipPet	52 13-16	51 11-16	52⅝	+1 5-16
PilgrmPrd B	21	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
Polaroid	21 5-16	20⅝	21⅛	+ 7-16
Praxair	50 49	49 1-16	—	1⅛
ProctGamb	95⅞	94⅛	95 9-16	+ 1
PubSNwMx	20¼	20¼	20⅜	— 1-16
ReliantEngy	31 13-16	31 7-16	31½	— 3-16
RoyalDut	57¼	56 9-16	57⅜	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	52 11-16	51 1-16	52⅛	+ 2
SaraLee s	24 7-16	24	24 7-16	— 1-16
Scripps EW	46 3-16	45¾	45 11-16	— 5-16
SearsRoeb	48⅜	47¼	47¼	+ 1-16
SherwinW	30¼	3030¼	—	7-16
SmithIntBchm	63	62 1-16	62 11-16	+ 9-16
SouthernCo	28 15-16	28⅜	28⅜	+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	31 5-16	31	31 5-16	+ ⅜
SprintFON n	108 1-16	106⅛	107⅜	— ½
SprintPCS n	44 1-16	42¾	43	— 1¼
Sunoco Inc	32½	31¾	31½	+ ¾
TNP Ent	38 7-16	38¼	38⅜	+ 1-16
Tandy	76¼	7575¼	+	⅛
TempleInland	74 11-16	73½	74⅜	—11-16
Tenneco	24 11-16	24¼	24 9-16	— ⅛
Texaco	65 5-16	63¾	65½	+2 3-16
TexInd	33 9-16	3333½	+	⅛
TexasInst	107 7-16	105	106¾	— ⅛
TexUtil	45⅜	45 1-16	45 5-16	+ 3-16
Textron	92 15-16	92½	92½	
TriconGlbR	54⅛	53¼	53¾	— ⅛
TrinityInds	33 11-16	33	33 3-16	
TritonEngy	12¼	12	12 1-16	
TylerTech	5 11-16	5 11-16	5 11-16	
US West Inc	52¼	51 9-16	51¾	+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	29 11-16	29 3-16	29 9-16	+13-16
USX-USS	28 13-16	2828¾	+	15-16
UnCarbde	54 52	7-16	53¾	— 9-16
UnionPacif	57¼	56¼	56 15-16	+ 5-16
UnitedTech s	65¼	64¼	64¼	— 3-16
Unocal	40¾	39⅝	40¾	+15-16
Venator Grp	10⅜	9¼	9 15-16	—11-16
WalMart s	42½	41½	42¼	— ⅛
WellsFargo	39 7-16	38¾	39 7-16	+1 1-16
WstnGasRs	12¼	12¼	12⅛	+ ¼
WinnDixie	35⅜	34½	34 13-16	— 9-16
Xerox Cp s	56 55	56	+2	3-16

Local Interest STOCKS

PTEN	7 3/4	+1/4
KMG	47 5/16	-1/8
WMT	42 3/16	-3/16
CPO	23 3/4	-1/16
ENE	72 15/16	+1/16
SRV	18 5/8	-1/4
GTE	64 9/16	+7/16
SBC	52 9/16	+2 1/16
TXN	106 7/16	-3/16
UNP	57 1/8	+1/2

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Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Mourning dove surveys began in May

From May 20-31, wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be conducting mourning dove call count surveys throughout the state. Federal and state wildlife agencies conduct the annual monitoring effort to determine population trends and establish harvest regulations.

White wing dove will be included in the surveys in 1999, due to expansion of their range. The observer drives a 20-mile survey route, stopping every mile and listening for cooing dove. All dove heard and seen while stopped and all dove seen while driving are recorded. The observer listens at each stop for exactly three minutes. Since fluctuations in survey data occurring from year to year are normal, long-term population trends are analyzed when making decisions regarding mourning dove harvest regulations. Thus increases or decreases in one year survey results would not justify a change in bag limit, unless it was consistent with a long-term trend.

Mourning doves arrive at nesting areas beginning in February and March and continue into May. A breeding pair of mourning dove will remain paired throughout the nesting season, with both male and female participating in nest building, egg incubation and the feeding of hatchlings.

According to "Mourning Dove in Texas," a Texas Parks and Wildlife information bulletin written by Ron George," Both parents feed their young a secretion from their crops known as 'pigeon milk.' The stubstance is very similar in chemical composition to milk produced by female mammals. After about seven days, the pigeon milk is gradually replaced by a diet of regurgitated seed."

Although mourning doves normally nest in trees or shrubs, ground nesting does occur. Normal clutch size is 2 eggs, however, clutch sizes of 1, 3 or 4 eggs occur on occasion. An incubation period of 14-15 days is required for hatching. Fledging normally occurs approximately 2 weeks after hatching with the young becoming independent of the parents about 30 days after hatching. A nesting cycle is completed in approximately 32 days. Afterwards nesting may be attempted several more times. Important food items for mourning doves include sunflower, crotons, ragweed and agricultural crops such as wheat sorghum, corn and peanuts.

Technical assistance concerning wildlife management is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's private lands enhancement program. To request technical assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755. For technical assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782 for the wildlife biologist in your area.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben
County Exension Agent

From observations made throughout the Concho Valley, it appears that control sprays should be applied through May 27.

This year is again unusual. Crops are looking heavy and so are casebearers. Many egg counts are low in area orchards, but moth traps have been high. In some cases of low water availability, nut loss to insects and early shedding may actually improve remaining nut quality.

The adult pecan nut casebearer is a gray moth about ½-inch long. These moths fly at night and spend the day in concealment. The casebearer moth deposits from 50 to 150 eggs on the tips of developing nutlets. These eggs are barely visible by the naked eye and are greenish white when first laid.

The first generation larva hatch in four to five days and migrate below to feed on buds. Nut penetration follows a day or two of this outside activity. This is the critical state of control. When young worms are working over a cluster of pecans, they deposit waste material in pellets around the entrance holes. When this frass is observed, control becomes difficult. Chemical sprays will not penetrate the nut to kill the burrowing worms, Complete clusters can be destroyed by one developing casebearer larva. All indications are that a light to moderate population of casebearers are present this year.

Pecan nut casebearer pheremone traps began catching adult moths on May 1. The number of moths captured is very erratic. This may be an indication that egg lay will also be variable. Individual observation and egg counts are still recommended as the best means of timing application and to keep informed of the need of a second spray, 10 days following the first.

Many pecan trees have a surprisingly large nut set following the drought. These trees might best spend its energy on developing a healthy canopy of leaves. Therefore spraying these trees for pecan nut casebearer and saving all of the pecans might be counter productive to the overall tree health.

Nitrogen fertilization is the key to good leaf production and filled nuts. Vegetative shoots on bearing trees should grow 6 to 12 inches annually. Ones making more than 12 inches of shoot growth are receiving too much nitrogen. Apply nitrogen fertilizer beginning in early spring before pecan buds begin to break. Two or three applications may be necessary to obtain the needed growth.

HOMEOWNER'S PECAN NUT CASEBEARER CONTROL MEASURERS

Material	Amount in one Gallon of water
Malathion or Javelin or Sevin	2 ½ teaspoons 50% liquid / 2 teaspoons WG / 2 tablespoons 50% WP

COMMERCIAL ORCHARD PECAN NUT CASEBEARER CONTROL MEASURERS

Material	Amount in 100 Gallons of Water
Malathion or Javelin or Dipel or Sevin or Guthion or Cymbush or Lorsban or Confirm	1 ½ pints 55% liquid / 3/4 pound - 1 pound WG / 1 ½ pts. ES / 2 ½ pounds 50 % W / 3 - 4 pounds 50% WP / 2.5 - 4.3 oz. Per acre* / 1 ½ - 2 pints of 4E / 8 - 16 oz. per acre*

*Based on 50 gallons per acre for trees under 10 feet and 100-300 gallons of spray for larger trees.

The addition of zinc sulphate, NZN or other approved zinc or other approved zinc to the spray solution will decrease zinc rosette problems in pecan trees and produce higher quality nuts.

The following rates are recommended:

NZN	Zinc Sulphate
1 tablespoon per gallon of water	2 teaspoons per gallon of water
2 quarts per 100 gallons of water	2 pounds per 100 gallons of water

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

The benefits of daily physical activity

•Reduces the risk of heart disease by improving blood circulation throughout the body.
•Keeps weight under control
•Improves blood cholesterol levels.
•Prevents and manages high blood pressure.
•Prevents bone loss
•Boosts energy level
•Helps manage stress.
•Releases tension.
•Improves the ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep well.
•Improves self-image
•Counters anxiety and depression and increases enthusiasm and optimism.
•Increases muscle strength, giving greater capacity for other physical activities
•Provides a way to share an activity with family and friends.
•Establishes good heart-healthy habits in children and counters the conditions (obesity, high blood pressure, poor cholesterol levels, poor lifestyle habits, etc.) that lead to heart attack and stroke later in life.
•In older people, helps delay or prevent chronic illnesses and diseases associated with aging and maintains quality of life and independence longer.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,079 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 20, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings were $2 better and calves steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 37 to 42.25.
Canners and low cutters: 33 to 37.50
Slaughter bulls: 45 to 52
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-107
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 75-89
600-700: 68-82
700-800: 67-73
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-87.50
400-500: 73-82
500-600: 65-72
600-700: 63-68.50
700-800: 60-64
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 65 to 80; 700-800, 62 to 68.50
Cow and calf pairs: Good 600 to 750: Grade 450 to 600.
Springers: 350 to 750.
Baby calves: 100 to 200.
Doodlers 150 to 230

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,392 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 22, sale. Feeder steers and heaifers were steady. Slaughter cows were $1-$3 higher bulls were steady. Bred cows were $50 higher, pairs were $75 to $100 pair higher. No sale May 29, Memorial Day. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
300-400: 85-107
400-500: 83-89.50
600-700: 76-81
700-800: 68.50-75.50
Feeder Heifers:
300-400: 76-85
400-500: 69-77.50
500-600: 66.50-72.50
600-700: 62.50-67.50
700-800: 61-61.50
Young bred cows: 450 to 595
Medium age to older bred cows: 375-460.
Young pairs: 670 to 875.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 535-650
Slaughter cows: 40-44.25
Slaughter bulls: 50.50-54.

Company plans to introduce new medicine

WASHINGTON (AP) — SmithKline Beecham will make commercially available in the next few days a treatment for Type 2 diabetes that promises to have fewer risks than a current competing drug that has been linked to liver failure.

The pharmaceutical company said Tuesday it has received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to market Avandia to treat diabetes in the same manner as Rezulin.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Congress to review China-spying issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report chronicling 20 years of Chinese espionage in pursuit of U.S. nuclear secrets is serving as a springboard for what promises to be a lengthy review by Congress of what China learned and how.

And lawmakers are already pledging to pass legislation on everything from tightening restrictions on foreign scientists visiting national weapons labs and giving the Energy Department freer rein to conduct polygraphs to throwing more money into security efforts.

Nine committees of Congress are engaged in various inquiries into Chinese spying or security lapses at the Energy Department's nuclear weapons labs, including committees in both the House and Senate that were to learn details of the espionage findings at hearings today.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House select committee on Chinese espionage that wrote the three-volume, 700-page report, and Rep. Norman Dicks of Washington, the panel's ranking Democrat, were to testify before the House International Relations subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. Later, the two were to appear before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Dicks said today the Cox committee found no evidence that any administration official changed his or her behavior because of Chinese campaign contributions.

"On the whole question of did anybody make a decision based on political pressure, we found noting of that sort," Dicks said on NBC's "Today."

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, also interviewed on NBC, said the committee report was balanced and statesmanlike and added: "We are fixing the problem. ... We've taken some dramatic counterintelligence measures to beef up security at the labs. ... Right now I don't believe there is penetration" of security.

The House International Relations subcommittee already has heard details of the Cox report in closed sessions.

Open records bill heads to Gov. Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — A rewrite of Texas' open records laws, considered an improvement by freedom-of-information advocates, was approved Tuesday by the Senate and will be forwarded to Gov. George W. Bush.

Pending final review, Bush plans to sign the bill.

"Gov. Bush supports open records and open debate," said his spokesman Scott McClellan.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said the legislation will give the public and press greater access to government meetings, records and deliberations.

"The sunshine of public scrutiny and involvement makes for better public policy and better government," said Perry.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, who says his office has worked to turn around open-government decisions more quickly, was pleased with the decision.

"He applauds the Senate and looks forward to enforcing the open records laws. It strengthens the open records enforcement and timeline," said Cornyn's spokesman Ted Delisi.

Among the legislations provisions:

— Shorten the maximum time the attorney general's office can take to rule on open records requests from 60 to 45 days.

— Narrow the commercial and financial information a governmental body may withhold.

— Ban courts from prohibiting disclosure of information deemed public.

— Provide for government offices to post signs on the public's right to information.

The open records bill is SB1851.

Most seriously wounded student leaves hospital

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — The most seriously injured victim of last week's shootings at Heritage High School says she bears no ill will toward the boy who shot six of his schoolmates.

"I forgive him," Stephanie Laster, 15, said after being released from Hughes Spalding Hospital in Atlanta on Tuesday. "I don't like what he did, but I won't go hating him."

T.J. Solomon, also 15, was charged in Thursday's shooting. Ed Garland, the boy's lawyer, has said the defense does not contest that he was the shooter.

Stephanie, who was shot in the abdomen, was the last of the victims to be released.

"I have eight weeks of lifting nothing heavier than a fork," Stephanie later told reporters in front of her home.

Also Tuesday, a victim of the shooting in Littleton, Colo., Richard Castaldo, left Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., and was transferred to Craig Hospital in Denver for physical rehabilitation. Castaldo, 17, suffered a spinal cord injury and partial paralysis from multiple gunshot wounds. His family and doctors hope the paralysis is not permanent.

Obituaries

David Clinkinbeard

Mr. Clinkinbeard

1945-1999

David Clinkinbeard, 54, died this morning at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Clinkinbeard are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 4, 1945 in Ira, Mr. Clinkinbeard married Lucille Brooks on Oct. 12, 1968 in Snyder. He was a truck driver and had worked for Fluid Transports and Pool Well Service.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Clinkinbeard.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Clinkinbeard of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Ginny Clinkinbeard of Mountain View, Calif., and Dewayne and Yara Clinkinbeard of Ft. McClellan, Ala.; his mother, Opal Clinkinbeard of Snyder; three brothers, Bobby Clinkinbeard and Earl Clinkinbeard, both of Snyder, and Raymond Clinkinbeard of Plainview; two sisters, Margaret Fowler of Odessa and Dollie Tatum of Snyder; and two grandsons, David and Dustin Clinkinbeard.

Ruth Jones

1907-1999

Ruth N. Jones, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, May 25, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Jones, 92, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 3, 1907 in Snyder, Miss Jones was a Methodist and had worked for Town and Country meat processing plant.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Alva Jones, Charleslee Smith and Mildred Jones; and one brother, Paul Jones.

Survivors include a brother, E.L. "Skeet" Jones of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Rev. R.C. Nixon

Rev. R.C. Nixon

1922-1999

Rev. R.C. (Claud) Nixon, longtime Hermleigh resident, died Tuesday, May 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Rev. Nixon, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Hermleigh United Methodist Church. The Revs. Daniel Ramey and Glenda Johnson, Methodist ministers, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born March 19, 1922 in Olustee, Okla., he married Imogene Hawkins on Aug. 21, 1942 in Portales, N.M. He was a retired Methodist minister and was a former minister of the Hermliegh First United Methodist Church.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Rev. Nixon served as Scurry County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 in Hermleigh, from 1982-90.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene Nixon of Hermleigh; a daughter, Wanda Nixon of Sonora; a son, Cecil Nixon of Ruidoso, N.M.; three sisters, Jewel Walker of Brownfield, Ruby Ingel of Sudan and Neomia Brewster of Burkburnett; three brothers, Roy W. Nixon of Yucaipa, Calif., Carl C. Nixon of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Alfred Nixon of Floyd, N.M; two grandchildren Charlie Applin of Snyder and Edee Nixon of Sonora; and one great-grandchild, Jonathan Wayne Butler Nixon.

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Births

Xalee Northcutt welcomed home her brother, Christopher Harris Palacios, along with their parents, Chris and Xalyn Palacios. He was born on May 24 in Abilene.

Grandparents are Daphne Vaughn and the late Tony Palacios, and Billy Wayne and Xan Harris. Great-grandparents are Jack and Veleri Dunn of Snyder, Marianne Palacios of Sweetwater and the late Cruz Palacios.

Probation revocation sends 1 to jail

Felony revocation of probation sent one subject to jail Tuesday while a second subject was arrested for selling tobacco to a minor.

Deputies arrested 30-year-old Eric Nachlinger of 500 North Judge Ely in Abilene at 1:19 p.m. at the Adult Probation office on the probation revocation charge.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old female at 6:28 p.m. in the McD's parking lot on a warrant for selling tobacco to a minor.

In other activity, Joe Guerrero requested to speak to a deputy at 2:45 p.m. in reference to someone forging a check. An offense report for forgery was filed.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 10:07 a.m. in the 2700 block of College. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet C-2500 pickup driven by Cody Thomas Stewart, 19, of 2701 Avenue U and a 1993 Ford Ranger driven by Robert Wallace Hammack, 74, of 2705 47th Street.

Department of Public Safety troopers are investigating an accident that occurred around 3:20 a.m. today approximately half a mile north on FM 1611.

According to DPS trooper Mark Phillips, a vehicle hit a guard rail, went into the ditch and the driver then left the scene of the accident.

Adults

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ONGOINGS

Summer registration at WTC

Summer registration at Western Texas College will be held until 7 p.m. today; from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday; and from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1. Classes toward an associate degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs in computerized business technology and criminal justice. For more information call 573-8511.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Ira field day

Ira elementary field day and awards assembly will be held Thursday. Kindergarten graduation begins at 8:15 a.m. in the cafetera, followed by the awards assembly. The field day begins at 10 a.m. at the football field, followed by a hamburger picnic at 12:30 p.m. Students will be released early that day, at 1:30 p.m.

Circle Bar Ranch revival

Circle Bar Ranch revival will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the ranch. For more information, call 573-7469.

First Church of the Nazarene

Everyone is invited to celebrate Ethel Herrington's 96th birthday and "Little Ethel's" (a doll crocheted by Ethel to collect money for the needy) first birthday on Sunday. There will be lunch served after worship.

Church in park

First Baptist Church will hold church in Towle Park at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Nicodemus — How A Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "What Teenagers Need Most."

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. June 26. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED prepration and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-0-4
(seven, zero, four)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
6-22-25-36-38
(six, twenty-two, twenty-five, thirty-six, thirty-eight)

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NASA results questioned...

Age of universe said around 12 billion years

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of NASA astronomers says its measurements to pulsating stars suggest that the universe is about 12 billion years old, somewhat younger than earlier estimates.

But other experts quickly said the NASA results are wrong and that, despite the agency's announcement Tuesday, the solution to a basic question in astronomy is still unknown.

A team of 27 astronomers funded by NASA and led by Wendy Freedman of the Carnegie Institute of Washington announced completion of an eight-year effort to measure the distance to 800 special stars in order to calculate the speed at which all of the galaxies in the universe are moving apart.

Calculating that separation speed, called the Hubble constant, was a top priority of NASA's space telescope because the result is a critical factor in determining the age of the universe, Freedman said at a news conference.

Freedman said the Hubble constant was determined to an accuracy of 10 percent, and when this value is combined with other measurements, it gives an estimated age of the universe of about 12 billion years.

This number could rise slightly, to perhaps 13.5 billion years, she said, if assumptions about the amount of matter in the universe change with further study.

NASA's announcement was quickly denounced by Allan Sandage, a legendary astronomer and head of a Carnegie Observatories team in Pasadena, Calif., that has searched for the Hubble constant since 1968.

"If NASA is giving the impression that the problem is solved, then we would dispute that," Sandage said in a telephone interview. "They have announced a final number, and they are not correct."

Astronomers have been searching for the Hubble constant since 1929, when astronomer Edwin Hubble first found that distant galaxies are moving away from the Earth faster than are nearby galaxies. Astronomers express the Hubble constant by measuring the acceleration rate for every 3.26 million light years in distance.

Calculations using ground telescopes have ranged up to 558, but Freedman said new measurements taken with the space telescope have refined the acceleration rate to 70 kilometers per second. This means that a galaxy is moving 160,000 miles per hour faster for every 3.3 light years it is away from the Earth. Freedman said her figure was accurate within 10 percent.

Sandage said NASA's new number is still too high.

"We've said all along that the correct number is about 55," he said. This would give an age of the universe of 14 to 18 billion years, depending on what is assumed about the mass in the universe, Sandage said.

Living to 100 no longer such a big deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everybody wants to live to 100, right? Not according to a new survey. It found that Americans, on average, would rather call it quits at 91.

Indeed, only about one in four Americans hopes to reach the 100-year milestone, according to survey conducted for the American Association of Retired Persons.

The findings left a leading researcher on centenarians — folks who are least 100 years old — scratching his head.

"I was struck by the low number of people who want to live to be 100," said Dr. Thomas Perls of Harvard Medical School. "The vast majority of us have incredible genes to get to our mid to late 80s and we can compress the time that we're sick to the very end of our lives."

Perls speculated that people may not want to live to 100 because they aren't preparing well for old age. People have poor diets and exercise habits and are living about 10 years less than "our average set of genes would allow us to do," he said.

Official calculations in recent years for the life expectancy of newborn babies were just over 73 for males and just over 79 for females, said Richard Suzman, a researcher at the National Institute on Aging. For those who live to age 65, men on average live an additional 15 to 16 years and women an additional 19, he said. Some demographers place life expectancies for those born today even higher.

The reasons most often given for not wanting to live to 100 were worries about declining health, mentioned by 46 percent, and concerns about not having enough money to support themselves, 38 percent.

While 63 percent said they didn't want to live to be 100, just over a fourth, 27 percent, said they did want to reach that age. Ten percent either didn't answer or said they don't know how long they want to live. The respondents said they would prefer to live to about 91, on average.

Those polled were optimistic about medical advances. About three-fourths think there will be cures for cancer, AIDS and Alzheimer's disease over the next 50 years, and about two-thirds think there will be a cure for heart disease.

Constance Swank, research director for AARP, the nation's largest advocacy group for people over 50, said the optimism about medical cures was noteworthy.

"Older respondents were more optimistic than younger respondents," she said. "Older respondents have seen medical breakthroughs for diseases like polio and tuberculosis."

Other concerns about aging mentioned by those surveyed were the possibility of losing mental faculties, increasing dependence on others, being isolated or alone and living in a nursing home.

Positive features of living to old age were having more time to spend with family and friends, not having to work after retirement and having time for hobbies and for personal or spiritual growth.

The respondents, on average, thought that a person is considered "old" when they reach age 69.

Date Book

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Today is the 146th day of 1999 and the 68th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, President Andrew Johnson escaped impeachment by a margin of one vote.

On this day in 1896, the Wall Street Journal printed the Dow Jones Industrial Average for the first time.

On this day in 1993, first lady Hillary Clinton decried price-gouging and profiteering in medicine as she spoke to a gathering of union activists in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Al Jolson (1886-1950), entertainer; John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; James Arness (1923-), actor, is 76; Brent Musburger (1939-), sportscaster, is 60; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 51; Hank Williams Jr. (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 50; Sally Ride (1951-), astronaut, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, a ball hit by Cleveland's Carlos Martinez bounced off outfielder Jose Canseco's head and over the wall for a home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You ain't heard nothin' yet, folks." — Al Jolson

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 22) and full moon (May 30).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 27, 1999

It'll be hard work and diligence that will bring in those extra dollars in the year ahead. However, it will all be worth it, because a promotion could be in the offing as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's not like you to want to be the big cheese, so don't start today. It's very unbecoming to try to make yourself more important than others. 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.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A valuable lesson could be learned today when you discover you had initially failed to get the facts straight in order to do your job correctly. Be a better listener so this doesn't happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It is better to earn a little today, rather than risk a lot attempting to make the big kill. Be satisfied with what you gain instead of gambling everything on one punch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Emotional thinking causes one to react unfavorably when under pressure. So, if you find yourself in a critical involvement today, strive to be detached and logical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Give credit where credit is due in all of your associations with others today. By doing so, you won't look like less of a contributor, it'll make you look like a big person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't allow anyone to pressure you into loaning something you truly do not want to loan out, especially to someone who has a history of not taking care of things. You'll be the loser.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you want others to look with favor upon a presentation you're making today, be reasonable in handling the situation. If you're too pushy or demanding, it'll get you nowhere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is not a good day to take a chance on delegating a critical assignment to someone who might not be ready to accept the task. It would cause you complications instead of alleviating them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not go to places or mingle with groups today that contain someone with whom you've had cross words in the past. This person might want to pick up where you left off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have to deal with someone who is strong willed and inflexible, play it cool and catch him or her off guard. Don't try to be an immovable object overpowering an irresistible force.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Have someone you trust recheck your facts and figures today if what you're working on is vital to your success. There's a good chance a mistake could be hiding in the composite.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something which appears to be insignificant today could mean the difference between profit and loss. Be extremely cognizant of the smallest details in your financial dealings.

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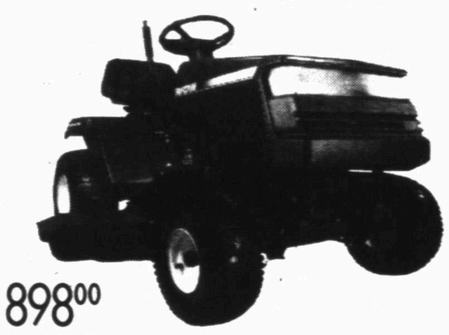

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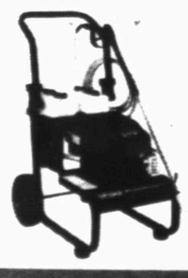

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