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Home of Karen Kitties

Post office work continues...

NEAR COMPLETION — The new Snyder Post Office (top photo) is near completion, but an exact opening date has not been set. In the bottom left photo, Billy Bryant (left) and Stuart Isham of Isham Electric in San Saba install phone wires. The company also installed the electric wiring. Juan Lopez is shown painting at bottom right. (SDN Staff Photos)

SISD facing increased health insurance costs

By Wade A. Warren
Managing Editor

As sure as the price of gasoline goes up each time you fill up your car, the price of health insurance also rises when its renewal time.

The last statement hit the Snyder Independent School District right in the pocket book Tuesday night when trustees heard that they can expect at least a $500,000 increase in health insurance premiums for the coming year.

Jerry Edwards of Marble Falls is a consultant for school districts across the state and said the picture is the same everywhere.

Edwards also noted that some school districts have stopped providing health insurance to employees due to the staggering costs.

Edwards said if the state legislature passes an insurance bill for teachers, it would be good news for most districts only if it is adequately funded, but said he did not expect a state-wide plan to be in effect before the 2002-2003 school year.

Edwards did say that claims from the district are down some from this time last year. "We've had one claim for $41,000 this year, and last year at this time we had three over $50,000."

Edwards said the district is not out of the woods this school year as 53 percent of all claims last year were filed in the last four months of the fiscal year. "In August of last year, $228,000 in claims were filed."

The consultant will meet again with the board next month and is expected to present his recommendation for a health insurance carrier.

In action items last night, trustees approved roof repairs totaling $1.4 million to district buildings that suffered damages in the June 1999 hailstorm.

Bids were approved for repair of Snyder Junior High School, Stanfield Elementary, West Elementary and the administration building.

Last month, trustees approved $1.2 million in repairs for the main high school building and other buildings on the SHS campus.

Included in this figure were improvements to Travis Gym.

In all, the district received $2.6 million in insurance monies after the amount of damages went to arbitration.

Originally, the district's former insurance company said there were only $77,000 in damages as a result of the storm.

In personnel matters, the trustees formalized the contracts of Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for business and finance; Mike Martin, girl's athletic coordinator and head girls basketball coach; and Warren Beard, agriculture teacher at the high school.

Resignations were approved from Terry Leatherwood, SHS industrial technology instructor; Sue Tidwell, math teacher and coach at SJHS; Margaret Corkran, SJHS English teacher; and Samijane Webb, first grade teacher at East Elementary.

The trustees also approved two minor changes to the Student Code of Conduct, and renewed the agreement with Scurry County to collect taxes for the school district.

Oaths of office were administered to trustees Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples. Officers were re-elected were Mark McCormick, president; Richard Chambers, vice president; and Mike Levens, secretary.

McCormick presided and all board members were in attendance to include Burleson, Chambers, Peoples, Levens, Glenn Clarady and Janet Stribling.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Stomach ulcers don't come from what you eat, but rather what's eating you."

It didn't take long to stir up a male reaction. Right after we had printed a list of bumper stickers for women that were sent from New Mexico, the following landed on our desk.

It got covered up, or it would have been more timely right after all those male-bashing statements.

If you use any of these in mixed company, however, be ready to duck. Here goes:

—How many men does it take to open a cold drink? None. It should be opened by the time she brings it.

—Why is a laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman? Because a woman who can't afford a washing machine will probably never be able to support you.

—Why do women have smaller feet than men? It's one of those evolutionary things that allows them to stand closer to the kitchen sink.

—How do you know when a woman is about to say something smart? When she starts her sentence with "A man once told me..."

—How do you fix a woman's watch? You don't. There's a clock on the oven.

—Why do men belch more than women? Because women can't be quiet long enough to build up the required pressure.

—If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first? The dog of course. He'll be quiet once you let him in.

—What's worse than a male chauvinist pig? A woman that won't do what she's told.

—I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

—I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. She doesn't like me to interrupt her.

—What do you call a woman who has lost 95 percent of her intelligence? Divorced.

—Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90 per cent. It is called a wedding cake.

—Marriage is a three-ring circus. Engagement ring. Wedding ring. Suffer-Ring.

—Telling the truth sometimes results in a squabble. When the missus asks what's on TV, don't reply, "Dust."

—If you want to see your wife really sputter, when she returns from the beauty shop simply ask, "What's wrong hon, they couldn't get to you?"

Who knows, this may have been sent from New Mexico by Don Buckland.

Cloyce Talbott is CEO...

Patterson's merger with UTI approved

A proposed merger of a Snyder energy company with a Houston firm, announced last February, was approved Tuesday by shareholders of both companies.

Patterson Energy Inc. of Snyder and UTI Energy Corp. of Houston jointly announced that shareholders of the two companies had approved a merger to create North America's second-largest operator of land-based oil and gas drilling rigs.

Shortly after the shareholders meeting in Houston, it was announced that the surviving company was named Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. and that its common shares will be traded under the symbol PTEN on the NASDAQ exchange.

There are approximately 76 million shares outstanding. Under terms of the merger, shareholders of UTI will receive one share of Patterson common stock for each share of UTI common stock.

At the close of the market on Monday, the companies had a combined market value of $2.2 billion.

The combined companies, headquartered in Snyder, have 202 land-based drilling rigs of which 286 are located in the U.S. and 16 are located in Western Canada.

Mark S. Siegel, who has served as chairman of UTI, is the new chairman of the merged firm.

Cloyce Talbott, formerly chairman and chief executive officer of Patterson, will serve as CEO of Patterson-UTI.

Glenn Patterson will serve as president and chief operating officer and Jody Nelson will continue as chief financial officer. John Vollmer, who had been UTI's CFO, will assume the title of senior vice president for corporate development.

Vaughn Drum, a founder of UTI who had served as UTI's CEO for 14 years, has elected to retire but will remain as a director of the new company.

"With more than 300 land-based drilling rigs strategically located in some of the most prolific oil and gas producing regions in North America, Patterson-UTI will have the second-largest land-based drilling fleet," Talbott noted.

"Moreover, our combined rig fleet, well-matched to the drilling activity, together with the strengths of the combined management teams, provide us with the flexibility and capacity to meet the drilling needs of an expanded customer base."

Siegel added, "Both UTI and Patterson built shareholder value through consistent implementation of growth strategies through various cycles of our business. We believe the combine resources of both companies will provide an even stronger base for further growth and consolidation."

SHS places second in state in UIL meet

Snyder High School garnered second place in the state UIL academic and one-act play competition last Friday and Saturday in Austin. Final totals were received this week.

SHS earned 64 points in all from the one-act play and academic events.

SHS principal Larry Scott said, "Everyone did an outstanding job. We are extremely proud of the students, coaches and sponsors."

This victory is the highest for Snyder in academic events in recent years, Scott added.

The accounting team of Tyler Kerr, Leslye Starnes and Kate Wright earned first place. In individual awards, Kerr placed fourth in accounting and Starnes fifth.

Matt Coronado's second place in prose interpretation added to Snyder's total. Other points came from the one-act play's third place and Jeremee Lester's fifth place in computer applications.

The cast and crew of Taming of the Shrew include Austin Haire, Matt Coronado, Clark Reed, Josh Heaton, Brandon McCraw, RJ Sanders, Haley Elkins, Whitney Graham, Jeff Clark, Hayli Henderson, Kelli Henderson, Bobby Sands, Joanna Burk, Shahala Massingill, Mark Haines, Sterling Millhollon, Kendall Brewster, Caleb Durham, Sara Cantu, Emily Vinson, Valery Haines, Crissida Tyler and Michael Compton.

Sponsors and coaches accompanying the students include Brad Vincent, drama; Phyllis Smith, accounting; Lynda McCormack, speech; Ron Hester, debate; Katie Henson, journalism; and Lynda Patterson, computer applications.

Southlake Carrol won state with 85 points. Sharyland finished third with 61 points. Dallas Highland Park had 59 points for fourth place; and Denton Ryan Park was fifth with 55 points.

Ira approves bids on carpet

Ira ISD trustees met Tuesday afternoon and approved bids for new carpet and tile to be funded by maintenance tax notes.

Supt. Jim Rumage said the board was pleased with the bids and that the accepted bid came in under what the district's architects had projected.

The low bid was $46,147.92 by Higginbotham-Bartlett of Snyder.

The estimated cost was $75,000.

Other bids were $47,060 by Teal Carpet of Big Spring, and $51,000 by King Carpet of Snyder.

WTC board to reconvene today

Western Texas College board of trustees will reconvene in executive session at 5:30 p.m. today as the search for the college's fourth president draws closer to an end.

Trustees met less than an hour Monday evening at which time they discussed a possible compensation package for the position.

Board President Lee Presswood said an announcement might be made this evening, but it is more likely that the new college chief would not be named until Monday's regular board meeting.

Trustees have three candidates to choose from — including Dr. Dusty Johnston, Dr. Jim Palmer and Dr. Greg Williams.

Dr. John Pruit of Dallas withdrew his application.

Dr. Johnston is dean of instruction at Rich Mountain Community College in Mena, Ark. He is a former rodeo coach and administrator with Howard College in Big Spring.

Dr. Jim Palmer, an original WTC faculty member, is currently the dean of academic instruction.

Dr. Williams is vice president for student services at Midland College.

Dr. Harry Krenek, who is retiring this summer after 14 years as college president, is the longest tenured of presidents in the school's 29-year history.

Dr. Robert Clinton was the first WTC president, and he was followed by Dr. Don Newbury.

ASK US

Q—Has the tornado warning sirens been repaired and ready for this season?
A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 81 degrees; low, 60; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 62; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.38 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low lower 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy, high mid to upper 80s. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low lower 60s.

Wendy Moran
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:29 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:53 a.m.
Of 128 days in 2001, the sun has shone 116 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Human beings, like plants, grow in the soil of acceptance, not in an atmosphere of rejection.
—John Powell

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SHS AWARDS — Receiving departmental awards at Snyder High School awards program included, seated, Jennifer Ream, Laura Billingsley, Mark Haines, Brandon McCraw, Josh Heaton, Jennifer Lara; standing, Vanessa Lara, Stephanie Williams, Jeremy Miller, Ashley Tucker, Alison Billingsley, Haley Elkins, Matt Coronado, Lyndell Lee, Jaci Smith, Will Davis and Austin McCormack. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Alledged gang leaders charged in indictment

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors announced a sweeping indictment against the Bloods street gang and its female counterpart, vowing to dismantle "the most entrenched street gang in New York City."

The racketeering indictment in U.S. District Court in Manhattan charged 15 members and associates of the United Blood Nation and Bloodettes gangs, including the alleged leaders, with conspiracy to murder, attempted murder, extortion and robbery, among other charges.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said Tuesday that the indictment will go a long way toward eradicating the gangs' influence in New York City. Prosecutors said the gang is separate from the Bloods on the West Coast.

The 31-count indictment names Omar Portee as the alleged Bloods leader and Paulette McCartha as the alleged leader of the female gang.

Twelve of those indicted are in custody, including Portee, who pleaded innocent Tuesday. His attorney, Robert Dunn, told The New York Times that Portee said he didn't know many of the others indicted.

"Based on what I know to be his economic circumstances, it would seem to be inconsistent with anyone who would be the architect of such a wide-ranging criminal enterprise," Dunn said.

The gang was formed in 1993 while Portee was jailed on an armed robbery conviction, White said. Portee was released in June 1999 after serving his full sentence.

"He is considered the godfather — he's the person when someone wants to know about the Bloods and committing crimes, he's the person they go to," said William Allee, the New York Police Department's chief of detectives.

Electric bill gets preliminary approval

AUSTIN (AP) — Electric companies would be forced to refund some of the billions of dollars they have overcharged customers since 1998 under a scaled-down bill given preliminary approval Tuesday by the Texas House.

The approved bill is a weak version of the original by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, that would have required utilities to return all of an estimated $5.9 billion in overcharges. Utilities argue they didn't overcharge customers and they don't owe refunds for excess earnings they are allowed to keep under the state's deregulation law passed last session.

Lawmakers supported the bill only after Turner agreed to let utilities keep billions in overcharges and to take out other provisions that tinkered with the law.

"This summer in the state of Texas, our people, our voters, our constituents will face their highest electricity bills in this state's history," Turner said. "Today we have the opportunity to do something about it."

Lawmakers approved the bill by voice vote and are expected to vote on record Wednesday before they send the measure to the Senate where a prominent Republican has agreed to sponsor it.

The bill requires some utilities, including TXU Electric & Gas and Reliant Energy Inc., to give each customer a refund on one utility bill during the summer. Refunds would total about $120 for customers in Reliant's service area and $54 for those in TXU's service area.

"Something's better than nothing," said a co-sponsor of the bill, Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston.

About 2.3 million Texans are residential customers of TXU while 1.5 million are residential customers of Reliant. Customers of municipalities or electric cooperatives would not get refunds. Refund estimates include money ratepayers have paid and are expected to pay.

Utilities would keep billions of overcharges until 2004, when the deregulation law requires extra profits be returned to customers.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, who has strongly opposed the bill, voted for the scaled-down version.

"It was a bad day for consumers," said TXU spokesman Chris Schein. "We wanted to let (deregulation law) work. Unfortunately politics got involved."

Schein said utilities will now focus on educating Senate members on the issue and urge them not to support it.

TXU has argued that refunding customers now might mean rate increases later if the market takes a different turn. Instead, utilities want to stick with the law, which requires that any disputes over charges be settled in 2004.

But Turner and others say that if the companies are not forced to return the excess earnings now, they will find a way in 2004 to make sure that they do not have to return money to consumers then.

Turner said his bill leaves many issues with the deregulation law unresolved.

"You can anticipate a fairly in-depth bill in 2003," that will address those concerns, he said.

The disagreement over the refunds stems from the deregulation law, which allows utilities to charge customers higher-than-necessary rates to make up for money they were expected to lose through investments in nuclear power and coal plants. Those plants were expected to lose value in an unregulated market.

But soaring natural gas prices made gas-fired power plants more expensive to operate, increasing the value of nuclear power and coal plants, and resulting in extra profits for utilities.

Those profits, however, are subject to market swings, others argue.

Electric deregulation starts Jan. 1. A pilot program begins in June.

'SNL' Mother's Day special to air Sunday

NEW YORK (AP) — There have been casts of "Saturday Night Live" over the years where you couldn't quite imagine actors happily performing skits with their moms.

Not this one.

"It's a different era at 'Saturday Night Live,'" comic Ana Gasteyer told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "It's a much kinder, gentler era, although (executive producer) Lorne (Michaels) might not like me saying this."

Gasteyer and several other cast members perform with their mothers in a prime-time Mother's Day special airing Sunday on NBC. All the moms sing a Jennifer Lopez song together.

Gasteyer's skit is about growing up with an artsy mom, and she said it has a ring of truth. Marianna Gasteyer makes clay sculptures in Corrales, N.M.

Palm Beach elections head drops Demo Party affiliation

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Palm Beach County election supervisor who was widely criticized for the county's now infamous "butterfly ballot" is dropping her Democratic affiliation.

Theresa LePore said her main reason for changing her voter registration to independent on Monday was to show that her job was nonpartisan. She added that she didn't like the way Democrats treated her after November's presidential race, including gripes that the ballot was confusing and cost Al Gore thousands of votes.

Gore carried the heavily Democratic county in the Nov. 7 election, but some Democrats complained the ballot layout was so confusing they mistakenly voted for Pat Buchanan instead of Gore.

"I think it's a good thing she became an independent," said county Democratic Party executive director Cathy Dubin. "We have not publicly stated we were against her because she is one of ours, but there are many people in the party still angry."

LePore joined the Democrats in 1996. She was a registered Republican from 1973 to 1978, when she became an independent.

Book deal falls through

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Her book deal was no more enduring than her TV show. Bette Midler won't be writing a tell-all detailing her failed bid to become a TV comedy star.

The entertainer was reportedly writing "Canceled" with producing partner Bonnie Bruckheimer.

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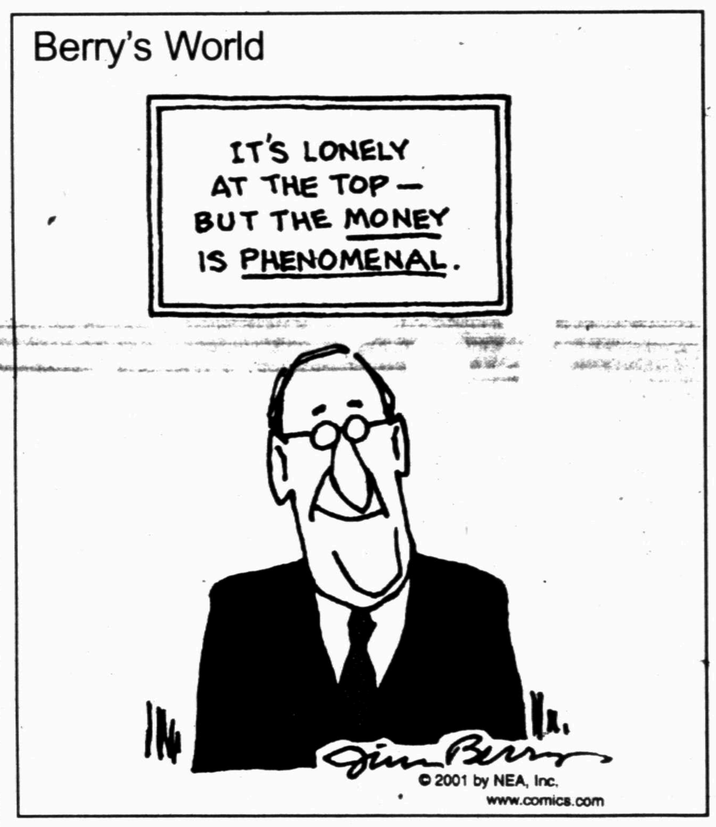

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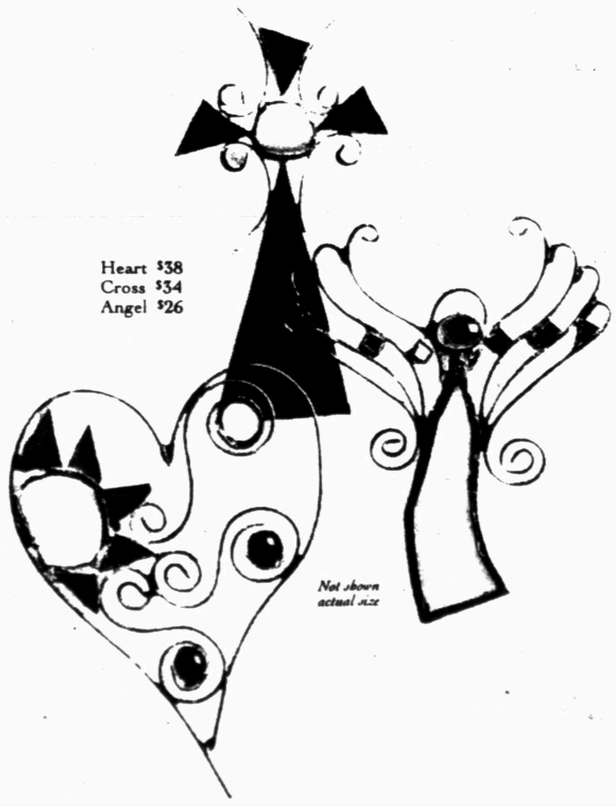

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Wednesday, May 9, 2001

Today is the 129th day of 2001 and the 51st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1825, New York City's Chatham Theater became the first theater in the United States to be illuminated by gas.

On this day in 1926, Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

On this day in 1974, the House Judiciary Committee began a series of hearings to determine whether President Richard Nixon should be impeached.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Brown (1800-1859), abolitionist; James Barrie (1860-1937), writer; Hank Snow (1914-), singer, is 87; Mike Wallace (1918-), TV newsman, is 83; Richard "Pancho" Gonzalez (1928-1995), tennis great; Glenda Jackson (1938-), actress, is 65; Candice Bergen (1946-), actress, is 55; Billy Joel (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Tony Gwynn (1960-), baseball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Chicago White Sox defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6. The game lasted 25 innings, an American League record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is a long lesson in humility." — James Barrie

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 7) and last quarter (May 15).

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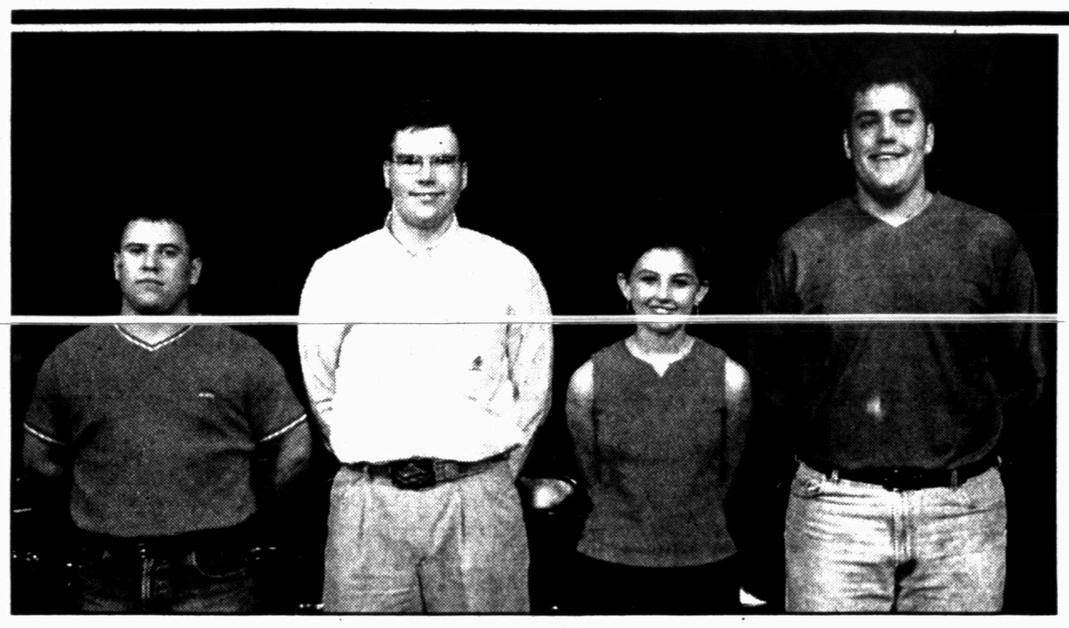

WTC AMBASSADORS — Robert Greer, Chris Metsgar, Tiffany Ramirez and Corey Knipe, from left, were named Western Texas College ambassadors during the awards assembly. Each received a $1,000 scholarship. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

NOMINEES FOR OUTSTANDING MALE — Nominees for outstanding male student at Western Texas College included, from left, Kevin Gutierrez, William Atkins, recipient Reid Johnson and Josh Burney. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

NOMINEES FOR OUTSTANDING FEMALE — Nominees for outstanding female student at Western Texas College included, from left, Helen Fare, Lisandra Bueno, recipient Lina Alvarez, Connie Irvin and Jennifer Bigham. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

House OKs teacher shortage and math initiative proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's $34 million proposed math initiative, which is aimed at improving students' skills in the subject, is one step closer to becoming reality.

The Texas House late Tuesday passed the proposal, which was tacked onto a bill expanding the state's school accountability system. The system uses a combination of standardized test results, attendance and dropout statistics to rate schools.

The Senate approved the proposal last month. The accountability bill, sponsored by Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, must be approved by the Senate before moving to Perry's desk.

"Governor Perry believes that his math initiative is essential if Texas students are to be equipped to compete in the technology-based economy of the 21st century," said spokesman Gene Acuna.

"The math initiative is a good idea," said House Education Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson. He said lagging test scores in the subject prove students need better instruction, especially since more rigorous exams will be more focused on math.

Perry's math plan would offer intensive after-school classes; establish math academies to better prepare teachers; and recruit and reward well-trained math teachers with bonuses of up to $5,000.

Perry hopes the program boosts math the same way President Bush's reading initiative helped Texas students with reading.

Under Grusendorf's bill, schools would be able to aim for a "gold rating," which would be higher than the state's current top exemplary rating. Schools that received the gold rating would receive monetary rewards.

The voluntary gold rating would encourage schools to focus on broader subjects such as art and foreign language, supporters say.

The measure also would require the state to keep seamless education records for students in kindergarten through college.

The state also would be required to use end-of-course exams in certain subjects that could be compared to tests in other states.

The House also on Tuesday gave final passage, 79-64, to a bill by Grusendorf that would create a grant program supporters say will help solve the teacher shortage.

Districts could receive grants up to $3,000 per teacher for mentors to new teachers and to help train uncertified teachers.

"This is about kids. It isn't about teachers," Grusendorf said.

Some lawmakers were opposed to a provision in the teacher shortage bill that would allow uncertified teachers with no training to teach.

"Let's not expose our kids, our most precious resource, to people who are not qualified in classroom instruction," said Rep. Ignacio Salinas Jr., D-Alice, and president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, D-Dallas, said allowing uncertified teachers in the classroom would hurt poor and inner city students the most.

Proponents say the provision gives districts flexibility to solve complex problems.

The teachers bill moves to the Senate.

The accountability bill is HB 1144. The teacher bill is HB 1143.

FINISHES COURSE — Jenny Ann Dillard, right, has completed the Certified Nurse's Assistant course taught by Maggie Barnes, RNCBSN, at Snyder Oaks Care Center. The course is 75 hours long. The next session begins Saturday. (Contributed Photo)

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Emissary to expatriates: Mexico changing for the better

GUADALUPE, Ariz. (AP) — Under new President Vicente Fox, Mexico is changing for the better, an emissary told a crowd in this tiny Mexican-American community in metro Phoenix.

Guadalupe, a 430-acre town surrounded by Tempe and a highway, has about 5,000 residents, 40 percent of them members of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Juan Hernandez, head of Mexico's new Office of Mexicans Abroad, said Tuesday night that under Fox, Mexico will provide more humane treatment, more jobs and more educational opportunities.

"We are no longer closing our eyes to Mexicans abroad," Hernandez told the about 500 workers, parents and students who packed a school gymnasium. "It's time to put an end to our embarrassing past."

Even as the 45-year-old stressed the future, however, he got an earful about the past abuses. About a dozen people told of abuse at the hands of Mexican officials.

Several professionals told Hernandez that they'll gladly take his request to go home and help out, but only when there are jobs to go home to.

"Fox hasn't given me any reason to pack up and leave yet," one woman said.

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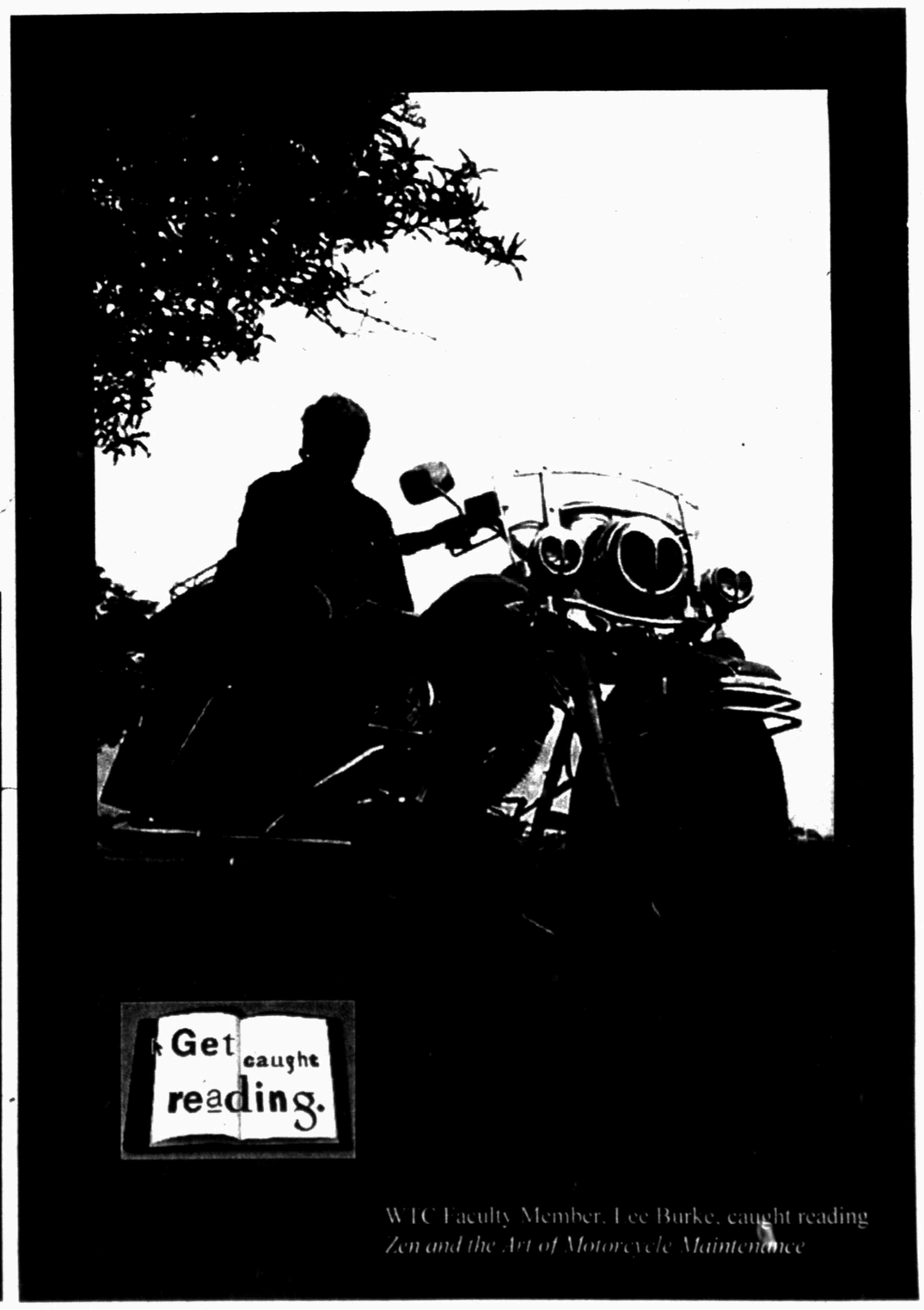

WTC Faculty Member, Lee Burke, caught reading *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

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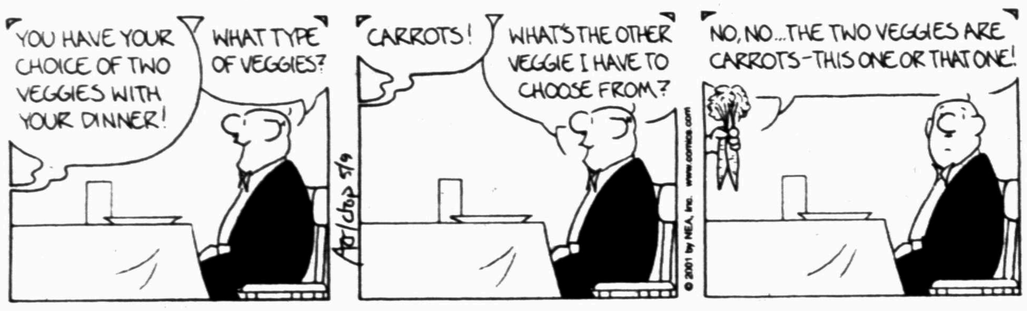

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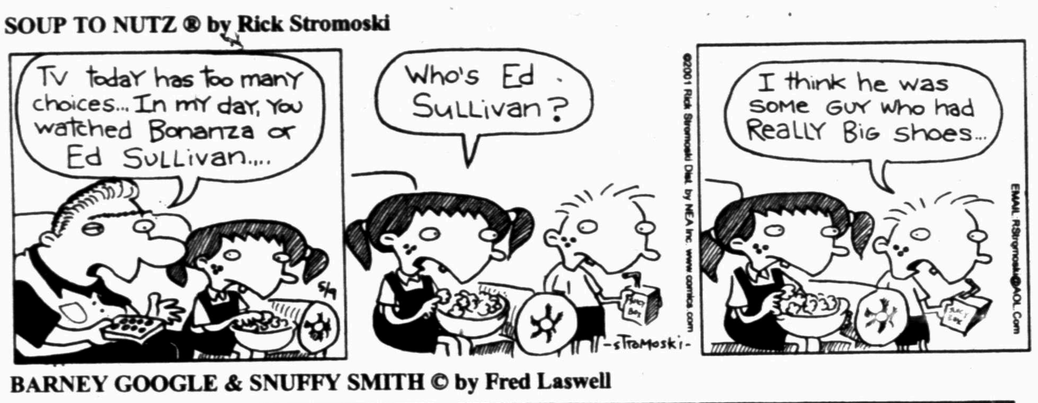

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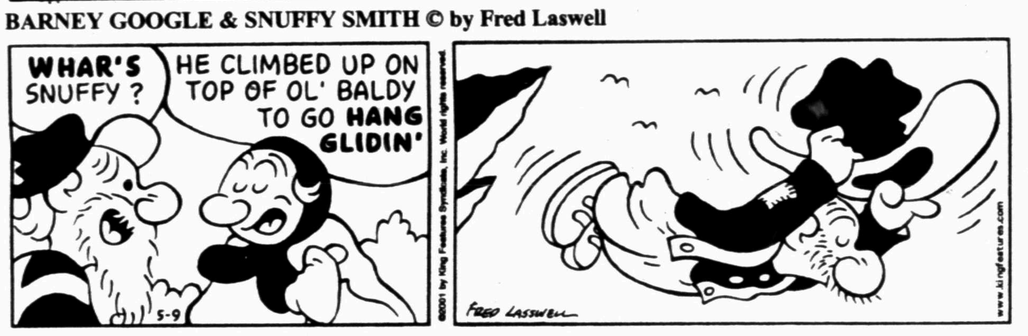

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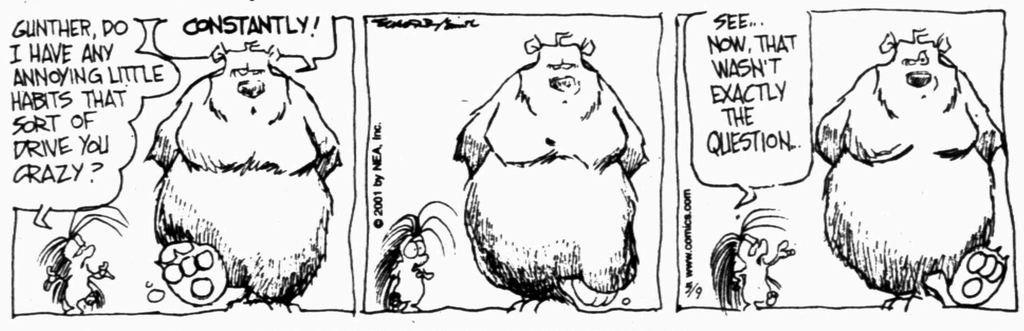

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 "Rain Man" star
7 Sobbing
13 Greasier
14 Thread-winding machine
15 Dog
16 Referee's kin
17 Pie — — mode
18 By birth
20 They're often classified
21 Chuckle
25 Woes
28 Oklahoma Indian
32 Attempts
33 Happen
34 — — ease (uncomfortable)
35 Does some organizing
36 Pee Wee or Della
37 Mount —
39 Graceful
41 Emulate Meryl Streep
44 "Help!"
45 Cry of surprise
48 Bog
51 Easily donned garment
54 Defective vision
55 Charge with gas
56 Military guard
57 Mascara targets

DOWN

1 Comic Imogene —
2 Unit of Iranian currency
3 Armbone
4 Roman 3
5 D.C. hotshot
6 Before this time
7 Vinegar holder
8 Sleep stage
9 "Yeah!"
10 Skeleton parts
11 Dweeb
12 French stoneware
19 Ums' kin
21 Fold
22 Cheap lodging place
23 Slacken
24 Male companion, e.g.
25 Fuse
26 Heraldic border
27 Annoy
29 Farm unit
30 Moxie
31 Formerly, formerly
37 Psyche part
38 Feudal tenant
40 Literary work
41 Latin I word
42 Ice-cream holder
43 Video-game movie
45 Moonfish
46 Table d'—
47 Small bills
49 Likely
50 Term of address
52 Meadow
53 Apr. 15 org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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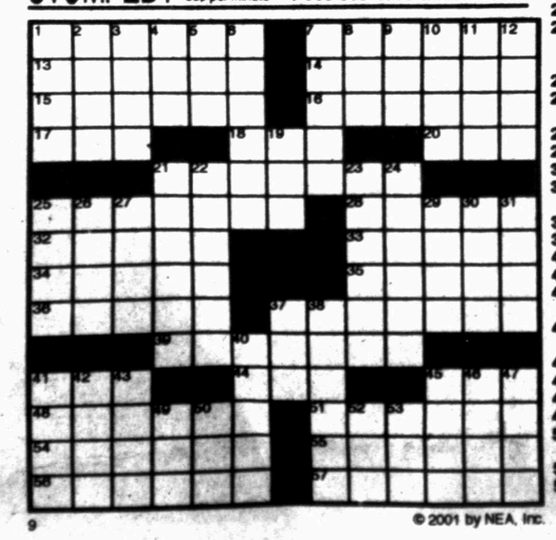

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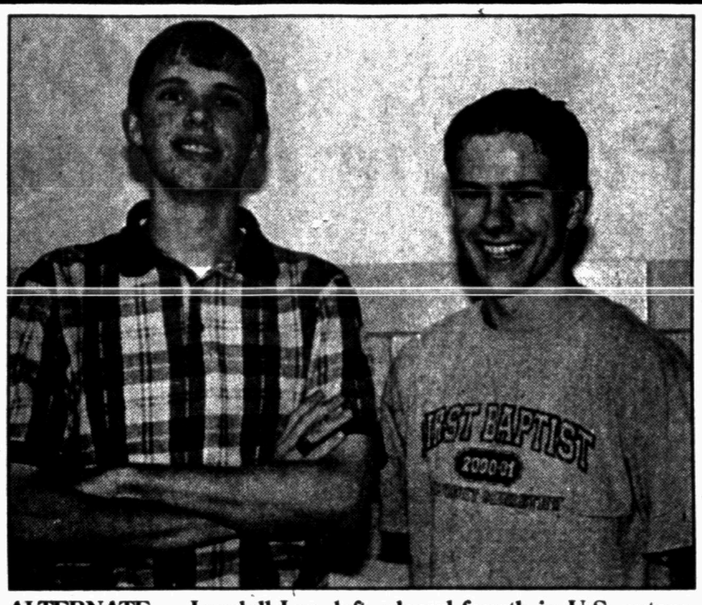
COMPETE IN NFL DISTRICT — These Snyder High School speech students competed in last month's NFL district meet in Abilene. Back row, from left, Bonnie Cleveland, Lyndell Lee, Jeff Turner, Will Davis; middle row, Austin McCormack, Josh Kemp, Paula Fritz; front row, Tiffany Stanley, Jaci Smith, Molly Mason. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



ALTERNATE — Lyndell Lee, left, placed fourth in U.S. extemporaneous speaking at the NFL district meet, and is an alternate to the nationals next month in Oklahoma. Will Davis placed seventh in foreign extemporaneous speaking. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS speech students win at NFL meet

Twenty-four Snyder High School speech students joined the National Forensic League (NFL) this school year. Nine of those students qualified for the district meet, held April 26-28 in Abilene.

Snyder was the only 4A school to compete at the district meet. One 3A school competed and the rest were 5A schools. Only NFL members can compete in the district meet.

Students earn points for each round in regular tournament competition during the year in order to become a member of NFL. It takes 25 points to be a member.

Lyndell Lee placed fourth in U.S. extemporaneous speaking and is the alternate to the June 10 nationals to be held in Oklahoma. His overall points are 449.

Will Davis earned seventh in foreign extemporaneous speaking. His total points are 400.

Austin McCormack and Josh Kemp competed in CX debate. McCormack has 230 points and Kemp has 189 points. Tiffany Stanley and Molly Mason also competed in CX debate. Stanley has 155 points and Mason has 36.

Paula Fritz competed in Lincoln-Douglas debate. She has 119 points. Jaci Smith competed in foreign extemporaneous. She has 344 points.

Bonnie Cleveland, alternate in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, has 42 points.

Membership in the NFL is lifetime. Students can earn degrees with their points.

Mexico's top diplomat accused of being too close to Helms

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Legislators on Tuesday accused President Vicente Fox's administration of being too friendly with the United States and damaging Mexico's long-standing relationship with Cuba.

One congresswoman accused Foreign Relations Secretary Jorge Castaneda of cozying up to U.S. conservative Sen. Jesse Helms — a strong former critic of the Mexican government.

"Don't you think that your eagerness to get on the good side of an ultraconservative like Helms, should be subordinated to the national interest?" said Congresswoman Maria de los Angeles Sanchez of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party.

In April, Cuban officials accused Castaneda of trying of whip up support for a U.S.-backed resolution in the U.N. Human Rights Commission condemning Cuba. Mexico finally abstained, but the measure passed.

After two hours of questioning before a congressional committee Tuesday, Castaneda said "our relations with Cuba are excellent."

Castaneda and Helms were long political enemies — Castaneda accusing Helms of being a rightist, and Helms once called Castaneda a communist — before Fox's Dec. 1 inauguration.

Since then, the two have warmed to each other, even sharing jokes during Helm's April visit to Mexico.

Fox has engaged in a broader range of talks with the United States than any previous Mexican president, and Castaneda said immigrants should see better protection and other benefits in upcoming years.

Many legislators weren't buying the gradualist approach.

"How can you trust U.S. authorities who, up to now, have shown that they are not trustworthy? " asked Eddie Varon Levy, a congressman for the former ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

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The Academy Awards ceremony was first telecast in color in 1966.

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An ant can lift 50 times its own weight.

Truck hauling 63 immigrants are stopped near U.S. border

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal border authorities say 63 undocumented immigrants were found inside one tractor-trailer rig where the refugees were trying to hide among a watermelon cargo.

The melon truck's driver was stopped Tuesday by U.S. Border Patrol agents inspecting traffic leaving the Rio Grande Valley.

Two U.S. citizens, including the truck's driver, were arrested by agents and are expected to appear Wednesday before a federal magistrate in Brownsville.

Crowding and lack of facilities was threatening the immigrants' safety, officials said.

"They couldn't have gone much farther without an air break," Border Patrol supervisor Rey Hernandez told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions. "They were trying to hide among crates of watermelons."

In the past half-year, agents say, undocumented immigrants have been found in more than 50 tractor-trailer rigs heading north out of the Valley and Laredo areas — more than anywhere else in the United States.

The latest immigrants detained said they had been charged as much as $8,000 for the ride that ended near Sarita, about 38 miles south of Kingsville.

Officials cautioned that with the coming summer heat, immigrants will be at greater risk from heat and dehydration.

Hernandez said the latest group was apparently brought into Texas by a smuggling organization based in Central America. The majority of the passengers were from El Salvador, with others from Guatemala, Ecuador and Mexico.

The immigrants had apparently waded across the Rio Grande and walked to the truck, which was parked in the brush.

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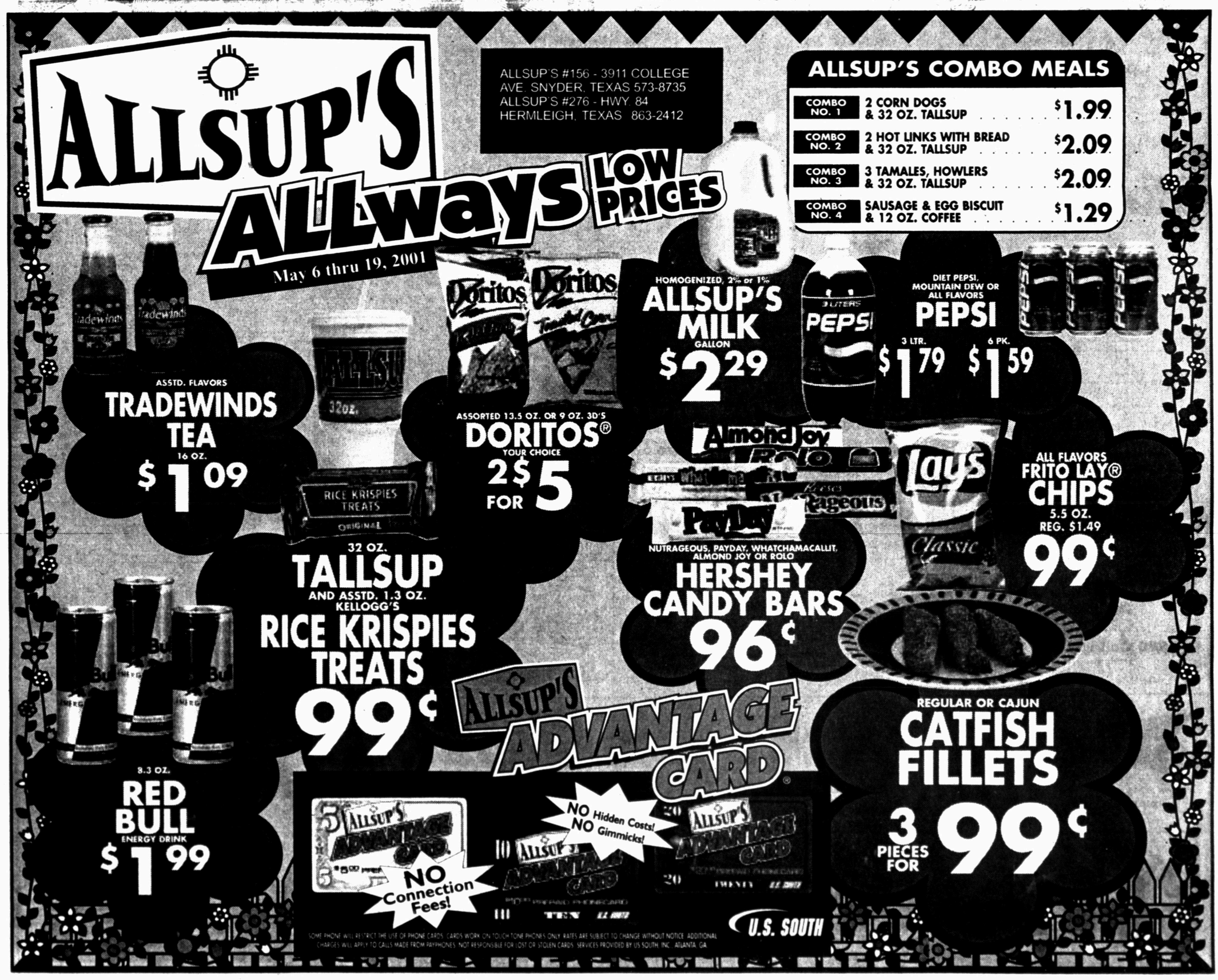
The basic monetary unit of Myanmar is the kyat, and its chief fractional unit is the pya.

Painter recovering

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Painter Robert Rauschenberg, considered one of the world's living masters, was recovering from surgery to correct complications brought on by a fractured pelvis.

Rauschenberg, 75, was in fair condition Tuesday at Lee Memorial Hospital. He underwent surgery Friday to relieve internal bleeding caused by a fractured pelvis from a fall on April 29.



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Lady Tigers
Drive Past the Demons on the way to State!

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Amber Alexander
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Soph.-Pitcher

Boogie Martinez
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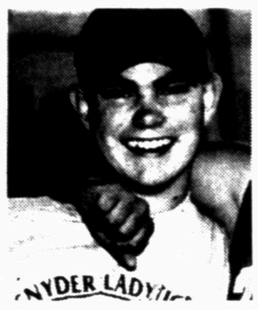
Steven Crane
Junior-Trainer

Kira Diaz
Soph.-3B

Shelley Fisk
Soph.-SS

Vanessa Freeman
Junior-Catcher

Valerie Hernandez
Soph.-2B

Kelsi Johnson
Freshman-Pitcher

Keeli Shoemake
Junior-Mgr.

Cameron Mackey
Senior-CF

Jennifer Newman
Senior-FB

Chaelyn Robinson
Soph.-Catcher

Whitney Webb
Senior-LF

Erika Ynguanzo
Junior-Mgr.

On to the Semi-finals! Go for it girls & let's get Dumas!! Donnie + Shirley Newman

Good Luck!! See you at STATE!! Shug

Lady Tigers – Knock the Demon out of Dumas!! See ya at State!!! Love ya – Dave & LaDonna

Good Luck We are proud of our Lady Tigers PaPa Doe and Jean

We are proud of you! Karen Pinkerton & Melanie Lara

Take it to 'em Lady Tigers Stomp those Demons back to Dumas! Tommy + Vicki Johnson

Lets do it! It to Bigger and Better things. Lady Tigers 2001 Love you. Steve, Judy, + Chris Mackey

Lady Tigers Good Luck + Knock the Demons out. Love Jessica + Chris

To The Lady Tigers Gabby + Linda + Gilbert Wishes for Success with you all the Best.

Lady Tigers Keep up the good hitting + fielding all the way to State! Love Lauren Russell

Hey alive! Emily + Frankie Gregory

Go Lady Tigers Fight-Fight-Fight

Go Lady Tigers!!! You Are #1 Nino, Anita, Bebos, Boicy & Anita Martinez

We ♡ our Lady Tigers and know you can DEMOLISH the DUMAS DEMONETTES on the road to STATE! We are proud of ya'll!! ♡ya! Jerry, Jerry & Britney

All the way Tigers Hold on tight! Fight! Fight! I want to hear you growl! Glenda J.

Good Luck Lady Tigers

Hold the Rope Tight! Lady Tigers! Love ya all! Eva + Phil + Cheyenne

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SPORTS

Highland Park edges Lady Tigers for third

AUSTIN — The state one-act play contest was held last week, but the girls' state golf tournament provided some high drama of its own.

Highland Park edged Snyder by one stroke Tuesday for third place, while Montgomery held off Andrews in a playoff to secure the state title at the Class 4A Girls' State Golf Championships at Roy Kiser Golf Course.

"We're disappointed now because we had a chance to get a medal," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "But I'm not disappointed at all in the season we had. These girls came a long way this year, and this will help them tremendously for next year."

Snyder followed up its opening-round 332 with a 334 on Tuesday. Montgomery B finished fifth followed by New Braunfels Canyon, San Antonio Southside and Hewitt Midway.

The Lady Tigers began the day with two-shot cushion over the Lady Scots, and Andrews held a one-stroke over the Lady Bears. The top four spots were still undecided when the final foursome came to the finishing hole.

Snyder's Andra Lancaster and Montgomery's Mallory Underwood split the fairway with their drives, before lightening halted play.

Once the players were under cover the number crunching began. By the time play resumed almost two hours later, the stage was set. Snyder was down to Highland Park for third place, and the Lady Mustangs were one down to Montgomery.

"Everybody knew the situation," said Glenn. "The players and fans knew that we had to beat Highland by a stroke on the final hole to force a playoff, and Andrews had to do the same to tie Montgomery."

With Lancaster already safely in the fairway, Highland Park's Brooke Shelton, the nation's second-ranked high school player, blasted her drive over the bunker down the left-hand side. The ball came to rest only 60 yards from the green.

Lancaster's approach missed the green left, while Shelton stuck her wedge shot 15 feet past the pin.

With her opponent in easy range for par, Lancaster took dead aim. Her chip shot was on line but rolled off the lip of the cup. Lancaster would make her par putt, and Shelton two-putted to wrap up third place for the Lady Scots.

"That was a lot of pressure on Andra and she handled it well," Glenn remarked. "It's hard to make birdie on the last hole against the second best player in the country.

"We didn't let Highland Park beat us. Shelton happened to have an unbelievable round on Monday, and I think that was the difference. She shot 67 in the first round, and the chances of her doing that again on that course are highly unlikely."

Andrews' Jessica Thurston birdied the last hole to force a playoff for the title.

Two players from each team failed to break the tie on the first playoff hole, leaving each squad's top two girls to decide it.

Montgomery answered with a pair of birdies, while Andrews posted one birdie and a bogey to finish second.

Lancaster, a junior, carded a final-round 79 to go along with her 76 from Monday. She finished ninth in the individual standings.

Senior Kara Harrison, who struggled to a two-day total of 179 as a junior, stepped in her final tournament as a Lady Tiger. Harrison posted a pair of 82s to finish at 164.

Christan Curry closed with an 86. Katie Kerley tallied an 87, and Kellie Dodson turned in a 94. All three players are sophomores.

FINAL HOPE — Snyder's Andra Lancaster decides to change clubs at the state golf tournament at Roy Kiser Glf Course. Lancaster finished ninth in the individual standings. (SDN Staff Photo)

GIRLS 4A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
Final Round

Team standings: 1. *Montgomery A, 322-313—635; 2. Andrews, 321-314—335; 3. Highland Park, 334-331—665; 4. Snyder, 332-334—666; 5. Montgomery B, 343-330—673; 6. New Braunfels Canyon, 355-357—712; 7. San Antonio Southside, 354-359—713; 8. Hewitt Midway, 383377—760.

Individual standings: 1. Brooke Shelton, Highland Park, 67-74—141; 2. Laura Cross, Midlothian, 74-74—148; 3. Brenda Norris, New Braunfels Canyon, 78-71—149; 4. (tie) Mallory Underwood, Montgomery A, 76-76—152, Jessica Thurston, Andrews, 77-75—152 and Casey Cain, Lumberton, 77-75—152; 7. (tie) Calais Gardner, Southlake Carroll, 74-80—154 and Leslie Wall, Highland Park, 76-78—154; 9. Andra Lancaster, Snyder, 76-79—155; 10. Lauren Barbir, Montgomery A, 81-75—156.

Other Montgomery A scores: Sherry Summers, 85-83—168; Lauren Dodge, 81-79—160; Paige Burrer, 84-85—169.

Other Andrews scores: Ashley Robb, 80-84—164; Meagan Hall, 86-79—165; Kerri Self, 85-81—166; Jessica Thames, 79-79—158.

Other Highland Park scores: Lindsay Adams, 87-90—177; Drew Miller, 104-89—193; Kristina Goff, 107-102—209.

Other Snyder scores: Kellie Dodson, 86-94—180; Katie Kerley, 88-87—175; Kara Harrison, 82-82—164; Christan Curry, 93-86—179.

Montgomery B: Brittany Spieth, 82-80—162; Karen Eilers, 84-82—166; Mary Austin, 87-84—171; Tyler Wilson, 90-84—174; Jacqueline Rae, 108-96—204.

Other New Braunfels Canyon scores: Brandi Gallagher, 91-84—175; Claire Lindley, 114-108—222; Michelle Martin, 96-103—199; Kendra Davis, 90-99—189.

San Antonio Southside: Clarissa Castellanos, 81-84—165; Jessica Arrellano, 85-85—170; Maricella Salinas, 87-95—182; Sheena Wood, 102-108—210; Melissa Wood, 101-95—196 .

Hewitt Midway: Janice Farmer, 91-84—175; Allyson McKee, 93-85—178; Stephanie Bone, 101-106—207; Amy Hallock, 100-102—202; Amber O'Connor, 99-106—205.

Other medalists: Christa Spedding, Granbury, 83-74—157; Nichole Boychuck, Willis, 89-90—179; Julia Best, Spring Branch Smithson Valley, 94-81—175; Tara Lambright, Palestine, 78-81—159; Cassy Youngblood, Gregory-Portland, 79-80—159.

(*) won in a playoff

Tigers card final-round 310

AUSTIN — The Snyder Tigers' second round at the boys' state golf tournament had a little bit of everything. There were broken clubs, errant shots and great recoveries.

The Tigers got their money's worth.

Snyder followed up its opening-round 309 with a 310 Tuesday to finish eighth at the Class 4A Boys' State Golf Championships.

Defending champion Highland Park fired 289-285—574 to capture their 10th title in school history, while Palestine finished 17 strokes back in second. Boerne was third, followed by Austin Anderson and Southlake Carroll. Marble Falls and Brenham tied for sixth.

The Tigers, who shot themselves out of contention on Monday's opening nine holes, were making their first appearance at the state tournament in over 30 years, and Coach Matt Glenn believes the wide-eyed Tigers were a little overwhelmed.

"Our guys had no idea what they were getting into down here," said Glenn. "It's a whole different world.

"When guys come down here for the first time, it takes them a while to figure out what's going on. But it's kind of like getting into the ring with Mike Tyson. You'd better figure out what's going on pretty fast, or you're going to get killed."

One of Snyder's bright spots in the final round was the play of senior Landon Day, who broke his driver on the fifth hole. The senior, who doesn't carry another wood in his bag, used a 1-iron off the tee box and played the final 13 holes in 1-over-par to finish with a 77.

"That was a heck of performance with a 1-iron," said Glenn. "This course is hard enough when you have all your clubs."

Fellow senior Levi Mandrell had his share of excitement as well. Mandrell hit his approach left of the green on the par-4 18th. The ball bounded off a slope and into the scorer's tent.

Rather than take a drop, Mandrell just moved the table and chairs and hit a beautiful chip from under the tent.

Mandrell two-putted to save bogey for a 78.

"The official said I could take a drop away from the tent, but then they would have had to take down those other ropes and stuff," Mandrell remarked. "I didn't want to take that much time, so I told them just to move the table and let me hit it from there."

Sophomore Zach Starnes anchored the Tigers' effort for the second day in a row. Starnes followed up his opening-round 75 with a 76.

Junior Clinton Calmes and sophomore Stafford Gray carded a pair of 79s.

"I think our underclassmen realize what it takes to get here, and now they realize what it takes to win here," said Glenn. "This will help them tremendously next year. On those days when they don't really want to practice, they'll remember this and use it for motivation."

In the individual race, Ryan Baca of Rosenburg Lamar Consolidated set a Class 4A record with a two-day total of 134. Baca closed with a 68, after posting a 5-under 66 on Monday.

Bulldogs roll over Evant, 6-2

WINTERS — In preparation for their upcoming district playoff, the Ira Bulldogs kept up their winning ways Tuesday night with a 6-2 victory over Evant.

Ira will play another non-district game Friday, before Monday's meeting with Rotan that will decide the top seed for the playoffs.

Against Evant, the Bulldogs never trailed. Ira built a 4-0 advantage in the second inning, and Evant never threatened to take the lead.

Jase Olvera and Eric Dickerhoff teamed up on the mound to limit Evant to only three hits. Olvera struck out five batters, while Dickerhoff fanned 10.

Dickerhoff also paced the Bulldogs at the plate with a 3-for-4 effort that included one double. Josh Gutierrez doubled to go along with a single, and Jeremy Bowden and Jess Wall registered one base hit each.

Ira is in action again at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it takes on Tolar at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

The Bulldogs then face Rotan at 6 p.m. Monday at Moffett Field. Ira and Rotan split their previous two meetings, and finished the regular season as district co-champs.

The winner of Monday's contest faces Menard in the opening round of the playoffs, while the loser takes on Miles.

BOYS 4A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
Final Round

Team standings: 1. Highland Park, 289-285—574; 2. Palestine, 302-289—591; 3. Boerne, 301-292—593; 4. Austin Anderson, 297-298—595; 5. Southlake Carroll, 302-300—602; 6. (tie) Marble Falls 298-305—603 and Brenham 298-305—603; 8. Snyder, 309-310—619.

Individual standings: 1. Ryan Baca, Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated, 66-68—134; 2. Robert Stone, Highland Park, 68-71—139; 3. *Bryan Baker, Whitehouse, 72-68—140; 4. Adam Holman, Austin Anderson, 69-71—140; 5. Michael Snider, Southlake Carroll, 72-69—141; 6. (tie) Luke Varner, Andrews, 71-71—142, Jarrett Almond, Austin Lake Travis, 72-70—142 and Matt Toohey, Boerne, 73-69—142; 9. Michael Douthit, Palestine, 73-70—143; 10. (tie) Josh Price, Marble Falls, 70-74—144 and Justin Ward, Fort Worth Boswell, 73-71—144.

Snyder: Zach Starnes, 75-76—151; Clinton Calmes, 81-79—160; Landon Day, 79-79—158; Stafford Gray, 79-79—158; Levi Mandrell, 76-78—154.

(*) won in a playoff

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Softball
Snyder vs. Dumas, regional quarterfinal playoff at Lubbock's Westerner Field, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY
Baseball
Ira vs. Tolar at Tarleton State in Stephenville, 7:30

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Atlanta	15	18	.455	5½
Florida	14	17	.452	5½
New York	14	18	.438	6
Montreal	12	21	.364	8½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	12	.625	—
Milwaukee	17	15	.531	3
Houston	16	15	.516	3½
St. Louis	16	15	.516	3½
Cincinnati	16	16	.500	4
Pittsburgh	12	19	.387	7½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	15	.545	—
San Francisco	17	15	.531	½
Arizona	17	16	.515	1
Colorado	16	16	.500	1½
San Diego	16	16	.500	1½

Tuesday's Games
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Philadelphia 3, Houston 2
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 12, N.Y. Mets 4
Arizona 4, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings
San Diego 7, Atlanta 1
Florida 7, Los Angeles 6
San Francisco 9, Montreal 1

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia (Chen 1-2) at Houston (Miller 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-1) at Milwaukee (Wright 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-3) at St. Louis (Hermanson 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-1) at Colorado (Hampton 4-0), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 2-2) at Arizona (Ellis 3-1), 9:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Bulkett 1-4) at San Diego (Jones 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 3-3) at Los Angeles (Park 3-3), 10:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 2-4) at San Francisco (Hernandez 2-4), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 3-1) at Milwaukee (Leiter 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Olivares 2-3) at St. Louis (Ankiel 1-2), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 2-1) at Colorado (Chacon 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Reames 2-3) at San Francisco (Gardner 0-3), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 4-2) at San Diego (Eaton 4-2), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Clement 1-2) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-2), 10:10 p.m.

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Boston	20	12	.625	—
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New York	19	14	.576	1½
Baltimore	13	20	.394	7½
Tampa Bay	10	22	.313	10
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	8	.733	—
Cleveland	21	9	.700	1
Detroit	13	17	.433	9
Chicago	11	19	.367	11
Kansas City	11	21	.344	12
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	23	9	.719	—
Anaheim	15	17	.469	8
Oakland	12	20	.375	11
Texas	12	20	.375	11

Tuesday's Games
Boston 12, Seattle 4
Detroit 5, Texas 4
Oakland 8, Toronto 5
Minnesota 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Cleveland 8, Kansas City 4
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Chicago White Sox 2, Anaheim 0

Wednesday's Games
Texas (Davis 2-2) at Detroit (Mlicki 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 5-0) at Boston (Castillo 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-3) at Toronto (Michalak 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 3-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 3-3), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Texas (Glynn 1-3) at Detroit (Weaver 3-4), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 0-1) at Boston (Ohka 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 3-3) at Toronto (Parris 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
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Baltimore (Hentgen 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-3), 7:15 p.m.

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Braves 3, Indians 2
Braves: Jamie Arnold, Brandon Ramirez, doubles; Corbin Clements, two singles, Juan Ramirez, single. WP: Jamie Arnold.
Indians: Benjamin Gutierrez, double; Lance Day, single. LP: Levi Stah.

Braves 10, Athletics 9
Braves: Ryan Claxton and Andrew Dupree, triples; Ryan Arrendando, double; Jamie Arnold, two singles; Juan Ramirez, single. WP: Corbin Clements.
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White Sox: Matthew Schoolcraft, triple; Dustin Murdock, double and single; Brent Bollinger, Riley Davis, Bryce Westmoreland, singles. LP: Dustin Murdock.

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Tuesday, May 8
Milwaukee 91, Charlotte 90, Milwaukee leads series 2-0
L.A. Lakers 96, Sacramento 90, Los Angeles leads series 2-0

Wednesday, May 9
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 10
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 11
Philadelphia at Toronto, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12
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Food safety said challenge for grocers

CHICAGO (AP) — Hy-Vee Inc., a Midwestern supermarket chain, experienced every grocer's nightmare when one person died and several others were sickened by contaminated deli meat sold at one of its Minnesota stores.

Now Hy-Vee and other supermarkets are looking at all sorts of ways to avoid similar incidents, cutting down on in-store meat handling, buying specially treated equipment and training employees in safe-handling practices. Some have started selling irradiated products, an idea consumers so far seem reluctant to accept.

"There are many things we need to do, we have to do," Hy-Vee's chief executive, Ron Pearson, told supermarket executives at their industry trade show. "Irradiation has to be one of the answers."

Pearson is incoming chairman of the industry's Food Marketing Institute.

About 76 million cases of food-borne illness are diagnosed nationwide each year, resulting in 5,000 deaths and 325,000 hospitalizations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To avoid contaminating ground beef, grocers have started buying meat prepackaged by the packer rather than grinding it in the store. That eliminates employee handling that can spread germs. Wal-Mart, one of the nation's largest retailers, is shifting all its stores to "case-ready" meat.

Grocery chains are also inspecting handling practices of produce suppliers.

Hobart Corp., which makes commercial food equipment, used the trade show to demonstrate a new line of meat cutters that have plastic parts with an anti-bacterial technology developed by Microban Products Co. Microban developed a plastic additive that inhibits bacteria growth. Hobart expects to eventually put the plastics in other equipment it makes.

For many in the food industry, however, irradiation is the closest thing to a magic bullet when it comes to preventing food-borne illnesses. Food can be irradiated by brief exposure to either radioactive material or an electronic beam.

The government approved the use of irradiation on meat last year and is expected to decide soon whether to allow it for luncheon meats, hot dogs and other precooked meat products.

Just in time for the summer barbecue season, the Surebeam Corp. is launching a television and print advertising campaign in the Midwest to promote its electronic irradiation system. The theme: "Your favorite foods. Made better."

At this week's food show, Surebeam officials tried to generate interest among grocers by grilling irradiated hamburgers and handing out slices of irradiated papaya, along with grim statistics about food-borne illnesses.

"We don't want to scare anybody, but we want them to know there is a challenge," said Andrew Hyncik, Surebeam's director of marketing.

The challenge is to convince the grocers' customers.

Two women who work in marketing for a Buffalo, N.Y., food company sampled Surebeam's papaya slices, then blanched when a reporter told them the fruit had been irradiated.

"Is this going to make us glow in the dark?" asked Kathy Krarick.

Papayas are irradiated to prevent fruit fly larvae from reaching the mainland United States. The fruit is ordinarily treated with heat.

A small placard that appears with the fruit wasn't much help, the women said. The label reads, "Treated by irradiation using Surebeam electronic pasteurization process."

"I wouldn't know whether this was a good thing for me or a bad thing for me," said Darcy Schlee.

Surebeam officials concede that irradiation has an image problem but express optimism about its future.

Hy-Vee, which has 186 stores in seven Midwestern states, offers irradiated frozen hamburger patties, the same Huisken brand offered up at the food show. So far, sales have been slow, said spokeswoman Ruth Mitchell.

On the Net: Food Marketing Institute: http://www.fmi.org
Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Over-use of drugs is dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is a chain smoker. I had a nagging cough (that I attributed to his habit) for which I took the non-prescription drug Bronkaids - admittedly in excess. At any rate, I ended up being hospitalized for a week because of damage from the medicine: galloping pulse, lightheadedness, chest pain and weakness. I am now at home with a nitro patch and water pills to control the situation. Some good came of the experience: My husband now confines his smoking to the porch. But I want to warn people not to be their own physicians and take medicine without a doctor's approval.

DEAR READER: Fair enough. But, as you implied, over-the-counter medications are almost always safe when taken according to the manufacturers' directions. You appear to have over-stepped that line. Bronkaids are used for relief of bronchial asthma, not necessarily for the reason you mention; the recommended dosage is no more than five tablets in a 24-hour period. The product contains ephedrine (which can cause overstimulation, nervousness, rapid pulse and urinary retention) and theophylline (a common cause of nausea and vomiting). Such non-prescription medications often contain compounds that are associated with symptoms and side effects if taken too liberally or in inappropriate ways.

Evidently, your over-use of this medicine triggered serious problems, including angina (heart cramps due to inadequate oxygen supply to cardiac muscle). This is predictable because such medication could increase the heart rate and the amount of cardiac work, thereby exceeding the body's ability to compensate.

In one sense, your experience was a positive one: You inadvertently performed a stress test that showed hidden cardiac disease, for which you are now receiving treatment. But you placed yourself at unnecessary risk. Thus, I endorse your conclusion. Don't be your own physician. Also, never take any medicine (or over-the-counter remedies) in doses that exceed the doctor's (or manufacturer's) recommendation.

P.S. Perhaps this lesson will be a wake-up call for your husband to stop smoking, because his habit is certainly associated with heart and lung disease that may be unsuspected until symptoms indicate serious damage.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports, "Understanding Heart Disease" and "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 60-year-old grandmother who is overweight, has hypertension and has been prescribed medicine to control my blood pressure. What are my chances of eliminating the medicine if I lose weight?

DEAR READER: Many studies have documented that obesity contributes to hypertension; once patients lose weight, their blood pressures often return to normal. Therefore, I think that a weight-loss program might well enable you to reduce — or even discontinue — your medication.

However, not all people respond in this manner. Even after achieving ideal weights, they must take drugs to control hypertension. Therefore, you should work with your doctor to discover what combination of weight loss and medication is right for you.

In addition, remember that alcohol and nicotine can raise blood pressure, so if you drink or smoke, stop. Further, regular exercise may shed unwanted pounds, too. So consider committing yourself to an exercise program.

Finally, many hypertensives are extremely sensitive to salt in their diets: When they reduce salt intake, their blood pressures fall. Ask your doctor about the additional benefits of a low-calorie/low-salt diet, coupled with regular exercise. Let me know what he says.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-09-01
♠ Q J 8
♥ A J 9 6 5
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q

West
♠ 7 6 5
♥ K 4 3 2
♦ J 6 5 4 3
♣ K

East
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 7 5 4

South
♠ A K 10 9
♥ —
♦ A 9 7
♣ J 9 8 6 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
2 ♣	Pass	7 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

A possible second scenario

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I described deal 92 from the 1975 Bermuda Bowl final. With today's North-South hands, the Italians Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna reached seven clubs. West had king-doubleton of clubs, so the grand slam made. Italy won 12 points on the board instead of losing 17 if the grand had failed — as the percentage table predicts it should. And Italy beat the United States by only 25 points.

Afterwards, however, the analysts got to work. What if Eddie Kantar, West, had played a smooth club king at trick two. If that card were a singleton, the contract might still be makable.

Suppose the full layout were as in the diagram. After a heart ruff and a club to the king and ace, declarer can cash the heart ace, discarding a diamond, ruff a heart in hand, take three spade tricks and the diamond ace, play a diamond to dummy's king, and ruff another heart in hand.

Everyone is down to three cards. Dummy has a heart, a diamond and the club queen. South holds a spade and the jack-nine of clubs. And East retains his 10-7-5 of clubs. Declarer ruffs his spade in the dummy, then calls for either card to pull off a trump coup.

Note that this plan would have failed with the spade distribution yesterday because East would have ruffed the third round of spades.

When shown this possibility at the final banquet, Belladonna was asked if he would have tried for the trump coup. He replied that they wouldn't be at the banquet, because he would still be at the table deciding what to do!

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) —

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	37.68	37.35	37.37	—.47
AOL TimeWrn	51.35	50.96	51.24	—.69
AT&T Corp	21.91	21.65	21.75	—.31
Albertsons	32.35	32.05	32.08	—.60
Alltel	54.92	53.88	54.24	—.68
AmEl Pw	47.75	47.22	47.24	—.10
AndarkPtr	63.15	62.37	62.86	+.66
ATMOS Egy	23.23	22.90	22.91	—.15
Aviall	9.05	8.99	9.00	—.08
BP PLC	52.58	51.90	52.55	+1.06
BakerHughes	36.61	36.00	36.22	+.34
Bank of Amer	55.62	55.29	55.37	—.34
BellSouth	41.60	40.86	40.90	—.89
Beth Steel	3.22	3.01	3.17	+.10
BurlNoSFe	30.43	30.00	30.37	+.32
Caterpillar	52.20	51.63	52.01	+.16
Chevron	94.70	94.04	94.50	+.70
Citigroup s	49.60	48.91	49.19	—.61
CocaCola	46.57	45.90	46.00	—.57
ColgatePal	57.73	56.90	57.38	+.10
ComclMetals	26.60	26.55	26.55	—.05
CooperIn	37.68	37.43	37.48	—.20
DaimlrChry	49.96	49.33	49.90	
DeltaAirl	46.01	45.63	45.75	—.31
Dillards Inc	17.64	16.96	17.61	+.21
DowChem s	37.31	36.90	37.26	+.01
DuPont	46.19	45.44	46.06	+.26
EastmanChem	52.36	51.87	51.98	—.30
EstKodak	48.05	47.34	47.63	—.17
EDS Corp	63.25	62.60	62.99	—.18
Entergy	41.62	41.29	41.46	+.05
ExxonMobil	89.38	88.89	89.38	+.64
GenDynam	78.15	75.90	76.40	—1.90
GenElec	49.25	48.76	49.10	—.38
GenMills	41.00	40.45	40.49	—.47
GenMotors	55.50	54.90	55.08	—.62
GaPacGP	32.48	31.75	31.99	—.09
GlobalMar	26.65	26.10	26.53	+.74
Goodrich	39.00	38.80	38.97	—.03
Goodyear s	24.63	24.35	24.59	+.05
GtAtlPac	11.19	10.78	10.83	—.21
Halliburtn	42.50	41.55	41.75	+.52
Hanson ADS	33.80	33.60	33.62	—.27
HarteHanks	23.95	23.75	23.75	+.07
HomeDepot	49.60	49.11	49.18	—.83
HoneywellIntl	48.90	48.42	48.79	—.47
IBM	116.95	115.30	116.81	—.89
IntlPaper	38.00	37.67	37.80	+.14
JohnsonJn	98.25	97.00	97.90	—.05
K mart	10.57	10.40	10.51	—.14
KinderMorg	57.30	56.72	57.30	+.68
Kroger Co	24.05	23.81	23.88	—.12
Litton	79.76	79.76	79.76	
LockheedM	36.30	35.76	35.86	—.29
Lowes Cos	62.33	61.60	61.64	—.89
Lubys	8.64	8.50	8.60	+.11
LucentTech	10.70	10.00	10.64	+.17
MayDeptStr	36.13	35.43	35.90	+.04
Medtronic	44.48	43.80	44.41	+.55
Motorola	16.27	15.85	16.23	—.08
NCR Corp	46.09	45.62	45.99	—.33
Navistar	27.05	26.52	26.80	+.10
Penney JC	20.80	20.06	20.62	+.64
PepBoys	5.77	5.71	5.75	—.04
PepsiCo	45.75	44.94	45.01	+.02
Pharmacia	48.45	47.40	47.45	—.75
PhelpDodge	45.29	44.85	44.87	
PhilipPet	58.82	58.50	58.73	+.51
PilgrmPrd B	10.35	10.30	10.30	—.10
Polaroid	5.24	5.05	5.24	+.35
Praxair	48.10	47.59	47.85	—.15
ProctGamb	64.97	63.95	64.82	+.34
PubS NwMx	37.06	36.25	36.91	+.76
RadioShack	28.44	28.05	28.10	—.35
ReliantEngy	46.30	45.75	46.00	+.15
RoyalDut	59.40	58.90	59.23	+.78
SBC Comm	42.50	41.75	41.95	—.51
SaraLee	20.75	20.06	20.06	—.45
Scripps EW	63.99	63.84	63.92	—.02
SearsRoeb	36.65	36.35	36.62	+.22
SherwinW	21.51	21.09	21.35	+.03
SouthernCo s	22.74	22.46	22.56	+.11
SwstAirl s	18.58	18.34	18.38	—.10
SprintFON	22.33	21.91	22.11	—.21
SprintPCS	25.60	25.00	25.29	—.07
Sunoco Inc	39.39	38.25	39.29	+1.44
TXU Corp	44.06	43.75	44.00	+.25
TempleInland	51.75	51.27	51.41	—.13
Texaco	70.58	70.15	70.35	+.53
TexInd	30.45	29.95	30.32	+.15
TexasInst	38.39	37.00	37.66	—1.44
Textron	56.00	54.71	54.81	—.39
TriconGlbR	41.30	41.05	41.24	—.21
TrinityInds	22.05	22.00	22.03	+.05
TritonEngy	24.45	24.14	24.30	+.28
TylerTech	1.60	1.55	1.55	—.07
USX-Marathn	31.60	31.00	31.48	+.41
USX-USS	19.01	18.66	18.95	+.04
UnionPacif	56.85	56.42	56.62	—.08
UnitedTech	77.60	76.70	76.91	—.21
Unocal	36.97	36.67	36.92	+.22
Venator Grp	14.00	13.74	13.96	+.11
VerizonComm	55.60	52.60	52.94	—2.66
WalMart	52.20	51.58	51.80	—.18
WellsFargo	46.64	46.05	46.19	—.29
WstnGasRs	41.55	40.55	41.35	+.67
WinnDixie	31.87	30.71	30.83	—1.04
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Donation of formal dresses can make prom dreams come true

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter was in college, she worked part-time as a coach in a nearby high school. One of the girls on the squad confided that she wouldn't be attending her senior prom because she didn't have the money to buy a dress. My daughter immediately offered to lend her one — with shoes and jewelry to go with the outfit. The kid was thrilled.

Last spring while I was cleaning out closets, I saw that my daughter had accumulated several gowns from wedding parties and school formals that she was never going to wear again. Remembering her experience while she was coaching, we decided together to phone a nearby public high school to see if they knew of any girls who might need a gown for their prom.

A woman in the school's administration office was delighted to hear from us. When we dropped off the items, the broad smile on the face of the school official told us the need was great.

Abby, please remind your female readers that when they clean out their closets, they can donate their gowns to a high school. In doing so, they have the opportunity to give a girl who might not be able to go to the prom a happy memory. — **JUST A MOM IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR JUST A MOM: What a wonderful suggestion. We have all read the story of Cinderella — but few of us realize that we, too, can fulfill the role of fairy godmother. We may not be able to provide a glass slipper or a handsome prince, but we can help to make a deserving girl's dream come true.

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DEAR ABBY: I witnessed a situation in a popular restaurant last week. It left me wanting to share it, in order to protect other innocent children from possible danger.

A little girl got up from a table, where she was sitting with her mother and a sibling, and headed toward the "unisex" restroom, arriving there just ahead of me. She went in, the door closed, and then she came out. I asked her if she was through, and she told me that there was someone inside, but the door had been left unlocked. I stood with her outside the door, and a man walked out. I was shocked. The little girl then went inside, and I waited my turn.

The incident left me with questions: Did the man purposely leave the door unlocked? Did he expose himself to the little girl?

I'm upset with myself for not confronting the man, not informing the mother, not reporting it to the management. I know if someone had walked in on me, I would have gasped or shrieked or something. I was standing there and heard nothing.

The bottom line, Abby, is that parents need to take more responsibility for the welfare of their children. Children shouldn't be SENT to a public restroom — they should be escorted. — **CONCERNED MOTHER IN MISSION VIEJO, CALIF.**

DEAR CONCERNED: I commend you for writing an important letter. Responsible parents accompany children to the restroom — even if it's a same-sex facility.

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DEAR ABBY: I am almost 92 years old, and for many years I've said, "If I had mail-ordered my in-laws, I couldn't have done any better." — **HAPPY MARIE IN PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR MARIE: With an attitude like yours, I'll bet you had a fairy-tale marriage.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Valley melon harvest begins

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Harvesting of melons has begun due to warm, sunny conditions, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

"Harvest in the Rio Grande Valley has already begun," said Dr. Frank Dainello, extension horticulturist. "We've had a little better weather this year than we've had in the past couple of years."

Dainello said melons are a cold sensitive crop and do not grow well in wet conditions. Therefore the recent warm and dry weather have helped growing conditions.

"This year is probably going to have a concentrated crop because the early bloom had some problems with cool weather," Dainello said. "But it looks like it's going to be a good crop."

In past years, disease and insects have caused problems with the melon crop, but Dainello said this year, damage seems to be minimal.

"Most melons in Texas come from the lower Rio Grande Valley," Dainello said. Others come from the Winter Garden and other areas of the state.

The two main melon crops in Texas are cantaloupe and honeydew, said Dainello.

In the field, there are specific ways to tell if different types of melons are ripe. "Cantaloupes have what's called a slip stage, which is the point of attachment from the stem to the fruit," Dainello said.

Cantaloupe are the highest quality when they are in a three-quarter slip stage. "You can tell that when you're looking at a melon in the field because there's a little brown line right where the stem attaches to the melon that starts forming."

On the other hand, honeydews do not have a slip stage. Honeydew melons are ripe when they have a creamy yellowish color rather than a bright white color.

Dainello gave tips on purchasing melons in the supermarket. "Ripe cantaloupes may have a little indentation at the top, or there are sometimes little stems left."

Dainello said in the store you have to look for a good defect free melon. You can smell a melon to determine its ripeness.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times we pick a little earlier than that to meet market demands," he said. "It depends on where it is being shipped because the more mature a melon is, the softer it gets and it doesn't ship well."

Extension director Terry Lockamy of Weslaco said the melon crop is progressing well and the harvest of citrus continues.

"Cotton is starting to show growth with recent rains," said Lockamy. "Sorghum and the majority of grains are in good conditions."

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

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to adequate. Corn is about 65% planted. Wheat is headed. Dryland wheat suffering from lack of moisture and hot, dry winds. Wheat being baled for hay. Cotton is 35% planted. Soybean and sunflower planting under way.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Wheat and recently planted corn and sunflowers hurt by hail. Wheat is in fair condition. Corn planting near completion. Sorghum and sunflower planting continues. Cotton planting delayed by heavy rains.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Wheat harvest around the corner. Large portion is being grazed out or swathed and baled for hay. Armyworms a problem. Limited cotton and peanut planting in past week. Supplemental feeding of livestock limited.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate to surplus. Armyworms causing damage to all plants. Most cotton has been planted. Oats are heading and will be baled for hay. Wheat is heading. High levels of rust. Pecans have bloomed. Seeing a lot of June beetles.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Most pastures drying rapidly from wind and lack of rainfall. Hay bailing under way. Cattle conditions good. Good progress in vegetables and peaches. Insect control measures under way.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Producers are beginning to plant cotton. Cool season grasses and winter weeds have died and dried up. About 80 percent complete in shearing sheep. Warm season vegetables being planted. Tomato farms in full production.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Corn planting is under way. Most oats have been grazed out with some being harvested for hay. Wheat is being harvested and baled. Some wheat rust has been reported. Problems with armyworms. Sorghum planting continues.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Armyworms are showing up in some fields. Wheat rust will lower yields. Grain sorghum continues to be planted. Worst horn fly population in many years. Coastal sprigging continues.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Caterpillars causing damage to crops, trees and forage. Starting to harvest oat seed. most sorghum and soybean grains have been planted. Cattle and pastures in good condition. Stink bug damage heavy on peach crop.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Good crop of wheat and oats is drying down. Corn, sorghum and cotton are making good progress. Melons, pickling cucumbers and other spring vegetables are making progress. Corn is 2-3 feet tall. Cotton is behind.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is adequate. Corn stands are thin. Cotton off to a good start. Sorghum good but needs rain. The first floods for rice have been completed. Soybeans are in good condition. First peaches harvested this week.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Pastures show improvement with recent rains. Cotton starting to show growth. Sorghum in good condition. Sugarcane harvest is about to conclude the season. Continue harvesting onion, cabbage, carrot and greens crop.

Measures for Kelly, Brooks AFB approved

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Legislature is helping some Central Texas military installations, giving one a tax break and bringing financial aid to another.

Senators on Tuesday approved a six-year property tax break for new tenants at Kelly Air Force Base, which is scheduled to close in July. After that, private companies will lease facilities on the base from its new owners, Kelly USA.

State representatives OK'd a plan that San Antonio city officials hope will keep Brooks Air Force Base open.

Sen. Frank Madla, who authored both the Kelly and Brooks measures, told senators the Kelly tax break was sought by its new administrators as a tool to hasten commercial development of the base. But some senators challenged the tax break, arguing it would cost the San Antonio and Edgewood school districts that serve Kelly.

Senate Education Committee chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, called the bill "a vote against the schoolchildren of Texas."

Madla, D-San Antonio, countered there is no estimate of revenues lost by the districts because the base has never been on the tax rolls anyway.

"If those jobs go away, they're not going to have anything to tax," Madla said.

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Pennsylvania is the second state.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Check List for May

• Cut off blossoms on spring flowering annuals, such as pansies, snapdragons, stock and calendulas, to prolong the flowering season.

• Continue to fertilize roses every four to six weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer.

• Allow foliage of spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.

• Set out plants of hybrid portulaca (purslane) in sunny areas. Make rooted cutting of your favorite colors by placing 3- to 4-inch stems in moist, sandy soils.

• It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnias, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias and other summer flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.

• Pinch back the terminal growth on new annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, better branches plants with more flowers.

• Plant caladium tubers, petunias, impatients and begonias in well prepared shady or partially shady areas.

• Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a commercial potting mix. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for five to six days to prevent wilting.

• Replace or replenish mulch materials in flowerbeds and shrub orders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.

• Remove or cut back frost-damaged crape myrtle and other ornamentals as soon as the extent of the injury can be determined.

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Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,194 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 3, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 cheaper. Calves were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 41-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 32-40.75.50
Slaughter bulls: 52-62
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-89
700-800: 80-86.25
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 82-89
700-800: 75-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 84-100
700-800: 70-81
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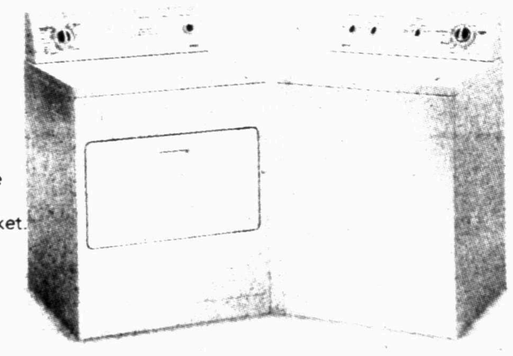

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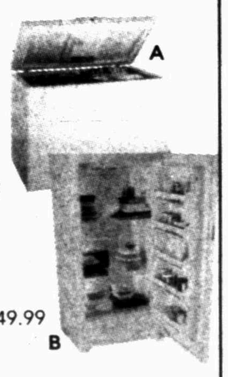

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

City council considers two wage surveys

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Outgoing Mayor Dayton Robertson presented two wage studies to the city council Tuesday evening, saying it would be up to the new council to decide which would be best.

It was the last meeting for Robertson, who chose not to run for another term.

Robertson first discussed a wage-study compiled by city hall staff from figures available on a state-wide database over the Internet.

He then went over figures gathered by a committee consisting of himself, David Harrell and City Manager John Gayle.

The budget impact of the two separate studies varied greatly with the staff study's projected impact being $277,313 and the committee's survey projecting an impact of $103,716.

Broken down, the budget impact from the Internet study would affect the general fund by $157,439, the water and sewer fund by $88,501, the garage fund by $534 and the sanitation fund by $30,839.

The committee's survey projects a $59,010 impact on the general fund, $30,230 on water and sewer, no impact on the garage fund, and $14,476 on sanitation.

Those impacts include only salary adjustments, not other possible increases such as health insurance.

In making the presentations, Robertson acknowledged that wage studies are "hard to talk about."

"There are methodologies…but it comes down to opinions," he said.

Outgoing Councilman James Ashley, who lost his bid for mayor, questioned Robertson as to which cities were selected for the comparison survey and wasn't it possible for the numbers to be manipulated.

"Yes. You can pick and choose. You're exactly right, James," Robertson said.

"When this started, we asked, 'Are we going to be able to live with the numbers?'" Ashley commented. "The cities didn't fit, so we come back and make it less painful."

Robertson replied, "To say I looked at the numbers and went back to try and make it lower is not true."

Robertson admitted the committee study was subjective, saying there are different methodologies in conducting such a survey.

"All I'm saying is there are two options. I'm not saying which one is right."

The council is under no obligation to adopt either survey, they are meant simply as tools in preparing the budget, the mayor noted.

In his discussion, Robertson also mentioned the possibility of reducing the number of city employees from 86 to 83.

"The last thing I want to do in my last meeting is talk about headcount reduction," he said. "I understand there are real people behind it, but sometimes those decisions have to be made."

Three positions have been targeted with two of those positions already vacant, he said.

In other business, the council agreed to seek for bids for the sale of the city-owned property at 37th Street and College Avenue and to set the floor bid price at $1,200.

Action was tabled on an item to seek bids for paving improvements to the 4500 block through 4700 block of Avenue Z to allow the council time to seek more information on the request.

Diane Terrell of Davis, Kinard & Co. presented the fiscal year 2000 audit, and the council voted to accept the presentation. The audit report was clean, said the accountant.

Rod Waller and Mickey Nunley were re-appointed to the Colorado River Municipal Water District's board of directors.

A low bid from Laredo Paving Inc. of Big Spring was accepted for the purchase of aggregate.

The council also approved the specifications for health insurance bids, and the council canvassed the votes from the May 5 general election.

Council members met in executive session from 8:40 to 9:37 p.m. and concluded the evaluation of city manager John Gayle. The evaluation was described as favorable, and no action was taken.

Robertson presided and council members present included Harrell, Ashley, Vernest Tippens, I.E. Martin and Terry Martin. James Jenkins was absent.

Republicans begin pushing 2002 budget through House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans began pushing a 2002 budget through the House today, a first step toward enacting the big tax cuts and spending restraint favored by President Bush.

The GOP's narrow but united majority made House approval of the near-$2 trillion spending plan virtually certain, despite near unanimous Democratic opposition. Passage in the evenly divided Senate also seemed assured as White House officials and GOP Senate aides said they believed they would get a crucial handful of votes from Senate Democratic moderates.

"I think that's correct," Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a leader of those moderates, said of the GOP predictions.

The budget calls for a $1.35 trillion, 11-year tax cut and 4 percent growth for many federal programs. Bush had long sought a 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax reduction, but accepted the smaller package as the price for ensuring support from moderate Senate Democrats.

The Senate planned to debate the measure today, and final passage there seemed likely on Thursday. That would be nine days after Republicans, Bush and centrist Democrats announced they had reached an agreement, with days of further negotiations needed to complete the last details.

"I believe we do," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., when asked if Republicans finally had the decisive votes in hand. "I haven't got a final count yet because we're growing the vote."

Bush celebrated his expected victory Tuesday evening in remarks to business executives of the Electronic Industries Alliance.

Woman arrested for injuring child

• *Arrests*

Mary Lynn Wright, 26, of 128 Milburn was arrested by deputies at 11:49 a.m. at her residence following her indictment Monday by the grand jury for injury to a child.

Deputies also arrested Freddy Douglas Maxwell, 44, of 1300 26th Street on a grand jury indictment for credit card abuse. He was apprehended at his residence at 7 p.m.

City officers arrested Lawrence Eugene Harrison, 34, of 3803 Muriel Drive at 3:40 p.m. on an outstanding Dallas County warrant for probation revocation on an original charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old male at 1:59 p.m. in the 3800 block of College Avenue on an outstanding DPS warrant out of Lubbock for speeding and failure to appear.

Taken into custody at 10:05 p.m. in the 1300 block of 26th Street was a 41-year-old male on a misdemeanor warrant out of Comanche County for making terroristic threats.

Four persons were arrested around 2 a.m. this morning in the 4100 block of Eastridge for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Arrested were two 18-year-old males, a 19-year-old female and a 20-year-old female.

• *Gas drive-off*

Officers were called to the Town & Country convenience store on North College Avenue at 12:57 as a person left without paying for $49.77 in gasoline.

At 3:44 p.m. a person failed to pay for $20 worth of gas at Town & Country east.

• *Suicide threat*

Officers responded to a report of a 20-year-old male threatening suicide at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Deputies later transported the subject to the Big Spring State Hospital.

• *Fire report*

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 2 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch. There was a small fire in the laundry room in a laundry basket full of linens that was extinguished by firemen.

Cause of the fire was unknown. Six firefighters and three trucks were dispatched.

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Michelle Aguilar and baby, Aileen Huddleston, Olga Rodriguez, Adela Rodriguez.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.-13, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Special day for reading slated today

Today has been designated as "Get Caught Reading" Day, a nationwide day to celebrate and promote the joy of reading among people of all ages.

The first "Get Caught Reading" campaign took place during May 1999 and featured Rosie O'Donnell and Whoopi Goldberg in national advertisements. According to the Association of American Publishers' website, the campaign contributed to a substantial rise in trade book sales during the months immediately following the campaign and garnered support from every segment of the industry from manufacturers and publishers to booksellers and librarians.

A local effort to raise awareness for the reading campaign was initiated by Gerald Corkran, division chair for communications and letters at Western Texas College. Posters and ads were created from photos of WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, rodeo coach Greg Rhodes, and social science division chair Lee Burke. Similar to the national campaign, the photos, taken by art instructor Ben Sum, depict candid shots of the individuals who were "caught reading."

To learn more about the "Get Caught Reading" visit the Association of American Publishers' website at www.getcaughtreading.org.

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Obituaries

Herman Elkins

1915-2001

Herman Wayne Elkins, a lifetime resident of Kent and Scurry counties, died Monday, May 7, in Abilene Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Elkins, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 20, 1915 at his parents' homestead near the Polar Community in Kent County, he was the son of Alvin Clay Elkins and Sallie Griggs Elkins. He married Katherine Scrivner on Dec. 27, 1935 in Snyder.

In his younger days, he was a cowboy, shoe salesman and oil field worker. He worked for Henry Rosenberg at the Economy Dry Good Store and for the Clarence Wade Construction Company, both in Snyder.

For nearly 25 years, he was an employee of Wilson Motors, retiring July 4, 1980.

Until the last few years, he maintained his ranching activities in Kent County. He was active in the Scottish Rite, Snyder Lions Club and the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Elkins of Abilene and formerly of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Kin and Brenda Elkins of Abilene; a daughter and son-in-law, Karon and Wells Teague of Austin; and five grandchildren, Andy Elkins and Kip Elkins, both of Abilene, Heather Teague, Jonathan Teague and Summer Teague, all of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Hoyt Pylant, Bil West and nephews Wayne Scrivner, W.C. "Dub" Scrivner, David Gilmore and Frank Toland.

Ethel Gist

1908-2001

COLORADO CITY – Ethel Marie Gist, the mother of Marie Voss of Snyder, died at 6 a.m. today in Odessa.

Graveside service for Mrs. Gist, 92, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Colorado City Cemetery. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson Funeral Directors of Odessa.

Born July 6, 1908, she was a longtime resident of Colorado City. A homemaker and retail clerk, Mrs. Gist was a well-known artist in Mitchell County. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two other daughters, Dorothy Bourland and Frances Hansen, both of Odessa; and seven grandchildren.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Scurry Lodge #706

The Scurry Lodge #706 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday for work in the Entered Apprentice degree.

GED testing dates

GED testing dates at Western Texas College are set for Friday and for Thursday, May 24.

Rattlesnake Rodeo

The Caprock Peace Officers Association will hold the 53rd annual Rattlesnake Rodeo Thursday at the Clairemont 4-H Barn, 16 miles west of Jayton. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and includes a variety of competition and a chuck wagon lunch.

Northeast family reading night

The year's final family reading night at Northeast Elementary will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and door prizes will be given.

Fish-a-thon

The White Buffalo fish-a-thon is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is a $5 entry fee. Multiple prizes for youths and adults will be presented every hour. Bait and concessions will be available. The pond will be stocked with 750 pounds of catfish and proceeds will benefit Snyder Boy Scouts.

MAWC Silver Coffee

The Martha Ann Woman's Club will honor its Life and Founder members, and special guests – mothers and daughters – with its annual Silver Coffee from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday. All members are urged to attend.

Country and gospel music program

There will be a country and gospel music program beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Encore presentation

There will be an encore presentation of *Taming of the Shrew* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Snyder High School's drama students won third place at state one-act-play competition Friday in Austin.

Retired teachers

There will be a meeting at noon Monday at The Shack for Snyder's retired teachers. New officers will be installed.

Kids College registration

Registration for Kids College will be held from 2-7:30 p.m. Monday in the lobby of Scurry County Museum. Classes are set for 1 to 4:30 p.m. June 11-21. Call 573-8511, ext. 223, for more information.

West Elementary yearbooks

West Elementary annuals are in and may be purchased for $7 at the school office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Faith Revival fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will offer enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19. For information, call 574-8013.

WTC swimming pool

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Missing Oregon woman shot to death in Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A missing Oregon woman was found shot to death in Nevada, but her two daughters remained missing, police said Tuesday.

The body of 21-year-old Kimyala Henson was found near Wadsworth, about 60 miles northeast of Reno, on April 29, according to the Washoe County sheriff's office. A couple she had traveled with were found dead in Florida and were suspected in the killing, police said Tuesday.

"We don't have a motive at this point," Washoe County Sheriff Dennis Balaam said. "Everybody that really has any information as far as our investigation goes is dead."

Police said the couple's deaths were a murder-suicide.

Balaam said authorities searched 100 square miles around the area where Henson's body was discovered but found no trace of 4-month-old Shausa Henson or 2-year-old Shaina Ashly Kirkpatrick.

Henson and her daughters set out April 4 with Christina Mayer, 24, and her boyfriend, Frank Oehring, 28. The two were found dead April 20 at a highway rest area near Naples, Fla.

Florida authorities said Oehring, a Missouri fugitive wanted on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder in the attempted strangulation of his ex-wife, shot Mayer with a .22-caliber rifle and then turned it on himself.

Florida law enforcement officials found Henson's wallet and credit cards in a car parked at the rest area and traced the transactions. Investigators suspect they were fraudulently signed by Mayer.

Before she left Oregon, Henson told her family she planned to travel with the couple to Alameda, Calif., to get a copy of her birth certificate before heading north for a two-week trip in Canada.

Investigators said that someone picked up a copy of Henson's birth certificate in California. A copy of the certificate, ripped in half, was found in a trash can at the Florida rest area.

On April 6, two of Henson's Visa cards were used in Nevada and then continuously used for gas and food purchases during a trip east.

Investigators determined that Mayer and Oehring had traveled to Florida through Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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Rare Confederate torpedo recovered in south Georgia

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — The military normally would just blow up the rusty cylinder of cast iron and gunpowder unearthed by a construction worker's backhoe. But Civil War munitions experts are begging the Army not to damp this torpedo.

Historians say the 200-plus-pound artifact, about the size of a gas grill's propane tank, is a rare Confederate torpedo used to mine the Savannah harbor during the Civil War.

Similar crude explosives mining Mobile Bay sank the Union ship Tecumseh in August 1864, when Rear Adm. David Farragut shouted his famous battle cry, "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!"

Only about a dozen of the Confederate mines have been recovered, most of them collected at the West Point military museum.

"This is a remarkable item," said Walter Meeks, curator of the military museum at Fort Stewart, where the mine is being kept inside a concrete munitions bunker. "This one is marvelous because it's intact. It's a perfect time capsule of the technology of that age."

The mine was discovered Saturday on a construction site at the Southern Natural Gas plant on Elba Island off Savannah. A backhoe operator dug up the mine about 200 yards from the Savannah River.

"I had no idea what it was," said Scott Walden, the plant's maintenance and marine superintendent. "We decided to just walk down there, check our emergency response list and get the police involved."

Once police determined the cylinder, coated in mud and rust, was some type of military weapon, they called Fort Stewart's 38th Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company, the Army's bomb squad.

At the urging of coastal museum directors and the area's congressman, Rep. Jack Kingston, the Army is trying to find a safe way to disarm the mine without destroying it.

"Usually, our first response is to go ahead and blow up a piece of ordnance like this," said Capt. Christopher Bowen of the bomb disposal unit.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 10, 2001

The possibility of fulfilling your hopes and expectations in the year ahead will be better than usual. What transpires could be rewarding for you both materially and socially.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Time is too precious to squander on just anybody today. Try to find some time to share it with people you truly love and enjoy being around. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today you could get involved in some stimulating conversation with people who share your views and philosophies. Through the discussion you'll grasp something new that could help you a lot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're in a favorable trend for accumulation today, but it may not come about solely through your efforts. A joint venture shared by others might play a role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Friends will have little doubt about where you stand today because of your candor. They'll greatly appreciate being leveled with and will let you know it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Much will be accomplished on the job today, because everybody will be able to work together in tandem with great harmony. The collective effort will be very productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a strong chance you'll be asked to head up some type of social event or activity. You're wanted for the task because of your ability to get along with everybody.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — More than a number of personal goals can be achieved today, because obstacles that blocked your path can now be removed. Act while the coast is clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — One of the things you do best is communicate with people in a diplomatic and friendly manner, and today this talent might be called into play. Again, you'll do a fine job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Something nice could be coming to you by way of a gift today. It'll be in reciprocation for all the kind things you've done for the giver in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although chances are you'll be in a position to negotiate from strength today, you'll take pains to do so in a fair and generous manner. The other guy will be very responsive to your desires.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Service rendered to you today will be given willingly and expertly. Although you are not expecting any freebies, they might be forthcoming.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't pass up a social function today, because it'll have an uplifting effect on you both mentally and physically. People with whom you'll be mingling will think you're great.

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