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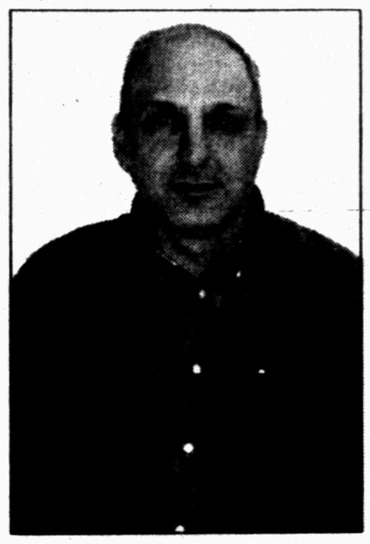
Number of May 1 candidates is increasing

Present Ira SISD board member Sid Wall filed for another term Thursday as the list of candidates continues to grow for elections on May 1.



Sid Wall

Wall, who has served on the Ira board for 10 years, is a broker for Caprock Securities.

"I have served several years and I have a lot of experience," Wall said. "I think we are fixing to be faced with some tough decisions due to the drop in property values."

The Ira board has a total of three positions open on the ballot, including Wall's. The terms of Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry are also expiring.

On Monday, a former Snyder city councilman and a present member of the Snyder ISD board placed their names on their respective ballots.

Ron Shaw, who has served two terms as city councilman at-large but who was defeated in 1997, will run for one of the two at-large seats on the Snyder City Council.

Two-term Snyder ISD trustee Janet Stribling filed for another term on that board.

Shaw is an employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

Stribling is filing for her third term for the Snyder ISD board of trustees.

She and her husband Jimmy operate a welding service in Fluvanna.

Shaw joined Dayton Robertson and Terry Martin as candidates for the Snyder City Council.

Robertson is running for mayor as he is completing his third two-year term on the council.

Current mayor David Holt has said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

Robertson is the plant manager for Y-Z Industries.

Martin is completing his second full term on the council as he holds one of the two at-large posts.

A retired Chevron operations superintendent, Martin recently purchased Tiger Health and Fitness. He also serves as a director of West Texas State Bank.

In Hermleigh, both incumbent members of the HISD board of trustees have filed for another term.

Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren both filed for another term. Sandefur is finishing his first term on the board, while Lambaren is completing his third term.

The filing period for the municipal election as well as school board elections for Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh began Monday. The filing deadline ends March 17.

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

Terms of Place 1 trustee Glenn Clarady, Place 4 trustee Mark McCormick and Place 5 trustee Stribling will be on the ballot for Snyder ISD.

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

City Hall will be the early voting site for the City of Snyder while persons early voting in the Snyder ISD trustee election will do so at the administration building.

On election day, voting for both the City and Snyder ISD will be held at City Hall.

Ira early voting will take place in the superintendent's office. Ballots will be cast in the Ira Community Center on election day.

All voting for Hermleigh will be held in the high school building.

HERMLEIGH WINNERS — Spelling bee winners at Hermleigh include, from left, Maria Rangel, first place, and Angie Glover, runner-up in the junior high division; and Justin Kelley, first, and Lennon Lane, runner-up in the elementary division. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you don't think one person can make a difference, fire up a cigar in a crowd."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: Nancy Ezell, in the Canadian Record, had a list of supplications which offer some nuggets of truth as well as fun.

It's possible to find ourselves in these prayers:

--Lord, help me to relax about insignificant details, beginning tomorrow at 7:41 a.m. CST.

--Lord, help me to take the responsibility for my own actions, even though they're usually not my fault.

--Lord, help me to consider other people's feelings, even if most of them are hypersensitive.

--Lord, help me realize I can't run everything. But if you need help, feel free to ask.

--Lord, help me to be more laid back, and help me to do it exactly right.

--Lord, give me patience, and I need it now.

--Lord, help me not to be a perfectionist. (Did I spell that correctly?)

--Lord, help me to finish everything I sta

--Lord, help me to do only what I can and trust you for the rest. And please put that in writing.

--Lord, keep me open to others' ideas, wrong though they may be.

--Lord, help me slow down and notrush through whatido.

--Help me not to worry, even though you'll probably not take care of this.

And from the Midland Reporter Telegram on why God never received tenure at a university:

--He had only one major work published.

--It was in Hebrew and Greek and had no references.

--He wasn't published in a journal, and some doubt He wrote it himself.

--He may have created the world, but what has He done since?

--The scientific community can't replicate His results.

--He never got permission from the ethics panel to use human subjects.

--When one experiment went awry, He tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.

--He rarely came to class and often told students to read the Book.

--Some say He had His son teach the class.

--He expelled His first two students.

--Office hours were irregular and sometimes held on a mountaintop.

--Although there were only 10 requirements, most students failed.

County bee set March 5...

Campus spelling bees crown top spellers in Scurry County

Three more schools have determined their spelling bee winners.

At Northeast's bee held Thursday afternoon, Trevor Groat, placed first, and Daniela Garcia, was the runner-up. Trevor is the son of Vernon and Beverly Groat, and Daniela is the daughter of Mary Ann Garcia.

Hermleigh junior high students also competed Thursday afternoon, with two eighth graders winning. Maria Rangel, daughter of Isaac and Margirita Rangel of Roscoe, finished first, and Angie Glover was the runner-up. She is the daughter of Paul and Glenna Glover of Hermleigh.

The final campus bee was held at East this morning. Matthew Beal, son of Mitzi Garcia, was the winner. Second place went to Ember Proffitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Proffitt.

All winenrs and runners-up will advance to the county bee on March 5.

Fifth graders who competed at Northeast were Jeremy Reed, Yuliana Arellano, Glyn Wright, Mark Keller, T'Shambra Day, Kimberly Bell, Trevor Groat, Tehmina Zarrin, Sequoya Powell, Ryan Thompson, Whitnet Kinney, Gena Dooley, Chance Grantham, Sergio Rodriguez.

Also, Daniela Garcia, Celeste, Rachel Herrera, Laura Boyd, Samantha Pena, Derek Garcia, Bianca Carrisalez, Chris Lopez, Camry Hill, Cody Alaniz.

Vanessa Taylor coordinated Northeast's bee. Helpers were Rebekah Thornton, pronouncer, Carmen Carpenter, bell ringer, and Paige Shaw, all judges. Barbara Owen and Triesta Lilly provided definitions.

Hermleigh's junior high contestants included seventh graders Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Brittany Milota and Valerie West.

Eighth graders were Terrel Culp, Niki Doggett, Maria Rangel and Angie Glover. Culp, Doggett and Milota were Hermleigh's 1998 spelling bee winners.

Brenda Kuss coordinated the bee. Helpers included Cathy Beckman and Vickie Harrison, both judges.

The Top 10 spellers who competed at East include Sydney Wright, Ember Proffitt, Priscilla Guerrero, Christina Martinez, Brianna Bernal, Ami Foreman, Adrian Sosa, Chelsey Drummond, Matthew Beal.

Wayne Kennedy, principal, was the pronouncer. Judges included Janet Davis, Ann Adams, Billie Adams, Christy Smith.

EAST WINNERS — Winners of East's spelling bee include Matthew Beal, first, and Ember Proffitt, runner-up. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

NORTHEAST WINNERS — Trevor Groat, right, was first place winner in the Northeast Elementary Spelling Bee, and runner-up was Daniela Garcia. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

No monetary award...

Defendants found not negligent in lawsuit

After deliberating for some five hours Thursday night, a nine-woman, three-man jury found no negligence on the part of a firm that built a frac tank in which three men died in 1996.

As a result, no money was awarded to the plaintiffs in the trial which began on Feb. 8.

The suit was filed Oct. 29, 1998 by the victims' wives and their minor children.

R. L. "Buddy" Drum, Jerry McNew and Juan Guardado died of hydrogen sulfide poisoning while cleaning a frac tank built by Bill Stephens Welding Service of Pampa.

Jurors began deliberating at 5:15 p.m. Thursday and announced they had a verdict around 10:15 p.m.

Jurors answered several questions "no" in the court's charge, including whether or not the Pampa company misrepresented the proper use of the frac tank, and whether or not the tank had a design defect which might have caused the deaths of the three men.

The last question that the jurors answered asked if the negligence of the welding company caused the death and injuries.

To this, the jurors answered, "no".

Among those who testified in the trial were Cathy McNew, the widow of Jerry McNew, Buddy Drum's son, Max, and Snyder EMS director and fire chief, Perry Westmoreland.

Max Drum narrowly escaped death in the accident, while Westmoreland led rescue efforts at the tank battery near Fluvanna.

Paula Stephens, the president of the company which built the frac tank, also testified in the course of the trial.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs argued that the tank's design contributed to the death of the three men, while defense attorneys stated that required safety procedures were not followed.

Artoro Guardado, the brother of Juan, was the first to discover the men inside the frac tank and notified the firm's answering service of the accident.

Law enforcement personnel and Snyder EMS were made aware of the accident by an employee of the answering service.

Artoro Guardado was treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, but Max Drum was air-lifted from the scene to Lubbock's Methodist Hospital for treatment.

In addition to Snyder EMS units, three helicopter ambulances responded to the scene of the accident about two miles west of U.S. 84.

Numerous defendants, including Gecko Booty 1994 Limited Partnership, Geo Sciences Exploration, Drum Transports, the estate of R.L. Drum and Max Drum were named as defendants.

However, plaintiffs settled with all defendants with the exception of the Pampa company.

Ernie Armstrong, judge of the 132nd District Court, presided.

ASK US

Q—In reference to the 50 state quarters program, when should the Texas quarter be released into circulation?

A—In the year 2004. States are honored in the order in which they joined the Union.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 65 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Friday, 36; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, mid-upper 30s. SW wind 10-20 mph, shifting to N after midnight. Saturday, mostly sunny. High 65-70. N-NE wind 10-20 mph.

Samantha Daves
Mostly Sunny

Sunset: 6:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 49 days in 1999, the sun has shone 48 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"We only learn our limits by going beyond them."

Author unknown

Clinton says he is limping, but still going

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton went to New Hampshire determined not to look like he was gloating.

But there was something in the long, hearty cheers he drew Thursday night, seven years after he promised to fight until "the last dog dies," that made him want to show the world — or at least his critics — that he still is standing despite the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"This dog is limping, but still going," Clinton said, giving credit to his supporters. "If you had listened to the political experts, this dog would have died. But instead you held out a lifeline. You embraced our cause."

Clinton spent much of Thursday tiptoeing along the edge of gloating, taking advantage of the fine ironies that surrounded him. The visit to New Hampshire, where he turned a second-place showing in 1992 into a victory of sorts, marked his first political outing since the Senate acquitted him last week of perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

The place where he once begged for a second chance was also the place where he paused to catch his second wind.

"I am glad to be back," Clinton said before hundreds of New Hampshire's Democratic faithful in the National Guard Armory in Manchester. "All the experts expected you to send me home; instead you made me feel at home, and I still do."

He worked the crowd zealously, posing for pictures and absorbing more than a few hugs and kisses — and he held a baby — 1-month-old Alexander Zacher.

"They took a chance on him and I think he's repaid that trust with his performance in office," said Paul Begala, a campaign strategist in 1992, a White House strategist today.

"There's a popular myth that he survived in New Hampshire, or indeed survived today, because of his political talent, which is manifest," Begala said. "My view is that he's surviving, then and today, because of his ideas."

Clinton tried to put those ideas on display Thursday, holding a roundtable discussion with Gov. Jeanne Shaheen and people whose health care hardships illustrate what some of his budget proposals — particularly a $1,000 tax credit for long-term care — are designed to help alleviate.

"You will hear all kinds of debates in the next year about what to do with the (budget) surplus," Clinton said. "But we have to ask ourselves, 'What should our first priority be?'"

He argued that priority should be people, echoing the 1992 mantra that he and Vice President Al Gore put into a book. He liberally put in plugs for Gore, reminding them that the vice president cast the deciding vote on the 1993 budget plan that Clinton says paved the way for today's surpluses.

"Nobody had more to do with the decisions we've made and success we've enjoyed than Vice President Al Gore," he said. As if on cue, dozens of people began waving white "Gore 2000" placards.

Moderates say...

GOP must soften language, agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Republican moderate group says the party must soften its language and push a centrist agenda featuring "compassion as well as prudence" or it could lose control of Congress in the 2000 elections.

"Immediately, the rhetoric of partisan hostility must stop," the Republican Main Street Partnership wrote in an open letter to congressional Republicans. "Our language too often has been heard as mean, judgmental and partisan. That 'the other side does it' is no excuse."

The letter concedes, "Challenges will rise from partisan and ideological quarters. That is when we must stay the course with unity, courage — and discipline."

The letter underscores the tug of war under way within the GOP in the wake of President Clinton's unpopular impeachment trial and party losses in last November's elections. The GOP failed to improve its 55-45 Senate edge and lost five House seats, leaving it with a precarious 11-seat House margin and big questions about how to prepare for the 2000 presidential and congressional races.

The partnership's preference is to push a bipartisan agenda that can be enacted into law with Clinton, including action on Social Security, schools and taxes.

"On health care, Medicaid and Medicare, we must legislate with compassion as well as prudence," they wrote.

The partnership is a year-old group representing moderate Republicans in Congress and across the country. Among its listed members are 41 House members, three senators, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and ITT Corp. chairman Rand Araskog.

The group released its letter even as House GOP leaders tried to craft a consensus agenda Republican lawmakers can pursue this year. There is general agreement to pursue a Social Security overhaul with Clinton and to seek tax cuts, education changes and more spending for defense, but the leaders are laboring to line up support for specific proposals.

Some GOP aides privately expressed frustration that the moderate group was focusing attention on Republican divisions rather than on opposition Democrats. But conservative Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind., a member of the House GOP leadership, said he welcomed the letter's call for GOP unity behind positive themes.

"Let's focus on showing why our ideas are good for people," McIntosh said.

The moderates' letter was short on specifics, which is where many of the internal GOP disputes occur.

For example, on taxes it says, "We must work to reduce the burden on hardworking middle-class American families."

That is a sentiment supported by all Republicans, and many Democrats for that matter. But the GOP is divided over whether to support a 10 percent cut in income-tax rates, phased-in rate reductions, or narrower reductions such as ending the so-called marriage penalty under which some married couples owe more taxes than they would if single.

"That would be hard work" to resolve those differences, McIntosh said. "But that's what we're paid to do."

In an interview, Rep. Amo Houghton, R-N.Y., one of the group's founders, said the partnership was stressing not just centrist policies but also enactment of legislation with Clinton.

Jackson wins award

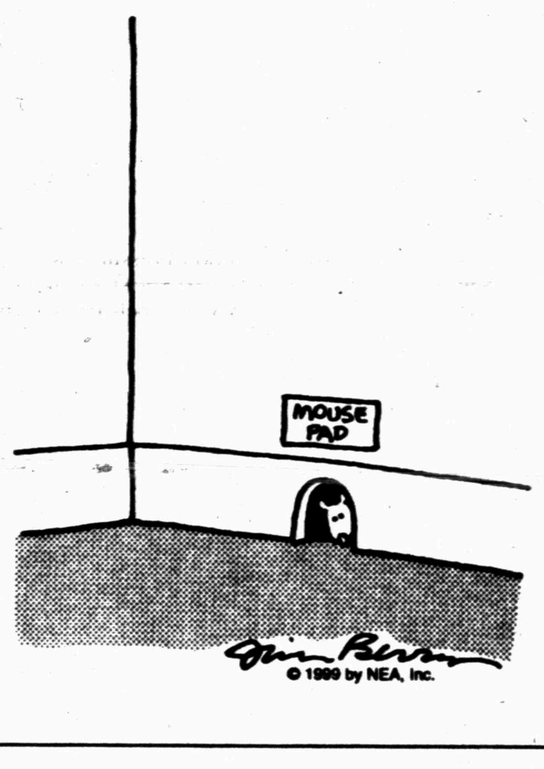
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Samuel L. Jackson had to prove he could be a nice guy before he claimed his brass pudding pot for being Harvard's Hasty Pudding Man of the Year.

Jackson, known for playing tough guys who use rough language, washed his mouth out with soap Thursday before a sold-out crowd at the comedy troupe's club.

Jackson, 49, recited the dramatic Biblical passage from Ezekiel that was featured in his best-known film, "Pulp Fiction." He then recited the same passage while imitating Yoda, the dwarfish "Star Wars" sage. Jackson appears in the upcoming "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace."

The Hasty Pudding awards are given to performers who have made a "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment," the group said.

Berry's World



Datebook

Feb. 19, 1999

Today is the 50th day of 1999 and the 61st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1878, Thomas Edison was granted a patent for the phonograph, which he called a "speaking machine."

On this day in 1977, Fleetwood Mac released the album "Rumors." It became one of the biggest-selling records ever.

On this day in 1993, 22-year-old Kenya Moore was crowned Miss U.S.A.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolas Copernicus (1473-1543), astronomer; Stan Kenton (1912-1979), musician; Eddie Arcaro (1916-), jockey, is 83; Carson McCullers (1917-1967), writer; Lee Marvin (1924-1987), actor; John Frankenheimer (1930-), director, is 69; William "Smokey" Robinson (1940-), singer-songwriter, is 59; Amy Tan (1952-), author, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Bonnie Blair won her third Olympic speed-skating championship in the 500-meter event with a record time of 39.25 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject." — Winston Churchill

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 16) and first quarter (Feb. 22).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999

Some interesting transformations might transpire in your personal relationships in the year ahead. There's a good possibility that you could become a focal point in the same groups where you previously held the role of a mere cog in the wheel.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you could have some self-doubts today, you need to try to mingle with those who say you "can do it," instead of being with people who say you "can't." Avoid negative thinkers. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't think that you can make some points and impress others by being a "good time Charlie" with your resources today. That's an exercise in futility. Use your funds on loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your cool today should someone who is jealous of you attempt to demean you in the eyes of others. This person's success will be dependent upon the way you react.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could have a tendency to allow depression to creep into your mind about things you lack today. Focus on what you want to do with what you already have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because you're not likely to be very adroit in managing things of a tangible nature, such as your finances, spend your day on intangible interests where you can be effective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be careful today if two opposing forces are at odds where your career or work is concerned, because it's possible the proponents of your cause may not be as equally strong as your opponents.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If certain persons you've requested favors from have rejected you in the past, don't turn to them again today. Instead go to those you know you can count on to be kind to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you might be quite gifted today in handling your ambitious aims, there's a strong chance that you could put your foot in your mouth, especially in social settings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't allow any hard feelings from the past influence your behavior or decisions today. Your counterpart could do something out of spite to balance things out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's not like you, but you might have problems being a self-starter today. Be receptive to those who try to prod you into action. A little push could be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you come off as merely a taker instead of a giver today, it could tarnish your image. Be certain you'll be ready to reciprocate before making a request to another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't become faint-hearted today when it comes time to implement your plans. What you want to achieve is feasible and should work out like you envisioned if you try.

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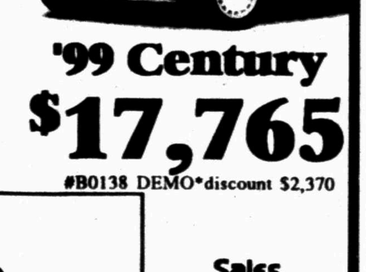

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Lawmakers complain about failure of nursing homes

AUSTIN (AP) — The state takeover of 13 nursing homes run by Sensitive Care, Inc. will cost Texans more than $8 million and possibly displace nearly 1,500 patients, lawmakers said Thursday.

"Now these folks are my constituents and I am one angry state senator," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "Our most frail citizens are being forced to move from their homes. Some are so frail it is doubtful whether they can survive such a move."

The state took over daily operations of Fort Worth-based Sensitive Care last month after the federal government cut off Medicare funding — about a third of the homes' revenue — because of questions about the company's billing practices.

The federal Health Care Finance Administration accused the company of fraud.

Mary Jo Pleva, director of Sensitive Care's corporate affairs, said company officials have been advised not to comment because of pending litigation. "There is another side to this story and someday it will come out," she said.

The takeover was the largest in Texas history. Sensitive Care ran facilities in Temple, Lancaster, Garland, Gilmer, Mansfield, Bedford, Fort Worth, Richland Hills, and Houston. The largest is the 186-patient Sensitive Care-Lexington Place Health Care Center in Houston.

Eric Bost, commissioner of the Department of Human Services, said the state was moving several patients from a Fort Worth nursing home Thursday morning when they were notified of a temporary restraining order filed in Tarrant County.

Patients were out on gurneys, waiting to be lifted into vans and driven to new homes when the restraining order was received, he said.

The property owner, Baron Investments, voluntarily withdrew the order Thursday afternoon, though patients are still not being moved, said Ted Delisi, spokesman for Attorney General John Cornyn.

The company has agreed to negotiate with the Texas Department of Human Services on whether another nursing home operator can take over the facility, minimizing their financial losses, Delisi said.

Moncrief criticized the federal government's role in the case as "insensitive and irresponsible."

"While the financial seizure of Sensitive Care was justified ... once the money was cut off, the feds just washed their hands and went back to Washington, D.C.," he said.

"They haven't given a thought to the Texans whose lives have been devastated by this, or the cost of our state."

Bost he met with HCFA officials last Friday to ask for federal assistance, but was turned down.

Moncrief's bill is SB597.

Bills move ahead in state legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — It was a good day for Gov. George W. Bush.

The Texas Senate unanimously approved a Bush-backed bill Thursday to attack social promotion, in which youngsters are advanced from grade to grade without the necessary academic skills.

Earlier in the day, Senate budget-writers voted 11-0 to give a tax break to small businesses — a bill that's part of the Republican governor's tax cut package.

"Governor Bush thanks the senators and congratulates them for doing what's right for Texas children in making sure no child will be left behind, and is also pleased tax relief for small business owners is moving forward," said his spokeswoman, Linda Edwards.

Bush strode into the Senate chamber after the 31-0 bipartisan vote for the bill to require future students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in the third, fifth and eighth grades to be promoted — unless their parents successfully appeal.

The effort to ensure students who need extra help are identified and get it before moving on was pushed by Bush on the campaign trail.

His proposal since has been revised, with his support, in part to include the appeal process for students who repeatedly fail the TAAS.

"This is a good day for Texas. It sends this bill over to the House with good, strong momentum," Bush said.

If finally approved, the bill only would remain in force if it received sufficient state funding under an amendment championed by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

West said he wanted to ensure the bill isn't a "legislative fad" that lawmakers stop funding in future years, dumping the cost of remedial courses and teacher training on local school districts.

Backers envision $203 million in extra funding through the next two-year budget period for programs to ensure students get needed skills. Students would get more than one chance to take the test, and teachers would get stipends to participate in training seminars focusing on reading.

The Senate Finance Committee approved a $96.7 million emergency appropriations bill Thursday that includes $18.8 million of the proposed money, sending the funding measure to the Senate for consideration.

Budget-writers also sent to the Senate, with an 11-0 vote, a Bush-supported bill to give small businesses a $57.2 million tax break over the next two-year budget period.

"Small businesses in Texas operate on small profit margins, so every dollar counts," said sponsoring Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

Under the measure, businesses with gross receipts of $100,000 a year or less would be exempt from the corporate franchise tax and from filing annual reports with the state comptroller, according to Fraser's office.

Currently, all businesses have to file paperwork, but they don't have to pay the franchise tax if they owe less than $100, according to Fraser's office.

Under the bill, 28,000 businesses that would have to pay taxes under current law would be exempt. It is estimated that a total of 231,000 would be exempt from paperwork requirements that bill backers say also cost businesses money.

The social promotion bill is SB1. The emergency appropriations bill is SB472. The franchise tax cut bill is SB148.

Senate budget-writers OK tax cut, spending proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate budget-writers voted to cut taxes and spend money Thursday.

Small businesses would get a franchise tax break totaling $57.2 million over the next two-year budget period under a bill that's part of Gov. George W. Bush's tax-relief package.

"Small businesses in Texas operate on small profit margins, so every dollar counts," Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said when he filed the bill.

The Senate Finance Committee voted 11-0 for the tax break and for a $96.7 million emergency spending bill — including more than $94 million from the state general revenue fund — for items ranging from child protective services to drought relief to education to prisons.

The emergency spending bill "provides all kinds of goodies," said Committee Vice Chairman Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

Both bills are headed to the full Senate for consideration.

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Currently, all businesses have to file paperwork, but they don't have to pay the franchise tax if they owe less than $100, according to Fraser's office.

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"It makes no sense to start a small business in Texas and then have to spend as much as $500 to hire someone to fill out a franchise tax form when the actual tax payment may only be about $100," Fraser said.

On the spending side, the largest proposed emergency expenditures in the bill by Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, include:

— $27.6 million to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

— $25 million to the Texas Department of Agriculture for drought relief.

— $18.8 million to fight social promotion, in which children are promoted from grade to grade without the necessary skills.

— $8.9 million for child protective services, which would include $6.7 million in state general revenue money and $2.2 million in federal funds.

The emergency appropriations bill is SB472. The franchise tax cut bill is SB148.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

New Wife Is Losing Battle With Husband's Old Friends

DEAR ABBY: I have been married less than six months, and my husband and I are already having problems. The problems stem from a friend and her adult daughter. My husband lived with them for several years, and the daughter became his self-appointed hostess and surrogate wife. (She has a husband who ignores her.)

Since the day we announced our engagement, the planning of our wedding and honeymoon until now, she has tried to control our lives. She and her mother even planned a trip to coincide with our honeymoon so we could "all be together"!

Abby, he is 63 and I'm 43. I don't need her or anyone else planning our lives. My husband is very passive. He refuses to say anything to them in spite of my complaints. He has been friends with her parents for 40 years, and he acts as if he's so committed and loyal to them that he cannot tell them to stay out of our lives.

My husband even allowed the daughter to plan an Easter dinner at our home without my knowledge. She invited all of her friends and family. She tried to plan Thanksgiving dinner at our place, too, until I put my foot down. That made her angry. Now she leaves messages on the answering machine telling my husband to call her.

I have tried explaining to her in a civil manner how I resent her interference. There have been other incidents, and I'm only touching the treetops here. But she has been running my husband's life for so long, my unhappiness falls on deaf ears. I'm at my wit's end. I love my husband, but I can't remain married to a man who's more loyal to his friends than to his wife. What do you think I should do?

GEORGIA IN GEORGIA

DEAR GEORGIA: Marriage is supposed to be a union between two people — not four. Old friendships die hard, and it's possible your husband has been so close to this family for so long he's having trouble reorganizing his priorities now that he's a married man.

Tell him how threatened and encroached upon they have made you feel, and that his failure to draw the line is making your life intolerable. And since the wedding vows are so recent, invite the clergyperson who performed your marriage to dinner one evening, to refresh your husband's memory about the meaning of the vows you took together — particularly the one about forsaking all others.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like you to settle an argument that has been going on for a very long time. A member of my family insists that you make up all the letters you put in the paper. I know this is not true.

Will you please print this letter and settle it once and for all? This has been going on long enough.

UPSET IN VIRGINIA

DEAR UPSET: Although the letters that appear in my column are edited for language and length, there is no way I could make up the thousands of problems that come across my desk every week. And every letter that's published in my column provokes more letters from other readers. The volume and variety are enormous.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-19-99
♠ 5 2
♥ J 10 9 4 2
♦ J 10 8
♣ K J 3

West
♠ K Q 10 9 6
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q
♣ Q 7 4

East
♠ J 8 7 3
♥ ---
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ 10 9 8 5 2

South
♠ A 4
♥ A K Q 7 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ A

Middling 5-3-3-2 with a major

Americans — and most others — hate losing. For example, baseball manager Leo Durocher observed: "Show me a good loser in professional sports and I'll show you an idiot. Show me a good sportsman and I'll show you a player I'm looking to trade." In bridge, we need to be careful with losers.

You pick up a 5-3-3-2 hand with a five-card major, a doubleton in the suit opened on your right, and some 13-16 high-card points. What would you do?

The answer is overcall in your major. (You should consider passing only with 13 and a bad suit.) With a hand this strong, you ought to bid. If your suit is weak, too bad; you must bite the fast-moving metal projectile.

So, in this deal, West overcalled one spade. However, the other side brushed the interference aside, cruising into four hearts. West cashed his three diamond tricks before switching to the spade king. Where did South go from there?

Although East has only one jack and is vulnerable against nonvulnerable opponents, I know some players who would support spades with that hand. And with this layout, four spades doubled is only one down: a good sacrifice. Does this make them clever or lucky?

Declarer was faced with a spade loser, which had to be discarded somewhere. And there was only one candidate. After winning with the spade ace and drawing trumps, South cashed the club ace and played a club to dummy's jack, taking the finesse and keeping his fingers crossed! When the jack won the trick, declarer cashed the club king and jettisoned his spade loser.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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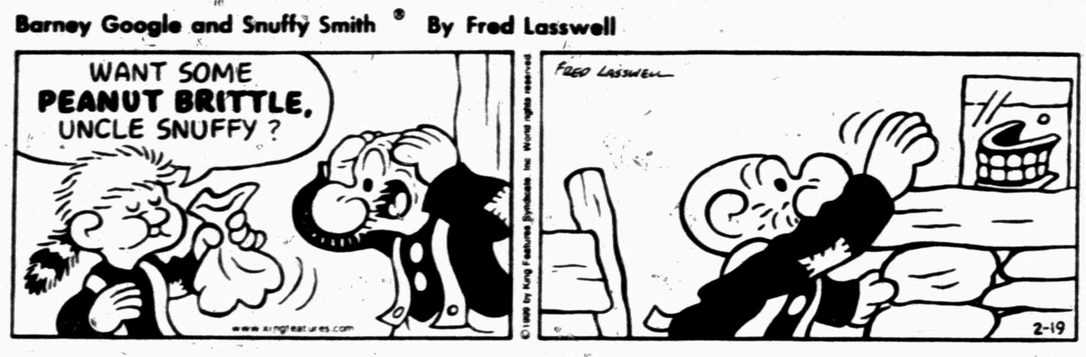

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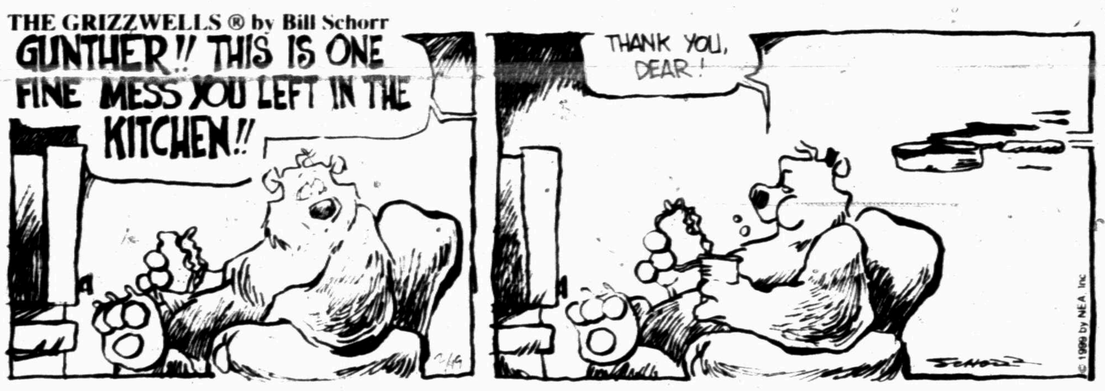

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Candies, e.g.
7 Walks (on)
13 Of medicine
14 Thomas More masterpiece
15 Inquiry for lost goods
16 Cause
17 Curse
18 Salamander
20 Steve Urkel, for one
21 Live
23 — — barrel
27 Tardy
32 Made of cereal
33 Harangue
34 Walks wearily
35 Irish poet
36 Capable of feeling
39 — Lama
40 Removes feeling from
42 Kind of tea
46 Partner
47 — -bitsy
51 Theatrical company
53 Last syllable of a word
55 Penance seeker
56 Thread-winding machine
57 Out
58 Classified

DOWN

1 Josip Broz
2 — avis
3 Coup d'—
4 Foot part
5 Ascot, e.g.
6 Threaded nail
7 Reptile with a shell
8 Map abbr.
9 Pertaining to the dawn
10 Part of a church
11 Fashion designer
12 Contents of a 45 Down
19 Mo. after Jan.
21 Actor Ted — Christian
22 — of London
23 Fumbler's exclamation
24 Singer Jerry
25 Jacket type
26 Cincinnati ball club
28 Acreage
29 South African Dutch
30 Jazz singer James
31 He loved Lucy
37 Newspaper magnate Murdoch
38 Entertainer — Sumac
41 Makes unclear
42 "— — Mad Mad Mad Mad World"
43 Nursery bed
44 Long times
45 Desert sight
47 Roman route
48 Pinball mishap
49 Captain Hook's assistant
50 Unit of length
52 Enclosure
54 Fifth zodiac sign

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	U	B	L	E	T		S	U	L	T	A	N
P	R	A	I	S	E		P	R	E	S	T	O
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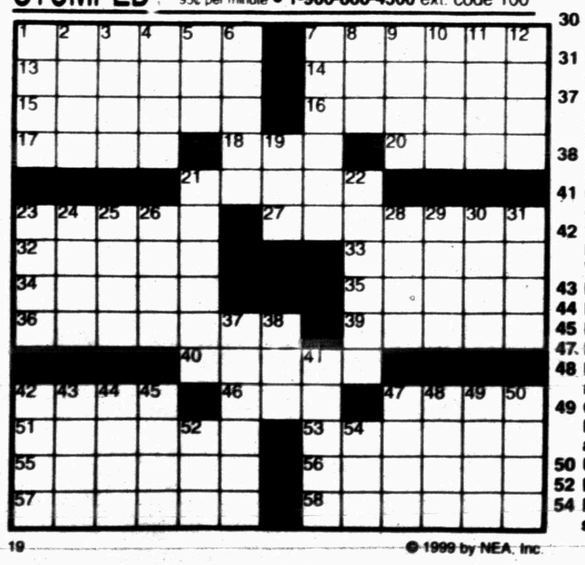

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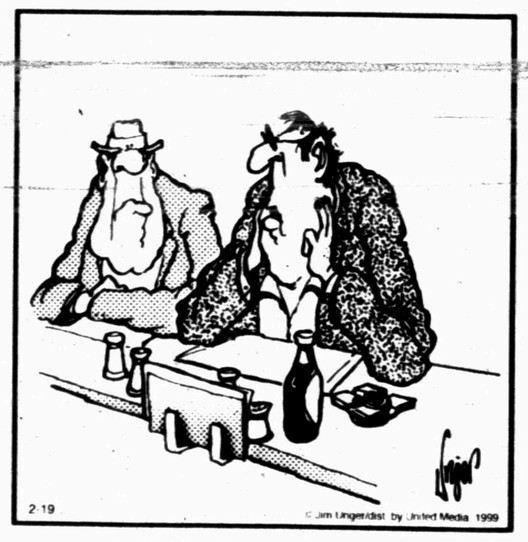

"I don't mind the long wait; the food here is terrible."

"DON'T GET TOO EXCITED ABOUT DINNER. MOM'S PUTTING ALL THE LEFTOVERS IN THE MICROWAVE."

SPORTS

In weekend action...

SHS girls favored at links event

Highland Park and Snyder entered the Snyder Classic girls golf tournament ranked first and second in the state.

But a rematch from last year's state tournament will have to be put on hold, due to some extra-curricular activities.

Highland Park's top three players, including last year's state medalist Maiko Senda, were suspended for one event for disciplinary reasons, leaving the Lady Tigers as the odds on favorite this weekend.

The Lady Tigers, playing today at Snyder Country Club and Saturday at Western Texas College, lined up in Division I against Abilene High, Andrews, Highland Park, Wylie, Pampa, Midland High, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper, Ft. Stockton, Lamesa and Midland Lee.

Hitting the links at WTC today in Division II action was to be Snyder No. 2, Lubbock Coronado, Monahans, Big Spring, Colorado City, Frenship, Lake View, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock High, Post and Sweetwater.

The Lady Tigers are coming off a victory in their first event of the spring at San Angelo.

In the preseason poll, Highland Park garnered eight first-place votes, with Snyder notching three.

GETTING CREATIVE — WTC's Rosalind Lawrence finds a way to get off a shot Thursday night against Odessa. The Lady Dusters rallied for a 53-51 win to remain in the postseason hunt. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Dusters battle back into playoff chase with 53-51 win

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Western Texas basketball coach Valery Jackson has said many times this season that you never know what might happen in the topsy-turvy WJCAC.

And now the Lady Dusters are proving her right.

With their playoff hopes hanging by a thread following four consecutive losses, the Lady Dusters have bounced back with three straight wins and are back in the thick of the postseason chase.

Western Texas overcame a 25 percent shooting performance and rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to edge Odessa, 53-51, Thursday night at Scurry County Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Dusters move into a tie with New Mexico for the fourth and final playoff spot, with two conference games remaining.

"We had to have this win," Jackson said following her team's comeback. "I was telling the girls what to do on every possession in the second half and they did a great job of executing it."

WTC struggled in the first half against Odessa's 1-3-1 zone defense, but made the necessary adjustments to turn the tide in the final 20 minutes.

With team leader Christy Wells out of action due to injury, sophomore Pam Odhuong'o and freshman Carrie Fincher picked up the slack.

Odhuong'o poured in 16 points and hauled down 17 rebounds, while Fincher netted a season-high 14 points.

Trailing, 43-32, at the 12:38 mark of the second half, the Lady Dusters began their run.

WTC went on a 11-0 streak over the next six minutes to knot the tally at 43-43.

An Odhuong'o bucket with 4:08 showing on the clock, gave Western Texas its first lead, 49-47, since early in the first half.

Still up by two, WTC extended the margin with just over a minute left when Odhuong'o blocked a Lady Wrangler shot and Rosalind Lawrence connected on the other end for a 53-49 lead.

Odessa had one final chance. After cutting the deficit with a pair of free throws, the Lady Wranglers forced a WTC turnover with 29 seconds left in the contest.

But once again the Lady Duster defense got the stop it needed, forcing an errant shot as time expired.

"We played really well defensively tonight," said Jackson. "On the offensive end, Pam and Carrie stepped up with big games. We needed some people to pick up the slack with Christy out and that's what happened."

Western Texas made up for their less than stellar shooting performance with defensive pressure and rebounding. The Lady Dusters forced 38 Odessa turnovers and held a 52-39 advantage in the rebounding department.

Next on the Lady Dusters' schedule is a visit to third-place South Plains on Monday.

Should the Lady Dusters finish in a fourth-place tie with New Mexico, a coin flip would determine the final postseason spot.

Odessa (51)
Marshall 4 4-5 12, Campbell 4 3-4 12, Taylor 4 0-0 10, Evans 4 0-0 8, Tucker 1 4-6 6, Sample 1 0-0 2, Sparnon 0 1-2 1. **Totals 18 12-17 51.**
Western Texas (53)
Odhuong'o 6 4-8 16, Fincher 5 4-5 14, Brown 4 4-4 12, Lawrence 1 2-2 4, Williams 1 1-2 3, Moon 1 0-0 2, Cavazos 1 0-0 2. **Totals 19 15-21 53.**

Halftime score: Odessa 35, Western Texas 28. Three-point goals: Odessa 3 (Taylor 2, Campbell). Rebounds: Odessa 39 (Marshall 10), Western Texas 52 (Odhuong'o 17). Total fouls: Odessa 16, Western Texas 18. Fouled out — none.

WJCAC Women

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
Midland	12	0	26	2
Howard	10	2	25	3
South Plains	7	5	16	12
New Mexico	6	6	18	9
WTC	6	6	17	10
Odessa	5	7	15	9
Clarendon	1	11	7	13
FPC	1	11	6	21

Thursday's results: Western Texas 53, Odessa 51; Howard 76, South Plains 54; Midland 82, Frank Phillips 47; New Mexico 71, Clarendon 53.

Monday's games: Western Texas at South Plains; Midland at Odessa; New Mexico at Frank Phillips; Howard at Clarendon.

Thursday's games: Western Texas at Midland; South Plains at Clarendon; Frank Phillips at Howard; Odessa at New Mexico.

End of regular season.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Already this year, Snyder sports fans have been able to watch the success of two former residents on national television.

Hayward Clay drew a starting role at tight end during the Dallas Cowboys' stretch run, while David McGinnis was the guru behind an Arizona Cardinal defense which eliminated Clay's Cowboys from the playoffs.

McGinnis was offered an NFL head coaching job with the Bears, but elected to stay in Arizona, with Clay looking to stay put in Dallas, as well.

But Clay and McGinnis aren't the only people with Snyder ties that are having success in the sports world.

John Abendschan, a former Texas Tech defensive lineman and son of Snyder's Gayle and Virginia Lomax, was recently hired as offensive line coach at newly built Flower Mound High School.

The ex-Red Raider is also getting the job done in the classroom. Abendschan was named rookie teacher of the year for Flower Mound Marcus High School, as well as for the entire Lewisville school district.

He was part of the Marcus staff that won the '97 state title and will begin his tenure as line coach when Flower Mound begins play next fall with a junior varsity schedule.

While Clay, McGinnis and Abendschan are busy on the gridiron, Snyder graduate Rick Henderson is having his success on the hardwood.

Henderson, a redshirt freshman at Lubbock Christian University, has earned a starting spot in the Chaparrals' line-up.

Even with the increased playing time, the ex-Tiger standout and son of Ron and Betty Henderson isn't letting the pressure of college basketball get to him.

"I really don't feel any more pressure from the outside since I've been starting," Henderson said from his LCU dormitory. "I just feel more pressure from myself to perform well for the team."

So far, Henderson's performances have suited the Chaparrals just fine. The 6-5 forward/guard has been lighting up the Sooner Conference with his perimeter shooting.

At one time this season, the LCU marksman was ranked as high as fourth in the nation in three-point shooting.

"I think my shooting has a lot to do with my new playing time," said Henderson. "I've really worked on that aspect of my game and now my goal is to get better defensively."

Hard work certainly pays off, and it doesn't hurt to have a little support from home to get your confidence up.

"My parents have been to almost every game we've played and that's really important," Henderson remarked. "Them and one other player's parents are the only ones that really follow us everywhere. They're kind of like the team parents to everybody."

As for Snyder natives reaching athletic excellence at the next level, the trend could continue, if this year is any indication.

Every Snyder High School athletic squad has advanced to the playoffs this year.

In the fall, the football, volleyball and tennis teams all made it to the postseason.

And this spring is off to a good start as well, with both the Snyder girls and boys earning a spot in the basketball playoffs.

So keep up the good work Tigers and Lady Tigers, now and in the future.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	6	2	.750	-
Miami	5	3	.625	1
NewYork	4	3	.571	1½
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	1½
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Washington	2	4	.333	3
NewJersey	2	5	.286	3½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	5	2	.714	½
Indiana	5	3	.625	1
Cleveland	4	3	.571	1½
Detroit	3	5	.375	3
Toronto	1	5	.167	4
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4½
Chicago	1	6	.143	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	7	1	.875	-
Houston	6	2	.750	1
Minnesota	5	2	.714	1½
SanAntonio	4	4	.500	3
Vancouver	3	4	.429	3½
Dallas	1	7	.125	6
Denver	1	8	.111	6½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	6	1	.857	-
Portland	4	2	.667	1½
L.A.Lakers	5	3	.625	1½
Phoenix	5	3	.625	1½
Sacramento	4	3	.571	2
GoldenState	3	5	.375	3½
L.A.Clippers	0	6	.000	5½

Thursday's Games
Indiana 99, Philadelphia 93
Washington 95, Toronto 88
Cleveland 98, New York 74
Houston 93, New Jersey 92, OT
Utah 97, Denver 86

Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Houston at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Texas angered by deal

ARLINGTON (AP) — More than three months' work has gone up in smoke, and Texas Rangers General Manager Doug Melvin is not pleased.

Melvin says Toronto Blue Jays General Manager Gord Ash told him Wednesday that a deal to bring five-time Cy Young Award-winner Roger Clemens to Texas was 90 percent done.

Ash said he had just one more phone call to make — to the New York Yankees.

On Thursday, the Blue Jays traded the fireballing Clemens to the Yankees for 18-game-winner David Wells, middle-reliever Graeme Lloyd and infield prospect Homer Bush.

Melvin says the addition of the lefty Wells to the Yankee offer was more than the Rangers were willing to match to get the former Texas Longhorns star. But what really grated was Clemens' stated wish to play close to his Katy, Texas, home.

"I'm most disappointed in that," Melvin told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "You hear from players and agents that a guy wants to go to a certain place, like Roger wanting to stay here in Texas. Then you work hard to make it happen — and it doesn't happen."

Melvin won't say whom the Rangers offered the Blue Jays. But The Dallas Morning News quoted unidentified sources as saying Texas offered highly touted center-field prospect Ruben Mateo, right-handed starter Esteban Loaiza, minor-league righty Jonathan Johnson and an undisclosed amount of cash.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST
Canisius 80, Loyola, Md. 76
Cent. Connecticut St. 66, Robert Morris 62
Delaware 87, Maine 74
Iona 96, Fairfield 67
Long Island U. 60, Md.-Baltimore County 59
Marist 85, Manhattan 61
New Hampshire 74, Towson 70
Quinnipiac 75, Wagner 72
Rider 89, Niagara 66
St. Francis, N.Y. 83, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 70
St. Joseph's 59, Drexel 50

SOUTH
Austin Peay 77, Tenn.-Martin 63
Belmont 85, Fisk 66
Campbell 80, Georgia St. 73
Cent. Florida 65, Jacksonville 60
DePaul 65, Southern Miss. 64
Jacksonville St. 64, Centenary 58
Louisville 80, Tulane 75
McNeese St. 99, SE Louisiana 68
Memphis 92, Saint Louis 89
Mercer 90, Troy St. 89
Morehead St. 75, Middle Tennessee 74
Murray St. 61, Tennessee St. 52
New Orleans 74, W. Kentucky 58
South Florida 75, Ala.-Birmingham 53
Stetson 87, Florida Atlantic 61
Tennessee Tech 89, E. Kentucky 78
Texas-Arlington 71, Northwestern St. 60

MIDWEST
Butler 78, Wis.-Milwaukee 63
Cent. Michigan 66, N. Illinois 62
Indiana St. 74, Wichita St. 68
Michigan St. 73, Michigan 58
Oakland, Mich. 90, Missouri-Kansas City 78
Valparaiso 90, Chicago St. 48
Wis.-Green Bay 58, Wright St. 40

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 69, South Alabama 67
Lamar 64, Nicholls St. 62, OT
Oral Roberts 72, Youngstown St. 68
SW Texas 82, Stephen F. Austin 66
Sam Houston St. 92, Texas-San Antonio 90

FAR WEST
Arizona 89, Oregon St. 72
Boise St. 60, Nevada 48
Denver 98, Texas-Pan American 88
E. Washington 78, CS Northridge 77
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Sports Briefs

Snyder to host playoff games

Scurry County Coliseum will play host to a pair of playoff basketball games.

Tonight, Trent and Wellman-Union will square off for the 1A girls area title. Tip-off is slated for 6:30. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students.

In boys action, Lubbock Coronado and Abilene Cooper will battle Monday in a bi-district tilt at 7:30. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students. Only District 3-5A and 4-5A passes will be accepted.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Weekly pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will begin Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

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ColgatePalm	87⅞	86¾	86 15-16— 9-16
ComclMetals	23¼	22 9-16	22 9-16— 5-16
CooperIn	43 13-16	43¼	43 13-16+13-16
CyprusAmax	11¼	10 11-16	10⅞— ⅝
DaimlrChry n	95¼	94 5-16	94 7-16—2 1-16
DallSemicn	35 13-16	35¼	35⅜+ 3-16
DeltaAirl s	55 7-16	54 13-16	55¼+ ¼
Dillards Inc	26 1-16	25¾	25 13-16— 5-16
DowChem	96⅞	95 5-16	95 9-16+1 13-16
DuPont	52⅛	51 13-16	52⅛+13-16
EastmanChem	47 3-16	46¾	46 13-16— ⅝
EstKodak	65 3-16	64	64¾+1 1-16
EDS Corp	45¾	45 1-16	45⅜— 5-16
Entergy	29¾	29¼	29⅜— ½
Exxon	68½	67¾	68¼— ⅛
FstBksAm	20½	20⅛	20⅛
Flowers	24¼	23¾	24¼+ ½
FordMotor s	60	59 1-16	59⅝—15-16
GTE Cp	65⅞	64 9-16	64¾—1 3-16
GenDynam s	60¼	59	59⅝—11-16
GenElec	101¼	100 1-16	100⅜— ¼
GenMills	82¾	81¼	82 3-16+ ¼
GenMotors	85¾	84 11-16	85 1-16— ½
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HarteHanks s	25 7-16	25¼	25¼— 5-16
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Lowes Cos s	56½	55 9-16	56⅛+ ¾
Lubys	14 5-16	14 1-16	14⅛— 1-16
LucentTech s	102 7-16	100	102 7-16+1 7-16
MayDeptStrs	59	58¼	58 5-16— ¼
MediaOne	56	54¾	55⅛— 1-16
Medtronic	74 15-16	72 7-16	74 1-16— 5-16
Mobil	85 11-16	84¾	85⅛— ⅛
Monsanto	45¾	45¼	45⅝+ ¼
MorganJP	112¾	111	111½— ⅛
Motorola	67 7-16	65¾	67¼+ 1
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PepsiCo	39½	37¾	39⅛+1 9-16
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PhilipPet	39 13-16	39¾	39 9-16— 3-16
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ReliantEngy	27 11-16	27¾	27 7-16— 7-16
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Senate OKs bill on social promotion

AUSTIN (AP) — Giving Gov. George W. Bush bipartisan backing for a key initiative, the Texas Senate unanimously approved a bill Thursday to require future students to pass a state test in third, fifth and eighth grades to be promoted — unless their parents successfully appeal.

The effort to ensure students who need extra help are identified and get it before moving on was pushed by the Republican governor on the campaign trail.

His proposal since has been revised, with his support, in part to include the appeal process for students who repeatedly fail the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

"Today the Senate sent a strong message that no child will be left behind in our state — that when a child is identified with a reading deficiency, we'll correct it early, before it is too late," said Bush, who strode into the Senate chamber after the 31-0 vote for the bill.

The measure by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, now goes to the House for consideration.

If finally approved, the bill only would remain in force if it received sufficient state funding under an amendment championed by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

West said he wanted to ensure the bill isn't a "legislative fad" that lawmakers stop funding in future years, dumping the cost of remedial courses and teacher training on local school districts.

Backers envision $203 million in extra funding through the next two-year budget period for programs to ensure students get needed skills. Students would get more than one chance to take the test, and teachers would get stipends to participate in training seminars focusing on reading.

The Senate Finance Committee approved an emergency appropriations bill Thursday that includes $18.8 million of the proposed money, sending the funding measure to the Senate for consideration.

Under Bivins' bill, the requirement for students to pass the TAAS at key grades would start with those entering kindergarten this fall. Students already in school wouldn't have to meet the standard.

"It is designed to focus on these children in the entering class of 1999 and say to them, 'We're not going to let you fall through the cracks like your older brothers and sisters have,'" Bivins said.

"We can't atone for all of our past sins, but we can start today to address the critical issue of social promotion," he said, using the term for passing students from grade to grade when they're not academically prepared.

Current state law says students may be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency. But there's no state standard to ensure students aren't passed without demonstrating knowledge.

The Texas Federation of Teachers estimated in 1996 that 150,000 Texas students are promoted every year without passing their courses.

Bush was asked a year ago whether there would be any way under his plan that a student would be promoted to fourth grade without passing the third-grade TAAS reading test.

"No there's not," he said then, adding, "The student will immediately go into remedial help."

Bush since then has said allowing parents to appeal a decision to hold back their child improves his original idea and "embodies the spirit of what I campaigned on."

The bill has drawn favorable comments from business people and educators.

Opposition as been expressed by lawyer Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which already has sued over the state requirement that students pass an exit-level TAAS to get a high school diploma.

Main points of new bill listed

AUSTIN (AP) — Highlights of a bill attacking social promotion (SB1) approved Thursday by the Texas Senate:

— Beginning with the fall 1999 kindergarten class, students would have to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills at key grades to be promoted — unless their parents successfully appealed.

— Third graders would have to pass the TAAS reading test; fifth-graders, reading and math; and eighth-graders, reading, writing and math. Students would get three tries, coupled with special instruction.

— Exceptions would be allowed. The bill would set up an appeals process to allow a student to be promoted — despite failing the TAAS three times — if the parent, teacher and principal agreed.

— Decisions to promote students despite TAAS failure would be public and part of the accountability system used to assess schools' performance.

— Backers envision $203 million in extra funding for programs through the next two-year budget period to ensure students get the skills they need and teachers get additional training to identify reading difficulties.

— The bill only would remain in force if it received sufficient state funding.

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Officers receive reports of theft, counterfeit bill

Officers investigated reports of a counterfeit bill and a theft Thursday.

At 8:04 a.m., officers were called to American State Bank in reference to a counterfeit bill. An offense report was submitted.

Jack Taylor requested an officer at the United construction site at 1:59 p.m. in reference to the theft of power tools. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

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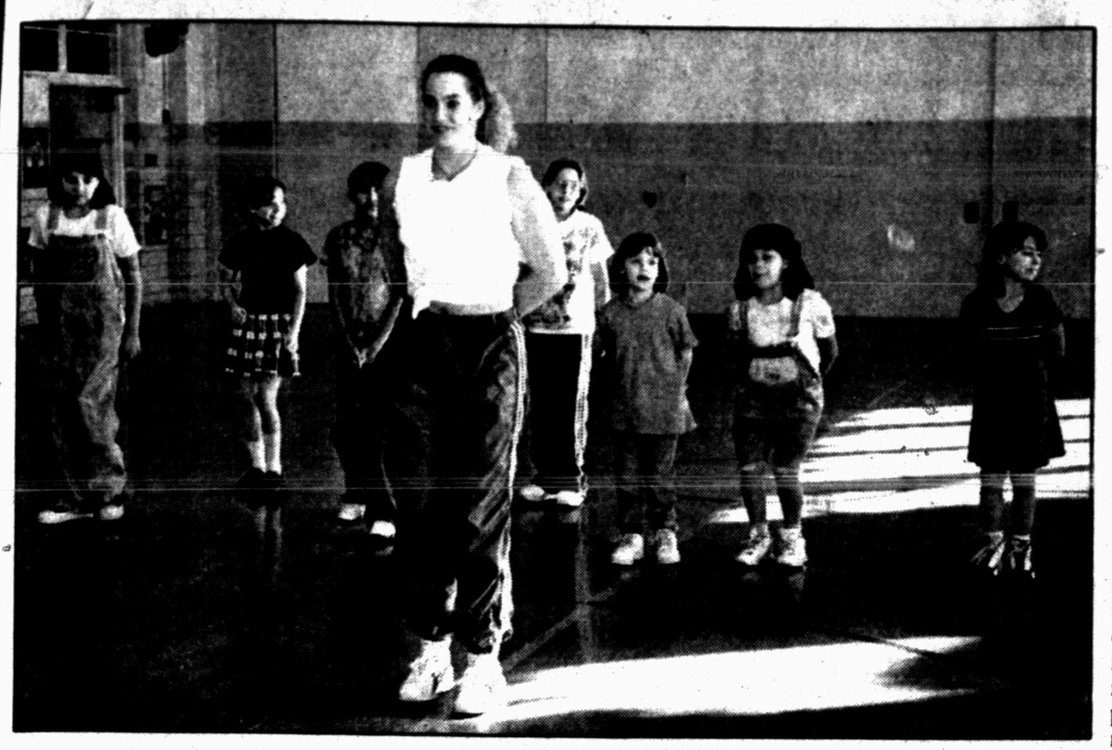

DEMONSTRATION — During a recent After-School program at Northeast, Mary Higby, Western Texas College cheerleader, showed from left, Kirsten Courtney, Michelle Williams, Elizabeth Dominguez, Paige Gunset, Megan Thompson, Samana Arizmendi, Autumn Castillo how to cheer. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Discover Creation seminar set Monday through Wednesday

Discover Creation, a three-night seminar, is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

Local churches and individuals are sponsoring the event.

Discover Creation seminars are fast-paced, informative and entertaining. They are designed with the whole family in mind. Programs for adults and children are illustrated with slides and visuals. They cover a variety of Biblical and scientific evidence pertinent to the creation/evolution issue.

Topics will include Ape or Adam?, Jurassic Park or Genesis Ark?, Fossils: Rock-Hard Facts, Water, Water Everywhere, Lucky Chance or Grand Design?, the Dating Game and more.

Alpha Omega Institute of Grand Junction, Colo. presents the seminar. Instructors will include Rich Stepanek and Lanny and Marilyn Johnson.

Stepanek, the main speaker, will focus on teens and adults. That portion of the seminar is presented in a non-technical manner.

The slide-illustrated sessions for ages 11-adult will take participants on a "journey" to the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, St. Helens, museums, zoos and classrooms.

Participants will be encouraged to evaluate standard evolutionary "proofs" like fossils, dinosaurs, cavemen and the origin of races through "different colored glasses."

According to AOI literature, the seminar will expose "some major holes in the evolution model" and explore "fascinating evidence of creation from science and Scripture."

The relationship of creation and evolution to current issues facing society will also be discussed. Concurrently with these sessions, the Johnsons will be teaching material for children, ages 5-10, using puppets, slide programs, demonstrations, crafts and other hands-on activities.

Stepanek, the Johnsons and Dave Nutting, who co-founded AOI with his wife, Mary Jo, believed in evolution but reevaluated their positions after much research. "Scientific evidence is consistent with the creationist position," Nutting said. "Strangely, we were never presented with anything in all of our high school or university years which even hinted that there were major flaws in the evolution model."

Nutting and Stepanek speak extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad on this topic. Nutting holds advanced degrees in mathematics and geology, while Stepanek is a certified speaker for AOI.

The Johnsons also have degrees in geology and biology and have had much experience working with children.

Stepanek was taught evolution in school and at church. He changed his mind after attending a Discover Creation seminar and from his own research.

In January of 1997, he joined Alpha Omega Institute as a full time speaker. His wife, Sue, daughters, Kim, Abby, and Claudia, and son Ryan often travel with him in the ministry.

The Johnsons are also former evolutionists trained in the sciences. According to an AOI pamphlet, creation teaching was instrumental in bringing them to a settled assurance that all of God's word can be trusted.

They joined AOI in 1993 and established the Children's Ministry to fortify the Bible. Their daughters, Mandy and Robin, are a valuable part of the team.

Dave and Mary Jo Nutting were also trained in evolutionary geology and biology. They now believe and teach that true scientific evidence is consistent with the record of creation and the flood of Genesis.

They founded Alpha Omega Institute in 1984 and have traveled and spoken extensively on the subject. Their two sons, Tim and Steven, sometimes joins them in the ministry.

Fiberoptic cable break interrupts service to thousands of customers

DALLAS (AP) — A severed fiberoptic communications cable in Central Texas interrupted service to thousands of people Thursday, including those using Internet services.

The cable break near Temple was on MCI Worldcom equipment but affected other telecommunications providers.

The break interrupted some service to Temple, Austin, San Antonio, Irving and Waco.

Proposed OSHA standards aim to curb strain injuries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is proposing standards that could force employers to alter workstations, redesign facilities or change tools to help reduce repetitive-motion injuries and back strain in the workplace.

The long-awaited draft "ergonomics" standards were being released today, according to a Labor Department official speaking on condition of anonymity.

The rules are intended to curb stress trauma cases such as carpal tunnel syndrome, which is commonly caused by repeated motions, and to help prevent other injuries that result from awkward postures and equipment that do not properly fit workers.

OSHA spokesman Frank Kane said the draft standards were developed over many years with input from companies and experts in ergonomics — the science of adapting the work environment to suit the worker.

The standards reflect "what we've noticed worked successfully in companies," he said. Kane said the draft standards probably will evolve into an actual proposal sometime this summer, when it will be open for public comment before a final rule is made.

According to the agency, more than 647,000 Americans suffer serious injuries and illnesses each year due to overexertion or repetitive stress on the job. Work-related musculoskeletal disorders cost employers $15 billion to $20 billion annually in worker compensation, OSHA says.

The proposals apply primarily to industrial jobs, such as meat-packing, sewing, assembly lines and package handling. But office workers who perform tasks that require repetitive motions such as operating a computer keyboard could be included under the guidelines.

Under the proposed rules, employers might have to offer medical care and time off for workers who suffer injuries. Businesses also would be required to set up a system for employees to report possible hazards.

Labor officials, who have been pushing for the standards for nearly a decade, said the proposal represents an effort by OSHA to address a problem that accounts for more than one-third of all serious workplace injuries.

"These disorders constitute the biggest safety and health problem in the workplace today," Peg Seminario, director of occupational safety and health for the AFL-CIO, wrote in a letter to Charles Jeffress, assistant labor secretary in charge of OSHA.

Seminario said implementing programs to address the problem also can benefit businesses by reducing injuries and associated Worker's Compensation claims and by boosting productivity.

But Seminario complained that the proposed OSHA rules exclude certain workers: those in agriculture, construction and the maritime industry, all sectors in which musculoskeletal disorders are serious problems. She also said the standards should deal more with potential injuries before they occur.

"As drafted, in many workplaces, the rule is only triggered after workers are injured," she wrote.

Business leaders decried the proposed regulations, saying they jump the gun on what science has yet to prove. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce chastised the agency for not waiting until the National Academy of Sciences finishes a congressionally funded study on whether such standards are necessary.

"It's indicative of how little science seems to matter in crafting these regulations," Chamber spokesman Frank Coleman said in a telephone interview.

He said the regulations threaten to require all businesses to become experts in ergonomics and could end up costing companies millions of dollars to alter their workplaces.

Coleman also complained that the draft proposal is "hopelessly vague" and would give OSHA inspectors a "blank check" when investigating worksites.

TAAS tests slated here

The state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test be given Tuesday through Thursday here. Tests are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday: TAAS Writing for grades 4, 8 and exit level.

Wednesday: Exit Level TAAS Math.

Thursday: Exit Level TAAS Reading.

Sophomore students currently enrolled in Snyder High School, junior and senior students currently enrolled in Snyder High School who have not shown mastery on one or more portions of the TAAS, and registered out-of-school examinees, are eligible to take the test.

Snyder High School will be the testing site for sophomores and out-of-school examinees. Junior, senior and limited proficiency students will be tested in the high school library. Examinees must be present and on time. No make-up sessions will be allowed.

Out-of-school examinees should be at the high school by 8:30 a.m. with an admission letter and a picture identification. Only registered TAAS out-of-school and TEAMS examinees who have picture identification will be admitted. Student identification will be verified at the test site.

Snyder ISD students have consistently scored above the state average on state-manadated tests, and the district anticipates that students will perform well again this year.

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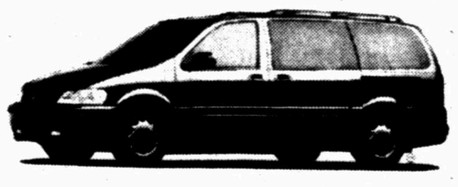

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DNA test results introduced at trial

JASPER (AP) — DNA tests show body fluids found on shoes and clothing recovered from the apartment of murder defendant John William King match those of dragging victim James Byrd Jr., an FBI analyst testified today at King's trial.

In addition, Frank Baechtel, a forensics examiner with the FBI's DNA unit in Washington, said bloodstains on tires from the truck prosecutors said was used to drag Byrd to his death last year matched DNA of the 49-year-old black man.

And DNA samples from cigarette butts and a beer bottle found at the crime scene tied the items to King and two white companions. It was possible, Baechtel said, that Byrd also smoked at least one of the cigarettes.

The tests examined the chemical nucleus in cells and Baechtel said he tried to match genetic codes from those cells "that determines what each of us is."

Discussing a stain on a shirt recovered from King's apartment, Baechtel said, "DNA profiles in that blood stain match James Byrd."

The DNA evidence today came after FBI agent Norman Townsend electrified the courtroom Thursday by pulling 24½ feet of logging chain from a cardboard evidence box.

It was the steel chain prosecutors believe was attached to the bumper of a pickup truck and wrapped around the ankles of Byrd, who then was dragged for three miles.

Byrd, an unemployed disabled man, was on his way home well after midnight when a truck carrying three men stopped and offered him a ride. His body, ripped into pieces, was found hours later at daylight.

As evidence goes, the chain is an irrelevant piece in the prosecution's case against suspected white supremacist King, the first of the three white men to be tried for Byrd's slaying. Authorities say the chain was put through a car wash immediately after Byrd's murder, stripping it of any crucial flesh and blood evidence.

But as pure theater, the chain, stretched out like a lethal jump rope, could not be matched. And Townsend, the last of 19 witnesses brought to the stand Thursday, dramatically revived a courtroom wearied by two days of tedious testimony about evidence retrieval.

"I think we thought we were mentally prepared for everything that's come into this case," said a visibly moved Clara Taylor, one of Byrd's sisters. "But to see that chain was bone-chilling.

"It made me think back to the slaves — of slavery when you saw black men chained and brought over on ships," she said.

King, 24, faces life in prison or lethal injection if convicted of Byrd's murder.

"The chain was what was used to drag the man," District Attorney Guy James Gray said. "You always show the jury what things killed somebody.

"When you look at it and visualize it being tied around the ankles, I think it has an impact."

Each day of King's trial, Ms. Taylor and about a dozen other family members take the first two rows of seats behind Gray's prosecution table and the jury box.

Obituaries

Maxine Courtney

1929-1999

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Maxine Courtney, 62, who died early today at her residence following a sudden illness.

Mrs. Courtney was employed at Nancy's Art Style.

Her husband, James Courtney, survives.

Bessie Wilson

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1911-1999

CISCO — Bessie Wilson, the mother of Dolores Jones of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 18, in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wilson, 87, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Benny Hagan will officiate and burial will follow in the Ross Annex Cemetery in Baird.

Born March 2, 1911 in Atoka, Okla., she was reared in Oklahoma and Texas. A homemaker and a seamstress, Mrs. Wilson was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Cisco Chapter of AARP.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son, Clyde Colvin of Dallas; another daughter, Betty Jo Jobe of Tulsa; three sisters, Bertha Comstock of Elmo, Tex., Cathleen Jones of Baird and Cherry Skiles of Atlanta, Ga.; eight grandchildren including Kelly Jones of Dallas and Kathy Jones Vickers of Ozona, both formerly of Snyder, and Kathy's husband, Dane; eight great-grandchildren including Jarret Vickers of Ozona; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rainwater

1914-1999

Services for Bessie Melissa Rainwater, 84, of San Angelo are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rainwater, a former Snyder resident, died today at Myrtle Wood Estates in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Born on Sept. 18, 1914 in Mansfield, Ark., she married R.C. Rainwater on Dec. 13, 1947 in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rainwater, a homemaker, was also preceded in death by one grandchild.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Hamilton and Patsy Maddux, both of San Angelo; a son, Kenneth Wade of Ruidoso, N.M.; and a sister, Mildred Raye of San Angelo.

Georgia Ellis

1929-1999

Georgia Ellis, 69, died Friday, Feb. 19, at her home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Albany Cemetery. The service is under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 21, 1929 in Santa Anna, she married Donald E. Ellis on May 19, 1948 in Albany. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Mrs. Ellis was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Ann Ellis in 1962.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Ellis of Snyder; two daughters, Linda Stack of Snyder and Donna Jean Tabor of Carlsbad, N.M.; a sister, Jean O'Conner of Breckenridge; three grandchildren, Kim Tabor, Donald Tabor and Tiffany Stack; and one great-grandchild, Cody Tabor.

Mable Gosdin

1903-1999

BROWNFIELD — Mable Gosdin, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 18, in Brownfield.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gosdin, 95, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel. Mike McDonald, minister of the Brownfield Church of Christ, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Born Aug. 7, 1903 in McCrory, Ark., she attended school in Fargo and Snyder. She married Clarence Gosdon on June 8, 1926 in Wichita Falls. He died in 1967.

Mrs. Gosdin and her husband owned a drug store in Lakeview and then moved to Brownfield in 1941 and owned Gosdin Drug.

Mrs. Gosdin moved to Graham Lake in 1977 and then returned to Brownfield in 1987.

A son, Harold, died in 1996. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Pablo Garcia

1941-1999

FORT STOCKTON — Pablo Baiza Garcia, the brother of Oscar Garcia of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, at his home in Fort Stockton.

Mass for Mr. Garcia, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.

Born June 30, 1941 in Alpine, Mr. Garcia, a Catholic, was a construction worker and a longtime resident of Fort Stockton.

Survivors include his mother, Luciana Baiza Garcia of Fort Stockton; and several other brothers and sisters, Miguel Benavides, Linda Galindo and Mary Garcia, all of Odessa, Robert Garcia and Sylvia Garrison, both of Fort Stockton, Carmen Hernandez of Alvin, Irene Juarez and Delma Collier, both of Midland, and Juanita Muniz of Alpine.

Betty Frazier

1930-1999

STRAWN — Betty Jo Atwood Frazier, the mother of LaDonna Cross of Ira, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, in a local hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Frazier, 68, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Strawn First Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Speer was to officiate and burial was to follow in Mount Marion Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Born in Denton Valley, she graduated from Eula High School and married Odis Frazier in 1971 in Abilene. The Fraziers had owned and operated Strawn Floral and Professional Cemetery Service.

A housewife, Mrs. Frazier had also previously worked at Flintkote in Sweetwater and for Burl Harris Construction in Abilene.

Survivors include her husband, Odis Frazier of Strawn; a son, Ronnie Brown of Hawley; another daughter, Kim Elkins of Gordon; three stepsons, Joe Frazier of Hawley, Jim Frazier of Elm Valley and Carl Frazier of Strawn; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Bill Lipkey

KOKOMO, Ind. (AP) — Bill Lipkey, who organized the first U.S. Auto Club race more than 40 years ago, died Monday. He was 86.

Lipkey began organizing auto races in the early 1950s. On Jan. 8, 1956, when USAC took over race sanctioning from the American Automobile Association, Lipkey set up the first USAC race, for midget cars, at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

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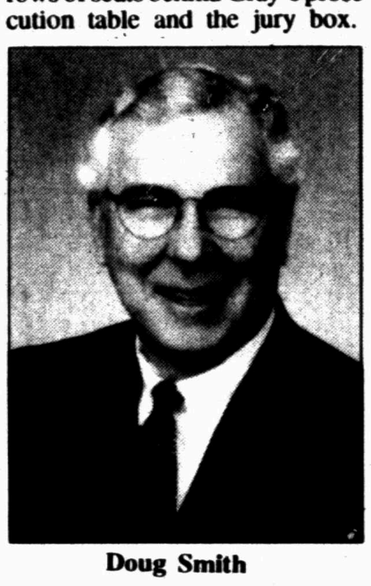

Doug Smith

SHS grad will be honored as ACU alumnus

A 1956 graduate of Snyder High School will be honored Saturday as the 1998 Alumnus of the Year at Abilene Christian University.

Doug Smith, a 1960 graudate of the Abilene university, will be recognized at noon during the Alumni Day Luncheon in the Teague Special Events Center.

Smith, who served as president of the SHS student council the year he graduated from high school, received his master's degree in healthcare administration from Duke University in 1966.

Smith's parents, both deceased, operated the Redwood Motel in Snyder.

In 1969, Smith became the assistant director of Duke University Medical Center and held that position for two years.

He later served as president of the Hospital Corporation of America Center for Health Studies.

In addition, Smith has been president of HCA Management Co. and was responsible through regional and district organization for more than 200 hospital contracts in 46 states and Canada.

The HCA Management Co. spun off from its parent company, Hospital Corporation of America, and became Quorom Health Group Inc., of which Smith was vice chairman for four years. He also served as president and CEO of Quorom Health Resources.

Smith now oversees Evergreen Investments and Management in Brentwood, Tenn., and is chairman of Passport Health Communications, as well as a part-time professor at Vanderbilt University.

He serves on ACU's Board of Trustees, and is presently working on a doctoral degree in the philosophy of administration/health services administration at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

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Fish Fry

A Fish Fry sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Men and Women's Association will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. today in the Parish Center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets, sold at the door, are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Cancer Society meeting

The American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Monday in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Discover Creation program

A Discover Creation program, presented by former evolutionists, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. Evidence from both science and scripture will be presented and will be informative for both youth and adults.

Egyptian exhibit at museum

Northeast fifth graders in Lori Grinslade's class will have their Egyptian exhibit on display at Scurry County Museum from 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

Class of '74 reunion

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the College Ave. Dairy Queen to plan the class of 1974 reunion. For more information, call 573-7014 or 573-3653.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Kind of Body Will We have in the Resurrection," followed by "Fear of Death."

Distance learning course

Midwestern State University will offer a trimester course, public personnel administation, through the distance learning lab on the Western Texas College campus. The course begins Tuesday and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

Community garden meeting

A meeting to plan the 1999 community garden will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of First Presbyterian Church. All interested persons are welcome.

Genealogy Society meeting

The Genealogy Society is looking for new members. There will be a program and business meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Interested persons are welcome.

Kiwanis pancake feast

Snyder Kiwanis Club will held its annual Pancake Feast Saturday, March 6, in the West Elementary Cafeteria from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 per person and children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a free TV. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any club member or by calling 573-2191.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available today and every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Mills medical fund

A fund to assist with the cancer treatment of Marie Mills has been opened at Snyder National Bank.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Planetarium shows

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

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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(one, ten, eleven, twenty-six, thirty-four)

Pick 3

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

5-8-7

(five, eight, seven)