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Latest school funding bill not expected to help West Texas

A school funding bill, discussed in the Texas House until around 10:30 last night, is not expected to have any affect on Snyder ISD tax rates, or any other district which is losing valuation and students.

"School districts, including ours, which have seen dramatic drops in valuations and a drop in enrollment, can't afford to lower tax rates," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

"Tax plans coming out of Austin will benefit only those districts whose tax base is growing, and enrollments are escalating," said Lomax.

It is projected that Snyder ISD will lose over $31 million in valuation, and enrollment has dropped 81 students since the end of the first six weeks of school.

The district receives $2,656 per average daily attendance.

Currently, Snyder ISD has a tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation — the maximum allowed by law to fund daily school operations.

It is projected that the effective tax rate — the rate needed to raise the same amount of money as the previous year — is $1.58.

"Looking at that figure...one that we can't even consider...it's pretty easy to see that we, or any other district in West Texas, can't lower rates and have effective programs," said Lomax, noting his disgust for tax proposals which fail to address districts affected by low oil prices.

Lomax said he feels that less than half of the districts in Texas will be able to lower their tax rates.

"But the state seems to favor districts which are located in fast-growing population areas," said Lomax.

The current bill would have some affect on local school teachers as it includes a proposed $3,000 salary increase. This is in addition to any raise a teacher will normally receive for the coming school year.

The bill has had more than 150 amendments pre-filed, including several that would authorize a school voucher plan allowing tax money to be used to pay tuition for some students to attend private schools.

Rep. David Counts has expressed his opposition to a voucher system several times, and at one time, Sen. Tom Haywood said he was in favor of a pilot program for the system "just to see how it might work."

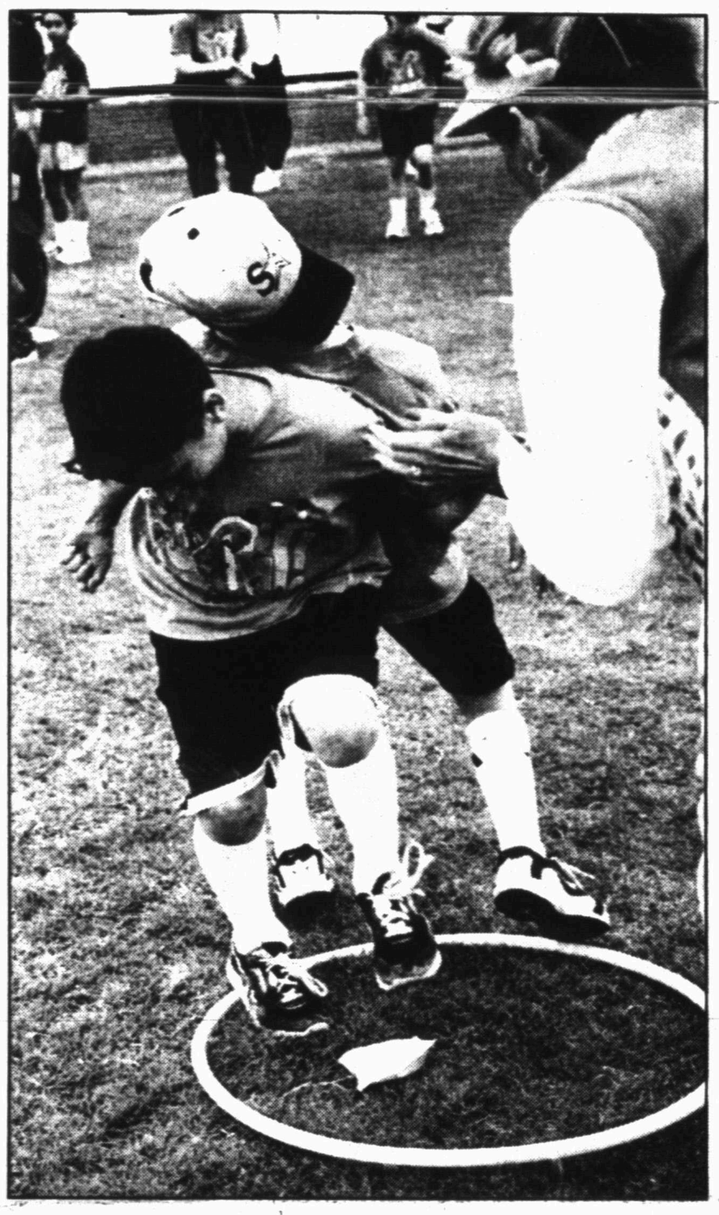
Trial cancelled; accused to plea

Plea bargain agreements are currently underway for a 23-year-old Snyder man whose trial was scheduled to start this morning.

The jury was cancelled for Ruben Delao Jr. who has been charged with injury to a child.

Delao of 1205 13th Street has been free on bond since the Sept. 19 incident in which he is accused of hitting a child less than 14 years of age, Gabrielle Shay Munoz, with a shoe.

A panel of 140 prospective jurors had been scheduled to report to 132nd District Court.



EAST BUMP — East Elementary students played the bump during last week's Play Day. Students stood back-to-back and locked arms. First their teacher tossed a bean bag which they had to catch between their shoulders. Then, still back-to-back, they had to walk to the hoola hoop and drop the bean bag inside the circle. Janine Schoolcraft observes David Garza and Wesley Price as they successfully complete the bump. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Local blood drive to begin Tuesday

A special community "Healing of the Hearts" blood drive will be held this week. All eligible donors are invited to the drive which is being sponsored by United Blood Services and the Snyder Auxiliary Blood Drive Committee.

It begins Tuesday with the Snyder community drive being held in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Donors may give blood between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the blood drive moves to Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the doctor's lounge where donors may give blood between noon and 5 p.m.

The Price Daniel Unit will conduct its drive for employees on Thursday in the unit's visitation room from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Appointments can be made for the community drive by calling Martha or Bill Schiebel at 573-8626.

With recent tragedies across the nation as well as the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary and the many volunteers of the Scurry County Blood Drive Committee thought it only appropriate to invite all eligible blood donors to the special "Healing of the Hearts" event.

United Blood Services needs 150 units of blood daily to secure hospital inventories to the 21 area hospitals in sixteen counties they supply.

Each donor will be eligible to receive coupons from Dairy Queen, Whataburger, Taco John's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's and Golden Corral.

Every fifth donor will receive a six-pack of cola from Wal-Mart while every other donor will receive a coupon for a regular order from Gill's Fried Chicken.

Other coupons to be given away include 10 Cinamon buns from Grandy's, 10 Whopper Burgers from Burger King, 50 coupons for a Chicken "Quick Pack" from Ken's Chicken, 50 assorted coupons from McDonald's and two Sunday dinners for two from The Shack.

In addition, nine $5 gift certificates will be given away each from Jaramillo's, Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's and Subway.

Two $12.50 gift certificates will be given from the Rusty Spur Cafe at the Wagon Wheel Ranch and a $25 gift certificate will be given away from Tiger Health and Fitness Center.

NATO bombing blunders threaten to erode support

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two months of NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia, allied and congressional support is eroding because of an increasing number of bombing blunders against embassies, hospitals, and ethnic Albanian refugees and fighters.

Germany is so worried the alliance might "lose our moral ground" that its foreign minister was heading to Washington to talk with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright about new diplomatic approaches to end the conflict.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Sunday the air war's mistakes unfairly are blemishing the U.S. military, which he said has been sent on a mission in Yugoslavia that air power alone cannot win.

However, the commander of the NATO air war told The Washington Post in Monday's editions he believes Serb forces inside Kosovo will be routed by bombing raids alone within two months.

In an interview in Vicenza, Italy, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short told the paper he has deployed within the past week a second squadron of A-10 Warthog tank killers, which he described as the "optimum weapon" for finding and destroying targets in the Kosovo environment.

"If you are getting pounded by B-1s and B-52s and A-10s are chasing you every day, and if you know that every time you move you are liable to be hit, at some point your spirit will break, particularly if you are not getting any help from Belgrade," Short said.

"I don't have a good feel for knowing how close they are to breaking, but I'll tell you that if we do this for two more months, we will either kill this army in Kosovo or send it on the run."

From President Clinton's perspective, NATO is more unified than when the bombing began March 24, though not without differences, he wrote in Sunday's New York Times.

"While there may be differences in domestic circumstances, cultural ties to the Balkans and ideas on tactics, there is no question about our unity on goals and our will to prevail," he wrote.

Still, allies clearly have become edgy in recent days as incidents causing civilian casualties through "collateral damage" or mistaken attacks piled up this month:

—Joschka Fischer, Germany's foreign minister, suggested NATO re-evaluate its targeting strategy.

Lawmakers calling for Reno to resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers, including a normally staunch Democratic defender of the Clinton White House, say Attorney General Janet Reno should resign, or at least consider doing so, because of what they call the administration's tepid response to alleged nuclear spying by China.

The comments, made on the Sunday television talk shows, came as a special House committee prepares to release a report detailing China's quest for American military secrets.

"I believe the Justice Department is adrift," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "I believe that the attorney general ought to resign and she ought to take her top lieutenants with her."

In response, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said today "the president has confidence in the attorney general" and noted that she had directed an internal investigation into the FBI's and Justice's handling of the case involving a Los Alamos scientist, dating back to 1982.

"It would be inappropriate to prejudge that review," Lockhart said.

Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, appearing with Shelby on CBS' "Face the Nation," also said President Clinton should talk with Reno about possibly stepping down.

"There is something wrong when the United States Congress on a bipartisan basis has so little confidence in the chief law enforcement officer of the United States," said Torricelli, who customarily supports administration policies.

"I think it's time for President Clinton to have a conversation with the attorney general about her ability to perform her duties and whether or not it is in the national interest for her to continue," he said.

Reno has long been under fire from GOP lawmakers for her refusal to have an independent counsel investigate charges the Chinese funneled illegal contributions to Clinton's 1996 presidential campaign.

This time, the issue is the Justice Department's refusal to approve FBI requests for a wiretap of Wen Ho Lee, a scientist at the Los Alamos, N.M., nuclear weapons laboratory who is suspected of passing secrets to Beijing.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said Reno had reviewed the decision and fully supported it. "The Justice Department cannot and must not authorize intrusion by the government into the lives of its citizens when the evidence presented as in this case fails to meet the standards established by the Constitution and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," Marlin said.

On Tuesday, a special House panel chaired by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., is to make public its report detailing how Chinese stole or otherwise obtained satellite and nuclear secrets over the past two decades.

MEETING THE PLAYERS — After Northeast students watched "Hansel and Gretel" at Snyder Junior High School, they got to meet the players. Northeast's Tyler Baze, Layla Constancio and Rashida Norman shook hands with Malorye Miller, Jade Taggart, Rachel Cave, Issac Hernandez and Clark Reed. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—Are there any RV parking spots or motel rooms still available for the Legends of Western Swing Festival?

A—According to the Chamber there are RV spots available at the coliseum, The Shack and Trailertopia. However, no motel rooms are available.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 92 degrees; low, 67; high Sunday, 92; low, 67; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1999, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 30% storms chance. Low, mid 60s. SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy; 30% storms chance. High, upper 80s. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Colton Brewster
Rain chance

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 143 days in 1999, the sun has shone 136 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Every day is a gift. Treat it kindly. Share it with joy."

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7th girls sell bars of candy

The seventh grade athletic girls at Snyder Junior High School recently participated in a fund-raising by selling candy bars. The girls plan to use the money they raised to remodel the SJHS girls' dressing room.

Fifty-nine girls participated in all. Megan Langham, the grand prize winner, received an eight pound chocolate candy bar.

Other top sellers were Janie Garcia, Holly Simmons, Misha Wofford, Katie Neves, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Sharday McKinney, Alex Gutierrez, Megan Fletcher, Priscilla Ybarra, Missy Vasquez.

All will receive a pizza party.

TOP SELLER — Meagan Langham, Snyder Junior High School seventh grader, displays the eight pound chocolate candy bar she received for being the top sales person during a recent fund-raiser. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Linda West recognized

ABILENE — Linda West of Snyder was named outstanding senior and she received the Vernie Newman Award at McMurry University.

Hobbs inducted

ABILENE — Jeffrey Cole Hobbs of Snyder was recently inducted into Hardin-Simmons University's Beta Phi Society.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national honor and service society that upholds the principles of scholarship, character and service. Students must be in the top 20 percent of their class to be invited into the society.

Keeling graduates

ODESSA — Tobye Keeling of Snyder graduated from Odessa College on May 14, receiving an associate of applied science degree in radiologic technology.

FOI bill gets final House OK

AUSTIN (AP) — A rewrite of Texas' open records laws that has been called a step forward by freedom-of-information advocates was approved Sunday by the state House.

Among its provisions, the bill would:

— Streamline the process by which the attorney general's office rules on whether governmental bodies must grant open records requests. It would shorten the maximum time in which the attorney general must rule on such issues from 60 to 45 days.

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

— Ban courts from prohibiting disclosure of information deemed public.

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

The bill already has been approved by the Senate. It returns there for consideration of House changes.

The open records bill is SB1851.

Credits parents

NEW YORK (AP) — Kate Hudson credits Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell — she calls them "Ma" and "Pa" — for keeping her grounded as she grew up in Hollywood.

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Study: Lobbying Legislature has become very big business

AUSTIN (AP) — Lobbying the Texas Legislature has become big business, with 1,700 special interests spending as much as $180 million this year trying to influence lawmakers, according to a new study.

The study, by the group Texans for Public Justice, looked at the 6,106 lobbying contracts filed with the Texas Ethics Commission at the middle of the current legislative session, which concludes May 31.

Of those, 5,830 of the contracts included financial compensation. Of the remaining 276 contracts, 195 reported maximum values of $0, or failed to provide any compensation information.

Clients paid a total of between $77 million and $180 million for lobbying, according to the reports. The figures aren't exact because Ethics Commission reports cover only broad ranges, such as $50,000 to $99,999.

The report said there were 1,579 registered lobbyists — nearly nine for each of the 181 members of the Legislature — and that the majority of them are working for business clients.

"We all have the constitutional right to petition the government, but getting listened to takes money," said Craig McDonald, director of the Public Justice group.

"While our legislative process is dominated by corporate interests, there is virtually no counter-balancing lobby to represent Bubba," he said.

The total amount of money reported on lobby spending for this year's legislative session was a 19 percent increase over the comparable figure reported for 1997, which was a maximum of $151 million.

The most contracts, and the most in fees, went to lobbyists for businesses grouped as finance, insurance and real estate. Those 1,675 contracts has a maximum reported value of $33 million.

The energy and natural resources industry was second, with 870 lobbying contracts worth a maximum of $30 million. Deregulation of the electric utility industry has been one of the key issues facing lawmakers this session.

Communications and electronics ranked third, with a maximum of $21 million in lobbying contracts. Telephone deregulation is another issue on which lawmakers have been working.

Fans greet singer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey greeted native son Bruce Springsteen with open arms and wallets over the weekend, though The Boss didn't play a note.

Fans snatched up 308,000 tickets for Springsteen's 15-night stand at the Continental Airlines Arena, from July 16 to Aug. 12.

School bill tentatively approved

AUSTIN (AP) — What's not included in a $3.8 billion school funding bill given preliminary approval by the House is just as important as what's there, says Annette Cootes of the Texas State Teachers Association.

A proposed amendment to tie a proposed teacher pay raise to student performance on a standardized test didn't make it on to the bill, and proposals to introduce state-paid vouchers for private-school tuition were withdrawn during Sunday's debate on the measure.

"There were some things that were pretty bad," Ms. Cootes said.

The group expressed appreciation for the bill's proposed $3,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers, although a $6,000 pay raise had been advocated by teacher associations to bring Texas salaries to the national average.

The way the salary provision is to be implemented, the $3,000 will be a minimum increase and many will get bigger raises, Ms. Cootes said.

"The average teacher is going to make a lot more than that. ...It's about $4,300 for the beginning teacher" over the two-year budget period," she said.

"They deserve more, but it's one of the biggest raises that we've every had in this state, so we can't complain. We'd be terribly ungrateful if we didn't say thank you on that."

House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, said the teachers deserve the thanks, citing improved student performance.

"Those tremendous gains in the education system of Texas are the result of a lot of long hours, hard work and dedication of our educational professionals in this state," he said as he opened debate on the $3.8 billion billion.

The measure also includes $1.2 billion in property tax relief, compared with $2 billion sought by Gov. George W. Bush. The governor, considered a leading GOP presidential prospect, has called the proposed House measure "a very strong step."

Some lawmakers said the property tax relief wouldn't be much of a savings to individual Texans and that the money could be put to better use. Officials said there would be an average reduction of 6 cents per $100 property valuation around the state.

Besides the pay raise and property tax relief, Sadler's bill would provide increased funding for school districts. It particularly targets "second-chance" programs for ninth-graders, Head Start and expansion of prekindergarten and kindergarten.

The bill requires another House vote before it returns to the Senate for consideration of House amendments. Senators can accept the changes or call for a conference committee to work out differences before the session ends May 31.

The school funding bill is SB4.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER — Amanda Whitson, right, Snyder Junior High School seventh grader, has won honorable mention and a $50 savings bond in an essay contest about "If I were mayor..." She is shown with Elaine Bragg, her advanced English teacher. Bragg said Snyder Mayor David Holt suggested having her students enter the contest. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Top Texas political donors give and get

HOUSTON (AP) — The top 100 individual and family political givers in Texas filled coffers to the tune of more than $30 million in the 1996 and 1998 elections, the Houston Chronicle reported in Sunday's editions.

Of that sum, $22 million was contributed by 35 people and families to state and national candidates. Most of the 100 are wealthy, white professionals and two are Hispanic. None is black.

Most of the Democratic contributors are trial lawyers; the Republican givers mostly are business people interested in less government and tax reduction.

One, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, doubles both as the 18th largest Texas political contributor at $498,500 and as a statewide public servant.

"If we don't support good candidates, then the other side is going to win, and we're going to have bad government," said Dewhurst, who would rank No. 1 if the $2.9 million he spent on his own campaign were counted.

San Antonio hospital bed magnate James Leininger ranks atop the list with $1.9 million in contributions from Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 31, 1998, according to a Chronicle examination records from the Federal Elections Commission, the Texas Ethics Commission and the private Center for Responsive Politics.

Leininger mostly gave to Republicans and candidates who support lawsuit reform and school vouchers. His total doesn't count his co-signing of a $1 million loan for GOP Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's campaign.

No. 2 on the list are lawyers John Eddie Williams of Houston and Kenneth Bailey of Beaumont, whose $1.7 million in contributions included $250,000 to John Sharp, Perry's unsuccessful opponent.

Central Awards

Central students have received the following awards.

SUPER KIDS

Third graders: Joe Garza, Devin Brown, Chad Franks, Travis Hatfield, Ernesto Arellano, Brooks Gafford, Michelle Yruegas, Dylan Bunch, Kaycee Loveall, Joshua Hoover, Jordan Derryberry, Matthew Arguello.

Unit Recognition

Third graders: Stacey Elam, Joseph Hefner, Kristina Chandler, Jennifer Free, Omar De Los Santos, Jackie Delgado, Bran Dee Harbin, Chase Peterson, Wes Richardson, Lauren Lunsford, Destiny Rylant, Christin Willson, James Hendricks, Jodie Guerrero, Cecelie Slaughter.

Oil Patch News

Howard County

Vista Resources Inc. will drill the No. 18-A Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile west of Chalk. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

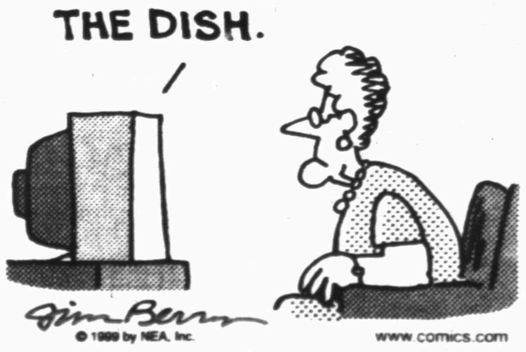
Miltex Oil Co. will drill the No. 2-12 Powell in the Howard-Glassock field, five miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Ensign Operating Co. will drill the No. 172-A Rotan Noddle Creek field unit, two miles northeast of Rotan. Planned for a depth of 3,620 feet, location is in Section 172, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Berry's World

High diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such craft
And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Date Book

Monday, May 24, 1999

Today is the 144th day of 1999 and the 66th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought?" from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, formally inaugurating the nation's first telegraph line.

On this day in 1962, Scott Carpenter became the second American astronaut to orbit Earth. He circled the globe three times in his spacecraft, Friendship 7.

On this day in 1982, Mrs. Christina Samane of South Africa gave birth to the heaviest baby on record — 22 pounds, 8 ounces.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victoria (1819-1901), British queen; Benjamin N. Cardozo (1870-1938), Supreme Court justice; Samuel Newhouse (1895-1979), publisher; Lilli Palmer (1914-1986), actress; Joseph Brodsky (1940-1996), poet; Bob Dylan (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 58; Priscilla Presley (1945-), actress, is 54; Paul Weller (1958-), musician, is 41; Joe Dumars (1963-), basketball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Al Unser Jr. won the Indianapolis 500, beating Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Freedom of expression is the matrix, the indispensable condition, of nearly every other form of freedom." — Benjamin N. Cardozo

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

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Two months into NATO bombing...

More questions about U.S. strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months into NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia, Clinton administration officials insist the bombing is working. A little more time, a little more patience, will finish the job.

But what if they are wrong, and Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic refuses to budge as his country crumbles? He has shown few signs of capitulating, and diplomacy has not worked.

With the Serbs dug in, even some of the most ardent supporters of NATO's air war have begun to express reservations — or at least admit the going is tougher than expected. Some suggest the administration appears indecisive. The pace of the military operation also has come into question.

"I think the Apache helicopter has become sort of the symbol for ineptitude right now," said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The 24 attack helicopters were sent to Albania several weeks ago with great fanfare, but they have yet to be used in Kosovo.

Daily damage reports from the Pentagon and NATO headquarters in Brussels detail the allies' successes since the attacks began March 24: bridges, military buildings, airfields, communication facilities, all smashed.

Such tallies do not really reflect the situation in the Serbian province, says John Hillen, an analyst with the private Center for Strategic and International Studies. He likens the reports to military briefings during the Vietnam War.

"We're told, 'We hit three bridges today.' That's as irrelevant to what's actually happening in Kosovo as the daily body count was to what was happening in Vietnam," Hillen said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other administration officials continue to say the airstrikes are taking a heavy toll on Milosevic's forces and will eventually force him to agree to NATO's peace terms. But administration officials also are aware of time pressures.

"The objectives are, simply stated, not easily achieved," Albright said in Senate testimony last week.

A more optimistic assessment came from NATO's air commander, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short, who said in an interview in today's Washington Post that he believes Serb forces in Kosovo will be routed by bombing raids alone within two months.

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Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday that Congress should "be supportive of the (airstrikes-only) decision, now that the decision has been made, and hope for the best. Absolutely. But I am very dubious about the likelihood for success just with bombing."

On CBS' "Face the Nation," Lott was asked whether the Senate would support committing ground combat troops, possibly from a force of 50,000 peacekeepers that Albright said the administration wants to amass as quickly as possible near Kosovo.

"If you're talking about fighting their way in there, absolutely not," Lott said. "The president has repeatedly told the American people that we would not use ground troops in a combat mode there."

In any case, time may soon run out to prepare for a possible ground offensive before winter, Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the top NATO commander, hinted last week during a Pentagon visit. Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Clark wanted to "sensitize people" to the time constraints of various options.

President Clinton also has taken note of doubts surrounding the military strategy.

"I know a lot of people have questioned what I've done and how I have done it in Kosovo," he told Democratic Party contributors in New York last week. "All I can tell you is I'm convinced I've done the right thing in the best available way. One of the things you hire a president to do is to think about all the implications of all the options that are available."

FLYING HIGH — Mark Keller long jumps during Northeast Elementary's annual playday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Bridal Couple Should Return Gifts From Called-Off Wedding

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My son and his fiancee recently canceled their wedding. She is in the Army. Before she left, our side of the family gave her a wonderful bridal shower, and they received an abundance of great gifts.

When we were told the wedding was "off," we went to her mother's house to get the gifts to return them to our family members. Her mother informed us that they were her daughter's gifts, and she was already using them in Texas.

I said, "No, they were for a *couple* who were going to be married and are no longer going to be. The gifts must be returned." The woman told me she did not see why.

I tried to explain that my son recently got an apartment, but he would never have used the gifts knowing they were intended for the two of them when they got married.

Abby, is she right or am I?

EMBARRASSED
IN FREMONT, OHIO

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Since the wedding was canceled, the *couple* should have returned the gifts that had not been used. Neither you nor the bride's mother should have been involved in returning them.

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DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine wrote the enclosed poem for his daughter. After she read it, she managed to get off cocaine.

I just found out that my daughter has been using cocaine. I am sending her a copy. I hope it will also help her. Abby, I pray that you will put this in your column, which I read every day. God bless you always.

AN ARIZONA READER

DEAR READER: I pray the message of this poem will inspire your daughter and other cocaine users to quit:

MY NAME IS COCAINE
by Larry Jackson

My name is Cocaine — call me coke for short.

I entered this country without a passport.

Ever since then I've made lots of scum rich.

Some have been murdered and found in a ditch.

I'm more valued than diamonds, more treasured than gold.

Use me just once and you too will be sold.

I'll make a schoolboy forget his books.

I'll make a beauty queen forget her looks.

I'll take a renowned speaker and make him a bore.

I'll take your mother and make her a whore.

I'll make a teacher forget how to teach.

I'll make a preacher not want to preach.

I'll take all your rent money and you'll be evicted.

I'll murder your babies, or they'll be addicted.

I'll make you rob, and steal, and kill.

When you're under my power, you will have no will.

Remember, my friend, my name is "Big C."

If you try me one time, you may never be free.

I've destroyed many actors, politicians and heroes.

I've decreased bank accounts from millions to zero.

I'll make shootings and stabbings a common affair.

Once I take charge, you won't have a prayer.

Now that you know me, what will you do?

You'll have to decide — it's all up to you.

Listen to me, and please listen well,

When you ride with Cocaine, you're headed for *hell*.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30; games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FRIDAY

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

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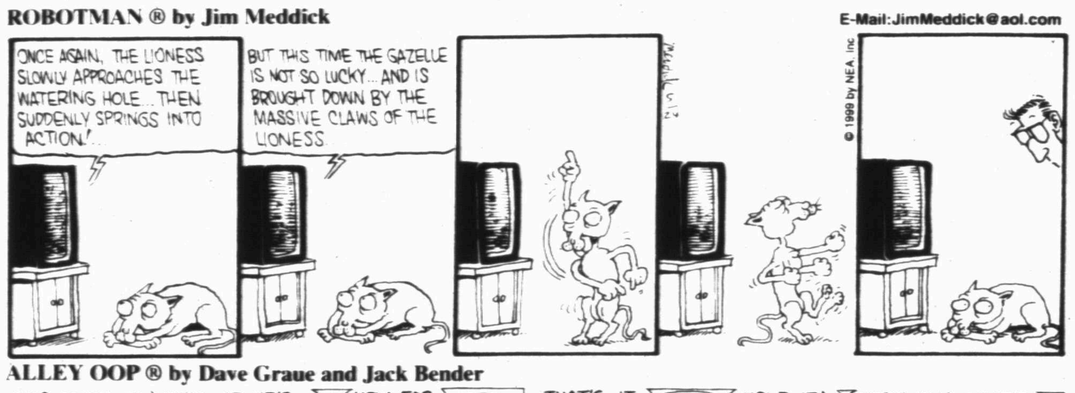

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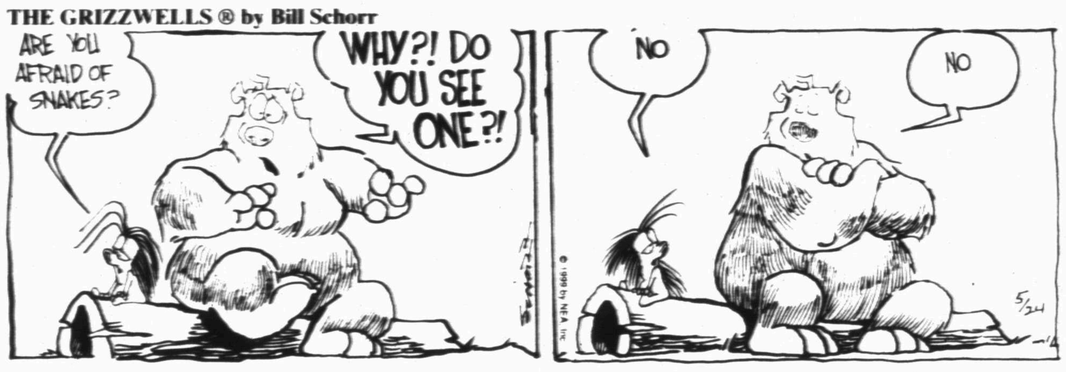

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17 Watches
18 Nuclear physicist's unit
20 Electrical units
21 Uses a lever
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33 Legendary cowboy — Bill
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36 Declare anew
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40 Like St. Peter's
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47 Brother of Jacob
51 Dolts
53 Geometrical line
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1 Egyptian goddess
2 Southern bread
3 She, in Cherbourg
4 Signals
5 ABA member
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7 Put forth
8 Pasture sound
9 Somewhat, in music
10 Desire
11 Son of Noah
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21 Group of five
22 Exhausted gradually
23 British nobleman
24 Talk wildly
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37 Ruffle, as hair
38 Ambulance worker: abbr.
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42 Word on Irish coins
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54 Dancer Miller

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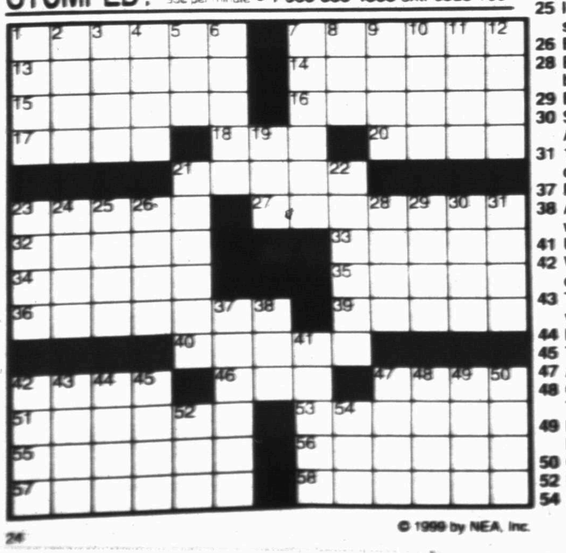

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SPORTS

Spurs finish Lakers with 118-107 win

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — It's on to the Western Conference finals for the surging San Antonio Spurs.

And vacation time for the over-hyped Los Angeles Lakers.

Tim Duncan had 33 points, 13 rebounds and four assists, and the Spurs broke open a tight game at the start of the fourth quarter in beating the Lakers 118-107 Sunday to complete a four-game sweep of the conference semifinals.

Now, the Spurs get some time off before facing the winner of the Utah-Portland series, with a berth in the NBA Finals at stake.

And the Lakers, who haven't won a championship since 1988, have the summer to try and figure out what went wrong. Again.

Reserve Jaren Jackson added 20 points and Avery Johnson had 19 points and 10 assists for the Spurs, who went 39-of-54 from the foul line compared to 23-of-36 for the Lakers.

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 36 points and 14 rebounds. Rick Fox added 17 points and Kobe Bryant had 16 points and eight rebounds for Los Angeles.

The Spurs, who have home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, have never advanced to the NBA Finals, much less won a championship.

This could be their year.

They've reached the conference finals three times previously, most recently four years ago, when they lost to eventual champion Houston in six games.

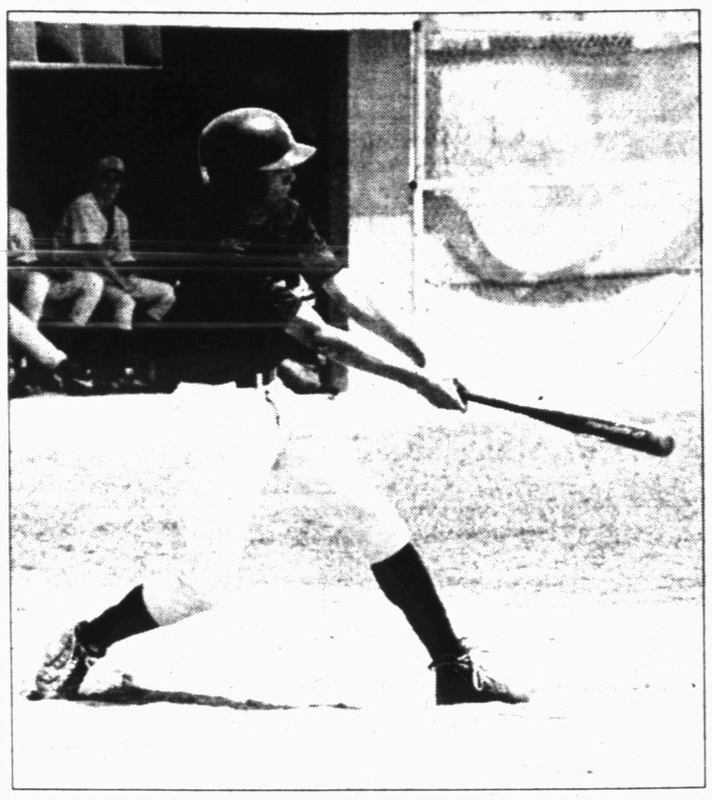
The game was the final regular-season contest for the Lakers at the Forum, where they've played their home games since Dec. 31, 1967.

They are scheduled to play two exhibition games at the Forum next fall before moving to the new Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles for the 1999-2000 season.

The Spurs, who never trailed, seemed to have the game well in hand late in the third quarter, leading 86-72.

But then, with the sellout crowd of 17,505 in a frenzy, the Lakers scored the final 12 points of the quarter to draw within two.

However, the Spurs went on a 13-0 run to start the fourth quarter and put the game away.



BASE HIT — Ira's Drew Wall slaps a base hit Saturday during the Bulldogs' 9-7 bi-district victory over Marfa. Wall was 2-for-4 on the day with two RBI, while also recording five put outs from his third base position. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs outlast Shorthorns, will face Ranger in area series

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — They didn't earn any style points, but the Ira Bulldogs earned a berth in the area playoffs, nevertheless.

Ira took advantage of Marfa's early pitching woes, then held on to notch a 9-7 bi-district victory over the Shorthorns at Lobo Field.

In a game which saw the two teams combine for 17 walks, nine errors and only 10 hits, the Bulldogs' perseverance paid off in the end.

"Both teams were a little shaky at times," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "But I'm proud of our kids for sticking with it and getting the job done in the end."

With Ira holding a 9-3 lead entering the final inning, Marfa put together its biggest threat of the day.

The Shorthorns chased Ira starter Jerek Brown with a lead-off single and a walk. Then drew consecutive walks from reliever Jase Olvera to trim the margin to 9-4.

Olvera notched a strikeout, before the Shorthorns scored another run on a fielder's choice. A passed ball cut the Bulldogs' advantage to 9-6. Marfa got its final run on an Ira error, before the Bulldogs' freshman reliever Olvera buckled down to strike out the Shorthorns' best hitter, ending the contest.

"Jase hadn't pitched since May 11, so he was a little rusty at first," Edwards remarked. "But he settled down and regrouped to get the three outs that we needed. He's a good pitcher and he'll just keep getting better with age."

Marfa took the first lead of the day in the first inning, scratching out a run on three walks and an error.

Shorthorn starter Josh Melindez returned the favor in the bottom fo the frame, issuing four walks and hitting a batter as Ira posted three runs without a hit.

Two more Bulldog miscues allowed Marfa to knot the tally in the third, before Ira took the lead for good.

Seth Sterling and Jenson Gainer slapped back-to-back singles in the bottom of the third, then came around to score on a Marfa error. The Bulldogs never trailed again.

Brown struggled at times, but finished the day with nine strike-outs and six walks. The Ira ace had help behind him, particularly from third baseman Drew Wall. Wall had five put outs on the afternoon, to go along with a 2-for-4 performance at the plate.

"Drew had a great game," Edwards said. "He hit the ball well, but also made some big plays in the field. A couple of times he saved some runs by making the play when he had to."

Marfa ends its season with a 6-6 mark, while Ira improves to 10-5.

The Bulldogs advance to face Ranger in a three-game area play-off series at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Game 1 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, with Game 2 slated for 2 p.m. Saturday.

Marfa	ab	r	h	bi
Garcia cf	4	2	0	1
Madrid lf	4	0	0	0
Melindez p	4	1	3	0
Palladez c	4	0	0	0
Vasquez 2b	3	2	1	1
Spencer dh	2	0	0	0
Jennings pr	0	1	0	0
Vallenzuela ss	3	1	0	0
Weitzel rf	3	0	1	1
Campbell 3b	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	5	3

Ira	ab	r	h	bi
P.Jamison lf	3	1	1	0
Olvera ss	0	2	0	0
Brown p	2	2	0	0
D.Wall 3b	4	1	2	2
Sterling 1b	3	1	1	0
Gainer c	4	1	1	0
Wilkins cf	3	0	0	1
J.Jamison dh	2	0	0	1
T.Jamison rf	3	1	0	0
Totals	24	9	5	4

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Weitzel	2 1-3	3	5	2	2	3
Campbell	3	2	1	1	2	2
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Brown	6	5	5	3	6	9
Olvera	1	0	2	1	2	2

Baltimore batters Texas, 15-6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Brady Anderson set an AL record by getting hit by a pitch twice in the same inning, and he came around to score each time during a 10-run first that sparked the Baltimore Orioles to a 15-6 rout of the Texas Rangers on Sunday night.

Anderson was hit twice by Mike Morgan, who was yanked after plunking the Orioles' leadoff hitter a second time. Morgan (6-4) was charged with eight runs and the only outs he recorded were on two sacrifice flies.

It was the third time in baseball history that a player has been hit by a pitch twice in the same inning. Willard Schmidt of the Cincinnati Reds did it in 1959 and Frank Thomas of the New York Mets did it in 1962.

Mike Bordick hit a three-run double and B.J. Surhoff had a two-run homer during the 10-run inning, which tied a franchise record. The Orioles scored 10 runs in an inning three times previously, most recently in 1985 against Seattle.

Mike Mussina (7-1) was the beneficiary of the barrage, although the Orioles' ace didn't need nearly that much backing. The right-hander allowed two runs on nine hits over seven innings and improved to 6-0 at home this season.

It was the second straight Sunday in which the Orioles unloaded on Texas pitching. One week earlier, Baltimore got 24 hits in a 16-5 rout.

Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McLemore, and Juan Gonzalez homered for the Rangers, who have lost five of seven. Texas starters are 0-5 with a 12.38 ERA during that span.

After the Rangers got a first-inning run on an RBI single by Gonzalez, the Orioles went to work. Anderson got hit in the back by a pitch and Bordick singled before Surhoff hit a sacrifice fly. Morgan then walked Albert Belle, Jeff Conine doubled in a run and Cal Ripken hit a two-run double.

Delino DeShields followed with a single and Rich Amaral hit a sacrifice fly. After a single by Charles Johnson, Morgan hit Anderson again and was replaced by John Burkett, pitching in relief for the first time since July 17, 1991.

Bordick greeted Burkett with a bases-loaded double and Surhoff followed with his seventh homer before Belle, the 13th batter of the inning, struck out.

Johnson hit his 10th homer, a solo shot in the third, for an 11-1 lead and Anderson singled in a run in the fifth.

Lee Stevens doubled and scored on a double-play grounder in the seventh and Palmeiro hit a solo homer off Rocky Coppinger in the eighth before the Rangers added an unearned run.

The Orioles made it 15-4 in the eighth on a run-scoring groundout by Belle and a two-run double by DeShields.

McLemore and Gonzalez hit solo homers in the ninth.

Huskers top Baylor for tourney title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Nebraska's baseball team took all the guesswork out of whether it will go to an NCAA tournament regional.

The Cornhuskers survived a ninth-inning scare Sunday to beat Baylor 4-3 in the championship game of the Big 12 Tournament and earned an automatic berth in the NCAA field.

Chad Wiles threw two innings of hitless relief and left fielder John Cole made a leaping catch on a line drive to end the game as the Huskers (41-16) earned their first NCAA appearance since 1985.

"We're going for sure and that's the way to do it — make them give it to you," coach Dave Van Horn said.

"We competed well against everybody we played (during the season)," he said. "It just all kind of came to a head this weekend and we got it done."

Baylor (46-13) is assured of a postseason berth. The Bears are one of three Big 12 teams that will be playing host to regionals next week.

The victory gave Nebraska its first baseball championship since 1950, when the Huskers won the Big 7 title.

Baylor stranded nine runners, including two left on in the second, third and ninth innings when the Bears failed to score.

"We were just a couple of inches away," Jennings said. "We played well every game, including this game. It's disappointing. It will hurt all five hours back to Waco.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 22
Colorado 2, Dallas 1, Colorado leads series 1-0
Sunday, May 23
Buffalo 5, Toronto 4, Buffalo leads series 1-0
Monday, May 24
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 28
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 29
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Colorado at Dallas, 2 p.m., if necessary
Monday, May 31
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, June 1
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 2
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Thursday, June 3
No games scheduled
Friday, June 4
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, June 5
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	26	17	.605	-
NewYork	25	19	.568	1½
Philadelphia	22	20	.524	3½
Montreal	13	28	.317	12
Florida	13	31	.295	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	26	16	.619	-
Chicago	23	18	.561	2½
St.Louis	23	19	.548	3
Cincinnati	21	19	.525	4
Pittsburgh	21	22	.488	5½
Milwaukee	20	22	.476	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	25	19	.568	-
Arizona	24	21	.533	1½
LosAngeles	22	21	.512	2½
Colorado	18	22	.450	5
SanDiego	17	25	.405	7

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 9, New York 3
Arizona 8, Colorado 3
San Francisco 3, Houston 1
Atlanta 4, Chicago 2
Montreal 12, Milwaukee 4
Pittsburgh 11, Florida 4
Cincinnati 3, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 10, St. Louis 7
Sunday's Games
Chicago 5, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 13, Montreal 4
New York 5, Philadelphia 4
Colorado 7, Arizona 6
Pittsburgh 6, Florida 5
Houston 4, San Francisco 1
Cincinnati 6, San Diego 2
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3
Monday's Games
Montreal (Batista 3-1) at Philadelphia (Bennett 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
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Florida (Meadows 3-4) at Chicago (Trachsel 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 4-3) at Milwaukee (Abbott 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 3-3) at Houston (Hampton 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Brock 4-3) at St. Louis (Jimenez 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 3-3) at Arizona (Johnson 4-2), 10:05 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	26	17	.605	-
NewYork	24	18	.571	1½
TampaBay	22	22	.500	4½
Toronto	21	25	.457	6½
Baltimore	16	27	.372	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	30	12	.714	-
KansasCity	22	20	.524	8
Chicago	19	21	.475	10
Detroit	19	24	.442	11½
Minnesota	16	27	.372	14½

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	23	20	.535	-
Seattle	21	22	.488	2
Anaheim	21	23	.477	2½
Oakland	21	23	.477	2½

Saturday's Games
Boston 6, Toronto 4
Detroit 6, Cleveland 2
Texas 8, Baltimore 7
New York 10, Chicago 2, 1st game
Chicago 2, New York 1, 2nd game
Anaheim 8, Tampa Bay 6
Minnesota 2, Oakland 1, 10 innings
Seattle 7, Kansas City 4
Sunday's Games
Boston 10, Toronto 8
Cleveland 7, Detroit 4
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 0, 10 innings
Minnesota 8, Oakland 3
Kansas City 5, Seattle 4
New York 8, Chicago 7, 10 innings
Baltimore 15, Texas 6
Monday's Games
Texas (Clark 2-3) at Tampa Bay, (Arrojo 2-4) 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 2-4) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 4-4) at Detroit (Moehler 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 1-0) at New York (Irabu 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 2-5) at Minnesota (Perkins 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Texas (Glynn 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Witt 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 5-3) at Cleveland (Nagy 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 3-2) at Detroit (Mlicki 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 3-2) at New York (Hernandez 4-4), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 2-2) at Minnesota (Rath 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-5) at Anaheim (Olivares 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Oquist 4-3) at Oakland (Rosado 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

Houston 4, San Francisco 1...

Astros knock off Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jose Lima allowed four hits in eight innings for his eighth straight win and Jeff Bagwell hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh as the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 4-1 Sunday.

With the win, the Astros avoided being swept in the three-game series, which marked Houston's final regular season appearance at the Giants' wind-swept ballpark. The Giants move into their new downtown stadium starting next season.

Lima (8-1) allowed Marvin Benard's home run to start the game but held the Giants scoreless over the next seven innings. He struck out two and walked one in becoming the NL's first-eight game winner, including a 5-0 mark on the road.

Billy Wagner got three outs for his 12th save.

Bagwell's homer came off rookie Joe Nathan (2-1), who fanned Bagwell to end the game last Sunday, preserving the Giants' 11-inning, 5-4 win in Houston.

Nathan came on to start the seventh and walked Lima and Craig Biggio on eight pitches. He struck out Russ Johnson, bringing up Bagwell, who had two strike-outs and a walk in his previous plate appearances.

Bagwell worked the count full, as he did in their last meeting, but this time he drove Nathan's next offering over the center field wall for his 14th homer of the year.

San Francisco starter Shawn Estes, given a 1-0 lead when Benard homered off Lima to start the game, ran into trouble in sixth.

He issued successive walks to Russ Johnson and Jeff Bagwell and after Derek Bell popped out, Richard Hidalgo blooped a single into shallow left field to tie it.

NBA GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 17
Indiana 94, Philadelphia 90
San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers 81
Tuesday, May 18
New York 100, Atlanta 92
Utah 93, Portland 83
Wednesday, May 19
Indiana 85, Philadelphia 82
San Antonio 79, L.A. Lakers 76
Thursday, May 20
New York 77, Atlanta 70
Portland 84, Utah 81
Friday, May 21
Indiana 97, Philadelphia 86
Saturday, May 22
Portland 97, Utah 87
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 91
Sunday, May 23
Indiana 89, Philadelphia 86, Indiana wins series 4-0
New York 90, Atlanta 78, New York leads series 3-0
San Antonio 118, L.A. Lakers 107, San Antonio wins series 4-0
Portland 81, Utah 75, Portland leads series 3-1
Monday, May 24
Atlanta at New York, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25
Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 27
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Friday, May 28
Atlanta at New York, TBA, if necessary
Saturday, May 29
Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, May 30
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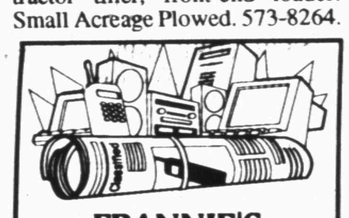

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Doctor to doctor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am embarrassed to see that you have an M.D. after your name. I cannot understand why you have to criticize us, your colleagues, given the problems we doctors are facing today. You do nothing more than undermine public opinion. Your second-rate column seems geared to gain popularity with that fraction of the population that embraces your bias, rather than practicing the art for which you were supposedly trained.

DEAR DOCTOR: Your letter is representative of a small but ongoing trickle of mail that I continue to receive from physicians who are dismayed at my approach. I guess this is as good a time as any to respond.

Like you, doctor, I am a practicing physician who is well aware of the difficulties facing our profession. I worry about the same issues that concern other doctors, including erosion of public confidence, escalating litigation, long working hours and the pervasively negative effects of managed care. However, I believe — as do many physicians — that we cannot solve these problems by being greedy, arrogant, pompous and self-righteous. I think that we need to loosen up a bit, develop some perspective, chuckle a little at our foibles and idiosyncrasies. Consequently, I often use satire to poke fun at my colleagues — and at myself, in the same breath.

Judging from the mail I receive, the public responds to this approach. Most patients yearn for their doctors to admit humanness, to acknowledge that we don't know everything, to be more caring and compassionate.

I offer opinions in my column, and readers sometimes question these opinions; that's encouraging, because it show that people are thinking about issues. Occasionally I make a factual or interpretive miscalculation; that's all right, too. After all, I am only human.

When necessary, I call on specialists for advice and help in answering readers' questions. I invite readers to query me and, most particularly, their own doctors.

So, I don't believe that I need to apologize for being a physician who is also a patient-advocate. Nor do I feel guilty about my puckish tendency to deflate and engage in audacious irreverence. That's simply my way of making a point.

When one of my associates persisted in complaining too often and too vociferously about the professional problems he was experiencing, a nurse at the hospital resolved the issue with one comment. She smiled and asked: "Doctor, would you like some cheese an crackers to go with your whine?" Zap!

Paul Theroux, the novelist, once wrote that "humor...has a tendency to distort gleefully in order to express a truth." Doctor, look to thyself.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: About six months ago, I had laryngitis and lost my voice. I had no fever, so I didn't see a doctor. Although the situation resolved in a few days, I have lost my sense of taste; everything tastes flat. Moreover, my sense of smell has also been affected. What's going on?

DEAR READER: Taste is experienced through special receptors on the tongue. This sense is not affected by laryngitis. However, we obtain much of our "taste" perception through the organs of smell. Therefore, upper respiratory infections, notably in the sinuses, are often associated with diminished taste, as well as smell, even though the taste receptors themselves are not affected. In your case, your nose was probably infected by the same microorganisms that attacked your tongue. A continuing taste problem may indicate the presence of a sinus infection. Although you successfully avoided seeing a physician at the beginning of your illness, I suggest that you see a doctor now, because you may have developed a low-grade sinus infection that needs treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 87 and have advanced osteoporosis, for which my doctor prescribed Fosamax, calcium supplements and vitamin D. He wants me to have another bone density test done in a year. Is this necessary?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes. The bone density test is quick, safe, painless and inexpensive. It measures the density of calcium in certain bones. One of the advantages of Fosamax is that it increases bone density. Therefore, your doctor has recommended a repeat study to make sure that the Fosamax is an effective remedy. If it is, your bone density will increase. If it isn't, alternative therapies — such as Miacalcin nasal spray — may have to be considered.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: I have been diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome. After each bowel movement, I feel shaky, short of breath, weak and jittery. I have a really sore spot in the right lower abdomen. What can I do for this?

DEAR READER: You must have the granddaddy of irritable colons. The shakiness, shortness of breath, weakness and pain indicate that your bowel problem may be far more involved than the ordinary type of irritable bowel syndrome.

If your colon is so spastic that it causes such symptoms, you should be under the care of a gastroenterologist. Irritable bowel syndrome is usually a handicap, not a disability.

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Singer credits grandma

NEW YORK (AP) — Gloria Estefan might not have had a career in music if it wasn't for the influence of her maternal grandmother.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-24-99
♠ 8 4 3
♥ 7 6 5
♦ K J 9
♣ A Q J 4

West
♠ 10 7 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 8 7 6 3

East
♠ J 9
♥ A J 8 3 2
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ 5 2

South
♠ A K Q 6 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K 10 9

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

After the courses

By Phillip Alder

For the first three months of the year, I am very busy teaching classes. So, books for review and readers' mail pile up, awaiting mid-April when things finally quiet down. Let's start by looking at the books.

First is "Eddie Kantar Teaches Modern Bridge Defense" (Master Point Press). This covers the basics of defense, so is at an intermediate to intermediate-plus level. (There's no such thing as beginners' defense, it seems to me.) As always with a Kantar book, the text is written in a lively style. And I approve of his using ace from ace-king, so there are no trick-one ambiguities after a king-lead.

This deal would test even sophisticated pairs. How should the defense go against two spades?

West leads the heart king. As you, East, hold the ace, it looks natural to encourage a continuation by signaling with the eight. However, take two seconds to survey the dummy. Look at the diamond position. You would like partner to switch to that suit at trick two. Give your side a chance by dropping the heart *two* at trick one.

It shouldn't be too difficult for West to find the diamond switch. You take, say, dummy's nine with your 10, return a low heart to partner's queen, and cash two more diamond tricks. That's five in, but where's number six? Lead the 13th diamond — it effects a trump promotion for your side.

Kantar concludes, "Don't leave this deal until you are sure you understand what happened here."

The book is $22.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Investigation continues into A-1 Auto Parts theft

Officers are investigating a weekend theft at A-1 Auto Parts in which a reported $900 was taken from the store.

At 7:21 p.m. Sunday, an officer was called to the 3705 College Avenue location where Murray Olsen advised that two 13-year-old male juveniles had stolen $900 from his counter. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

However, police officials said this morning no suspects have been arrested and the investigation continues.

Nine people were taken into custody over the weekend, including one subject on a felony drug charge.

At 5:52 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested 20-year-old Stephanie Ann Sears in the 1900 block of Kings Hwy. for felony possession of a controlled substance. She was also charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Her address is listed as P.O. Box 560 in Snyder.

Officers took a 27-year-old male into custody at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the 900 block of 29th Street for Class C assault/family violence.

A 21-year-old male was arrested at 7:26 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 26th Street on outstanding warrants on two counts of Class C assault/family violence and failure to identify.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated sent a 29-year-old male to jail at 8:26 p.m. Saturday. He was arrested by deputies in Winston Park.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 36-year-old male into custody at 11:52 p.m. Saturday one mile north of Dunn on Hwy. 208. He was arrested for no valid drivers license and failure to identify.

Officers took a 20-year-old male into custody at 10:42 p.m. in the 3800 block of College for driving while license suspended.

At 10:31 p.m. Sunday, deputies arrested a 33-year-old male in the 700 block of Reed in Hermleigh for public intoxication.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 2:50 a.m. today in the 500 block of Avenue Q. Arrested were a 30-year-old male for public intoxication and a 17-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other weekend activity, offense reports for family violence were filed at 10:07 a.m. and 10:01 p.m. Saturday.

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 1:05 a.m. Sunday.

Births

Dylan Blake Sorrells was born at 1:11 a.m. on May 15 in Sweetwater to Nathan and Brandy Gill Sorrells. He weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Roy and Cindy Gill of Hermleigh. Great-grandparents are J.B. Davidson of Andrews, and the late Sharon Davidson. Great-great-grandmother is Dena Rankin of Levelland.

Paternal grandparents are Ricky and DeVelva Sorrells of Snyder, Byron and Gwen Sherman of Dayton, Tex. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Camp of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Don Sorrells of Hermleigh.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	66 1-16	65	65 5-16—1 1-16
AT&T Corp s	60 3-16	59⅛	59 13-16+ ⅜
AirTouch	105 1-16	104 5-16	104⅛
Albertsons	53 7-16	51⅞	52 15-16+1 3-16
AlldSignal	62⅝	60¼	62 3-16+1 3-16
Alltel	70 3-16	69 11-16	69 11-16— 3-16
AmOnline s	126 7-16	120	121 1-16— 5⅞
AmStores	32 11-16	31⅞	32 9-16+ 1
Ameritech	65 7-16	64⅛	64 15-16+1 3-16
AndrkPtr s	38 13-16	38	38⅛+ ½
Armcolnc	6⅝	6	7-16 6⅛
AtlRichfld	86 7-16	85⅞	85 13-16—11-16
ATMOS Egy	25⅞	25	5-16 25 5-16
Avnll	16 3-16	16	1-16 16 1-16— 3-16
BP Amoco	111 3-16	110⅛	110 11-16+ ⅛
BakerHughes	32 3-16	31	3-16 31⅛+ ⅛
Bank of Amer	66 7-16	65⅝	65 13-16— 1⅞
BellAtl s	56¼	55⅞	55⅝+ ⅛
BellSouth s	48⅝	47⅞	48⅛+ ½
BethSteel	9	8⅞	8⅞— ⅛
BurlNoSFe s	33¾	33¼	33 7-16— 5-16
CBS Corp	44 11-16	44	44 9-16+ 9-16
Caterpillar	60 11-16	60	1-16 60 5-16+11-16
CenSoWst	26	25⅞	25 13-16+ ⅛
Chevron	95 11-16	93⅞	95¼+1 13-16
Citigroup	66 15-16	65	5-16 65 5-16— 2⅛
Citigroup wi	44¼	44	44 — 1⅞
Coastal s	40⅛	39	13-16 40 11-16+ 9-16
CocaCola	68 7-16	67	9-16 67 13-16— 3-16
ColgatePalm	96	94	9-16 94 9-16— 1
ColgatePal wi	48⅞	48	48 — ⅛
ComclMetals	24¼	24	24¼+ 1-16
Cooperin	52 13-16	51	5-16 52 7-16+ 1
CyprusAmax	13 13-16	13	9-16 13 11-16+ 1-16
DaimlrChry n	92 11-16	91¼	91¼+ 1-16
DallSemicn	45⅛	44¼	44¼— 1-16
DeltaAirl s	60⅝	59⅛	59¼— ⅛
Dillards Inc	35⅞	34⅛	34 15-16+ 9-16
DowChem	129⅞	128	5-16 129¼+3 1-16
DuPont	70 5-16	68	9-16 69 9-16+1 5-16
EastmanChem	54	51	13-16 52 15-16+1 3-16
EstKodak	73	71	7-16 71 7-16—1 9-16
EDS Corp	59⅞	58¼	59⅛+15-16
Entergy	32⅞	32¼	32 5-16
Exxon	83¾	82⅞	83 3-16+ 7-16
Flowers	24	23⅞	23⅞+ ¼
FordMotor	58¼	57	9-16 57⅞— ⅜
GTE Cp	65	64¼	64½— 1-16
GenDynam	65⅞	65	65 — ½
GenElec	105 7-16	104	5-16 104 5-16+ 3-16
GenMills	79 7-16	77	11-16 79⅛+1 7-16
GenMotors	83 5-16	82	5-16 83 3-16— ⅛
GaPacGP	97⅞	93	7-16 96⅞+3 1-16
GaPacGP wi	47½	47¼	47⅞+ ⅞
GlobalMar	15 3-16	14⅞	14 15-16+ 3-16
Goodrich	44	43	7-16 43⅞— ⅛
Goodyear s	59⅛	58⅞	58¼— ⅛
GtAtlPac	33¼	33⅛	33 13-16+ ¼
Halliburts	42¼	42	1-16 42⅝+ ⅞
Hanson ADS	45	1-16	45⅝ + ¼
HartfFinls	23¼	22	15-16 23 + ⅛
HomeDepot	58⅞	56⅞	57⅞— ⅜
IBM	230 11-16	226⅞	226⅞— 3⅜
IBMwi	115⅞	114	114 — 1⅞
IntlPaper	56 5-16	55	1-16 55 15-16+15-16
JohnsonJn	92	15-16	92⅝2 — ⅛
K mart	16	13-16	16¼ 16 7-16—11-16
Kroger Co	54¼	53	11-16 54 1-16— ⅛
Litton	63	7-16	63⅝3 — 3-16
LockheedM s	42¼	41¼	41 15-16+11-16
Lowes Cos s	54	53¼	53 9-16— 5-16
Lubys	16	15-16	16 13-16 16⅞— ⅛
LucentTech s	58¼	56	15-16 57 — 9-16
MayDeptStr s	44⅞	44¼	44¼— 7-16
MediaOne	75	15-16	75¼ 75 5-16— ⅜
Medtronic	67¼	67⅞	67 11-16— ⅛
Mobil	104¼	102	13-16 103 9-16+ 7-16
Monsanto	42	7-16	41⅞ 42 — 2⅞
MorganJP	138 11-16	135⅞	136 —2 11-16
Motorola	87⅞	85¼	87⅛+1 1-16
NCR Corp	41	11-16	41⅞ 41 7-16— ⅛
Nevistar	54⅞	54¼	54 5-16— 7-16
Penney JC	54	7-16	52 13-16 53¼+11-16
PennEnergy s	16	1-16	15⅞ 15⅞— 9-16
PepBoys	19	18	13-16 18 13-16— 3-16
PepsiCo	38¼	37	11-16 37 15-16— ⅜
PhelpDodge	60	15-16	59 7-16 60⅝+ ⅞
PhilipPet	51⅞	51¼	51⅞+ 9-16
PilgrmPrd B	21	11-16	21 11-16 21 11-16
Polaroid	22⅞	22	1-16 22 3-16—11-16
Praxair	53⅞	52⅞	53 1-16— ⅜
ProctGamb	98	96	7-16 96 7-16—13-16
PubSNwMx	20	9-16	19 11-16 20 9-16+ ⅞
ReliantEngy	31⅞	30	13-16 31⅝+ ⅜
RoyalDut	58	57	3-16 57⅞+ ⅜
SBC Comm	51	11-16	51 51 5-16+ ⅞
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SwstAirl s	31⅛	30	13-16 31 1-16+ 7-16
SprintFON n	111	108	3-16 110⅝+1 13-16
SprntFON wi	55¼	54	3-16 55 3-16+11-16
SprintPCS n	47¼	46¼	46 9-16+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc	33⅞	32	13-16 33 + 3-16
TNP Ent	34	9-16	34⅜+ ½
Tandy	79	13-16	78 7-16 78⅞+ 7-16
TempleInland	74⅞	72	74 5-16+2 9-16
Tenneco	25	24⅛	24⅛+ 9-16
Texaco	65	15-16	64 9-16 65⅞— ½
TexInd	34 5-16	33	13-16 33 15-16+ 1-16
TexasInst	115⅞	112¼	112⅛— ½
TexUtil	44	11-16	44 1-16 44⅛+ 7-16
Textron	95	5-16	94 5-16 95 1-16+ ½
TriconGlbR	59	7-16	58 5-16 58 5-16— ⅜
TrinityInds	36¼	35	9-16 35 13-16+ ⅜
TritonEngy	13¼	12⅞	13 + ¼
TylerTech	6	66	+ 1-16
US West Inc	53 7-16	52	5-16 52⅞— ½
USX-Marathn	31¼	30	13-16 31¼
USX-USS	29	28	9-16 28⅝+ 1-16
UnCarbide	56⅞	55	7-16 56⅛+ ¼
UnionPacif	57 13-16	56⅞	57⅞+1 5-16
UnitedTech s	65	7-16	64⅛ 64⅝+ ⅜
Unocal	42	1-16	41⅞ 41⅞— ½
Venator Grp	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
WalMart s	44¼	43	1-16 43⅛— ⅛
WellsFargo	41	9-16	40⅞ 40⅞— 1¼
WstnGasRs	13	11-16	13¾ 13¾— ⅛
WinnDixie	35	9-16	35⅞ 35 7-16+ ⅛
Xerox Cp s	60	5-16	59¾ 59⅞—13-16

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PTEN	8 1/8	-3/8
KMG	48 9/16	+5/8
WMT	43 1/16	-3/16
CPQ	25 1/16	0
ENE	73 15/16	+5/8
SRV	19	+5/16
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Safety campaign targets unbuckled children

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 5,700 law enforcement agencies nationwide are cooperating in a renewed campaign to ensure that children are properly buckled up when riding in automobiles.

From today through the Memorial Day weekend, officers will make a special effort to ticket motorists if children are not restrained in safety seats or seat belts, said the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign, sponsor of the semiannual crackdown.

"When the possibility of being in a crash does not motivate people to buckle up their children, the probability of receiving a ticket has proven to be a powerful motivator," Govs. John Engler of Michigan and Howard Dean of Vermont said in a recent letter asking colleagues for their support.

Six of 10 children killed in crashes were riding unrestrained, according to federal figures. About half of those children would be alive if they were restrained properly, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for children under 15. In 1997, more than 2,000 children were killed and 320,000 injured in traffic crashes, according to federal statistics.

All states have laws requiring that children younger than 4 be restrained while riding in a car, and many states also require that children younger than 16 wear seat belts.

But 27 states with seat belt laws for those older children do not cover all youngsters under 16 when they ride in the back seat.

All states allow police to stop and ticket motorists solely because the youngest children are not wearing a seat belt.

Only 15 states and the District of Columbia have primary seat belt laws for adults and older children. Other states have secondary seat belt laws that require police to first pull motorists over for some other traffic offense.

The safety campaign also seeks to persuade adults to buckle up because research has shown a belted driver is three times more likely to restrain a child. Between 60 percent and 70 percent of Americans wear seat belts, according to federal and state statistics.

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TxDOT...

Ira and Snyder schools receive grants, gifts

ABILENE — Ira and Snyder High Schools are among 29 high schools in the Abilene district receiving a $350 mini-grant each from the Texas Department of Transportation for Project Graduation 1999.

Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district safety coordinator, said she is pleased to report that the amount of this year's mini-grants is $50 more than has been given out in years past.

In addition to the grant, Mitchell visited each high school and presented the Project Graduation chairperson key chains for each of the graduates who attend their high school event.

These mementos bare the slogan, "Zero Tolerance — Think. Don't Drink." T-shirts baring the same slogan were also donated as door prizes.

"These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free around prom and graduation time," Mitchell said.

"We know the temptation seniors face this time of year as we've all been there ourselves," she added. "That's why we think it is so important to help finance prom and graduation all-night parties and to offer small tokens as reminders of the importance of remaining sober while making memories that will last a lifetime.

For the past several years TxDOT has made grants available through its Traffic Operations Division to support Project Graduation. The money is divided between the state's districts who then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools participating in their individual district.

Transportation officials report that this program is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

Project Graduation was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began in 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients.

The program was so successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. The more than 559 schools that participated in 1998 effected 117,000 students.

These mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Graduation event, Mitchell said, but to provide "seed money" for schools to start and support alcohol/drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover such expenses as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

RECEIVE GIFTS, GRANT — Snyder High School seniors check over key chains and T-shirts Brenda Mitchell, center, brought to the school for the graduating seniors. The key chains will be given to each graduating senior while the T-shirts will be used as door prizes during Project Graduation 1999. These tokens, which bare the slogan "Zero Tolerance — Think. Don't Drink," are reminders to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free around prom and graduation time. Students from left are Juan Arizmendi, Dana Durst, James Allen Shields and Erica Arellano. Mitchell is the traffic coordinator for the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene District. TxDOT is also providing a mini-grant of $350 to support Snyder's Project Graduation 1999. (TxDOT Photo By Mary Beth Kilgore)

Nevada...

40,000-year-old cheetah, camel bones found in cave

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Cheetah, camel and llama bones sealed in a Nevada cave for tens of thousands of years are giving scientists a glimpse at the ecosystem of the West before the last Ice Age.

The unusually well preserved cache from about 40,000 to 50,000 years ago includes bones from a wide variety of creatures now extinct — from the giant short-faced bear to huge deer and bison.

"This cave is kind of a Noah's Ark collection of species," said Tom Stafford, a Boulder, Colo.-based specialist who has been testing the bones.

The conditions at the back of the cave are like those of a modern refrigerator. Perhaps most intriguing to the scientists are the twigs, leaves, seeds and animal hair from which they believe they'll be able to extract DNA to compare the genetic makeup of past and present species.

"We could see how much evolution there has been," said Bryan Hockett, the Bureau of Land Management archaeologist who is leading a new excavation at the site.

Hockett, 37, and fellow archaeologist Eric Dillingham, 37, have been dragging bones out of the cave for the past two summers and next month plan the largest expedition yet into the 700-foot cavern.

The bones are in the back of a cave where miners left their mark in the 1860s. Hockett suspects the cave some 300 miles east of Reno was a den for large carnivores that dragged prey back to feed their young.

The find is evidence of the wildly diverse ecosystem in the western United States before the last big Ice Age, 18,000 years ago. It was a vast grassland where predators stalked grazing animals well before man is believed to have arrived on the scene 10,000 to 12,000 years ago.

Some of the bones are from animals which originate from the end of the Pleistocene Age. There are horses, mountain sheep, pronghorn antelope, wolves, weasels, badgers, coyotes, lizards, bats and birds.

The giant short-faced bear had a short snout and longer legs than a typical bear. It was much larger than bears today and a fast runner.

The cheetah remains are only the second discovered in Nevada. Fewer than 10 have been recorded in North America and the remains may shed light on a question that has bothered scientists for decades: Why are pronghorn antelope so fast?

"There was always speculation that there must have been a faster-running predator during the Pleistocene than we know of today because the American pronghorn can run so much faster than anything living here now that might have been a predator," said Robert Emry, a paleo-biologist at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in Washington.

Pulls no punches

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Sandra Bernhard pulled no punches about the Israeli-Arab conflict during a weekend performance.

Israelis and Palestinians? Both are "lazy" people who deserve one another, the comedian said. She was taking a break making jabs at celebrity culture during her "I'm Still Here ... Damn It" show in New York.

Violence raises idea of forced treatment for the mentally ill

NEW YORK (AP) — When Robin Simon hears talk of forcing the mentally ill to take psychiatric drugs, she remembers the 13 times she walked into hospitals only to be confined against her will.

She was given chemicals designed to treat manic depression, personality disorder and alcoholism. Now age 42 and a mental health counselor, she worries about proposals to require treatment for psychiatric patients who stop taking their medication.

"It gives me a sick feeling in my stomach to think that some people could go through what I went through, or even worse," Ms. Simon says. "You're taking away their voice to say, 'No, I don't want to have this.'"

Others argue that some people must be coerced into treatment to help themselves and to protect potential victims.

A series of recent crimes by mental patients — two police officers killed at the U.S. Capitol, a shooting spree at a Mormon library in Salt Lake City, a woman pushed in front of a New York subway train — has set off an emotional debate on the issue.

About 35 states have laws that let judges order patients to take anti-psychotic drugs. The outpatient commitment laws are designed to help patients who stop taking drugs because of side effects, the belief they don't need them or other reasons.

Opponents of court-ordered care say rare but well-publicized violent acts by the mentally ill point to a more urgent problem: an underfunded health care system that often loses track of troubled patients. They say court-ordered treatment is at best a shortsighted fix, at worst a violation of civil liberties.

People leaving mental hospitals "are walking out into a void, often," says Ira Burnim, legal director at the Judge David Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, D.C. "You're put on meds, you're doing fine, but there's no services available for you once you walk out the door."

Jay Oliver Sax, a 53-year-old with schizophrenia and depression, is grateful authorities forced him into treatment after spending several days loitering at New York's Pennsylvania Station two years ago.

"I was hanging around in Penn Station... licking the floor, literally, at 4 o'clock in the morning," he says. "I know if I'm in that kind of position I would require that kind of help. Some people need it."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

You could find yourself unusually lucky in the year ahead with friends of all types, whether they are old pals or brand new ones. They could help you make your dreams come true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because you are an open-minded individual, you could meet someone who others misinterpret or misjudge and see the potential in him or her. Chances are you'll become friends. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert for peculiar opportunities, because today could hold a number of them which, if taken advantage of, might be very meaningful to you financially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When facing a decision today, it might prove very helpful to discuss your dilemma in detail with your mate. It might surprise you how perceptive your spouse is about the problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In strange places and with unfamiliar firms, the type of work or service you're seeking might be found. Let your fingers do the walking when searching for some kind of unusual expertise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Through good communication and a hail-fellow-well-met attitude, you can achieve a personal objective today. So, rather than dwell in the commercial world to get what you want, mingle with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Things might not start to pop for you today until well into the afternoon, so don't let early morning stagnation stop you from moving forward with your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if at first someone's proposal sounds goofy to you, hear this person out in totality. When you start to get the complete picture, it may turn out to be something very interesting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Indifference or delays could deprive you of making some substantial gains financially. Today's opportunities will be as fleeting as they are unusual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The important thing is that you understand what you are doing today and not worry about if others do as well. Advance your self-interests in the manner that best suits you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Just because a partnership into which you're invited today is conducted along unconventional lines, doesn't mean it's of no value. If all is on the up-and-up, think of it as an adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't faint. Someone who is usually in opposition to all of your ideas or policies might surprisingly and unexpectedly join forces with you today in support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've got what it takes to achieve an important objective, but it might take an imaginative method or tactic to bring it about. Don't be afraid to discard anything that doesn't work.

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Optimistic about '99 peach crop

CLANTON, Ala. (AP) — Despite a winter described as the warmest in 40 years, peach farmers in Chilton County, Alabama's major producer of the fruit, say they're optimistic about this year's crop.

"It's a lot better crop than we ever dreamed we'd have this year," said Steve Wilson of Durbin Farms, who grows 150 acres of peaches.

Peach crops are notoriously fragile and can sustain damage from too much rain, drought or late freezes.

But this year's problem was the opposite: a mild winter. Last year, record cold threatened the peaches. In 1996, a late freeze wiped out all but 5 percent to 10 percent of the crop.

"Weather factors perhaps are more critical for peaches than for other crops," said Gary Gray, Chilton County extension agent. "Fruit crops have chilling requirements, unlike annuals that you plant every year. Some peaches have high or low chill requirements."

The persnickety peaches lacked a hard freeze this year, Gray said. Peaches need freezing temperatures to break dormancy. In Chilton County, about 1,100 to 1,200 winter hours typically are below 45 degrees; this year, the average was about 700 hours.

"We've had the least amount of cold weather we've seen since we started recording chill hours in 1957," Gray said.

Some trees requiring the coldest temperatures probably won't produce this year, he said. But others were assisted by a new growth regulator that boosts the plant out of dormancy.

Former POW honored with East LA parade

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A soldier recently released from captivity in Yugoslavia was honored Sunday with a parade through his native East Los Angeles.

Hundreds of admirers, many waving miniature American flags and clutching red, white and blue balloons, crammed the sidewalks of Whittier Boulevard to catch a glimpse of Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez

The crowd often chanted "An-dy! An-dy! An-dy!" as the grinning soldier passed by.

"I remember when I used to drive down (this street) in my mother's old car," Ramirez said. "This is a lot different."

The crowd also joined in a loud rendition of "Happy Birthday" for the soldier, who turns 25 on Monday.

Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone of Smiths Creek, Mich., and Spc. Steven Gonzales of Huntsville, Texas, were part of a U.N. peacekeeping force when they were captured by Yugoslav forces March 31 as they patrolled the Macedonia border.

They were freed May 2 after an American religious delegation led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson negotiated their release.

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE

USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service (RBCS) has received an application for loan guarantee assistance from SNYDER BRICK & TILE CO. to: 1) Rehab and restart the brick factory located at 3097 Brick Plant Road; and, 2) Acquire and remodel the property located at 1601 Coliseum Drive as its Corporate Center Headquarters

The major elements of the proposed projects will consist of the repair and remodel of the brick plant property, an existing (apx) 5.04 acre tract (in an unincorporated area of Scurry County) on the West side of Brick Plant Road, located near it's intersection with State Highway 208. The Corporate Center property is an existing (apx) 2.15 acre tract on the North side of Coliseum Drive (U.S. Highways 180 and Business 84), located between Hill Top Lane and East 37th Street. This facility will have retail and wholesale showrooms, trucking and dispatch operations, and will house corporate offices.

Neither property will have underground fuel tanks nor the storage of hazardous waste materials. If implemented, the projects have no potential to impact the quality of the human environment.

The owner proposes to mitigate potential adverse impacts to the cultural materials if found on site(s) the owner will stop construction in the immediate area and the Secretary of the Interior will be contacted and the owner will also provide notification to the State Historic Preservation office.

RBCS has assessed the potential environment impacts of the proposed projects and have determined that the proposals will result in no direct or indirect conversion of prime/important farmlands.

Anyone desiring to make comments or review maps showing the location of important land resources, or to obtain additional information about the projects may do so by providing written comments, within 30 days following the date of this publication to the attention of Wilson Thomas, Snyder Brick & Tile Co., 2183 Buckingham Road, Suite 305, Richardson, TX 75081-5499.

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Obituaries

Banker, civic leader Hubert Cargile dies

Hubert W. Cargile

H.W. Cargile

1908-1999

Hubert W. Cargile, a name synonymous with West Texas State Bank and Snyder civic work for almost 50 years, died Sunday, May 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Cargile, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Cullwell, current minister, will officiate.

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

Born Jan. 20, 1908 in Trenton, Tex., he grew up in Tioga in Grayson County and graduated from Whitesboro High School. He married Mary Eva Isbell on June 9, 1929 in Tioga. She died in 1984.

After graduation from high school, Mr. Cargile took a course in accounting in Dallas and then went to work, without pay, for the small bank in Tioga, learning to operate a posting machine.

In a retirement interview, Mr. Cargile credited knowing how to operate a posting machine with getting his "first real job" at First National Bank in McAlester, Okla., in January, 1929.

He moved to Henderson in 1931 to accept a job as head of the accounting department at First National Bank. He had advanced to vice president of the Henderson bank when he moved to Snyder in late 1949 to help prepare for the opening of the newly-chartered West Texas State Bank.

Mr. Cargile was vice president and cashier of West Texas State Bank when it opened on Jan. 14, 1950. Two years later he was named executive vice president. He became the bank's president in 1960 and chairman of the board in 1974. In 1975, Mr. Cargile became senior chairman of the board, a position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Cargile served on the audit and bank administration division of the Texas Bankers Association in 1957, and he is also a past president of the South Plains Bankers Association, now District 8 of the Texas Bankers Association. In 1989, he was honored for 50 years of service to the banking industry by the Texas Bankers Association.

Mr. Cargile was a charter member and charter deacon of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and he also served 10 years as church treasurer. He was a teacher of junior high boys for more than 30 years.

He and his late wife, Mary, established a scholarship for a Scurry County graduate to attend Western Texas College, and Mr. Cargile has also served on the WTC Foundation Board.

For a number of years, Mr. Cargile served as a director of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He also served on the executive board of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts, and he was recipient of the Silver Beaver Award in 1971.

Mr. Cargile served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1954, and he was named Snyder's citizen of the year in 1973, and he was recipient of the City of Snyder's mayor award for community development in 1979.

A member of the Snyder Kiwanis Club, he served as president in 1951 and was scheduled to receive his 50-year perfect attendance award. He was longtime treasurer of the Snyder Little League and served on the boards of the Scurry County Industrial Foundation and Scurry County United Way.

Mr. Cargile was a past-president of the Scurry County Fair Association and longtime memorials chairman and treasurer for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Cargile was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scurry County Masonic Lodge and the El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies.

Survivors include a son, Joe Cargile of Crosbyton; a daughter, Jenny Hicks of Abilene; a brother, J.G. Cargile of Dallas; a sister, Lela Mae Jones of Victoria; a sister-in-law, Hazel Isbell of Henderson; two grandsons, Joe Mark Cargile of Ralls and Mike Cargile of Crosbyton; four great-grandchildren, Adam Cargile, Aric Cargile, Ross Cargile and Kristen Cargile; one step grandson, Bob Adams; and six step great-grandchildren, Tyson Covington, Toby Covington, Shayla Faubus, Jared Faubus, Lesley Adams and Justin Adams.

Memorials can be made to the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund at WTC, American Cancer Society at West Texas State Bank or to the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Brooks Bentley

1916-1999

MARFA — Brooks David Bentley, the brother of Sue Walker of Snyder, died Thursday, May 20, in a Marfa nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Bentley, 83, was held Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the Marfa Cemetery.

Born March 21, 1916 in Claude, he married Evelyn Bishop on Feb. 15, 1939 in Alpine.

Mr. Bentley earned a B.S. degree in math and science from Sul Ross State University in 1940, and he taught school in Rio Hondo where he was a math and science teacher and head coach.

From 1942-47, Mr. Bentley was a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A rancher in Marfa, he was a communications specialist for the Border Patrol for 30 years, and he was owner of Bentley's Radio and T.V. Service.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he was a Mason, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Marfa Investment Club and Marfa volunteer fire department.

Survivors include his wife, Evely Bishop of Marfa; a daughter, Mary Helen Peterson; two other sisters, Anne Fails of El Paso and Neva Longnecker of Fort Worth; and one grandson.

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Supreme Court rules...

Educators may be held responsible for harassment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Educators who fail to stop students from sexually harassing other students may be violating a federal anti-bias law and can be forced to pay the victims, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 5-4 decision in a Georgia case is enormously important for all schools — from elementary to university levels — that accept federal money.

The court ruled that a Georgia school district can be held financially responsible for the sexual harassment of a fifth-grade girl if officials with the authority to help her knew about the harassment but were "deliberately indifferent" to it.

Such harassment has to be severe and pervasive, the court said as it revived a Georgia girl's lawsuit against her school district and sent the case back to a lower court for more study.

That legal standard is a difficult one to prove, and is the same standard the justices adopted last June when ruling that school districts can be held responsible when teachers sexually harass students.

"Recipients of federal funding may be liable for subjecting their students to discrimination where the recipient is deliberately indifferent to known acts of student-on-student sexual harassment and the harasser is under the school's disciplinary authority," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

The ruling reversed a federal appeals court's conclusion, by a 7-4 vote, that a federal law known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 never applies to student-on-student harassment.

Clinton administration lawyers had urged the justices to overturn the appeals court's "categorical exclusion" of such claims, contending the decision last June made clear that indifference to a student's harassment, no matter the source, violates Title IX.

When the Georgia case was argued before the court in January, however, several justices voiced concern about drawing the line between illegal harassment and children's playground taunts.

"Little boys tease little girls," O'Connor had said then. "Is every one of these incidents going to lead to a lawsuit?"

In today's opinion for the court, O'Connor took pains to "limit a recipient's damages liabilities to circumstances wherein the recipient exercises substantial control over both the harasser and the context in which the known harassment occurs."

Aurelia Davis sued the Monroe County school board and two officials over a five-month "barrage of sexual harassment and abuse" her daughter LaShonda allegedly endured from a fellow fifth-grader at Hubbard Elementary School in Forsyth, Ga. in 1992-93.

The boy, identified in court papers as G.F., allegedly touched LaShonda's breasts, rubbed against her suggestively and repeatedly told her he wanted to have sex with her.

The lawsuit stated that LaShonda, now a high school junior, and her mother reported each incident to school officials but that G.F. was never disciplined. The boy pleaded guilty to sexual battery after Mrs. Davis complained to the county sheriff.

The lawsuit against the school board said the harassment caused LaShonda's grades to fall and had a debilitating effect on her mental and emotional well-being.

The Supreme Court first ruled in 1992 that sexually harassed students may collect monetary damages from their schools and school officials under Title IX, and last June articulated the appropriate legal standing for determining when such legal liability exists.

Today's decision extended that liability.

"On this complaint, we cannot say beyond doubt that (LaShonda) can prove no set of facts in support of her claim which would entitle her to relief," O'Connor said.

Her opinion was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

U.S. rules out 1947 resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, poised to work with a new government in Israel, today ruled out a 1947 U.N. resolution calling for the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states as a basis for peacemaking.

While reminding Israel the United States would insist it relinquish land for peace with the Arabs, senior American mediator Dennis Ross said the resolution, which has strong Arab and European support, "is not relevant" to current peacemaking efforts.

"It is not appropriate, and we will say so," Ross said, prompting applause from delegates to the annual meeting of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, the main pro-Israel lobbying group.

Resolution 181, adopted by the U.N. General Assembly, would transfer large parts of what is now Israel to an Arab state, as well as all the land that the Arabs subsequently lost to Israel in the 1967 Mideast war,

Saeb Erekat, Yasser Arafat's top negotiator, said in the region today that U.N. resolutions 242 and 338 — calling on Israel to concede territory captured in the war in exchange for secure borders — still applies, but "this should not undermine 181, especially in provisions calling for a two-state solution."

Ross said resolutions 242 and 338, which were approved in 1967 and 1973 by the U.N. Security Council, were the only bases for negotiations. "Any other basis is not relevant," he said, clearly referring to resolution 181.

Arafat, Erekat and other officials of the Palestinian Authority are viewed by the Clinton administration as bent on peace with Israel if they can only take over more territory.

With Ehud Barak elected as prime minister, and far more inclined than his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, to give up land for promises of peace, Ross and others in the administration are gearing up for a new try.

In an apparent reference to Netanyahu's government, Ross said "accusations" by either side and "steps on the ground" tend to hurt the good will needed for agreements.

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Retirement party

There will be a retirement party for retiring Stanfield Elementary teacher Carole Haynes at 4 p.m. today at the Dermott school.

Ira homecoming

There will be a meeting at 7 tonight in the Ira community center to plan Ira's homecoming set for Sept. 18. For more information, contact Lorita Keller at 573-3825, Linda Dunn at 573-6997 or Leon Huddleston at 573-5024.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "Listening to the Right Messenger," followed by "How to Discuss God in Your Home."

Geneology Society meeting

Scurry County Geneology Society meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Everyone is invited to hear a program of narratives of lifes.

Diabetes support group

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

Summer registration at WTC

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

Ira field day

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

Circle Bar Ranch revival

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

LVN registration at WTC

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

GED testing dates announced

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

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd, is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Adult education classes

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

July 4th celebration

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

4-9-9

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11, 19, 21, 22, 39 and 41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.