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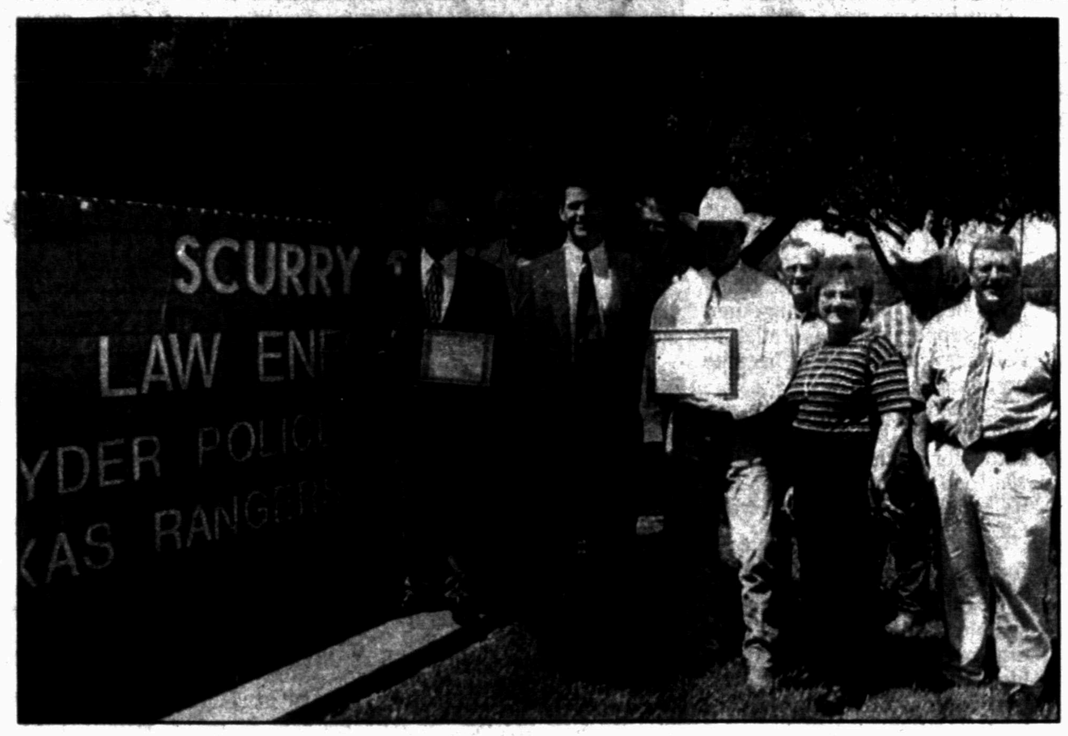


LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNIZED — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, represented by West Texas Regional Director Matt Schaefer, recognized both the Snyder Police Department and the Scurry County Sheriff's department in observance of National Police Week. Schaefer praised the work done by the local officers "who have a job of risks and dangers and thanked them for providing a sense of security to the citizens of Scurry County." From left are Police Chief Steve Warren, commissioner Howard Limmer, Schaefer, County Judge Ricky Fritz, Sheriff Darren Jackson, J.K. Ward, commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, commissioner Ralph Trevey and Sgt. Keith Ward. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Outside firm to operate Cogdell Hospital's rehab

The rehab department of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be operated by an outside firm following action this morning by the hospital's board of managers.

Upon the recommendation of CEO George Parsley, the board voted unanimously to give Parsley the authority to finalize the agreement with National Rehab Partners.

The vote came on a motion by E.D. Walton after Parsley answered numerous questions from board members.

Stanley Martin queried Parsley if leasing departments was a trend for small hospitals, or of hospitals of all sizes.

"To keep pace with what is happening in health care, hospitals of all sizes across the country are going to programs such as this," said Parsley. "It is a very common activity."

Martin also asked if the quality of service would decrease with an outside firm operating the rehab facility.

Parsley said he was convinced the quality of service would be improved.

Parsley also emphasized that the change was not being made because of the quality of service now being delivered.

"We'll be moving to a higher level of patient care over there."

Parsley said numerous changes in reimbursement plans have placed more paperwork on the current staff and National Rehab can alleviate the problem and actually increase billings because of their expertise.

"That is good," said Nan Swanson. "Our people are trained for physical therapy, not paperwork."

Dink Foree asked Parsley what other benefits would be gained from the lease.

Parsley replied that the hospital currently nets about $72,000 annually, and he expects that figure could increase by at least $60,000, and as much as $150,000.

"This is the issue. It is not about the quality of work," said Parsley.

Board president Jim Bob Cave inquired about what the procedure would be if the agreement did not work out.

"What if six months from now we decide this is not going to work."

Parsley said the two-year contract had a 120-day notice, but felt it could be ended in 30 days because Cogdell is a county-owned hospital. "If we wanted out of it, they would probably want out of it too," Parsley added.

The hospital will pay National Rehab $30 per in-patient visit and $40 for out-patient visits for the lease, said Parsley.

Following the vote on the rehab department, Parsley said Dr. Frank Thomas, general surgeon from Hobart, Okla., would be making another trip to the community.

"We will host a reception Monday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club," said the hospital CEO.

Cave presided and board members in attendance were Foree, Walton, Swanson and Martin. Terry Williams was absent.

Greathouse receives 10 years

It took a 10-woman, two-man jury less than an hour Tuesday afternoon in 132nd District Court to convict Perry Ludon Greathouse on cocaine delivery charges.

And this morning, it took about the same amount of time to decide the punishment for Greathouse as the jury sentenced him to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The sentence was the maximum the jury could have given the 31-year-old on cocaine delivery charges.

He was also fined $10,000. Greathouse will have to serve one-fourth his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

The minimum amount of punishment he could have received was two years. His offense was originally a state jail felony, but it was enhanced because he sold the cocaine in a drug-free zone near Central Elementary.

Greathouse, 2607 Ave I, was one of 26 persons arrested during a drug sweep last December.

He has been out on bond on the charges until noon Monday when his bonding company issued a warrant for bond forfeiture.

Since then, he has been in custody when not in court.

Greathouse was represented by Don Richard of Big Spring while District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case for the state.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

Movie incentive package will be topic of DCOS meeting Wednesday

Members of the Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will discuss a possible incentive package for the movie "Grand Champion" when they meet at 4 p.m. Thursday.

DCOS Executive Director John DeLille said no specifics had been considered on the request.

"We just want to get the matter out on the table and discuss it," DeLille said.

The board will also consider the monthly financial statements for approval and hear DeLille's monthly report.

Early release days are planned

Early release days are planned Thursday and Friday for Snyder ISD students while Ira will release early Friday.

Classes will dismiss at 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday for Snyder. Ira students will be released at noon Friday.

The last day of school for both schools is Friday with Snyder graduation set at 8 that night in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ira's graduation is set for 7 p.m. Saturday in the Roy Sallee Gymnasium.

Hermleigh ISD's last day of classes is May 24, and the school's commencement ceremony is planned for 8 p.m. May 25 in the high school auditorium.

Snyder High inducts students into NHS

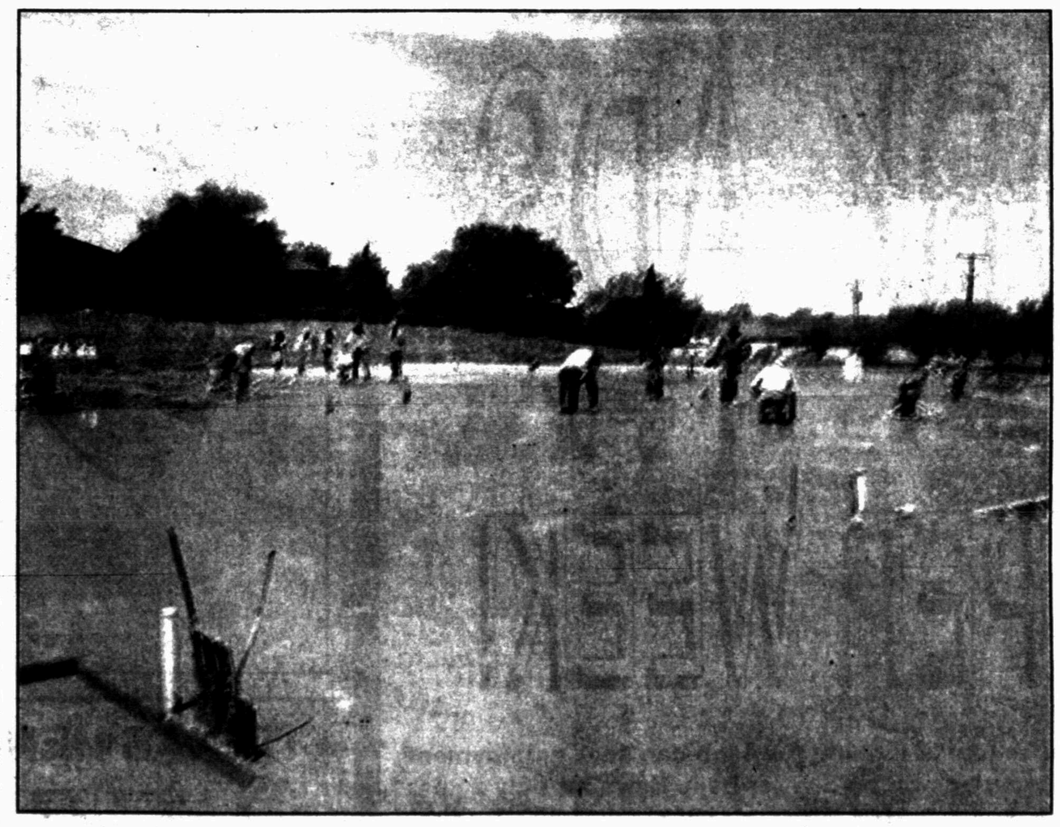
Snyder High School 2001 National Honor Society induction ceremony was held Tuesday evening in the Worsham Auditorium.

Senior inductees included Alison Billingsley, Jared Boyd, TJ Capps, Neil Cooper, Eric DeLeon, Kristin Murray and Jennifer Ream.

Senior members were presented their hoods by their parents. They included Callie Bane, Melina Campos, Claire Cotton, Jessica Dea, T'Leah Eicke, Ryan Gibson, Whitney Graham, Jesse Haines, Valery Haines, Austin Haire, Jordan Hardin, Kara Harrison, Kelli Henderson, Melinda Langham, Lyndell Lee, Cameron Mackey, Kyle McClendon, Brandon McCraw, Mark Medley, Jennifer Newman, Sandra Nussey, Kayla Phillips, Tara Price, Leslye Starnes, Dana Stribling, Tiffany Sutter, Jared Thornhill and Emily Vinson.

Junior inductees were introduced by Larry Scott, principal. They included Amber Alexander, Cody Beaver, Cliff Beights, Alex Best, Laura Billingsley, Craig Bowen, Trent Boyd, Loryn Brown, Joanna Burk, Bradley Bynum, Clint Calmes, Shannon Chambers, Stormy Clark, Casey Collier, Riki Dorsett, Erin Dunham, Kristen Early, Miranda Eckert, Haley Elkins, Lynn Fogleman and Crystal Garcia.

Others were Stacey Garcia, Charlie Gorman, Amanda Greenwood, Laci Hackfeld, Jason Hall, Hayli Henderson, Haley Holmes, Tyler Hunter, Melissa Jones, Marci Kruger. Tyson Kubena, Andra Lancaster, Nick Landes, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Justin McBroom, Brandon McGuire, Cole McLeod, Tyler Neves, Ashley Owen, Wade Pinson, Carcie Posey, Jeffrey Proctor, Amber Russell, Cindy Sanchez, Jay Scott, Jaci Smith, Bailey Stoker, Justin Stokes, Dustin Whitson, Anna Williams, Jason Williams and Kate Wright.



LOTS OF CONCRETE WORK — Workers were busy from the early morning hours Wednesday into the afternoon on the foundation for the Cloyce Talbott home being built in the 2600 block of Towle Park Road. (SDN STaff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A speaker is often a person who claims not to be much of a speaker – then stands up and proves it."

Each month, the True Scoops column of the Texas State Trooper provides some interesting and fun material.

This time was the story about the police dog that did its heroic duty – even after death.

It seems that the retired police dog's owner wanted to hang onto his memory, so she had the dog cremated and had Charlie's ashes resting in an urn in her living room.

That's when the trouble started for some burglars who broke into the house. Upon returning home, the woman found the front door smashed, and her TV, VCR and stereo missing.

And Charlie's ashes were strewn over a glass coffee table. The woman couldn't understand why the intruders would disturb the remains of a departed dog.

However, investigators explained that the crooks mistakenly thought that the off-white ashes labeled "Charlie" was another name for what officers sometimes call a "white, powdery substance."

The ashes were arranged neatly in rows, with about half of the stuff missing – apparently ingested by the burglars in an attempt to get high.

The homeowner was saddened by the break-in and loss, but said she felt good knowing that Charlie – or at least his remains – could help in bringing thieves to justice.

There are stupid crooks everywhere. In Wales, a doctor returned home to find his home and adjoining office vandalized by a mob of moral-minded, but moronic townsfolk.

The would-be posse, it seems, has misinterpreted the sign advertising the doctor's specialty. When law enforcement officials explained to them the difference between "pediatrician" and "pedophile," they were more than a wee bit embarrassed.

And you don't have to be a crook to be dumb. A rejected suitor in Germany found out that smoking can be a health hazard.

Dumped by his girlfriend, the man decided to end it all by gassing himself in his apartment. When the fumes became too intense, he changed his mind. He turned off the gas valves and opened a window.

While considering what to do next, he lit a cigarette.

The explosion blew the roof off his apartment and collapsed several walls. The smoker, however, escaped with minor injuries – and likely a new reason to kick the habit.

ASK US

Q—How much money was raised at the Boy Scout fish-a-thon?

A—Right at $1,000. Scout leaders said 160 people paid to fish.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 95 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 64; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 60s, S-SW wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s, SW wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low mid 60s.

Krystal Guerrero
Sunny, h

Sunset: 8:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Of 135 days in 2001, the sun has shone 123 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't do anything in practice that you wouldn't do in the game.

—George Halas

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First VMI female cadets to graduate

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — In the fall of 1997, 30 young women stepped into Virginia Military Institute's previously all-male barracks. Their hair was shaved off, and they were issued the standard gray and white uniforms.

Twenty-five came as freshmen — what the cadets call "rats" — and became VMI's first true female class. On Saturday, 13 of them will graduate.

For many, the past four years haven't been easy.

"This is still very much a boys' locker room," said Kendra L. Russell, 21, of Chattanooga, Tenn. "This institution still incubates a lot of resentment toward women."

VMI was the last public military school for men in America. Since 1839, it had a been place where boys came to be molded into "citizen-soldiers." Generals George Patton and George Marshall both learned to stand at attention here.

While other military schools began admitting women in the '70s and '80s, VMI resisted. Administrators finally complied under orders from the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We said all along that we'd only make minimal modifications to accommodate them," said Maj. Gen. Josiah Bunting, VMI superintendent. "They would have to succeed in the same system as the men."

The women — including five upperclassmen who have since graduated — shared space with about 1,300 men. Like their male counterparts, they were forced to walk in a line and cut their corners at right angles. They marched with rifles. They stared through the taunting that comes with being at the bottom of an extensive chain of command.

"I hated it," said Rachel Love, 22, from Emmaus, Pa. "A lot of guys would get in your face, and be like, 'What are you looking at?'"

Everyone expects this type of treatment the first year. But the women said it wasn't simply an initiation.

"One guy came up to me and said, 'Get out of my school,'" said Megan K. Smith, 21, an electrical engineering major from Monument, Colo. "I couldn't believe it."

A few female cadets left after the first week. For those who remained, it became clear after rat year that they were never going to enjoy equal status.

"It really hit me once when I was watching TV with a group of guys," Russell said. "It was a quiz show, and whenever a woman came on, she was instantly characterized as a bitch, a slut or a dog."

Mike Zanetti, 20, said the tough treatment for women doesn't come from sexism.

"This is a place of complete equality. We all have the same uniform, the same hair cut," Zanetti said. "But by their very nature women stick out. I really don't know why a girl would want to come here."

It's a question the women have asked themselves.

"I had no idea what being singled out was like until I came here," Love said. "I remember returning after a summer and just crying all the way down in the car."

Eventually, the women found ways to cope.

"I had a problem doing pullups," said Erin Claunch, 21, of Round Hill, Va. "So every day, I set the goal of doing 20."

For Tennille Chisholm, 22, of Richmond, Va., coping meant simply calling her roommates by their first names instead of the surnames that male cadets traditionally use. "And to maintain my femininity, I paint my toenails," Chisholm said.

Life got easier as more women began attending VMI. Claunch was appointed battalion commander, making her the third ranking cadet in the corps.

Many formed close friendships with guys in their company. Tamina Mars, 22, of Prince George, Va., said she couldn't wait to get back after leaving school for a semester to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

"VCU was cool and all, but I missed all of my friends," Mars said. "We go through something that nobody else knows about."

In turn, the men learned how resilient women can be.

"I never cease to be amazed by the potential of some of them to outshine us guys," said sophomore M. Aaron Campbell, 20. "They're strong academically, of course, and some girls just smoke us on the track team."

By their senior year, there were about 65 female cadets — still a tiny minority, but enough to field women's track and soccer teams.

Female cadets started e-mailing each other, and eventually they began meeting together. The support was essential in February, after a cadet became pregnant.

"Sometimes, women are put in a position that they will go to battle for each other, and this was one of those times," said Kelly Sullivan, 22, of Barnesville, Ga.

The pregnant cadet was allowed to stay in school.

In their final weeks, the 13 seniors have spent most of their time preparing for post-graduate life as teachers, scientists, and for some, as officers. They will leave a newly integrated school as its first female class, and despite the problems, most say they're already excited about the reunion.

"You know, it's been all right," Chisholm said. "Our hair grew back, and I've made some of the best friends here I've ever had."

On the Net:
http://www.vmi.edu

RETIREMENT RECEPTION — Margaret Corkran, left, chats with Jo Flynn at her (Margaret's) retirement reception last week at Snyder Junior High School. Corkran teaches English. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

CHAMPION BRITISH STEER — Cody Beaver exhibited the champion British breed steer during the San Angelo Stock Show. Also pictured is Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent. (Contributed Photo)

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

HOUSTON (AP) — Following Timothy McVeigh's denial of a co-conspirator's existence, federal judges reviewing potential appeals in the Oklahoma City bombing may conclude that the FBI's failure to disclose documents did little damage, say legal experts.

In fact, they say McVeigh's handwritten letter to the Houston Chronicle may have made him an unintentional ally of the FBI, negating potential defense claims.

"McVeigh is making 'harmless error' the likely result of the FBI's mistake in turning over the documents," said Joseph diGenova, a defense attorney and former U.S. attorney.

McVeigh unequivocally denied the existence of a John Doe No. 2 in the letter, written a week before the government's decision to delay his execution so McVeigh's attorneys could examine thousands of uncovered FBI documents related to the bombing.

McVeigh's former attorney Stephen Jones has alleged McVeigh was one of a group of conspirators in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

"This will make it substantially more difficult for McVeigh's attorneys," said Robert Bittman, a former federal prosecutor who is now a private attorney.

"The material that is surfacing is presumably mostly about John Doe No. 2. Publicly stating there is no John Doe No. 2 will make it much harder for his attorneys to argue that the material is helpful," he said.

Under federal law, McVeigh's lawyers would have to convince a judge that the new material would create reasonable doubt of McVeigh's guilt in the mind of a reasonable juror.

"Does anyone honestly believe that if there was a John Doe 2 (there is not), that Stephen Jones would still be alive? Think about it."

McVeigh was scheduled to be executed on Wednesday, but that date was postponed until June 11 after the revelation that the FBI had not disclosed all of its documents in the case.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a law professor at the University of Southern California, said the statement creates a "legal and psychological" problem for defense attorneys hoping that the FBI's failure to disclose all of its documents could gain McVeigh a new trial.

"Psychologically, it would make it much more difficult in light of this letter to convince a court that new material about John Doe 2 might show that McVeigh is innocent," Chemerinsky said.

But Houston attorney Edward Mallett, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers disagreed.

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New guidelines for cholesterol shouldn't be cause for alarm

By The Associated Press

So you've heard that new guidelines recommend a more aggressive approach to preventing and managing high cholesterol levels, and that millions more Americans might be told they need treatment

What should you do about it?

First, heart specialists say, don't panic. This is about dealing with a long-term problem, not an emergency.

But one thing people can do right away is get out a tape measure and check their waists, said Dr. Margo Denke of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Keep the tape measure parallel to the floor. If it shows a waist of more than 40 inches for a man or 35 inches for a woman, make an appointment with a doctor, said Denke, who was on the expert panel that wrote the National Institutes of Health's new guidelines.

The reason is to check for "metabolic syndrome," a condition highlighted in the guidelines as raising the risk for heart attack.

Apart from that, healthy people who've been told they have "borderline" cholesterol levels — like 200 to 240 for total cholesterol — but don't suffer symptoms of heart disease should find a good time to ask their doctors what the new guidelines mean for them, experts say.

They should probably check it out "sometime in the course of the next year," says Dr. Ronald Krauss, spokesman for the American Heart Association. But people with symptoms or particular concerns should feel free to do it sooner, he said.

Dr. Harlan Krumholz, a Yale cardiologist, suggested that people with heart disease check with their doctor in the next three to six months. And healthy people with no known cholesterol problem should ask about the guidelines at their next checkup, he said.

"I don't think these guidelines should elicit a rush where everyone feels they need to find out tomorrow," Krumholz said.

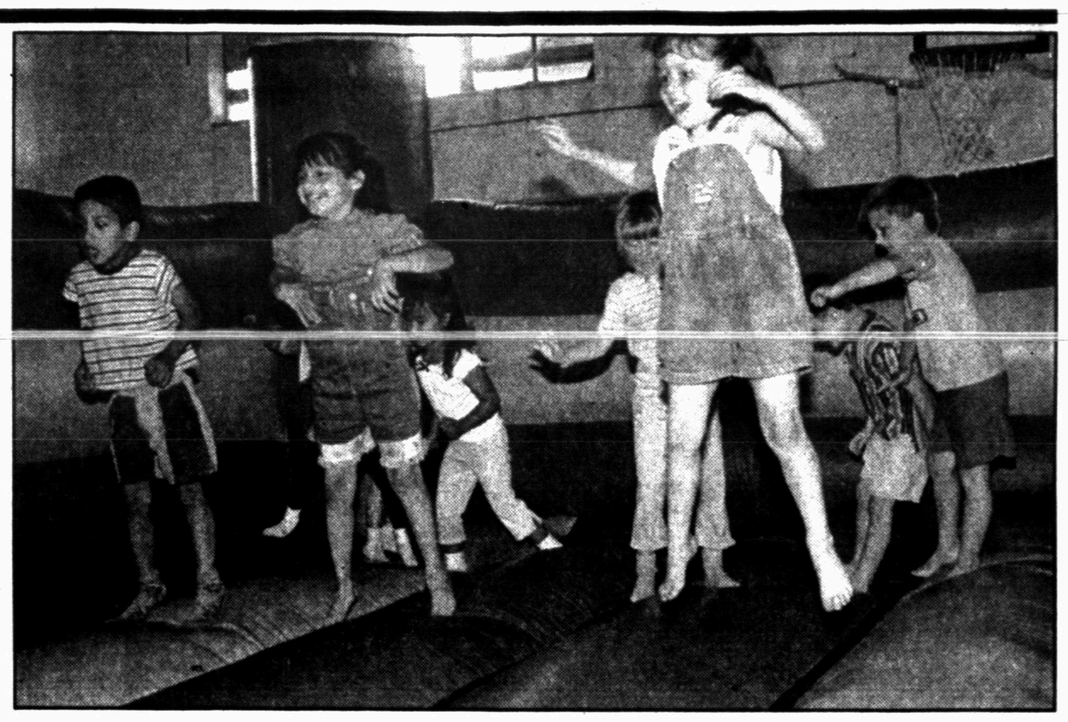
For healthy adults in general, the guidelines unveiled Tuesday recommend getting a lipoprotein profile — which measures blood levels of "good" cholesterol, "bad" cholesterol and a fatty substance called triglycerides — every five years.

Several doctors noted that many patients will find they're already being treated in accordance with the new guidelines, because the new document is based on information doctors have known about for some time.

Still, the federal government says the guidelines could dramatically increase the number of Americans getting treated for high cholesterol.

Some 36 million Americans might end up on medications to lower cholesterol, about triple the current figure of 13 million, the NIH said. The number on dietary treatment could reach about 65 million Americans, up from some 52 million.

Doctors stressed that diet and exercise remain the first line of treatment. Many people can reduce their "bad" type of cholesterol by 10 percent to 20 percent through diet, Krauss said.



AIR CASTLE — Stanfield students got to jump in an air castle last week. Students pictured include Leon Torres, Amber Diaz, Pricsilla DeLuna, Dakota Sawyer, LeAnn Hall, Bennie Wright, John Culwell. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Labor-rights group: Nike not living up to promises

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Three years ago, Nike chairman Phil Knight stood before the National Press Club and told the world he was so tired of labor-rights groups criticizing the athletic shoe company he founded that he was going to personally make sure conditions improved at Nike factories around the world.

Knight has fallen short of his promises, according to a 105-page report released today by the Global Exchange.

"During the last three years, Nike has continued to treat the sweatshop issue as a public relations inconvenience rather than as a serious human rights matter," said Leila Salazar, corporate accountability director for the San Francisco-based labor-rights organization.

Knight discounted the report, saying Nike has done more than any other corporation in the shoe-and-clothing industry to make sure workers are treated fairly. Knight said, the company has promoted globalization of its work force as a way to lift wages in many countries.

"I think we've made significant strides, and I'm proud of what the company's done over the last three years," Knight told The Associated Press. "It may take a while longer, but I do think it will be understood that Nike is a good citizen in all the countries that it operates in."

Mother of slain girls disputes police report

DALLAS (AP) — The mother of two slain girls disputes police reports that she argued with her ex-husband by telephone before hearing the fatal shots.

In her first public statement since the May 2 slayings, Mary Jean Pearle said that the events surrounding the deaths of Liberty Battaglia, 6, and 9-year-old Faith Battaglia have been misrepresented.

She denied in a written statement that she and ex-husband, John Battalgia were arguing over the phone at the time of the shootings.

"That is not true," Pearle's statement said. "When I returned his call, he answered on the speaker phone and then turned over the conversation to Faith. We know what happened next."

Police have said that the older daughter got on the phone and asked her mother, "Why are you trying to have Daddy arrested and have him put in jail?" Before Pearle could respond, she heard the girl screaming, "No Daddy, no," and then heard several gunshots, police said.

Battaglia, 45, is charged with two counts of capital murder. He remained jailed today at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of $4 million bail.

The accountant, investigators said, had a history of domestic violence and was being prosecuted for violating terms of a domestic violence case settlement that barred him from contacting Pearle.

The girls' mother sought the protective order against her ex-husband after a barrage of harassing phone calls and at least one physical assault at the Highland Park home where she lived with her daughters.

Dallas County authorities were preparing to revoke a probationary sentence Battaglia had received for a previous assault of Pearle on the day of the shootings, but a judge did not receive the paperwork until the next day.

In her statement, Pearle said she was trying to be patient as the judicial system runs its course. She expressed appreciation for the thoughts and prayers from friends and strangers.

"Thank you again to all the people of Dallas, especially the countless moms who have contacted me, for your respect and kindnesses during this horrible time," Pearle said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Ex-Husband's taste in women test first wife's tolerance

DEAR ABBY: I have lived in this town for 40 years. My ex-husband and I divorced 34 years ago. Our children are adults, and we have four grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 10. I have many friends, but there are two women in this town I cannot tolerate. One has been my ex-husband's wife for 25 years. They are now being divorced. Wouldn't you know — his current "main squeeze" is the other woman I can't stand.

When his second marriage ended, the entire family breathed a sigh of relief. I am almost 70 now, and all of us had hoped we could enjoy future family events without the stress of having someone around I disliked. (The family gets together every other month or so, and both my ex and I are invited.)

My ex now wants his girlfriend included in these family celebrations. I told him in no uncertain terms that I have purposely avoided this woman for many years. I do not want to associate with her simply because he is now involved with her. My children love their father and me, and are now caught in the middle.

Abby, do you think I am being unreasonable? — **MIMI IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR MIMI: Don't make your family choose between you and your ex-husband. You cannot control whom your family invites. You CAN control how many times a year you want to be around someone you dislike.

Perhaps you have misjudged this woman. I hope you can look beyond her faults for the sake of family unity.

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in reference to the one from the pilot ("Joey Jet") who was afraid of roller coasters. You were right when you said his fear stemmed from the fact that he wasn't in control when he was on an amusement park ride.

It has been decades, but I still remember a ride at an amusement park where my boyfriend and I shared a seat and one of us could direct our "airplane flight" with a knob. When he directed us, everything was fine. As soon as I took the knob, he got sick and had to take the controls from me. As long as he was in control, he was fine.

As it turned out, he became a bomber pilot in World War II and flew 35 missions out of England over Germany. — **AUDREY IN PORT RICHEY, FLA.**

DEAR AUDREY: That's interesting. If the number of letters I have received from pilots is any indication, "Joey Jet" is far from alone in suffering from the problem. Read on for an eye-opener:

DEAR ABBY: I have been both a pilot and an airport traffic controller, and have logged millions of passenger miles. I share the same problem as "Joey Jet." I have acrophobia — a fear of heights. While I have no fear of flying, I cannot tolerate high amusement park rides like roller coasters.

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DEAR UP AND AWAY: Thank you for the expert input, but I disagree. For me, nothing compares to the relief I feel coasting to the terminal after a safe landing.

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Today is the 136th day of 2001 and the 58th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1820, the USS Congress became the first United States warship to visit China.

On this day in 1868, the Senate voted 35-19 to impeach President Andrew Johnson — one vote shy of the two-thirds majority required to pass the measure.

On this day in 1991, Queen Elizabeth I became the first British monarch to deliver a speech to Congress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Honore de Balzac (1799-1850), novelist; William H. Seward (1801-1872), U.S. statesman; Henry Fonda (1905-1982), actor; Studs Terkel (1912-), writer, is 89; Woody Herman (1913-1987), musician; Liberace (1919-1987), musician; Billy Martin (1928-1989), baseball player-manager; Olga Korbut (1955-), gymnastics great, is 46; Debra Winger (1955-), actress, is 46; Janet Jackson (1966-), singer, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1933, Cecil Travis of the Washington Senators made five hits in his first major-league game. He was the first major-leaguer to do so.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The heart has such an influence over the understanding that it is worthwhile to engage it in our interest." — Lord Chesterfield

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (May 15).

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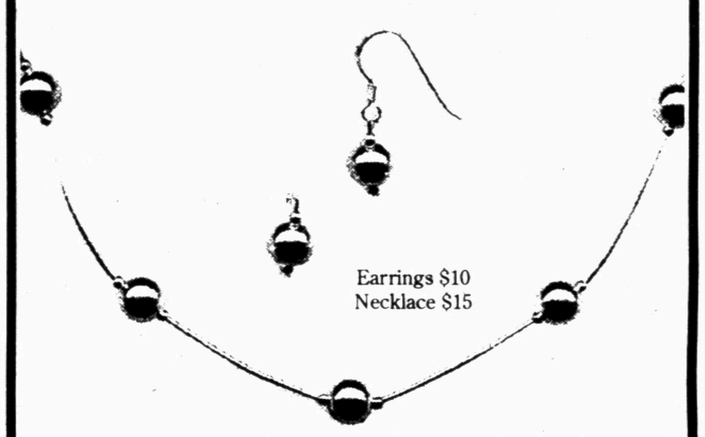

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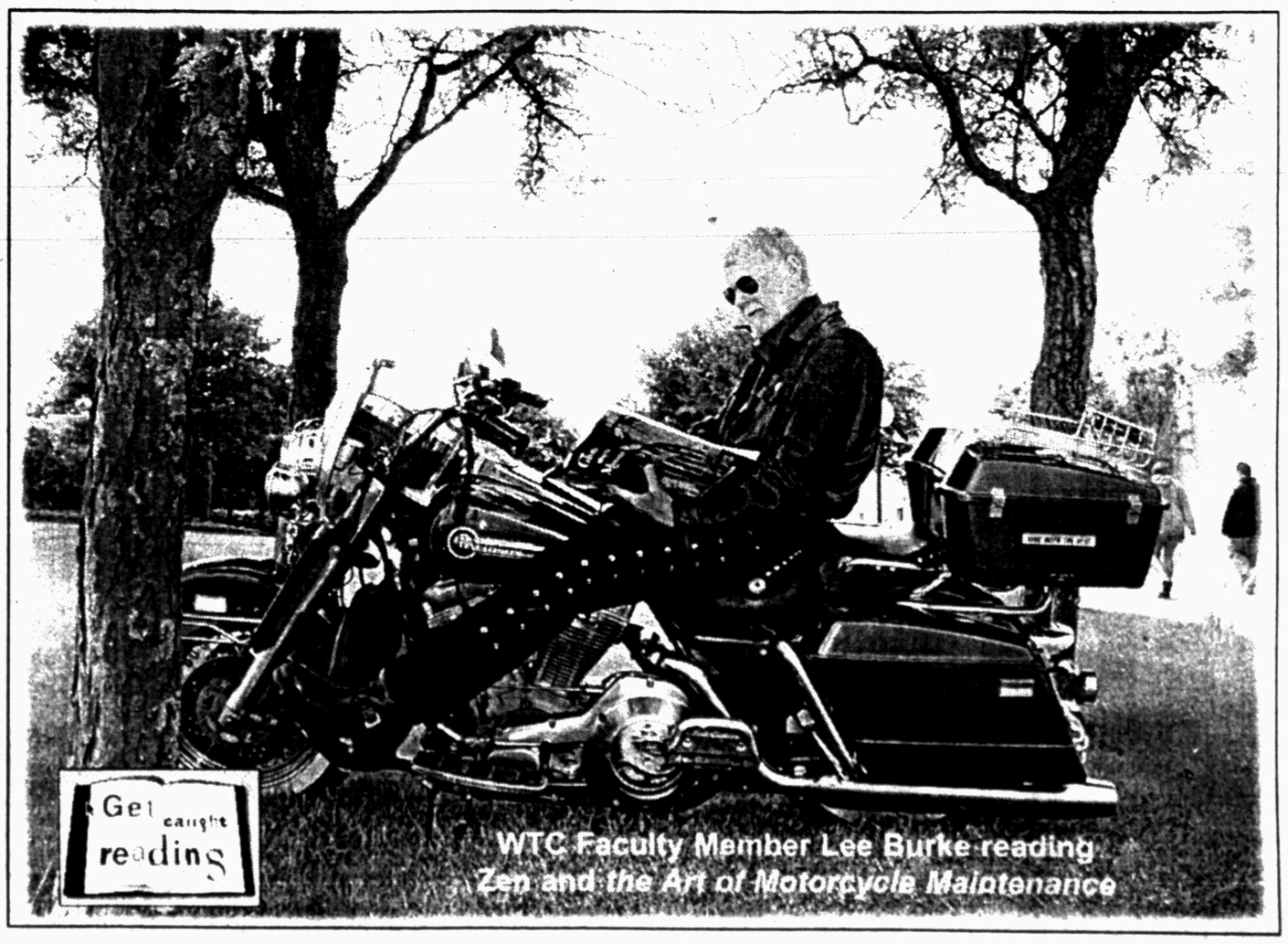

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1 Lives
7 Of an armbone
12 Keep from proceeding
13 False
14 Itty-bitty
15 Tilted
16 Antiquity
17 TV alien
18 Eggs
21 Weird
23 Clam genus
26 Electrified particles
28 Races
29 Rower's need
30 Writer Anita —
31 Pouring forth
33 Limited — (collector's item)
36 Small dog
37 Actor Silver
38 Ball of yarn
40 Carbine
41 Habitual drunkard
42 Comic Murphy
44 So far
45 White House inits.
46 Section of an org.
48 Cries like a lamb
51 Decrees
55 Army home
56 Impregnable
57 Eyelashes
58 Surgical saw

DOWN

1 Insecticide
2 Little
3 Paris season
4 Narrow country road
5 Cotton fabric
6 TV host Tom
7 Ineffective
8 Page of a book
9 Cloistered woman
10 Citrus quaff
11 Reel's companion
13 Jimmy Carter's hometown
18 OPEC ships
19 Haitian religion
20 Put o:l on
22 Bankrupt
23 One of two parts
24 New England native
25 Silvery (poet.)
27 Fast plane
32 FedEx rival
34 Refreshing drink (2 wds.)
35 Most aged
39 Most extensive
43 Downy duck
45 Spanish painter
47 — versa
48 UK broadcasters
49 Roman 52
50 Building addition
52 Mug
53 Singing syllable
54 D.C. hotshot

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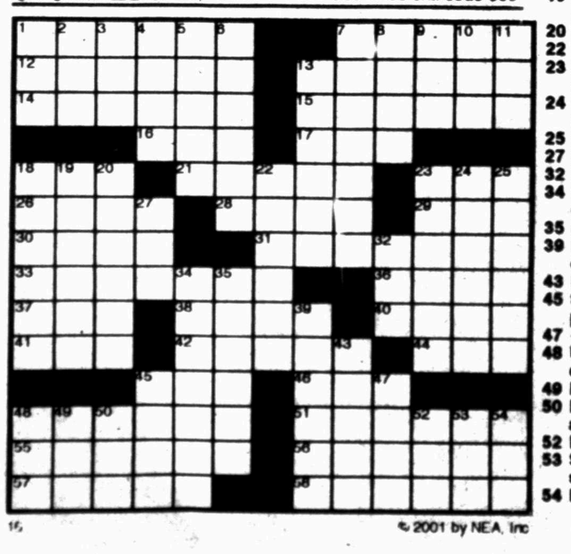

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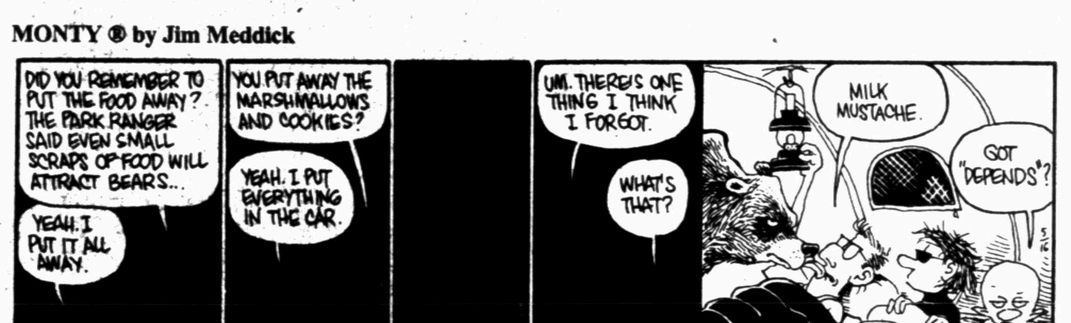

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SPORTS

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

After heading up the Borden County boys basketball program for eight years, Trey Richey couldn't stay away for long.

Richey will be back on the Coyotes' sideline next season, after a one-year stint at Class 2A Stamford.

Richey guided the Coyotes to three straight playoff appearances, before leading the Stamford Bulldogs to an 8-20 mark last year. He will inherit a Borden County squad that won only one game.

"They had a rough year, but there are some good young kids that we can build with," Richey remarked. "I'm ready to get back to Gail. The people of Stamford treated us great, but Borden County feels like home."

Richey replaces Rich Powers, who posted a 1-21 record in his only season at Borden County.

The third annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tournament is set for June 15-16 at Western Texas College. The tourney benefits the Panhandle-Plains-Permian Basin Chapter of the Sul Ross Ex-Students Association.

Among the celebrities for this year's event are Donny Anderson, John David Crow, Koy and Ty Detmer, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison, Lee Roy Jordan, Johnny Majors, David McGinnis, Darrell Royal, Grant Teaff and Randy White. Bobby Knight will play in Saturday's round.

Following Friday's round, a dance will be held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Leon Rausch, Red Steagall and many others will be on hand to provide the music. Tickets for the event are $10.

Also on the links, former SHS and current University of Mary Hardin-Baylor golfer Julie Doolittle fired an 86 in Tuesday's opening round of the NCAA Division III National Tournament at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur, Ill.

Doolittle was tied for 43rd heading into today's second round. As a team, the Lady Crusaders were third after a 323. Methodist College of North Carolina grabbed the early lead with a 299, followed by Rhodes College at 317.

Doolittle, a senior, is making her fourth straight appearance at a national tournament. The Lady Crusaders qualified for the NAIA event the past three years.

There's no need to wonder any longer. Barring a large migration to Snyder, the days of Class 4A competition are numbered for SHS.

When the University Interscholastic League realigned a little over a year ago, Snyder High School's enrollment of 862 was a scant 17 students above the 3A/4A cut-off. Now it looks as if next school year will definitely be Snyder's final campaign in the 4A ranks.

As of Friday, the enrollment count at Snyder High School was 787. That number is 58 students below last year's cut-off mark, and if things hold to form, the cut-off number will be higher come February's realignment.

Which 3A district the Tigers will call home is still debatable, depending on where the UIL lines are drawn.

The Tigers will likely either head west to face the likes of Midland Greenwood, Denver City and Seminole, or south to take on Sweetwater, Abilene Wylie and Ballinger.

Sports Briefs

Pumpjack Partnership

The Pumpjack Partnership will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is low-ball, and cost is $150 per team. For more information, call 573-7101.

Ira basketball camp

The Ira Bulldog Basketball Camp will be held June 12-15 from 9 a.m. until noon. All incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls are eligible, and cost is $40. To register, call Coach Bubba Edwards at 573-2227.

Baseball camp

The Snyder Tiger Baseball Camp will begin Monday and run through May 25 at the high school practice field. Ages 5-7 will meet from 8:30-9:30. Ages 8 through incoming freshman will meet from 10-11:30.

Cost is $40 for the first family member, and $20 for each additional member. For more information, call Coach Herrera at 573-1355, or Coach Bollinger at 573-5734.

Golf camps

The Snyder Tiger Jr. Golf Camp will begin Monday and run through May 25 at Western Texas College. The camp is open to youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18, and cost is $75.

The Snyder Women's Golf Camp will be held May 21-25 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Golfers aged 19 and older are eligible, and cost is $30.

Both camps will cover the full swing, chipping, putting and trouble shots, and will include video swing analysis. Golfers can register for both camps by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Softball tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host its second annual softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics. The event is Saturday and Sunday, and deadline to register is Thursday. A home run derby will also be held.

Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. Entry fee is $110 per team. For more information, contact Larry Jaramillo at 573-0945, or Valerio Torres at 574-2297.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is Saturday. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

TaeKwonDo camp

West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy will host a camp beginning Monday and running through May 25. Competitors of all skill levels between the ages of 6 and 13 are eligible.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Cost including meals is $199, and space is limited. Deadline to register is Friday. For more information, call 573-4136 or 338-8719.

Sosa's home run count reaches 399...

Astros outlast Cubs in 12 innings

CHICAGO (AP) — One game, and Vinny Castilla is already paying off for the Houston Astros.

A few hours after agreeing to a one-year deal with the Astros, Castilla homered and drove in another run for his new team.

And when pinch-hitter Tony Eusebio hit a two-run homer to give the Astros a 9-7 victory over the Chicago Cubs in the 12th inning, guess who was on base?

Yep, Castilla.

"I spent most of my career in the National League, and I'm glad to be back," said Castilla, who was put on unconditional release waivers last Thursday by Tampa Bay.

The Astros are glad to have him. Whenever they needed a hit Tuesday, Castilla was there. He finished 3-for-5 with a walk, and scored three times.

His RBI double sparked a three-run fourth inning, and he hit a leadoff homer in the sixth.

"I had butterflies," admitted Castilla, who hadn't played since May 8. "I just want to go out and do my best every day. The important thing is we won the game."

Mike Jackson (1-1) held the Cubs to one hit in two innings for his first victory since July 10, 1999. Nelson Cruz pitched the 12th for his first save. Todd Van Poppel (1-1) gave up two runs and four hits in three innings.

Chicago wasted a four-RBI effort from Ron Coomer, who hit his first homer as a Cub, as well as Sammy Sosa's 399th career home run. The Cubs have lost a season-high five straight.

"We just didn't take advantage of some opportunities," Cubs manager Don Baylor said.

More like blew a perfect one in the ninth. The Cubs were one out from winning the game after closer Tom Gordon struck out Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman to start the ninth.

Then Moises Alou singled. Pinch-runner Glen Barker stole second, and scored the game-tying run on Richard Hidalgo's double to deep left field.

It was the first run allowed by Gordon, and his first blown save since 1999.

"It was a good pitch and he hung in there. There's nothing I can say," Gordon said. "It was just a night I got beat."

After that, all that was left was for Castilla and Eusebio to finish it off in the 12th. Castilla led off with a double, taking third on Brad Ausmus' sacrifice.

Eusebio, pinch-hitting for Jackson, put a 2-2 pitch into the backdrop for the game-winning runs. It was his fourth career pinch-homer, his first since April 5, 1996.

"You have to appreciate it because of the kind of game it was," he said. "It's not easy not playing every day, but still having to have your head in the game."

Rangers surrender 16 hits in loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians' offense doesn't stay dormant for too long these days.

After being shut out Sunday, the Indians bounced back Tuesday night with a 16-hit attack, led by Jolbert Cabrera's career-high four RBIs, in an 8-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"We had 10 guys come in today to hit early," Cabrera. "Everybody on this team is hungry to do the things we did tonight."

Cabrera had only five RBIs in his first 31 games, but hit a two-run triple in the second and a two-run single in the fourth as the Indians won their 10th straight road game.

"He's a valuable player for us," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "He can play all the outfield positions, all around the infield. He's probably one of the best utility players in the game. He's a better hitter than you think and he's a good runner."

The Indians, who haven't lost away from Jacobs Field since April 17 against Baltimore, are on their longest road winning streak in 63 years. Cleveland won 11 in a row on the road from Aug. 30-Sept. 23, 1938.

Cabrera could see more playing time since Kenny Lofton injured his ribcage while swinging in the eighth. Lofton was injured on a swing that resulted in a single, breaking an 0-for-16 drought. Manuel said after the game that his starting center fielder would be placed on the 15-day disabled list.

Ruben Sierra had his first career pinch-hit homer for the Rangers (13-25), who have lost 13 of 15 and are off to their worst start since 1985.

Texas ponders trades to bolster pitching staff

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers management officials aren't ruling out any kind of player shuffles in their efforts to turn the team around.

Owner Tom Hicks and general manager Doug Melvin both say the struggling team needs a major retooling, even if that means trading catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

"It would have to be a spectacular situation," Hicks said Monday. "He's the greatest catcher to ever play the game. But at this point we have to look at everything. We have to look at what re-signing (Rodriguez) would do to our resources. We've got to start turning every stone we can to try and find more pitching."

Rodriguez's five-year, $42 million contract expires at the end of next year.

The Rangers already are being counted out of the AL West race, just six weeks into the season. Going into Tuesday night's game, the Rangers were 13-24, 15 games behind West-leading Seattle.

Melvin echoed Hicks' sentiments, including talks about Rodriguez.

"For now, that hasn't been my focus, but if clubs call up, in our position, you have to talk about anybody," Melvin said. "You try to be creative and, when you talk to other people, they can be creative, too. In the position we're in, you have to be open. Sometimes you leave it up to other general managers to bring up names."

Hicks said the Rangers need more balance between pitching and hitting.

"I don't think the big question is overhauling the team," Melvin said. "I think the big question is do you try to go with big-name players or go with younger guys and give them a chance."

Hicks said he didn't want the Rangers to spiral out of control.

Hicks wants to keep Rodriguez for the rest of his career, but noted the resurgence of Seattle after the team traded Randy Johnson and Ken Griffey Jr.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	15	.595	—
Atlanta	18	21	.462	5
Florida	16	21	.432	6
Montreal	16	23	.410	7
New York	15	23	.395	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	22	15	.595	—
Houston	21	16	.568	1
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	1
Chicago	21	17	.553	1½
Cincinnati	17	21	.447	5½
Pittsburgh	13	25	.342	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	22	16	.579	—
Los Angeles	22	17	.564	½
Arizona	20	18	.526	2
Colorado	19	19	.500	3
San Diego	18	20	.474	4

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 2, Los Angeles 0
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 7, Florida 4
Milwaukee 14, Philadelphia 10, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 1, San Diego 0
Atlanta 5, Colorado 3
Houston 9, Chicago Cubs 7, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

Colorado (Chacon 1-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 4-2), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 2-2) at Montreal (Reames 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 5-1) at Cincinnati (Reith 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 4-3) at Florida (Clement 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 3-4) at Philadelphia (Chen 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Arizona (Anderson 0-3) at Cincinnati (Bell 0-2), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-2) at Montreal (Peters 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-1) at Florida (Smith 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 3-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	15	.605	—
New York	22	17	.564	1½
Toronto	20	18	.526	3
Baltimore	17	22	.436	6½
Tampa Bay	11	27	.289	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	11	.703	—
Cleveland	25	11	.694	½
Detroit	17	19	.472	8½
Chicago	14	22	.389	11½
Kansas City	14	25	.359	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	29	9	.763	—
Anaheim	17	21	.447	12
Oakland	16	22	.421	13
Texas	13	25	.342	16

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 11, Detroit 3
Boston 5, Minnesota 2
Cleveland 8, Texas 6
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 9, Anaheim 3
Oakland 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 12 innings
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 3

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Weaver 3-4) at Baltimore (Hentgen 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 4-3) at Texas (Glynn 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 1-0) at Minnesota (Romero 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-5) at Kansas City (Suppan 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 2-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3) at Oakland (Zito 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-2) at Seattle (Abbott 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at Minnesota, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 6:35 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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Conference Semifinals
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 13

Charlotte 85, Milwaukee 78
Philadelphia 84, Toronto 79, series tied 2-2
L.A. Lakers 119, Sacramento 113, L.A. Lakers win series 4-0

Monday, May 14

San Antonio 105, Dallas 87, San Antonio wins series 4-1

Tuesday, May 15

Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 86, Charlotte leads series 3-2

Wednesday, May 16

Toronto at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 18

Philadelphia at Toronto, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

Charlotte at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary

Playoff series set for Moffett

Moffett Field is set to host a pair of Class 2A regional quarterfinal series.

Colorado City (13-7) squares off with Idalou (13-7) in Game 1 of their series at 7 p.m. Thursday at Moffett Field.

Games 2 and 3 of the series are scheduled for Lubbock's O'Banion Field.

In other action at Moffett, Coahoma (15-9) faces Tahoka (17-10) in a three-game set starting at 7 p.m. Friday. The series resumes at 2 p.m. Saturday, with Game 3 to follow if necessary.

The Coahoma-Tahoka winner advances to face the Olney-Hamlin winner, while the Colorado City-Idalou winner moves on to play Holliday or Lockney.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball

Ira vs. Miles, bi-district series at Hardin-Simmons, Game 1 at 5 p.m., Game 2 30 minutes after first

FRIDAY
Baseball

Rotan vs. Menard, bi-district series at Hardin-Simmons, Game 1 at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Baseball

Ira vs. Miles, bi-district series at Hardin-Simmons, Game 3 if necessary, 11 a.m.

Rotan vs. Menard, bi-district series at Merkel, Game 2 at noon, Game 3 if necessary 30 minutes after Game 2

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS

Saturday, May 12

Colorado 4, St. Louis 1
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1

Monday, May 14

Colorado 4, St. Louis 2, Colorado leads series 2-0

Tuesday, May 15

Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2, series tied 1-1

Wednesday, May 16

Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 17

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 18

Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 21

St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 22

Pittsburgh at New Jersey 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 24

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 25

St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 26

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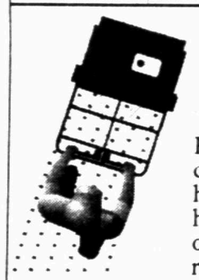

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Summer power shortages could be worse than expected, industry says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Power problems could spread into the Northeast this summer, electricity grids in Texas and the Pacific Northwest are being watched closely, and California could average 20 hours of blackouts a week, electricity industry experts say.

The gloomy forecast comes just as President Bush prepares this week to release a sweeping energy policy that is expected to focus heavily on long-term solutions and not this summer's power concerns or high gasoline prices.

Among the recommendations that will be made by the president's energy task force is a call for more transmission lines and power plants to address future electricity needs and changes in air pollution rules to improve the production and distribution of gasoline, according to government sources.

But none of these proposals will help this summer, officials acknowledge.

The North American Electric Reliability Council, an industry-sponsored watchdog organization, said in a report Tuesday that California's power problems this summer are likely to be worse than even state officials have predicted, with 260 hours of rolling blackouts — an average of 20 hours a week — likely because of a power shortfall that could be as much as 5,000 megawatts during peak demand periods.

A megawatt is enough power to serve 1,000 homes.

While most of the country will have enough electricity, the council's report also warned of potential problems in the Northeast, with possible power disruptions if there is a persistent heat wave, and in the Pacific Northwest as well as possibly in Texas. The New York City area could have blackouts if there are transmission problems on lines into the region, the report said.

While Texas has plenty of electricity, it "should be closely watched" because the state is shifting into a retail competitive market in June and consolidating some grid management activities, David Cook, the reliability council's general counsel, said.

"There is no magic bullet, no single thing to be done that will solve the challenges we face" in trying to assure electricity reliability, Cook said in testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

In the Pacific Northwest, there is expected to be enough power to meet summer demand despite low hydroelectric generation as a result of a severe drought. But, the report said, if the region's drought continues, there could be rolling blackouts next winter.

In other developments Tuesday:

—The Energy Department said there were some signs that gasoline prices may ease around Memorial Day as refiners have revved up production and inventories were beginning to build.

But John Cook, director of the Energy Information Administration's petroleum division, cautioned any refinery disruption or pipeline problem could cause prices to soar again. "Today, little cushion exists," he said at a House hearing.

—The Senate Finance Committee by an 18-2 vote rejected a proposal by Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., for a windfall profits tax on energy company earnings above a 20 percent rate of return. Critics said the proposal would stifle energy investment.

—Vice President Dick Cheney, briefing GOP lawmakers privately, dismissed concern about high oil company profits, declaring the oil business "is a lousy cyclical business," according to several people present. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, reportedly told Cheney that Republicans were ignoring the oil industry profit numbers "at our peril."

The White House, meanwhile, sought to garner political support for its energy package and counter Democratic criticism that it focuses too heavily on production and not enough on getting people to conserve energy.

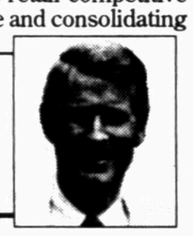
After courting labor leaders earlier in the week, the White House briefed executives representing renewable energy industries — from solar and wind power to producers of ethanol and organic waste energy plants — on parts of the energy package.

The executives were pleased with some proposals of tax breaks for renewables, but, said Jaime Steve of the American Wind Energy Association, "other items need to be included."

In Congress, Republicans promised to move swiftly on energy legislation once the Bush proposals are announced.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vertigo is treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is positional vertigo?

DEAR READER: Each of us has a gyroscope, called the semicircular canals, in the ear. These small but complex organs relay messages to the brain, telling us the positions of our heads. Head movement causes stimulation of the semicircular canals, and we perceive motion. Violent, repetitive movement leads to overstimulation of the canals, with resulting dizziness, nausea and feeling unwell — the syndrome of motion sickness.

On occasion, normal people will experience a sensation of spinning (vertigo) in the absence of motion. This is due to poorly understood irritation of the semicircular canals, caused by a variety of factors, including tiny calcium chips in the canals, virus infections, diminished circulation and certain tumors.

This vertigo often occurs when the head is in specific positions; hence, positional vertigo. Because it is relieved when the head is placed in different positions, one can conclude that part of the balance mechanism, but not all of it, is malfunctioning. The vertigo is ordinarily benign, lasting for a few hours or days, and then disappears as quickly as it came. Treatment with a formal schedule of head movements, coupled with medication, helps the condition, but most people simply avoid head positions that cause symptoms.

Benign positional vertigo is common. If it is severe, recurrent or tends to last, examination by an ear-nose-and-throat specialist is advisable, in order to rule out more serious causes, such as tumors.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." 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: How do drug companies actually measure the milligrams per pill or capsule? How do we know what we're getting?

DEAR READER: Through an intricate system of quality control. This is one major reason that I advise consumers to avoid products that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or that are manufactured as dietary supplements. In such instances, the quality control may be lacking.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain sarcoidosis in plain language. My 20-year-old son suffers from it, and we don't understand what it is.

DEAR READER: Common in Northern Europeans and American blacks, sarcoidosis is a disease of unknown cause, marked by the widespread appearance, in various organs, of non-caseating granulomas — small, round areas of cellular inflammation. The disorder characteristically involves lymph nodes, causing them to enlarge; however, lung, liver, eyes and bone can also be affected.

In most cases, sarcoidosis is discovered by accident in routine chest x-rays, because the lymph nodes around the heart become swollen and appear as shadows on the radiograph. This may be accompanied by x-ray shadows in the lungs, fever, weight loss and cough. Most patients, however, have few, if any, symptoms. On occasion rash, spleen enlargement, visual difficulties or liver malfunction may be present.

The diagnosis is confirmed by biopsy: Small pieces of lung, lymph node or liver can be removed through a hollow needle and examined under a microscope for the tell-tale granulomas. These cellular reactions must be differentiated from similar patterns caused by tuberculosis and fungal infections.

Most patients with sarcoidosis recover without treatment. In some instances, when the disease is widespread or advanced, cortisone therapy will hasten recovery. If vision is affected or patients have difficulty breathing, cortisone is mandatory. Some lung disability, usually secondary to pulmonary scarring, is usually present with chronic sarcoidosis. However, the disease is rarely fatal.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-16-01
♠ A 5
♥ A K Q 4
♦ A J 10 6 3
♣ A 7

West
♠ Q 9 7 4 3
♥ J 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 4
♣ 6

East
♠ 10 6
♥ 10 5 3
♦ K 8 2
♣ Q 9 8 4 2

South
♠ K J 8 2
♥ 7
♦ 9 7 5
♣ K J 10 5 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

The debate will go on forever

By Phillip Alder

This humorous observation was made by Diane de Poitiers, the mistress of Henri II, king of France from 1547 to 1559: "The years that a woman subtracts from her age are not lost. They are added to the ages of other women."

There have been numerous debates about why women play bridge worse than men. Whatever the reasons, some excellent play has been produced by the distaff side — as in this deal, which occurred in 1981 in Shanghai.

The declarer was Judi Radin, who at the age of 37 became the youngest woman grand master in the world rankings.

Note first that six diamonds fails if the opening lead is a club. Here, Radin, opposite 22-24 points, first used Stayman, then showed her club suit. After that, North, Kathie Wei (now Wei-Sender), wasn't stopping short of a slam.

Although not lethal, a heart lead looks better than the diamond queen.

Radin won with dummy's diamond ace, cashed three top hearts to pitch her remaining diamonds, led the club seven to her 10, and played a trump back to dummy's ace, revealing the bad break. The diamond jack was covered by East's king and ruffed by South. Radin took the spade king and spade ace before cashing the diamond 10, discarding a spade. That was the first 10 tricks in, and any card from the dummy allowed Radin to overruff East with the club jack and cash the club king for her contract. And she probably completed the play in less time than you took to read about it.

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Bank of Amer	55.48	54.60	55.40	+ .35
BellSouth	41.79	41.07	41.48	—.37
Beth Steel	3.40	3.27	3.35	+ .02
BurlNoSFe	33.00	32.21	33.00	+ .55
Caterpillar	53.100	52.71	53.86	+ .72
Chevron	95.75	94.56	95.36	+ .61
Citigroup s	50.94	50.00	50.89	+ .34
CocaCola	46.50	45.53	46.40	+ .50
ColgatePal	57.50	56.35	57.46	+ .76
ComclMetals	25.75	25.45	25.68	—.02
CooperIn	38.25	37.75	38.05	+ .15
DaimlrChry	49.45	48.82	49.21	—.69
DeltaAirl	44.91	43.81	43.82	—1.09
Dillards Inc	17.07	16.70	16.98	—.19
DowChem s	37.76	36.88	37.71	+ .23
DuPont	46.75	45.95	46.68	—.07
EastmanChem	53.05	51.94	53.02	+ .73
EstKodak	47.40	46.90	47.30	+ .03
EDS Corp	63.30	62.00	63.09	+ .51
Entergy	42.59	42.30	42.51	+ .01
ExxonMobil	89.98	89.10	89.83	+ .38
FstBksAm	26.97	26.50	26.97	+ .54
GenDynam	79.91	78.30	79.91	+ .44
GenElec	50.76	49.65	50.60	+ .45
GenMills	40.23	39.90	40.14	+ .16
GenMotors	55.27	54.04	55.11	+ .50
GaPacGP	34.50	33.45	34.50	+ .90
GlobalMar	27.80	27.05	27.59	+ .10
Goodrich	40.00	39.55	40.00	+ .26
Goodyear s	25.21	24.83	25.05	+ .09
GtAtlPac	11.20	10.70	10.86	+ .20
Halliburtn	45.30	44.00	44.95	—.40
Hanson ADS	35.00	34.75	35.00	—.60
HarteHanks	25.20	24.95	25.20	+ .20
HomeDepot	50.20	49.41	50.10	
Honeywelllntl	51.00	49.50	50.77	+ .46
IBM	114.05	112.20	113.83	+ .25
IntlPaper	38.58	37.27	38.40	+ .95
JohnsonJn	98.69	96.90	98.67	+ 1.59
K mart	10.09	9.66	9.97	—.13
KinderMorg	59.70	59.00	59.33	—.42
Kroger Co	24.15	23.53	24.10	+ .50
Litton	79.89	79.89	79.89	+ .03
LockheedM	37.50	37.00	37.45	+ .13
Lowes Cos	65.76	64.76	65.56	—.25
Lubys	8.40	8.15	8.15	—.25
LucentTech	9.85	9.43	9.80	+ .15
MayDeptStr	34.83	34.35	34.73	—.10
Medtronic	44.00	43.14	43.98	+ .72
Motorola	15.15	14.00	15.04	+ .08
NCR Corp	48.00	47.63	47.99	+ .31
Navistar	27.27	26.77	27.25	+ .23
Penney JC	20.19	19.76	19.99	—.20
PepBoys	5.94	5.70	5.85	+ .20
PepsiCo	45.00	44.51	44.86	—.14
Pharmacia	47.75	46.15	47.70	+ 1.71
PhelpDodge	46.69	45.80	46.45	+ .39
PhilipPet	64.20	62.80	64.03	+ 1.71
PilgrmPrd B	10.40	10.40	10.40	—.05
Polaroid	4.80	4.70	4.75	—.06
Praxair	50.81	49.70	50.60	+ .89
ProctGamb	67.49	66.15	67.19	+ 1.21
PubS NwMx	37.30	36.88	37.22	+ .12
RadioShack	28.20	27.40	28.06	—.14
ReliantEngy	45.90	45.20	45.75	+ .09
RoyalDut	60.49	60.09	60.36	+ .43
SBC Comm	43.49	42.75	43.44	+ .09
SaraLee	19.52	18.90	19.51	+ .51
Scripps EW	65.80	64.60	65.51	+ .97
SearsRoeb	38.70	37.80	38.60	—.11
SherwinW	21.75	21.51	21.74	+ .04
SouthernCo s	22.67	22.05	22.24	—.20
SwstAirl s	18.08	17.76	18.01	+ .01
SprintFON	21.10	20.76	21.07	—.51
SprintPCS	23.85	23.14	23.73	—.27
Sunoco Inc	40.71	39.90	40.47	+ .38
TXU Corp	45.09	44.21	45.00	+ .23
TempleInland	53.81	52.45	53.69	+ .69
Texaco	71.49	70.54	71.10	+ .60
TexInd	30.73	30.06	30.06	—.59
TexasInst	37.24	36.50	36.92	—.11
Textron	56.26	55.51	56.20	+ .30
TriconGlbR	42.26	41.70	42.19	—.26
TrinityInds	22.30	22.19	22.30	+ .10
TritonEngy	26.59	26.35	26.59	+ .55
TylerTech	2.25	2.05	2.07	—.08
USX-Marathn	33.08	32.64	33.03	+ .36
USX-USS	19.60	19.15	19.51	+ .13
UnionPacif	58.90	58.21	58.80	+ .25
UnitedTech	80.25	79.01	80.07	+ .90
Unocal	38.60	38.05	38.55	+ .45
Venator Grp	13.73	13.31	13.43	—.27
VerizonComm	54.47	53.55	54.30	+ .30
WalMart	51.80	51.00	51.50	—.50
WellsFargo	45.23	44.76	44.92	—.26
WstnGasRs	41.42	41.22	41.34	—.01
WinnDixie	29.06	28.71	28.99	+ .23
Xerox Cp	10.57	10.30	10.51	—.14

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HJHS CHEERLEADERS — The 2001-2002 cheerleaders for Hermleigh Junior High School will be from left, Alana Culp, Alicia Culp, Courtney Ethridge, Megan Kariainen, and Brittany Kelley, alternate. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

HHS CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh High School cheerleaders for 2001-2002 will be from left, Sabrina Terry, Kendra Nachlinger, Cassie Harbin, Brittainy Jones, Amelia Hermosillo, Valerie West, mascot; and Kally Berkley, alternate. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Country

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Mourning Dove Surveys to Begin in May

From May 20-31, wildlife biologists with Texas Parks and Wildlife 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-winged doves have been included in these surveys since 1999 due to expansion of their range.

The observer drives a 20-mile survey route, stopping every mile and listens for cooing doves for three minutes exactly. All doves heard and observed while stopped and all doves observed while driving are recorded. Since fluctuations in survey data from year to year are normal, long-term population trends based on several years of information are analyzed when making decisions regarding mourning dove harvest regulations. Thus increases or decreases in one year's 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 or March and continue into May. A breeding pair of mourning doves 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 Doves 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." This substance 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 in 2 eggs, however, clutch sizes of 1, 3 or 4 eggs occur on occasion. An incubation period of 14-15 days is required for before 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 dove 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 Extension Agent

Five Reasons To Go Organic

Nearly 4 out of 10 Organic Gardening Magazine subscribers recently polled used both organic and chemical gardening methods. A similar number use "primarily organic" and fewer than 2 in 20 use "exclusively organic" techniques. Editor Maria Rodale, hopes more gardeners will learn and implement organic gardening methods. She offers the following reasons for organic gardening.

•**FOR YOUR HEALTH.** Study after study has linked common chemical pesticides and fertilizers to cancer, reproductive damage and neurological damage.

ACTION: Stop using chemicals NOW. You may not even miss them.

•**FOR THE SOIL.** Chemicals kill the soil, making it inert and unable to stay in place, causing erosion and pollution of our water. Healthy soil creates life, nutrition and a clean environment. It can even help prevent global warming by holding carbon in the soil rather than releasing it into the air.

ACTION: Just add compost! Compost builds fertility, natures soil life and combats pests and diseases.

•**FOR THE BIRDS.** A recent study showed that the presence of songbirds is a powerful sign of a healthy environment. Birds are happiest in a diverse, clean landscape filled with good things to eat — including all those creatures that are "bugging" your plants. By spraying pesticides, you not only remove their food source but also can poison the birds themselves.

ACTION: Plant a diverse array of trees, bushes, flowers and vegetables — organically of course, to give those birds a food source and a home.

•**FOR FUN.** According to the subscriber survey, most of the gardening is for fun. What is fun about using dangerous chemicals? It's much more exciting to beat a bug problem, or grow fabulous roses, by using nature's own secrets rather than by pouring something out of a bottle while wearing a protective mask and clothing.

ACTIONS: Experiment! Relax! Try a companion planting of garlic with your roses and use homemade compost and nitrogen-rich grass clippings to feed them. Quit worrying about a weed-free lawn. Remember that the grass itself is a weed.

•**FOR THE FUTURE.** By gardening organically, you really can make a world of difference right in your own backyard. Do it, if not for yourself, then for your children and future generations.

ACTION: Show by example that we can change the world one garden at a time. You won't regret it.

Information from Organic Gardening Magazine, Jan./Feb. 2001.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 481 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 10, sale. Cows were steady. Calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 41-47
Canner and low cutters: 32-40.50
Slaughter bulls: 50-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 85-107
500-600: 83-95
600-700: 82-87
700-800: 78-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 83-93
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 73-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-95
700-800: 70-81
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-850
Grade: 550-700
Springers: 450-700
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 225-275

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 601 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 12, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers $2 to $4 lower. Slaughter cows $1 to $2 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows were $25/hd lower, pairs were too weak to test. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 106-112
300-400: 103-1120
400-500: 90-92
600-700: 79.50-83
700-800: 77-79
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 105-112,50
400-500: 88-89
500-600: 84-86
600-700: 68-82.50
700-800: 73.50-74.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 560-585
Aged cows: 460-570
Pairs: 675-815
Aged pairs: 550-650
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 30.25-43.75
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41.50-44.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 38.50-41.50
Under 800-1000 Lb. 36.50-41.50
Under 750 Lbs.: 32.50-34.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 54-58.50
Low dressing 1000-1300 Lbs. 48.75-52.50

Scott Carpenter called space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter called the international space station and told its three residents that he'd trade places with them "at the drop of a hat, except you can't drop your hat up there."

"This is probably the oldest dinosaur you'll speak to while you're there," the 76-year-old Carpenter said Tuesday from Mission Control in Houston. "But you'd be interested to know that your friend Valentina Tereshkova thinks we are not dinosaurs, but pterodactyls."

Pterodactyls are extinct; they were flying reptiles. Tereshkova, a former Soviet cosmonaut, became the first woman in space in 1963.

"You're no dinosaur to us," astronaut Jim Voss replied from space station Alpha. "We just talked to a bunch of high school students, and I doubt if they have even the same amount of enthusiasm that you have for the space program."

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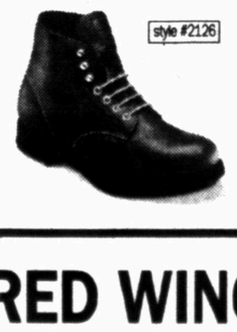

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IRA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Ira Junior High School cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are standing from left, Whitney Payne, Krissi Roberts, Jessica Odom; seated are head cheerleaders Kate Wall, left, and Brittany Dickerhoff. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

IRA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Ira High School cheerleaders for 2001-2002 are from left Candace Sanchez, head cheerleader; Brenda Torres, Sarah McCown, Shea Allen, Amber Sanchez. Kim Allen is the sponsor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Runaway train gets stopped

KENTON, Ohio (AP) — The train rumbled through farm fields and cities, traveling nearly 70 miles with no one at the controls before Jon Hosfeld sprinted alongside the front car, jumped aboard and brought the wayward locomotive to a halt.

The CSX Transportation employee's daring effort Tuesday came as authorities blocked traffic and made preparations in case the train carrying hazardous liquids derailed. The train stayed on the tracks, and no one was hurt.

"My adrenaline was pumping," Hosfeld, a 31-year CSX employee, told The Washington Post. But "I didn't lose my focus. ... I got a wife and daughter, and I don't want to do anything foolish."

The 47-car train hit speeds of 46 mph as it rolled through northwest Ohio. Workers managed to hook an engine on the back of the runaway train and slow it down to about 10 mph. It was near Kenton, about 55 miles northwest of Columbus, when Hosfeld climbed on board, authorities said.

"I knew we had to come up with a plan and we had to make immediate action," he said today morning on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We did have a great team effort."

Kathleen Burns, a CSX spokeswoman, said the company's investigators planned to head to Toledo today for a thorough inquiry. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Railroad Administration are also investigating.

CSX is not sure how or why the train left the rail yard. The train was being assembled on a local track in CSX's Stanley facility, near Toledo. It was then supposed to be moved to a departure track in order to be taken to a nearby Norfolk Southern yard.

Several witnesses saw the train leaving and alerted CSX officials.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department initially believed the engineer on board had suffered a heart attack. Authorities later said no one was aboard.

Twenty-five cars were empty and 22 were loaded with freight, mainly paper and lumber, CSX said. Two cars contained molten phenol, a hazardous but nonflammable product used to make dyes, paints and pharmaceuticals and as a general disinfectant, CSX said.

There was minor damage to some cars, CSX said.

The train rolled past houses and factories in Findlay, sometimes passing through back yards and within 50 feet of homes, Hancock County Chief Deputy Doug Wilcox said. There were no evacuations in the city of about 40,000.

"We were prepared for it, but we didn't need to," Wilcox said.

The train's route also took it through fields and several villages in northwest Ohio, at times running parallel to Interstate 75. At one point, police briefly evacuated about 100 workers at a meat processing factory near the village of North Baltimore when authorities attempted to stop the train.

It also ran through downtown Bowling Green, a city of about 29,600, and near Bowling Green State University.

"It would have been a disaster if it would've derailed in town," said Wood County sheriff's Sgt. Maj. Mike Blair.

On the Net:
CSX: http://www.csx.com

Continental names new president

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines named Lawrence Kellner as the company's new president at the airline's board of directors meeting Tuesday.

Greg Brenneman announced his resignation as president, chief operating officer and director earlier this month.

Kellner most recently served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Continental after joining the airline in 1995. He was responsible for financial operations, including treasury, financial planning, technology, tax, accounting, investor relations, fleet, fuel purchasing, internal audit and risk management.

"Larry's contributions during the past six years have been invaluable, and I know that he will continue to be a driving force in our success," said Gordon Bethune, the airline's chairman and CEO.

Kellner worked as an executive vice president and chief financial officer at both American Savings Bank and The Knoll Company before joining Continental.

He began his career at Ernst & Young.

The board on Tuesday also chose C.D. McLean, executive vice president of operations, as the executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Brenneman will remain a consultant to the Houston-based airline until June 30.

He plans to work for his private equity firm, TurnWorks, Inc.

He joined Continental in November 1994 and was named chief operating officer in May 1995. He was appointed president in September 1996.

Shares of Continental were off 25 cents to close at $49.80 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Ryan O'Neal adopts dark sense of humor as he battles leukemia

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ryan O'Neal has adopted a dark sense of humor about his battle with leukemia.

The actor told Variety columnist Army Archerd that his "Love Story" co-star Ali MacGraw recently contacted him when she learned of his illness.

The film was about star-crossed lovers who meet, marry and then discover she is dying of cancer.

"She had this same disease in the movie," O'Neal laughed. "She said to me, 'I hope you didn't catch it from me.'"

O'Neal said he recently completed work on the Al Pacino film "People I Know," in which he plays a publicity agent.

How did he get the role?

The character is "a fading movie star who lives in Malibu — they didn't have to look far," he said. "I hope it's not my last (movie). It was such a good experience."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 17, 2001

There is a strong possibility you might be able to turn one of your talents into something quite profitable in the year ahead. Give full expression to your creative abilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Chances are you'll be a bit more sociable today than usual and enjoy spending time conversing with others. Just avoid letting your curiosity poke its nose into their private business. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The sensitivity you show to your mate or loved ones today will be cherished and remembered. However, getting angry over petty issues you should avoid won't be forgotten either.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could have great fun in poking a little fun at your companions today. However, should the shoe switch to the other foot and they rib you, it might be a bit painful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Sound advice given to you by your associates today will be worthy of consideration. It's likely to be far better than suggestions offered to you by a hotshot pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It might not be difficult at all getting favorable responses today from those with whom you'll rub shoulders. It's the bosses that count, however, so look to please them first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — What starts out as a successful day at work today could quickly turn sour if you offer any criticism at all to anyone, even though it might be good advice. Keep quiet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone at a social gathering could size you up as his or her next patsy if you're not careful. It's nice to like everyone, but don't be too gullible for your own good today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A present arrangement that is proceeding very well as planned could be jeopardized today if you allow yourself to 'inject personal desires into the works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When out with friends today, try not to allow emotional issues to be interjected into the conversation. Make sure all small talk stays on friendly, innocent subjects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're more than capable of handling your financial affairs prudently today, yet there is one small streak of extravagance in you that, if unleashed, could be your undoing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keeping yourself busy today doing a lot of odds and ends will give you a great deal of satisfaction. However, if you do so at the expense of ignoring important matters, you'll pay the price.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't have unrealistic expectations today, because you're not going to get everything you request of others. Happiness comes from gratitude and appreciation and being your own person.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Federal Reserve may cut rates again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, which has already cut interest rates more aggressively this year than at any other time under Chairman Alan Greenspan, may not be through yet.

Analysts are hopeful that the Fed's next move may send a signal that economic dangers are lessening a bit.

"My expectation is that the next move will be the last rate-cutting move," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at the Bank of Montreal and Harris Bank.

O'Neill and many other economists believe Fed policy-makers will cut rates again at their next meeting on June 26-27. However, analysts have mixed opinions as to whether the cut will be by another half-point, or a more modest quarter-point.

On Wall Street, stocks opened lower today on worries about the economy but rose later in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 90 points and the Nasdaq gained about 20 points.

After the Fed's rate announcement Tuesday, stocks had a muted reaction. The Dow finished the day down 4.36 points at 10,872, a sharp contrast to the 399-point rally triggered by the Fed's last rate move on April 18, which caught investors by surprise.

In the Fed's latest statement on interest rates Tuesday, policy-makers said they continue to believe that "the risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future."

Economists read that as the Fed holding the door open to further rate reductions.

"The Fed is ready to cut rates again by 50 basis points on June 27 if the business climate and labor markets do not show substantial improvement by then," predicted David Orr, First Union's chief economist.

For now, one of economists' biggest worries continues to be the status of the labor market in the coming months. If the nation's unemployment rate were to climb rapidly and companies were to continue to shed jobs, that could force consumers to cut back sharply on spending and tip the economy into recession.

In April, the unemployment rate shot up to 4.5 percent and businesses slashed jobs by the biggest amount since the last recession a decade ago.

Freeh acknowledges 'serious error'

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director Louis Freeh acknowledged today a "serious error" in the bureau's failure to provide Timothy McVeigh's lawyers with evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing case. He said FBI headquarters had repeatedly asked, but failed, to get field offices to furnish the material.

Speaking publicly for the first time since disclosure that more than 3,000 pages of documents were withheld from McVeigh's lawyers at the time of his trial, Freeh said in prepared remarks that: "I am not here to minimize our mistakes or to make excuses."

Even as he was explaining the problem, Freeh admitted that in addition to the 3,135 pages that have now been turned over, the FBI has located "a number of additional documents" as a result of a search ordered Friday.

The documents are being reviewed to see if they should be turned over, he said.

Freeh made the statement before a House Appropriations subcommittee, six days after the revelation and a day after testifying behind closed doors on the problem before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"Regardless of how extraneous these documents are, if they were covered by the discovery agreement, they should have been located and released during discovery," Freeh said. "As director, I have taken responsibility. The buck does stop with me."

Nevertheless, he said, "the underlying case and his guilt remain unchallenged."

His testimony came on the same day that McVeigh was to have been executed for the bombing.

Freeh cited many requests that field offices send their material to its Oklahoma City field office — the operation that headquarters had assigned the job of compiling the records.

In 1995 and 1996, he said, field offices were told 11 times to send the documents.

When it appeared that not all materials had been sent, Freeh said he sent a priority teletype to all field offices in November 1996 directing all materials be sent promptly.

"As we now know, there were still many offices that had failed to comply fully or precisely with the instructions given," Freeh said.

"As a consequence, the items now at issues were apparently never turned over to the prosecutors during the discovery period."

Subcommittee Chairman Frank Wolf, R-Va., asked Freeh why the FBI did not do a check by hand for relevant documents — in addition to an electronic search.

"That is one of the questions we'll have to answer," Freeh said.

Asked by Wolf if his own directives to FBI field offices on the matter might have been "fuzzy," Freeh said no, they were "absolutely clear ... that everything and anything was to be retrieved and sent to Oklahoma City."

Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, the senior Democrat on House Appropriations Committee, told Freeh at the outset of the hearing he believes the FBI has a "litany of troubles."

"I think we have today something close to a failed agency," Obey said.

Texas grant funding tripled; Medicaid funding scaled back

AUSTIN (AP) — Higher education, state employees and teachers are big winners in the next state budget.

Lawmakers drafting the two-year spending plan inched closer to completing a Senate-House compromise bill late Tuesday night, but still had work to do today.

Deciding how much money to give nursing homes — a key issue this session — and where that funding will come from has yet to be determined by the panel.

But as the budget committee pushed toward completion, several issues deemed priorities this session were solved.

The Toward Excellence, Access & Success Grant, or TEXAS Grant, program, saw its funding triple over last biennium to $335 million.

The increase will help more Texas families send 50,000 students to college, said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

The expansion had been a major priority of Ellis and Gov. Rick Perry.

The scholarships are awarded to graduates who meet advanced academic standards and other guidelines. Household income limits would be raised from $25,000 to $40,000.

"This is a tremendous victory for Texas families," Ellis said. "With this proposal, the state of Texas has sent the message to our children that if you work hard and follow the rules, you will have the opportunity to go to college."

"I wish we could go even further, but in a tight budget year, this represents a major step forward that we can build on," he said.

Budget writers drafting the tightest spending proposal in a decade also held off on Medicaid funding earlier approved.

The $1.1 billion in additional social services funding the panel approved Monday included a Medicaid payment the state owes to the federal government. The payment was postponed last session.

Now, the $270 million payment will only be made if the comptroller finds additional revenue to cover it.

"We need the money," said House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

The money could be used to help increase funding to struggling nursing homes, but budget leaders said no definite decisions have been made.

Lawmakers carved out $1.28 billion for a statewide health-insurance plan for teachers and other public school employees.

Another $58 million was allocated for target pay raises to certain state employees.

Those include workers at the departments of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Agriculture, and Protective and Regulatory Services; the Texas Natural Resources and Railroad commissions; and the Water Development Board.

On Monday, the panel spent $456 million on a 4 percent or $100 monthly minimum boost for all other state employees.

"In addition, the conference committee provided sufficient funding levels for health benefits so that state employees will not see this pay raise wiped out by increased health care costs. That issue was nearly as significant as the pay raise," said Gary Anderson, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association.

The budget bill is SB 1.

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TAAS tests set here July 10-12

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be administered July 10-12 at the Snyder Junior High School.

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees that have not met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS tests may retake the necessary sections.

TAAS out-of-school examinees must register by the June 4 deadline in order to test. These summer registration packets are now available in the Snyder High School counselor's office.

Out-of-school examinees and enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district must register.

Students who were enrolled in Grade 12 in the spring of 2001 are considered enrolled students, not out-of-school examinees.

Exit level TAAS writing tests will be administered July 10. Exit level TAAS math will be given on July 11 while the exit level reading test will be taken on July 12.

Anyone with further questions should call Debbie Phillips at 574-6049 or Dr. Melissa Jones at 573-5401.

Six jailed on Tuesday

• ***Arrests***

Marcario Rangel Rivera Jr., 24, whose address is listed as 10895 FM 1609 in Ira was arrested at 10:04 a.m. Tuesday on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation.

A 34-year-old man was taken into custody at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for theft by check and issuance of bad checks.

Richard Charles Clayton, 33, of 609 Avenue Q was arrested at 6 p.m. Tuesday on a felony warrant revoking his probation on an original charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

Kenneth Ray White, whose address is listed as P.O. Box 893 in Rockport, was booked into jail Tuesday on warrants for felony driving while intoxicated and parole violation.

At 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, a 20-year-old female was placed into custody on a misdemeanor warrant for bond forfeiture on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

Public intoxication landed a 40-year-old man in jail at 12:04 a.m. today. He was taken into custody at the Travel Inn.

• ***Gas drive-offs***

At 2:06 p.m. Tuesday, a clerk with Rip Griffin's requested an officer attempt to locate a man who had left the store without paying for $39.84 worth of gasoline. The man was located and escorted back to the store to pay for the gas.

A gas-drive off in the amount of $10 was reported at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive at 11:02 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Theft***

Lee Presswood, Northeast Elementary principal, called an officer to the school at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday in reference to two watches being stolen and found in the possession of an 11-year-old male. An offense report for Class C theft was filed, and the case has been forwarded to the district attorney's office.

• ***Accidents***

An officer filed an accident report at 1:55 p.m. in the 100 block of Old Post Road in reference to a trailer coming unhooked from a 1995 Ford pickup and striking a chainlink fence owned by the Texas Department of Transportation. Tommy Dale Fennell, 52, of 3904 Eastridge was driving the pickup.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 2:01 p.m. Tuesday in the 1300 block of College. Involved were a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Eldon Lee Scott, 21, of 3757 Dalton and a 1983 Chrysler Fifth Avenue driven by Leslie Marie Sutton, 22, of 1902 Coleman #2.

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West Elementary yearbooks

West Elementary annuals are in and may be purchased for $7 at the school office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There will be a signing party Friday for students who have purchased an annual.

Faith Revival fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will offer enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 574-8013.

Cancer board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Softball drawing postponed

Snyder Girls Softball Association fundraiser drawing will be Tuesday at Cates Field.

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school student center.

GED testing

GED testing at Western Texas College is set for Thursday, May 24.

Pot luck dinner

Snyder Church of Nazarene will hold a pot luck dinner after the morning worship service on Sunday, May 27. The dinner is in honor of the memory of Ethel Herbington.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Democrats lose bid to hire more public school teachers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sponsor of a narrowly defeated Democratic proposal to hire thousands of new public school teachers said the 50 Republican senators' votes against it will haunt them on Election Day.

"The reality will be very clear next fall, when these class sizes increase," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. Her amendment was narrowly defeated as the administration and its Republican allies sought to assert control over debate on President Bush's education bill.

Tuesday's 50-48 vote marked the first time in several fitful weeks of debate that the Senate rejected a move to add spending to the legislation or to tighten controls over use of federal funds.

Murray said her amendment was designed to reduce class size in public schools nationwide. The head of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee, she said Republicans "will find their opponents talking about this in the next election."

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, a Republican whose name will be on the ballot next year, voted against the proposal. "I want to give school districts local flexibility for spending the money," she said. To set classroom size as the "only priority, when schools have different needs depending on where they are, strikes me as a mistake."

At the same time, conservatives and GOP leaders said they intend to seek removal of some earlier spending add-ons when it comes time to negotiate a House-Senate compromise.

"I think it's getting financially irresponsible, but hopefully we will get it cleaned up," said Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, the Senate GOP whip.

The developments came as the Senate plodded through another day of debate over Bush's top legislative priority. The measure would mandate annual state-run testing of all students in grades three through eight in math and reading. Schools where test scores fall short of standards would receive additional federal support to improve, but after three years students would be allowed to use federal money for tutoring or transportation to different public schools.

A companion measure is scheduled for a vote in the House this week, and sponsors have been scrambling to shore up the support of conservatives unhappy with changes voted in committee.

The White House and GOP leaders are also crafting amendments designed to placate conservatives, including one to restore Bush's plan for private school vouchers for students in failing schools.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who chairs the House Education Committee, said he will introduce a voucher amendment in the House along with Rep. Dick Armey of Texas.

"We're going to fight hard for it," Boehner said. "If I were the president for a day or dictator for a day, we'd have private school vouchers."

Murray, who championed class size reduction with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said her amendment would allow continuation of former President Clinton's proposal to hire 100,000 new teachers, rather than combine that program with one that pays for teacher training, as Bush favors. Her measure also would have called for $2.4 billion above what is in the bill.

A former school board member, Murray said the GOP approach would make it difficult for school boards to commit to hiring more teachers because it would be cheaper to train existing teachers to handle bigger classes.

"That is a difficult decision to make as a school board member," she said.

The amendment failed on a party-line vote as all 50 Republicans voted against it. All 48 votes in favor came from Democrats.