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Way to go Bulldogs!



HIGH FIVES — Ira coaches Bubba Edwards and Toby Goodwin congratulate Nathan Smith, far left, and Jerry Jamison during the Bulldogs' 5-2 victory Monday over Rotan at Moffett Field. Ira faces Menard in a best-of-three bi-district series Friday and Saturday at Hardin-Simmons' Hunter Field in Abilene. See story Page 5. (SDN Staff Photo)

From local business...

DCOS to hear funding request

Former county commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., current president of Ice Melt Products Inc., will address the Development Corporation of Snyder board when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Gray said he would be seeking some $12,000 in funding for a joint venture between his company and Stoller Enterprises of Houston for rail car lease space.

Stoller Enterprises is a fertilizer manufacturing company that Gray will be using to add to their products for a line of fertilizer.

"We are looking to lease space for 20 rail cars," said Gray.

Gray said he also would offer a suggestion to the DCOS board that it help pay for an electrical rate consultant to help lower electricity costs for new and existing businesses in Scurry County.

Approval of financial statements is also on the agenda, as well as the report from John DeLille, executive director.

The meeting will be in the DCOS boardroom at the American State Bank.

Two pops concerts scheduled

Two Pops Concerts are slated this week.

Snyder High School choir students will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each.

The junior high's concert is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the high school. Tickets also cost $5.

Ronda Haire directs the SHS choir and Marcie Dennis is the junior high director.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One way to live longer is to cut out all the things that make you want to live longer.

These test answers allegedly were taken from SAT college-entrance exams given in Arkansas a couple of years ago.

Even for a Texan, some of the answers seem logical.

Q-Name the four seasons.
A-Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q-Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.
A-Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q-How is dew formed?
A-The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q-What causes the tides in the oceans?
A-The tides are a fight between the Earth and Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q.-What are steroids?
A-Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q-What happens to your body as it ages?
A-When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q-What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?
A-He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to adultery.

Q-Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.
A-Premature death.

Q-What is the Fibula?
A-A very small lie.

Q-What does 'varicose' mean?
A-Nearby.

Q-Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section.'
A-The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q-What is a seizure?
A-A Roman emperor.

Q-Give an example of fungus. What is a characteristic feature?
A-Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

Rumor has it that this scholar is headed for Aggieland.

Snyder Cemetery to receive special medallion Thursday

In 1997 the Texas Historical Commission decided to focus attention on cemeteries in Texas.

Four years later, Snyder Cemetery joined a list of 250 Texas cemeteries designated as Historic Texas Cemeteries. Even though there are historic cemeteries in Tom Green County, Scurry County is the only county in this immediate area to have one.

A special medallion will be unveiled at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the cemetery. A reception will follow at Scurry County Museum. The public is invited.

The reception, which will continue until noon, will also mark the opening of an exhibit featuring photographs taken by Jay Huckabee. The pictures of historic homes and buildings in Scurry, Garza and Kent Counties were taken by Huckabee and and former Snyder resident Dudley Cramer for the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

Huckabee, who has been a photography buff since he was a teen-ager, picks his subjects for their architecture and historical significance. Among the photos are black and white pictures of the Knapp Post Office.

The exhibit also features Huckabee's drawing of Boley Brown's monument. Brown is buried in Snyder Cemetery.

The museum display includes a lighting rod that dates to the 1890s. Huckabee said he found it at a flea market several years ago.

Huckabee estimates that he has around 7,000 slides.

Some of his slides include the World Flower Show held every 10 years. In 1992, He and his wife, Patsy, attended the event in the Netherlands. He shot 46 rolls of 36-exposure film.

He also has a collection of photos of sites he has taken during three trips to New York City, including the World Trade Center, the Statute of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Culp named president...

Board reorganizes at HISD

Alan Culp will serve the Hermleigh school board as its president this coming year as officers were elected during Tuesday night's meeting.

Tim Dacus will serve as vice president, while David Higgins was elected secretary.

Larry West and Roy Gill took their oaths of office to serve full terms on the board, while Joe Roemisch was sworn in to fill a one-year unexpired term.

Supt. Jerry Church presented a list of repairs to school facilities that will be made in the summer.

Church said repairs would be made to the floors, bleachers at Cardinal Stadium, plus the normal painting. "A lot of the work will be for the normal wear and tear items," said Church.

The board gave permission for the senior class to rent a van for transportation to the Lubbock airport on their first leg of the senior trip to Padre Island, and ratified the agreement for the Big Country Library Cooperative.



EXHIBIT TO OPEN — Scurry County Museum will exhibit photographs of historic homes and buildings taken by Jay Huckabee beginning Thursday. The reception is slated from 10 a.m. to noon. Also on display is Huckabee's antique lightning rod, which dates to the 1890s. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Area sales tax rebates

City	May '02	May '01	+/-	Year '02	Year '01	+/-
Abilene	$2,437,160.13	$2,622,564.58	-7.06%	$10,845,763.68	$10,794,528.40	0.47%
Big Spring	$376,281.19	$438,378.96	-14.16%	$1,534,371.23	$1,616,615.29	-5.08%
Colorado City	$50,625.91	$41,740.70	21.28%	$176,241.29	$183,418.51	-3.91%
Lamesa	$90,405.42	$105,961.89	-14.68%	$362,404.71	$386,429.23	-6.21%
Lubbock	$2,792,926.25	$2,913,598.97	-4.14%	$12,316,996.03	$12,165,649.53	1.24%
Post	$24,734.66	$28,959.51	-14.58%	$107,463.59	$118,442.23	-9.26%
Roby	$2,547.18	$3,261.71	-21.90%	$9,058.15	$10,705.43	15.38%
Rotan	$13,655.37	$18,173.61	-24.86%	$52,878.41	$58,866.08	-10.17%
Snyder	$98,864.58	$130,343.04	-24.15%	$574,145.11	$603,650.64	-4.88%
Sweetwater	$197,398.70	$224,198.71	-11.95%	$790,539.68	$789,792.40	0.09%

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebate to the city of Snyder for the month of May is down 24.15% compared to the same month in 2001. Snyder's check is $98,864.58 compared to $130,343.04 last May.

ASK US

Q—In view of budget cuts, how many Snyder ISD coaches, teachers and administrators went to the state golf, track, one-act, or UIL competition who were not directly supervising students?

A—The answer is on Page 9.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 79 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 57; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy, low around 65; S winds 15-25 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, breezy; high around 90; W winds 15-25 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low 60-65.



Partly Cloudy
Daniel Ramirez

Sunset:
8:33 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:47 a.m.
Of 134 days in 2002, the sun has shone 128 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Peace, like charity, begins at home.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Lawmakers seek crop disaster aid monies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm-state lawmakers are seeking more than $2 billion in election-year disaster aid to supplement the higher crop subsidies provided by the new farm bill.

The disaster assistance, which was stripped from the final version of the farm bill, would cover weather-related crop losses in 2001. Lawmakers may seek additional money for losses this year from a drought that continues over parts of the Great Plains.

"Passage of the farm bill by no means solves the problems experienced by most farmers and ranchers facing severe drought conditions. Their needs are not addressed," Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., wrote the White House.

The aid could be added to a supplemental spending bill that the Senate Appropriations Committee will take up as early as next week. The Senate Agriculture Committee also is considering writing a disaster bill of its own.

Sen. Max Baucus, a four-term Montana Democrat up for reelection, tried to attach the disaster aid to the farm bill that President Bush signed into law on Monday, but House Republican leaders refused to allow the additional spending. Before that, Baucus tried to get the disaster aid passed as part of an economic stimulus plan.

The new farm bill increased subsidy rates for crops such as wheat and corn and created a new program to provide supplemental payments when commodity prices fall below certain levels. The bill is expected to cost about $190 billion over 10 years.

The disaster aid would benefit farmers and ranchers hurt by drought in Texas, Montana and other states as well as farmers in the upper Midwest whose crops were damaged by excessive moisture.

Texas had $298 million in crop losses that were not covered by federal crop insurance, the most of any state, followed by Montana with $247 million, Burns said in the letter being sent to President Bush on today.

Keith Luse, the Republican staff director for the Senate Agriculture Committee, said the aid package could grow. "It's almost impossible to predict how high the figure will go," he said.

This spring, wheat crops are so poor in parts of the southern Plains that farmers will let cattle graze them rather than harvest them. By the last week of April, crop conditions were the poorest they had been for any corresponding period since 1989, the Agriculture Department said.

Parts of Montana have been short of moisture for several years.

In 2000, Congress agreed to add $8 billion to the federal crop insurance system to make the coverage more affordable.

Microsoft to slash price of game console

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is cutting the U.S. price of its Xbox video game console from $299 to $199, mirroring a move announced a day earlier by console kingpin Sony for its Playstation 2.

Microsoft, which introduced the Xbox, its first gaming console, in November, also said it will cut the price in Japan from about $270 to about $193. That move will take effect May 22.

The company scheduled formal announcement of the price cuts for today.

Last month, Microsoft reduced the Xbox's price by about a third in Europe and Australia.

John O'Rourke, director of global Xbox marketing, said Tuesday that the additional reductions have been in the works for several months, with an announcement previously planned for next week. He said Sony's move forced Microsoft to accelerate its cut "to make sure nobody buys another video game system because of price."

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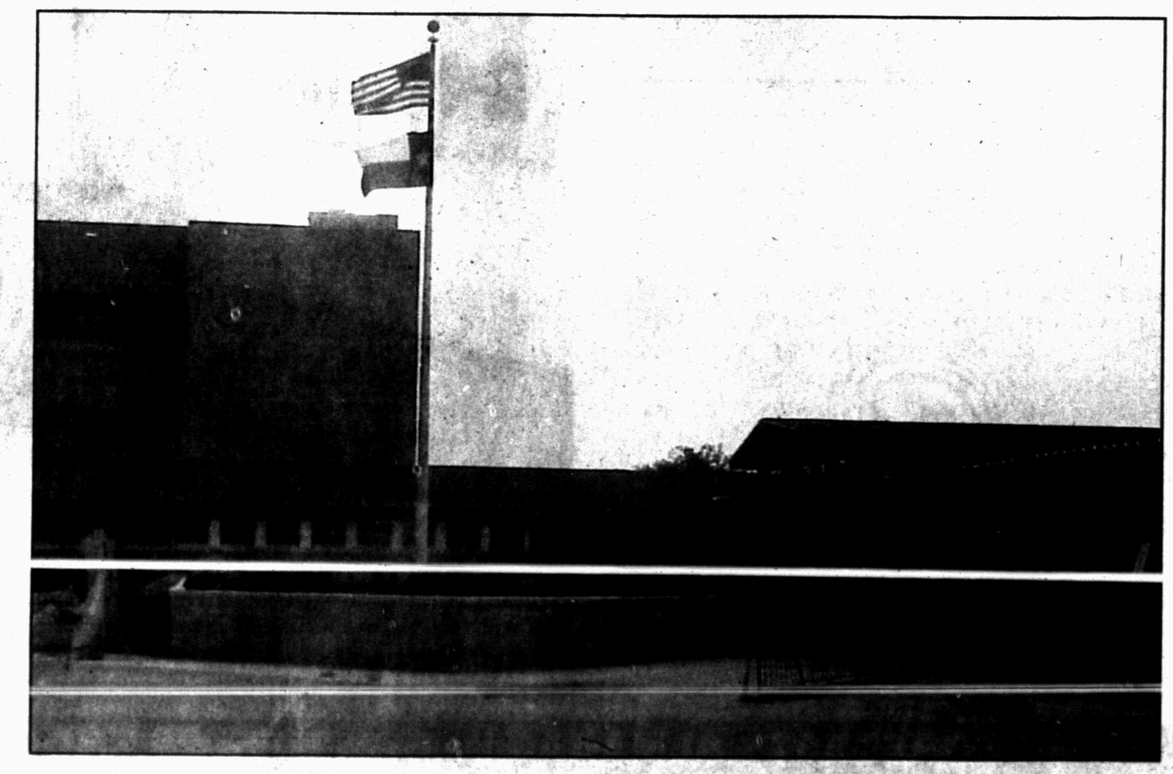
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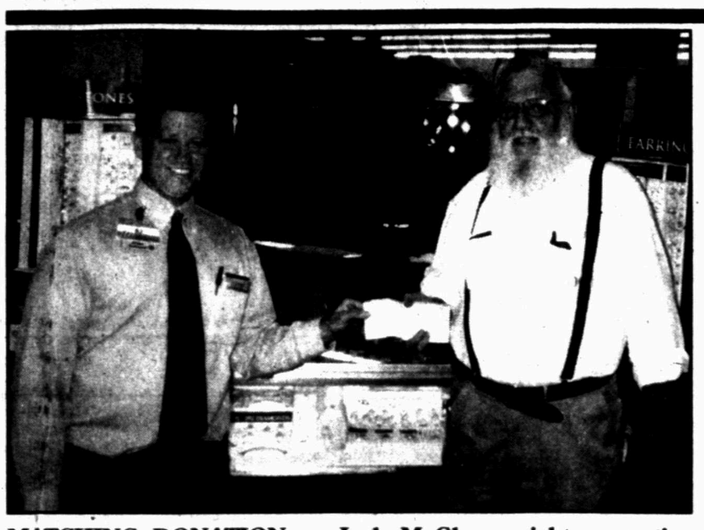
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MATCHING DONATION — Jack McGlaun, right, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, receives a check from R.J. Youngclaus, Wal-Mart manager, for a matching donation. (Contributed Photo)

Sanchez unveils education initiative

DALLAS (AP) — A proposal by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez for "flexible" standardized testing schedules was met with interest by teachers but scrutinized by his opponent's campaign.

The testing plan was part of a five-part education initiative that Sanchez unveiled Tuesday.

"Texas' accountability system has greatly improved the quality of education," Sanchez said at a Dallas school. "We must build upon and strengthen that system to make sure our children receive the best possible education."

Sanchez didn't give a dollar figure for the proposal he dubbed "Texas Education Beyond Tomorrow," but said it can be partly paid for within the existing state budget by eliminating wasteful spending.

The proposal also calls for increasing teachers' salaries to the national average. Teachers in Texas average $39,100 per year, $4,000 below the national average.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry's campaign immediately called Sanchez's plan a "$5 billion budget buster."

Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said Sanchez's plan would require massive tax hikes and deep cuts in health care and other spending.

The plan would gut a ban on social promotion pushed through the Legislature when President Bush was governor, Sullivan said. He also said Sanchez seems to be "flip-flopping" on the value of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, or TAAS test, in the state's accountability system.

"It does not appear as though Mr. Sanchez has a clue about how the Texas education system works or even how his plan would affect the TAAS and student accountability system," Sullivan said.

Sanchez said students should have flexible schedules for standardized testing so they can be evaluated at their own pace by taking sections of the test at different times. He also wants to implement informal diagnostic checkpoints in every grade to assess student progress.

Jeri Stone, executive director of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, said the testing plan could be beneficial if structured properly.

"In the best of all possible worlds, testing is used primarily for diagnostic purposes to identify who needs remediation and in what areas," she said. "A flexible testing schedule would lend itself to that goal, though it would have to be structured carefully so that testing could be done essentially on an individual basis."

The Sanchez proposal also would make improvements in the areas of early childhood development; development of new instructional materials by Texas scholars; reduced class sizes; and the creation of "laboratory schools" for high school students run by universities.

Though he said wasteful spending could be eliminated from the state's $114 billion budget, Sanchez said he would have to study in "minute detail" the budget further to see precisely where the funds would come from.

Sanchez, who has been endorsed by the Texas Federation of Teachers and Texas State Teachers Association, reiterated that a tax increase for education is "off the table."

Texas Federation of Teachers spokeswoman Roxanne Evans said the group applauded Sanchez's pay raise proposal.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man speaks out to dispel myths about HIV infection

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old HIV-positive man. Last week at my office, I was shocked when two of my co-workers declared that they could tell whether or not people are HIV-positive just by looking at them.

Abby, this is no laughing matter. Please inform your readers that someone can be HIV-positive and appear to be physically healthy. I shared my health status with my office mates, and by doing so, I hope I have changed some minds by shattering that myth. Sign me ... **POSITIVE IN D.C.**

DEAR POSITIVE: Not everyone would have been so generous or courageous, because there is still a lot of prejudice, ignorance and misunderstanding when it comes to HIV. There is more than one lesson to be learned from your letter.

(1) You CANNOT tell a person's HIV status by his or her appearance.

(2) It is imperative that couples not have unprotected sex unless both partners have been screened for HIV.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl who is dating a senior boy in high school.

One night, we went to a party and then back to his place. His parents and sister were out of town, and he was really drunk.

As soon as we got to his house, he started drinking again. That led to a big fight. I was literally walking out the door when he grabbed me and told me if I ever leave him, he'll hunt me down and kill me!

Abby, ever since that night, I've been scared of him. Please tell me what to do. — **SCARED IN MAXTON, N.C.**

DEAR SCARED: Tell your parents or guardian about the young man's threat. You are too young to deal with this yourself and to be dating a boy that much older than you.

He clearly has problems and not enough supervision — and the same is true of you.

P.S. Under no circumstances should you be riding in a car with a driver who has been drinking. That, too, could cost you your life.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law, "Barbara," and her family are avid karaoke fans. They've had a machine for 10 years, and every time we go to their home, no matter the occasion, they sing at the drop of a hat.

When relatives visit from out of town — they sing. They sing at Christmas, birthday parties, wedding receptions — and the volume is set so high that it's impossible to carry on a conversation. If you leave the room to talk, they'll turn on the intercom so the music is carried throughout the house. It's true they encourage others to join in — but they never give up the microphone.

Barbara is not the kind of person who takes criticism well. Some members of the family tease her about singing so much, but she doesn't take the hint.

Please help me find a way to convince Barbara that we don't need to be "entertained" all the time. — **TONE DEAF IN INDIANA**

DEAR TONE DEAF: That may be impossible. We both know you can't change them. They have show biz in their blood. Wear ear plugs if necessary and be grateful they don't have a cover charge and a two-drink minimum.

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DFW Airport avoids close calls for nearly nine months

DALLAS (AP) — Air traffic controllers say renewed vigilance and a strong education push helped the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport avoid close calls on its runways for almost nine months, an all-time record.

National aviation officials have singled out DFW Airport in the last year for being the site of the two worst close calls between planes.

"It has never happened in recent history that we have gone this length of time without a pilot error or a controller error," said Mark Mulder, president of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

A drop in air traffic since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks also is a factor in the drop in near-misses, which are officially called incursions.

Still, they remain high on the list of safety concerns among national aviation safety officials. The number of incursions fell from 431 nationwide in 2000 to 381 last year, but the overall trend since 1993 has been up.

The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday reaffirmed that reducing incursions at airports nationwide must be a top priority.

"The potential for a catastrophic accident ... continues to exist," said John Clark, director of the NTSB's Office of Aviation Safety in Washington, told The Dallas Morning News for today's editions.

The two major close calls at DFW airport were among five that occurred nationwide in 2001.

In the first DFW incursion, a Chicago-bound American Airlines jet and a cargo plane came within 10 to 20 feet of colliding May 11.

Date Book

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Today is the 135th day of 2002 and the 57th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, United Airlines became the first to have stewardesses on its planes.

On this day in 1957, Great Britain dropped a hydrogen bomb on Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean. Britain became the third nation to exhibit nuclear capability, after the United States and the Soviet Union.

On this day in 1988, the Soviet Union began its withdrawal from Afghanistan. The decade-long invasion saw the Soviets suffer tremendous casualties and international embarrassment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dante Alighieri (1265 - 1321), poet; L. Frank Baum (1856 - 1919), writer; Pierre Curie (1859 - 1906), chemist; Katherine Anne Porter (1890 - 1980), writer; Eddy Arnold (1918 -), singer, is 84; Jasper Johns (1930 -), artist, is 72; Paul Zindel (1936 -), writer, is 66; Madeline Albright (1937 -), former secretary of state, is 65; Chazz Palminteri (1952 -), actor, is 50; George Brett (1953 -), baseball star, is 49; Dan Patrick (1956 -), sports anchor, is 46; Emmitt Smith (1969 -), football star, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, Joe DiMaggio started his 56-game hitting streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Abandon all hope, ye who enter here." - Dante Alighieri, "Inferno," chapter 3, line 9.

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (May 12) and the first quarter (May 19).

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events

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
16-25-26-27
Bonus number 21
Estimated jackpot: $350,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
9-11-29-31-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-9-1

Scientists, advocates: More money needed for DNA tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lack of money is resulting in hundreds of thousands of DNA samples going untested even though they could identify or clear alleged rapists, witnesses told a Senate panel.

Moreover, state and local governments have not entered enough DNA samples from convicted felons to match to the DNA samples that police and hospitals take from rape victims, senators were told Tuesday.

"There are literally thousands of inmate DNA samples waiting to be tested and entered into the data bank," said Debbie Smith, a Williamsburg, Va., resident who was raped in 1989. Her attacker was found in 1995 after a DNA sample taken from a prison inmate matched one taken from evidence from her case.

There are currently 900,000 convicted offender DNA profiles in the system.

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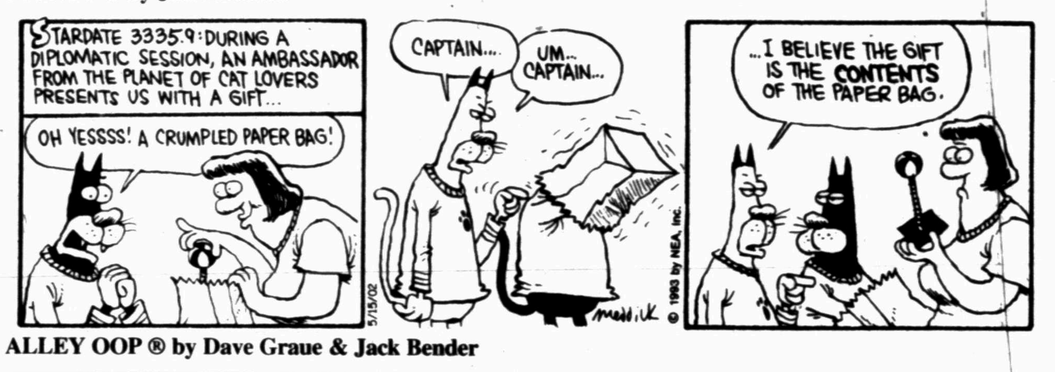
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Bart Simpson's mother
6 Kept fit
12 Horror flick extras
14 Gulch
15 Kind of tire
16 Spruce up
17 Genetic material
18 Long time
19 Canape topper
21 Part of UCLA
23 June honoree
26 Dow Jones fig.
27 Watch pocket
28 Jeopardy
30 Cowpoke's sweetie
31 CPR pro
32 Tape over
33 Low-fat spreads
35 Soldier's addr.
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39 Actor McShane
40 Youngster
41 Curvey letter
42 News network
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56 Spooked
57 Passes inferior goods
58 Typefaces

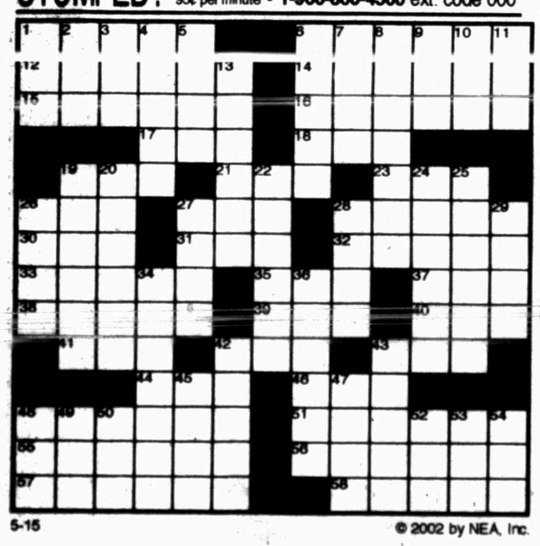
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3 Fishing gear
4 Tour giver
5 Verve
6 Pauley and Goodall
7 Chocolate cookie
8 Wider in scope
9 Understood
10 Potato bud
11 Put on
13 Zigzag course
19 Insulation measure (hyph.)
20 Gawkers
22 Come by
24 Fit to farm
25 Alarm
26 In a tizzy
27 Actor Parker
28 Unskilled laborer
29 X-rated
34 Evictors
36 Straw hat
42 Embers
43 Clean energy source
45 Help a felon
47 Jerk
48 Chatty alien
49 — Tse-tung
50 Yes, in Cherbourg
52 Aykroyd or Rather
53 Ignited
54 Magazine VIPs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Lakers end Spurs' run in Game 5

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Once the fourth quarter arrives, the Lakers figure there's no way they can lose. With Kobe Bryant on their side, who can blame them?

Bryant struck again Tuesday night, scoring 10 of his 26 points in the final period as Los Angeles beat the San Antonio Spurs 93-87 in Game 5 to win this Western Conference semifinal.

"If the game is close in the fourth quarter, we expect to win," Bryant said. "We play to win; some teams play to lose. We definitely have a swagger about us."

The Lakers outscored the Spurs 31-26 in the fourth quarter and 125-88 in the final periods in the series.

Bryant scored 11 and 12 points in the final periods of Games 3 and 4, when the Lakers rallied for victories in San Antonio. He had a total of 46 fourth-quarter points in the five games.

Bryant's basket with 2:27 remaining snapped an 83-83 tie and triggered a 10-4 closing run. Rick Fox's layup a minute later gave the Lakers a four-point lead, and Robert Horry's 3-pointer with 56.6 seconds left off a feed from Bryant made it 90-83.

Game and series over.

"In the fourth quarter, Kobe came up big for us with some shots, and obviously made a big pass to finish it," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

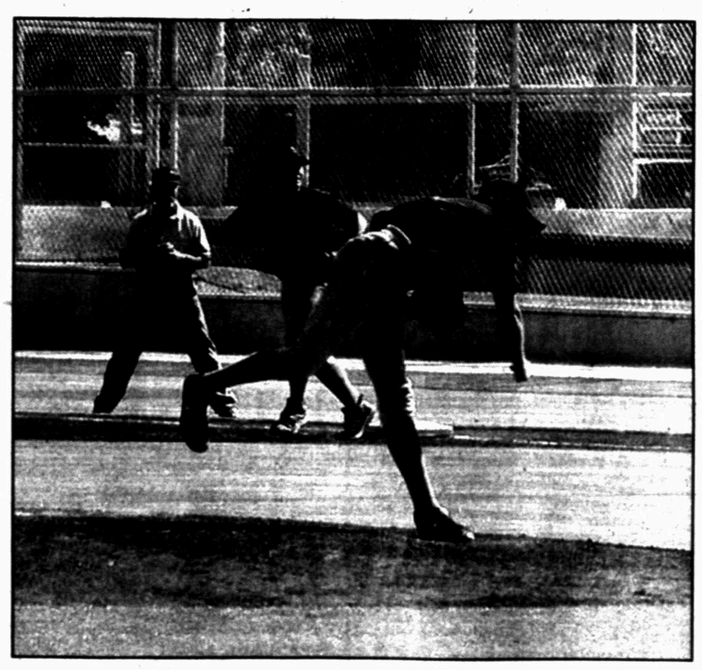
The two-time defending NBA champion Lakers, 7-1 in these playoffs and 23-2 in their last 25 postseason games, face the Sacramento Kings in an all-California conference final beginning Saturday at Arco Arena.

In the other playoff game Tuesday night, the Boston Celtics defeated the Detroit Pistons 90-81 in Game 5 to close that Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Celtics will play the winner of the New Jersey-Charlotte series. The Nets lead 3-1 and are home against the Hornets on Wednesday night.

Shaquille O'Neal, ailing with assorted injuries, had 21 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks — all in the second half — and Rick Fox added 17 points and seven assists for the Lakers.

"We just know how to win in every situation," O'Neal said. "It's been tough because we've been making it tough on ourselves. We're not coming out fast."



BRINGING THE HEAT — Ira junior Eric Dickerhoff delivers a pitch as Jake Barnes looks on from first base Tuesday during the Bulldogs' 5-2 victory over Rotan at Moffett Field. Dickerhoff registered 15 strikeouts, and Barnes delivered the game-winning hit. (SDN Staff Photo)

Homers power Sox over Rangers, 15-4

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Graffanino hit two homers and drove in six runs, and Mark Buehrle won his AL-leading seventh game as the Chicago White Sox routed the Texas Rangers 15-4 Tuesday night.

Graffanino, subbing for injured second baseman Ray Durham, tied his career high with four hits as the White Sox snapped a four-game losing streak.

Graffanino, who went 4-for-4 and reached base in all five plate appearances, hit a solo shot in the sixth and a three-run blast in the seventh for his first career two-homer game. After going 54 games without a homer, Graffanino has hit three in his last two.

Buehrle (7-2) allowed four runs — three earned — on six hits over seven innings to win his third straight start. He struck out four, walked two and hit two batters.

Sandy Alomar Jr. drove in four runs, Paul Konerko homered and Frank Thomas doubled twice and had two RBIs as Chicago stopped Texas' four-game winning streak.

Herbert Perry hit a two-run homer for Texas in the first, but Thomas tied it in the bottom of the inning with a two-run double into the gap in right-center off Doug Davis (3-4).

Chicago scored three times in the second, as Alomar hit an RBI single and Graffanino added a two-run single to make it 5-2.

In the third, Mike Young hit an RBI double to center and scored on the same play when Graffanino made a two-base throwing error.

Davis allowed six runs — five earned — on eight hits over 5 1-3 innings.

Konerko homered, and Carlos Lee and Sandy Alomar had RBIs in a six-run seventh. Alomar added a two-run single in Chicago's three-run eighth.

Sports Briefs

Playoff series set for Moffett Field

District 4-4A foes Andrews and Frenship square off at Moffett Field in a best-of-three regional quarterfinal series starting Friday.

The series opener is set for 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2 gets underway at 1 p.m. Saturday, with Game 3 to follow, if necessary.

Andrews (21-4) was the District 4-4A champion, while Frenship (24-8) was the third seed. The winner advances to face Crowley or Southlake Carroll in next week's regional semifinals.

API golf tournament

The Snyder chapter of the American Petroleum Institute hosts its annual scholarship golf tournament June 1 at the country club.

Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $340 per team, and play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709, or Giles Kemp at 725-1852.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and perspective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

Flag football tournament

The Snyder Knights flag football tournament is scheduled for June 8. Entry deadline is May 22 and cost is $220 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 573-0800.

Ira rallies past Rotan, earns top playoff seed

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It took two district games and all seven innings of a playoff, but the Ira Bulldogs finally got the best of the Rotan Yellowhammers.

Ira manufactured three runs in the top of the seventh Tuesday to rally past Rotan, 5-2, in a District 7-A playoff at Moffett Field.

The victory earned the Bulldogs the top seed heading into this weekend's opening round of the Class A state playoffs, and bragging rights for a year.

"We put some pressure on ourselves, because we really wanted to win this game," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We wanted to be able to say that we were the best team in the district. Now we can do that."

Ira faces Menard in a best-of-three bi-district series Friday and Saturday at Hardin-Simmons' Hunter Field in Abilene. Game 1 gets underway at 5 p.m. Friday, with Game 2 to follow 30 minutes later. If necessary, Game 3 would be played at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"We knew winning meant we wouldn't have to face Miles in the first round," Edwards stated. "They beat us last year, so we really didn't want to face them again. This was a big win for us."

After Rotan knotted the tally at 2-2 in the fifth, the Bulldogs used some late-inning fireworks to put the game away.

Eric Dickerhoff started the rally in the seventh by reaching base on an error. Josh Gutierrez kept things alive when he legged out an infield single to bring Jake Barnes to the plate.

The big sophomore came through, blasting a triple off the center-field wall to plate Dickerhoff and Gutierrez. A wild throw back into the infield allowed Barnes to hustle home with the Bulldogs' fifth run.

"Jake had hit the ball hard in two previous at bats, but the wind held it up and Rotan was able to make the play," said Edwards. "That last time, he hit it in the gap. And once he gets moving, he can run pretty good for a big guy."

The Yellowhammers went quietly in the bottom of the frame to give Dickerhoff the complete-game victory. The junior right-hander surrendered five hits and two walks, while registering 15 strikeouts.

"Dickerhoff is one of those kids that just hates to lose, so he keeps battling until the end," Edwards remarked. "I'm really proud of the effort we got from the entire team. This is a good boost of momentum as we head into the playoffs."

Ira squandered scoring chances early, allowing Rotan to grab the initial lead.

The Yellowhammers pushed across the game's first run in the third when Cory Huggins walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Chad Tuttle single.

The Bulldogs jumped out front in the top of the fifth thanks to a pair of Rotan miscues. Dickerhoff got aboard on an error, then tied the game on a base hit by Jase Olvera. Following a balk and a wild pitch, Olvera crossed the plate on Rotan's second error of the inning.

The Yellowhammers pulled even in the bottom of the inning. Tuttle scored on a Robert Helms double to tie the game at 2-2, leading to Ira's seventh-inning comeback.

All five of the Bulldogs' runs were unearned due to three Rotan errors. Helms work all seven innings on the mound for the Yellowhammers, giving up six hits and a pair of walks to go along with three strikeouts.

Rotan squares off with Miles in the first round of the playoffs. The winner of the Ira-Menard series advances to face Windthorst or Knox City in the area round.

Ira	ab	r	h	bi
Dickerhoff p	4	2	1	0
Olvera ss	2	1	1	1
Gutierrez c	4	1	1	0
Barnes 1b	4	1	1	2
Smith 2b	3	0	1	0
Jamison 3b	3	0	0	0
J.Wall cf	3	0	0	0
Graves dh	3	0	0	0
T.Wall rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**29**	**5**	**6**	**3**

Rotan	ab	r	h	bi
Huggins ss	3	1	0	0
Tuttle lf	4	1	1	1
Helms p	4	0	2	1
Hoffman 1b	4	0	1	0
Hicks c	3	0	1	0
McCall 2b	2	0	0	0
Trejo dh	3	0	0	0
Reyes 3b	2	0	0	0
Quintanilla cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Ira	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	6	4
Rotan	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	5	3

LOB - Ira 6, Rotan 8. 2B - Rotan, Helms, Hicks. 3B - Ira, Barnes.

Ira	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dickerhoff	7	5	2	1	2	15
Rotan	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Helms	7	6	5	0	2	3

Astros knock off Phillies, 5-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Morgan Ensberg hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning and the Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 Tuesday night.

The Astros won their third in a row, equaling their best streak of the season. Philadelphia lost for the third time in 11 games.

Octavio Dotel (1-1) pitching one scoreless inning for the victory. Billy Wagner got the final four outs to record his fifth save in six opportunities.

Randy Wolf (2-2) gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Leading 2-1, the Astros loaded the bases in the eighth when Craig Biggio doubled, Lance Berkman was intentionally walked and Richard Hidalgo was hit by a pitch. Ensberg then lined a triple off the left-field wall.

With the score 1-all, Hidalgo led off the seventh with a single and Ensberg was hit by a pitch. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt before an intentional walk to Julio Lugo loaded the bases.

Mlicki held the Phillies hitless until Scott Rolen led off with fourth with a double. Mlicki gave up one run on four hits in six innings.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	22	17	.564	—
Montreal	20	19	.513	2
New York	20	19	.513	2
Atlanta	19	21	.475	3½
Philadelphia	17	22	.436	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	23	15	.605	—
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	3½
St. Louis	19	20	.487	4½
Houston	17	21	.447	6
Chicago	13	24	.351	9½
Milwaukee	12	27	.308	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	25	13	.658	—
Arizona	24	15	.615	1½
Los Angeles	22	17	.564	3½
San Diego	20	19	.513	5½
Colorado	17	22	.436	8½

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 2
Pittsburgh 2, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3
Houston 5, Philadelphia 1
Florida 6, Colorado 2
San Diego 5, Montreal 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Los Angeles 0
San Francisco 2, Atlanta 0

Wednesday's Games

Arizona (Heiling 3-4) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-2) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 2-4) at Milwaukee (Stull 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 5-2) at Houston (C.Hernandez 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-5) at St. Louis (W.Williams 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 5-2) at Colorado (Jennings 3-2), 9:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 2-2) at San Diego (Tankersley 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 2-3) at Los Angeles (Ishii 6-0), 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	9	.743	—
New York	25	14	.641	3
Baltimore	18	20	.474	9½
Toronto	13	23	.361	13½
Tampa Bay	11	26	.297	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	23	17	.575	—
Chicago	22	17	.564	½
Cleveland	18	20	.474	4
Kansas City	13	23	.361	8
Detroit	11	26	.297	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	26	12	.684	—
Anaheim	21	16	.568	4½
Oakland	18	20	.474	8
Texas	18	20	.474	8

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 6, Seattle 3
Boston 6, Oakland 2
Anaheim 9, Detroit 2
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 15, Texas 4
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 1

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 3-1) at Toronto (Lyon 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hiljus 3-2) at Boston (Lowe 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 3-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 5-0) at Cleveland (Colon 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 4-3) at Kansas City (Stein 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

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Sunday, May 5
New Jersey 99, Charlotte 93
Detroit 96, Boston 84
L.A. Lakers 86, San Antonio 80
Monday, May 6
Dallas 110, Sacramento 102
Tuesday, May 7
New Jersey 102, Charlotte 88
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 85
Wednesday, May 8
Boston 85, Detroit 77
Thursday, May 9
Charlotte 115, New Jersey 97
Sacramento 125, Dallas 119
Friday, May 10
Boston 66, Detroit 64
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 89
Saturday, May 11
Sacramento 115, Dallas 113, OT
Sunday, May 12
New Jersey 89, Charlotte 79, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Boston 90, Detroit 79
L.A. Lakers 87, San Antonio 85
Monday, May 13
Sacramento 114, Dallas 101, Sacramento wins series 4-1
Tuesday, May 14
Boston 90, Detroit 81, Boston wins series 4-1
L.A. Lakers 93, San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers win series 4-1
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Bush helps RNC to record $30 million in contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt denounced GOP efforts to raise money by selling a Sept. 11 picture of President Bush, and warned Wednesday against making the war against terrorism a political issue.

"It is a disappointment because we cannot break into partisan fighting about the war on terrorism," Gephardt said after leaving a meeting between Bush and congressional leaders.

"We've stayed together. We've been together. We've met with the president almost every week. We've worked in a bipartisan way, and we've got to keep going," he said. "We've got to stay together to win this war."

The remarks came just hours after Bush helped Republicans raise a single-night record of $30 million at a black-tie gala.

Bush's appearance at the Republican National Committee event Tuesday night was overshadowed by criticism about congressional Republicans' use of a Sept. 11 photo of the president to reward donors who responded to a fund-raising solicitation.

Bush posed for photographs with Republican National Committee donors at a reception and gave a half-hour speech at the dinner, touching on his work to cut taxes, improve the economy and education, and fight terrorism.

Bush sidestepped a question about the controversy before heading to the gala. He made no reference to it in his speech to RNC donors, but did note a promise he made when he came to Washington.

"A year ago, I said I would do my part to try to change the tone in Washington, D.C., to try to get rid of the needless name-calling that goes on here," Bush said. "I believe, and I strongly believe, we've made great progress."

His press secretary, Ari Fleischer, said the White House was consulted before the fund-raising solicitation and was not concerned about the use of photos showing "the president doing his job for the American people."

Bush's rival in 2000, former Democratic Vice President Al Gore, said the president should not condone such use of a Sept. 11 photo.

"While most pictures are worth a thousand words, a photo that seeks to capitalize on one of the most tragic moments in our nation's history is worth only one — disgraceful," said Gore, whose fund-raising was criticized by Bush during the campaign.

The photo, taken by a White House photographer, shows Bush calling Vice President Cheney aboard Air Force One just hours after the suicide hijackers struck New York and Washington.

It was promised in a fund-raising solicitation, first reported by The Associated Press, as part of a three-picture set for donors who gave at least $150 for a fund-raising dinner next month for GOP congressional candidates.

Republican donor James Williamson said he didn't think Republicans should use a Sept. 11 photo that way.

"I personally think it's wrong to take advantage of what happened on 9/11. I also think what the president has done after 9/11 has been 100 percent correct," said Williamson, managing director at Chesapeake Capital Group in Baltimore, who attended the RNC gala. "But I think to use a tragedy, whether it be Oklahoma, whether it be Elian Gonzales or 9/11, as a fund-raiser, I think it's in bad taste."

Sara Lilygren, also a Republican donor, said she wasn't offended by the GOP's use of the photo. Sept. 11 has meaning for people of both political parties, she said.

"If it means something to you, great, if it doesn't mean something to you, walk away from it or select something from behind Door Number One or Number Two," said Lilygren, an American Meat Institute lobbyist attending the RNC gala.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee and its House GOP fund-raising counterpart defended use of the photos.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he'd love to have one of the photos himself. "I'm going to call and see if I can get one," he said, standing beside Gephardt after the White House meeting.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., was less supportive. Once the decision was made to sell the photos, he said, "it's kind of hard to take it back."

Bush has campaigned aggressively to raise money for GOP candidates, hoping to win back the Senate for Republicans and retain control of the House in the November elections, while laying the groundwork for his own re-election in 2004.

Congressional Republicans hope the dinner he is to headline next month will bring in $20 million or more.

Cheney has also helped with GOP fund-raising. Bush noted in his speech to donors that while Cheney did not attend the RNC dinner, he did have lunch Tuesday with GOP contributors. Several other administration officials met with donors Tuesday.

Republican National Committee: http://www.rnc.org/
Democratic National Committee: http://www.dnc.org/
White House: http://www.whitehouse.gov/president/september11/

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Wait for eye surgery

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 70, active and have no health problems — except corneal dystrophy. My ophthalmologist doesn't want to attempt a corneal transplant. But I'm concerned that my independence could be altered dramatically without surgery. I'd value your opinion.

DEAR READER: Your ophthalmologist is probably reluctant to operate because your eye is not ready. Corneal dystrophy, a progressive deterioration of the front of the eye, gradually affects vision. Once your acuity has diminished to the point where you are handicapped, you'll be a candidate for corneal transplant. However, as long as your vision is reasonably good — adequate for reading and driving — the doctor will hesitate.

The reason is that any operation, no matter how straight forward and safe, can go wrong. If you were to have the surgery when your vision was adequate and something went amiss, you would be blinded in one eye — at least temporarily — until you could have another cornea transplanted. On the other hand, once your vision is severely compromised by the dystrophy, a bad surgical result would be less disastrous because you couldn't see well anyway.

Therefore, most ophthalmologists put off surgery until the benefits clearly outweigh the risks.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend with a 25-year history of periodic abdominal pain. She claims to have seen more than 15 doctors without relief. I suggested the following, which has been a success. Soften a ripe lemon, cut off an end and sprinkle it with salt, then suck on the lemon. The cramps disappeared. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Not much, I'm afraid. If, after 25 years and 15 doctors, your friend has undiagnosed pain, I don't suppose sucking a salted lemon would do any harm. But I can't for the life of me conceive of any reason why the technique would work. Although I respect time-honored home remedies, I'd prefer that a patient with a difficult diagnosis be examined by super specialists in a medical teaching center, rather than relying on lemon juice.

I mention your suggestion to give equal time to alternative therapies. However, I don't endorse it.

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Albertsons		34.00	33.45	33.63 + .02
Alltel		49.30	48.90	49.16 + .10
AmEl Pw		45.70	45.21	45.31 — .40
AndarkPtr		53.76	53.26	53.29 — .97
ATMOS Egy		23.80	23.65	23.74 — .01
Aviall		9.68	9.55	9.66 + .01
BP PLC		52.15	51.86	52.02 — .04
BakerHughes		37.18	36.25	36.30 — 1.18
Bank of Amer		76.45	75.15	76.35 + .47
BellSouth		31.45	30.61	31.27 + .18
vjBeth Steel		.41	.40	.40 — .01
BurlNoSFe		29.27	28.86	28.92 — .07
Caterpillar		55.68	54.35	55.56 + 1.32
ChevronTex		88.97	88.15	88.45 — .75
Citigroup		45.90	45.01	45.75 + .35
CocaCola		56.57	56.20	56.44 — .21
Colgate Pal		55.70	55.13	55.25 — .40
ComclMetals		46.75	46.66	46.70 — .20
CooperIn		44.46	43.60	44.34 + .91
DaimlrChry		47.59	47.30	47.48 — .51
DeltaAirl		28.79	28.27	28.56 + .26
Dillards Inc		27.00	25.98	26.65 + .49
DowChem		34.59	33.80	33.95 — .37
DuPont		46.95	46.35	46.50
EastmanChem		46.91	46.05	46.89 + .51
EstKodak		33.43	33.10	33.30 + .10
EDS Corp		54.60	54.09	54.42 + .07
Entergy		45.55	45.26	45.43 — .16
ExxonMobil s		40.25	39.85	39.90 — .68
FstBksAm		39.90	39.90	39.90 — .09
FootLocker		14.11	13.90	13.95 — .14
GenDynam		99.76	98.41	98.68 — .83
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ProctGamb		92.90	92.11	92.54 — .51
RadioShack		35.35	34.75	35.18 + .28
ReliantEngy		16.41	15.00	16.03 + .16
RoyalDut		55.82	55.37	55.46 — .29
SBC Comm		33.16	32.87	33.07 + .03
SaraLee		20.66	20.46	20.63 — .03
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SprintFON		16.20	15.83	15.91 — .30
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Sunoco Inc		35.75	35.20	35.33 — .67
TXU Corp		54.26	53.89	53.99 — .27
TempleInland		58.10	57.50	57.65 — .03
TexInd		39.00	38.46	39.00 + .55
TexasInst		31.75	30.70	31.62 + .32
Textron		49.38	48.99	49.15 — .04
TriconGlbR		64.70	63.90	64.70 + .55
TrinityInds		22.12	21.65	22.10 + .38
TylerTech		5.60	5.36	5.44 — .21
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UnitedTech		71.05	70.52	70.92 + .27
Unocal		38.52	38.05	38.10 — .43
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THE FINE ART OF THE POWER NAP

When the going gets tough, the tough take a power nap — a 20 minute — or — so mid-afternoon doze Churchill donned his pajamas daily for a short snooze, saying he got "two days in one" thanks to napping. Other famous power nappers: Einstein, Edison, Napoleon, JFK, Ronald Regan, and Bill Clinton.

Somehow, we've learned to scorn afternoon siestas, though many other regions embrace them, especially Europe and Latin America. Yet many people could use a nap now and then. According to the National Sleep Foundation, most of us are sleep-deprived – too busy to get the rest our bodies need. Although eight hours' slumber nightly is vital to good health, Americans currently average seven hours... and the trend is dropping.

Take one, guilt free

At first blush, power-napping runs contrary to our concept of hard work – after all, who wants to get caught sleeping on the job? But a quick catnap permits us to get 20 to 30 minutes of light, refreshing stage-one sleep – the portion that relaxes the muscles and mind prior to the heavier sleep and dreaming that occurs in stages two through four.

As a result, researchers have found power-nappers have higher productivity, make better decisions with fewer mistakes and accidents and have sunnier dispositions than their sleep-deprived counterparts. They are even less prone to heart attacks and gastrointestinal problems.

Some companies endorse the idea and are inviting employees to take advantage of nap rooms outfitted with cots, pillows and blankets. NASA says pilots on long uneventful flights perform much better after power naps (one pilot is always awake).

Convinced to give napping a try? Take these pointers for best benefits:

Power nap in the early afternoon, or about eight hours after you wake up. Our energy naturally sags between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. when our body is diverting oxygen — rich blood from the brain to the stomach to digest lunch.

Limit naps to between 15 and 30 minutes. Longer napping causes deep, dreamy sleep and a non-refreshed, foggy state called sleep inertia. This lessens our ability to stay sharp and focused and could cause trouble sleeping at night.

"Power rest" if you're not tired enough to nap. Relax, close your eyes and take a short break from chores.

If your workplace isn't nap-friendly, fight afternoon fatigue with a brisk 10-minute power walk, stretch for several minutes or snack on fruit and water to boost energy. Don't drink coffee or eat candy for a midday charge–after the brief caffeine and sugar pick-me-up wears off, you'll be even more tired.

Cotton crop production varies in Texas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Some producers in Texas are just beginning to plant this year's cotton crop, and others are already in the midst of the season and suffering from severe drought, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"We have cotton that was planted in February in Harlingen that is now about dried up," said Carl Anderson, Extension economist in College Station. "And in Lubbock (producers are) planting cotton right now. So, across the state we have varied conditions."

Anderson said there are extremely dry conditions in the South Texas area, particularly the lower Rio Grande Valley and the areas around Corpus Christi.

"As far as the High Plains goes, we're just getting into cotton planting up here," said Randy Boman, Extension agronomist in Lubbock. "Right now our irrigated producers are pretty well under way. We've got a pretty good planting window right now as far as air temperatures and soil temperatures."

He said they are in a fairly good situation overall. Although, dryland producers could probably use a rain over much of the area, Boman said.

"Right now we are in what I call our 'early window,'" Boman said. "Our 'optimum window' you might say would be around May 10 to 15."

With the favorable weather conditions, such as warm temperatures, there have been a lot of producers who have begun planting cotton in the High Plains region, Boman said. Yet, roughly only 15 percent to 25 percent of the dryland areas in the High Plains have really good moisture right now, he said.

"Unless (dryland producers) have really good moisture right now, it would be my take on it that a lot of dryland guys are going to be waiting for a rain," Boman said. "And, if they don't get (rain), then it's going to be difficult."

The High Plains areas have had a few thunderstorms in the past couple of weeks with some bad weather, Boman said.

A tornado earlier in May caused a couple of deaths in Happy, which is about 90 to 100 miles north of Lubbock. The weather conditions there did not spill over into the Lubbock area, but a severe storm system did do some damage to the crop near Littlefield, Boman said.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for May

Cut off old 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 cuttings of your favorite colors by placing 3 to 4 inches stems in moist, sandy soils.

It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, 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 newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, better branched plants with more flowers.

Plant caladium tubers, petunias, impatiens, begonias and torenias in well prepared shady areas.

Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 to 6 days to prevent wilting.

Replace or replenish much materials in flower beds and shrub borders 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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Information taken from Horticulture Update, May 2002.

New farm bill topic of meeting slated Tuesday

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the National Cotton Council of America will co-sponsor a farm bill information meeting Tuesday at the Cullen Auditorium located on the Abilene Christian University Campus in Abilene. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Craig Brown, vice president of Producer Affairs for the National Cotton Council, will review key provisions of the new Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, which was signed into law by President Bush on Monday. Following the presentation, a question and answer session will be held.

All cotton industry members and others involved in agriculture are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this educational meeting which will be aimed at providing the best available information on the new farm bill. Contact Johnna Oman at the RPCG office in Stamford at 915-773-2581 if you have questions or need further information.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. was formed in October 1964 by an area wide meeting of farmers held in Knox City. The nonprofit organization unites cotton producers from the thirty-one counties of the central and northern Rolling Plains, with the mission to improve conditions under which Rolling Plains' cotton is produced and sold. RPCG represents and protects the interests of producers in regional, state and national policies and regulatory issues.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 695 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 9, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were staedy. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-45
Canner and low cutters: 34-40
Slaughter bulls: 50-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 95-115
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 73-81
700-800: 68-74
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-100
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 72-78
600-700: 68-74.75
700-800: 65-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-80
700-800: 62-74.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-825
Grade: 500-675
Springers: 400-625
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 200-265

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 577 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 11, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher, bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 105-110
300-400: 92-102
400-500: 83-88
500-600: 75.50-82.50
600-700: 75.50-81
700-800: 65.50-69
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 104-113
400-500: 81-85
500-600: 74-91
600-700: 69-72
700-800: 64.50-69
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (3-6 years old): 545-610
Bred cows (2-7 months): 430-565
Cow & calf pairs: 665-750
Aged pairs: 610-640
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 36-41
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 39-43
1100-1500: 37-41.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 36.50-40
800-1000 Lbs.: 36.50-40
Under 750 Lb.: 27.50-35
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 55.75
High Dressing: 1500-2200: 56-57
Low dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs.: 45-46

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS
204,000 Acre-Feet at elevation 2258.00 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/13/01	LAST WEEK 5/6/02	THIS WEEK 5/13/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	2218.00	2217.77	2217.73
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	22,300	21,833	21,752
PERCENT FULL	10.93	10.70	10.66
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		2.70	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0.00	0.00
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0.00	0.00

**RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.*

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR
488,760 Acre-Feet at elevation 1898.00 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/13/01	LAST WEEK 5/6/02	THIS WEEK 5/13/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	1848.94	1841.21	1841.60
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	78,000	51,891	53,060
PERCENT FULL	16.09	10.62	10.86
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

**RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.*

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR
554,340 Acre-Feet at elevation 1551.50 ft.

	ONE YEAR AGO 5/13/01	LAST WEEK 5/6/02	THIS WEEK 5/13/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	1536.58	1530.28	1530.15
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	314,750	241,240	240,090
PERCENT FULL	56.78	43.52	43.31
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

** RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.*

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	DAILY AVG FOR WEEK ENDING 5/6/02	DAILY AVG FOR WEEK ENDING 5/13/02	PEAK DAY FOR WEEK ENDING 5/13/02
BIG SPRING	5,954,286	6,195,714	7,000,000
ODESSA	25,261,143	27,070,714	29,975,000
SNYDER	2,453,714	2,288,000	2,484,000
MIDLAND	26,508,286	28,055,857	30,867,000
SAN ANGELO	17,479,429	14,362,000	17,300,000
STANTON	200,143	211,857	232,000

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Jimmy Carter addresses Cubans

HAVANA (AP) — Jimmy Carter addressed Cubans in an unprecedented hour of live, uncensored television — telling them that their country does not meet international standards of democracy and repeatedly promoting a grass-roots campaign for greater civil liberties.

It was not immediately clear if Carter's Tuesday night speech, broadcast across Cuba, would turn out to be more than a dramatic goodwill concession by Cuban President Fidel Castro toward the former American president who did more than any other to try to ease tensions between their two nations.

Carter balanced comments on Cuba's system with a call for the United States to end the embargo on U.S. trade and travel that for 40 years has failed in its expressed purpose of bringing change in Cuba.

"Our two nations have been trapped in a destructive state of belligerence for 42 years, and it is time for us to change our relationship," he said.

"Because the United State is the most powerful nation, we should take the first step," Carter said.

President Bush, who plans to outline his Cuban policy next week, stood by his hardline policy on Tuesday.

Snyder, Ira receive funds for graduation activities

Snyder and Ira High schools each received a $350 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to promote drug and alcohol free graduation activities.

Project Celebration offers all-night parties where students can enjoy prom and graduation activities without the temptation of alcohol and drugs.

Abilene district traffic safety coordinator Brenda Smith said the grant money is not expected to cover all expenses for the Project Celebration activities. She said the money are to be used to cover the costs for printing, postage, supplies, room rentals and similar expenditures.

Each school was given key chains and T-shirts bearing a message of sobriety.

Transportation officials said Project Celebration is one of the departments most popular programs. When it began in 1984, only two schools in the state participated. This year, 29 schools in the Abilene district alone are involved.

Woman sentenced for drug offenses

Two drug-related convictions resulted in stacked sentences for a 30-year-old Snyder woman in 132nd District Court Tuesday.

Rhonda Maxwell of 2912 Ave. N. pleaded guilty to manufacture of a controlled substance and also to possession of a controlled substance.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Maxwell to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the manufacturing charge which she will not begin until Maxwel' . pletes a two-year term in a state jail facility for possession of me... mphetamine. Both offenses occurred last Nov. 1.

Also Tuesday, a 43-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to serve five years in the state prison system after pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated.

Liborio Francisco Garcia of 1000 30th Street entered the guilty plea for the April 14 offense.

Two subjects arrested for burglary of vehicle

Quick action by Snyder police early today led to the arrest of two people and the questioning of two others.

Officers responded at 3:23 a.m. today to a call from the Best Western Motel regarding several subjects in a dark colored vehicle going through toolboxes. Officers were advised the vehicle had left the scene and was headed east on Coliseum Drive.

Officers located the vehicle at the Beacon Lodge and took four people into custody.

At 4:37 a.m. officers placed a 20-year-old woman and a 30-year-old woman under arrest for burglary of a motor vehicle. Two men were transported to the police department for statements, but were not arrested.

•Other arrests

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Senior Citizen Center on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Just after midnight, officers arrested a 23-year-old man from the 1700 block of 20th Street for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

•Assault

At 9 a.m. Tuesday a woman called 911 to request an ambulance for an apparent assault victim in the 4400 block of Ave. U. A 45-year-old man had been assaulted but declined to file charges.

•Theft

Ruben Capps at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday reported the theft of a tractor from the Wade Davis farm. Snyder police advised an offense report for theft would be submitted.

•Close patrols

At 11:23 a.m. Tuesday, a woman requested a close patrol of a vacant residence in the 3700 block of Austin regarding an unknown subject shooting paintballs at the house.

A woman in the 2300 block of 30th Street requested a close patrol at 5:42 p.m. Tuesday regarding her husband making threats to break into her home.

Just before 10 p.m. Tuesday the Snyder One Stop requested a close patrol in reference to a suspicious vehicle behind the store.

A man requested a close patrol from the 2700 block of 37th Street around 9:30 p.m. Tuessday and reported three juveniles in his front yard.

•Juveniles

At 5:30 p.m. Tuesday an anonymous caller reported two youths on the roof of a shed near 43rd Street and Ave. T. Officers advised the juveniles of the complaint and the youths left the area.

Edilyn Smith requested an officer at Central Elementary and reported hearing people on the roof of the building.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported a gas drive off in the amount of $31.01 by the driver of a Ford pickup, but was unable to provide a description or direction of travel.

Obituaries

Evelyn Chandler

1909-2002

Evelyn Doshua Chandler, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, May 14, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Chandler, 92, is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mrs. Chandler

Born Dec. 26, 1909 in Wapanucka, Okla., she married Sherman Chandler on July 4, 1928 in Durant, Okla. He died Jan. 18, 1983.

Mrs. Chandler was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

She also was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include four sons, E.M. Chandler of Alvin, Douglas Chandler of Decatur, Ala., J.D. Chandler of Mansfield, Okla., and Clifford Chandler of Corsicana; two daughters, Kristi Hoyle of Gladewater and Mary Evelyn Pitman of Pasadena; a brother, Bill Cecil of McAllen; a sister, Aline Saward of Hawkins; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ramona Spires

1928-2002

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Ramona Keller Spires, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, May 11, in a Ruidoso care center.

A memorial gathering will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the home of her daughter in Ruidoso at 248 Country Club.

Born Dec. 2, 1928 in Snyder, she had lived in Snyder until 1971 when she moved to Lubbock. In 1986, Mrs. Spires moved to Ruidoso and lived there until 1994 when she moved to Alamogordo.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Ruch of Ruidoso and Cindy Ann Spires of Snyder; a son, LeRoy Spires III of New Mexico; a sister, Wynona Keller Adams of Liberal, Kan.; six grandchildren, Emily Asia Ruch, Michael Skylar Ruch, Ty Spires, Roy Spires, Jess Spires and Jorge Spires; a niece, Kiki Dayton; and two nephews, Kell Adams and Charles LeRoy Judd.

The family requests memorials to the Ramona Keller Spires Memorial Scholarship Fund, Box 1048 in Ruidoso, 88345.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Cogdell honors employees

Cogdell Memorial Hospital held its annual employee awards banquet Tuesday night at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Becky Craig and Jerri Riley were honored for 20 years of service and Toni Callahan was honored for 15 years.

Employees receiving 10-year medallions were Sue Austin, Katy Bailey, Christy Brown, Cheryl Chance, Leslie Luecke, Sherry Clayton, Matt Cross and Linda Roemisch.

Five-year honors were extended to Laquita Cullwell, Samantha Dillaha, Peggy Foster, Joe D. Guelker, Charles R. Hurst, Katrina Kincaid, Gary Miller, Jonette Moore, Jo Schooler, Joann Tippens, Karen Walker, Debra Ward, Jay Wesson, Sherry Wilkes and Maria Zamora.

Cindy Nix provided the entertainment for the banquet.

Locals seek district Lions post

The 66-member Snyder Lions Club has two members running for district offices at the District 2-T2 convention.

Kinney Robinson is a candidate for Region 1 director of Lions District Hearing Bank and Jene Steakley is one of two candidates for the open position to the Texas Lions Camp board.

C.A. McCown of the Snyder club will be the chairman of the credentials committee and Max von Roeder is one of two district tail-twisters who will be raffling off door prizes to benefit the Lions Camp at Kerrville.

Dr. Michael Dunham has served this year as Region 6 chairman.

An expected 350 Lions and spouses will gather in Plainview Thursday through Saturday with most activities at Plainview Country Club Conference Center.

Past International Director Marshall Cooper of Beaumont, formerly of Girlstown USA at Whiteface, will address the convention at noon Friday. Past International Director and candidate for second vice president of Lions International, Jimmy Ross of Quitaque will speak Saturday. Convention highlights will include a golf scramble, the annual Lions Queen/Scholarship dinner and pageant and other special events.

The Governors Banquet will conclude the event Saturday evening and the new district Lions Queen will be crowned and top winners in club activities and district governors' contest will be revealed.

Others planning to attend are David Holt, Ted Crenwelge, Carl Burleson, Jerry Dunn and Cliff Shiller.

Ask Us

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A—Supt. Gayle Lomax said four teachers, three coaches and three administrators used district funds to attend the various events.

"Everyone who attended was either directly, or indirectly responsible for the students who were participating in these events," said Lomax.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield field day

Stanfield Elementary will have a field day for second graders after classes get underway Thursday. All students will walk to Tiger Stadium. At 10:45, students and teachers will be served pizza and soft drinks. Visitors must bring their own lunch. After lunch, the field day will continue with the PK-1st graders returning to class.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Texas Ablaze meeting

Texas Ablaze meeting with Keith Miller of Stand Firm World Ministries will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. The meeting is sponsored by His Joy Ministries.

Word is Life garage sale

The Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr., will have a garage sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday to benefit youth going to church camp at Dry Gulch USA near Tulsa.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

The St. Jude Bike-a-Thon will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Scurry County Coliseum. Call Judy Hembree at 573-5273 for additional information on how to donate and participate.

Jury call rescheduled

The jury panel called to report Monday in 132nd District Court has been rescheduled to report at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28.

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration will be at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the kindergarten room. Bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security card. For more information, call 863-2452.

Band spaghetti dinner, concert

A spaghetti dinner, followed by a free spring concert will be held starting at 5 p.m. Monday. Tickets, $5 for adults and $3 for children under junior high age, are available from any band student or at the door.

Wolf retirement reception

A retirement reception for Rita Wolf, kindergarten teacher at Stanfield, will be from 4-5:30 Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Technology booster club

SHS Technology Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the shop classroom to elect officers. Parents of 8th graders are welcome.

SHS baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will met at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room at the high school.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. with Rebekah Thornton leading the discussion on Sundays. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning next Wednesday, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Harley-Davidson items sought

The Scurry County Museum is looking for loans of Harley-Davidson items such as collectibles, clothing and mementos to complete the display of motorcycles. The small items are needed by May 23 and will be displayed in locked cases during the "Ready To Roll" exhibition. The museum will also feature Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman scooters from June 6 to Aug. 22.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552 7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573 2913.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

May: Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and mnoon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close June 27 for maintenance work

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

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Survey: Anti-drug campaign is not working

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's top drug policy adviser says the government's anti-drug ads largely are being ignored by teens, and a survey finds no evidence the multimillion-dollar campaign is discouraging drug use.

The survey, conducted by the private research firm Westat and the University of Pennsylvania, actually charted an increase in drug use among some teen-agers who saw the television ads. But it noted that further analysis was necessary before the ads could be directly tied to the increase.

The White House drug policy office, headed by John P. Walters, said the ad campaign must be refocused.

"These ads aren't having an impact on teen-agers," said Tom Riley, a spokesman for the White House drug policy office. "We've spent millions on these ads and we are not seeing a return on the investment."

Walters said the ads and their impact will be reviewed every six months. "If we can't make them work, we're going to end the program and put the money where the other needs in this area are," he said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The ads are part of a five-year campaign devised by some of the nation's best-known public relations firms.

The evaluation is based on a survey of youth ages 12 to 18 between September 1999 and December 2001. The survey did not reflect the effectiveness of the new ads that link drug use to funding terrorism.

Parents also were surveyed about ads persuading them to be more involved in their children's lives.

Those interviewed were shown the commercials on a laptop computer. The teen-agers then answered questions about their intentions to use drugs in the next 12 months.

The survey revealed no decline in the rate of drug use among those surveyed. But 80 percent of the parents who viewed the ads aimed at them were positively influenced to ask their child questions about their social lives and become more involved.

Why the commercials are not having an effect on teen-agers is unclear, but the survey suggests it's not that the ads don't make an impression.

According to the survey, 70 percent of teen-agers remember seeing the ads about once a week.

The anti-drug ads are designed to approach teen-agers on their own turf, offering electric guitar and skateboarding as cool alternatives to a generation too complex for "Just Say No."

Alan Levitt, manager of the anti-drug media campaign, said, "We're pleased with the impact the campaign is having on parents and having on their behavior in monitoring kids, but it hasn't yet affected their own kids' behavior or attitudes."

The drug policy office, which Walters directs, partly blames the way the government creates the ads, saying it cuts policy directors out of the creative process.

Currently the Partnership for a Drug Free America, an advocacy group, asks ad companies to donate their services and create television spots. The government buys the television time for airing them, but effectively has little creative control.

Walters, who openly criticized the ads even before he took the post, is pledging to refocus the drug campaign. The campaign is now up for reauthorization for another five years.

Walters wants Congress to maintain the campaign's funding at its current level — $180 million. The federal government spends $18 billion on anti-drug efforts every year.

Riley said the office will begin testing ads in focus groups before they go on the air. The drug policy office also wants to target more heavily children between the ages of 14 and 16, and become more involved in creating the ads.

Pearl's family mad that CBS aired tape

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS' decision to air a portion of a videotape made by captors of slain reporter Daniel Pearl was denounced by his widow as "heartless."

Anchor Dan Rather said the story was aired because CBS believes it is important for Americans to see the impact of the propaganda war being waged against the United States.

Graphic scenes were not aired for taste reasons and out of respect for Pearl's family, he said in an on-air explanation Tuesday.

But in a statement issued after the broadcast, Pearl's widow, Mariane, and his family, said that while Rather "attempts to rationalize the network's heartless decision to air this despicable terrorist propaganda video, it is beyond our comprehension that any mother, wife, father or sister should have to relive this horrific tragedy and watch their loved one being repeatedly terrorized."

CBS said it was careful not to air grisly portions of the video, showing instead the portion where Pearl was forced to say he was Jewish, using less than 30 seconds of the tape.

The family urged other television networks not to follow suit.

"Terrorists have made this video confident that the American media would broadcast it and thereby serve their exact purpose," the Pearl family said.

Pearl disappeared while investigating a story for the Wall Street Journal about Islamic militants in Pakistan. His death was confirmed by a videotape that was delivered to U.S. officials on Feb. 21.

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By Phillip Alder



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♥ K J 2
♦ A K 5 3 2
♣ 9 4

West
♠ A K 8 5 4
♥ 7 3
♦ Q 10
♣ K Q 8 7

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

South
♠ J 10 3
♥ A Q 10 9 8 4
♦ 7 4
♣ A J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Wednesday, March 15, 2002

Establish winners whenever you can

By Phillip Alder

Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, a French writer and moralist who died in 1680, wrote, "To establish oneself in the world, one does all one can to seem established there already."

That's all well and good in front of the impressionable, but not much use at the bridge table. You may claim that, say, dummy's diamond five is established, but if an opponent holds the six, he knows better. However, establishing low cards, turning them into winners, is a very important aspect of the game. And using your trumps during that process is a vital component.

How would you try to make four hearts in this deal? West starts with three rounds of spades. East plays high-low to show his doubleton, ruffs the third spade, and shifts to a club.

If North had taken a shot at three no-trump, he would have won at least nine tricks, but going with the known major-suit fit is "normal."

Having lost the first three tricks and facing a club loser, you must establish a long diamond. And if that requires ruffing twice in hand, you will need three dummy entries. These must be one diamond and two hearts. So, after winning trick four with the club ace, you can afford to draw only one round of trumps using an honor from hand. Then you must play a diamond to dummy's king, cash the diamond ace, and ruff a diamond high in hand. Cross to dummy with a trump, ruff another diamond in hand, return to dummy with a heart, and cash the established diamond five, discarding your club jack.

Handle your entries carefully.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Don't be reluctant to prospect in fields you've never tried before. The year ahead is an excellent one for exploring new areas that could enhance your chances for success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Companions are likely to have a greater influence over your attitude than usual, so be sure to hang out only with up-beat types so that you remain optimistic and positive. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's unlike you to hold back sharing something with others, but you might be a bit protective of those things you treasure. It'll be your call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are destined to be a leader and not a person who has to lean on others. Step forward and use your initiative to get the ball rolling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It won't be outside influences that could be your biggest deterrence, but self-doubts about yourself. Be appreciative of your talents and abilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you are involved in some endeavor that is truly worthy and meaningful, it is very likely you'll find yourself restless and unfulfilled. Don't waste this day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When you put your game plan together, make sure it consists of targets that are significant or special to you. It's a favorable day for achieving personal objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's good to analyze things well, but being overly analytical could prove to be counterproductive and throw you off schedule. Proceed without getting too absorbed in tangents.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless you are fully prepared to assume some responsibilities of others, don't go poking your nose into places it doesn't belong. You'll end up inheriting someone else's trouble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Weighing and balancing all factors is a must, but once you make up your mind, stick to it and get moving on it. Don't be wishy-washy about what you have to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When working on a family project, don't be bossy. Don't criticize the others' work or their way of doing things. You'll get more out of them with praise and pats on the back.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Let your sense of humor prevail. Don't let your more serious side overwhelm you, even if the jokes or laughter are at your expense.

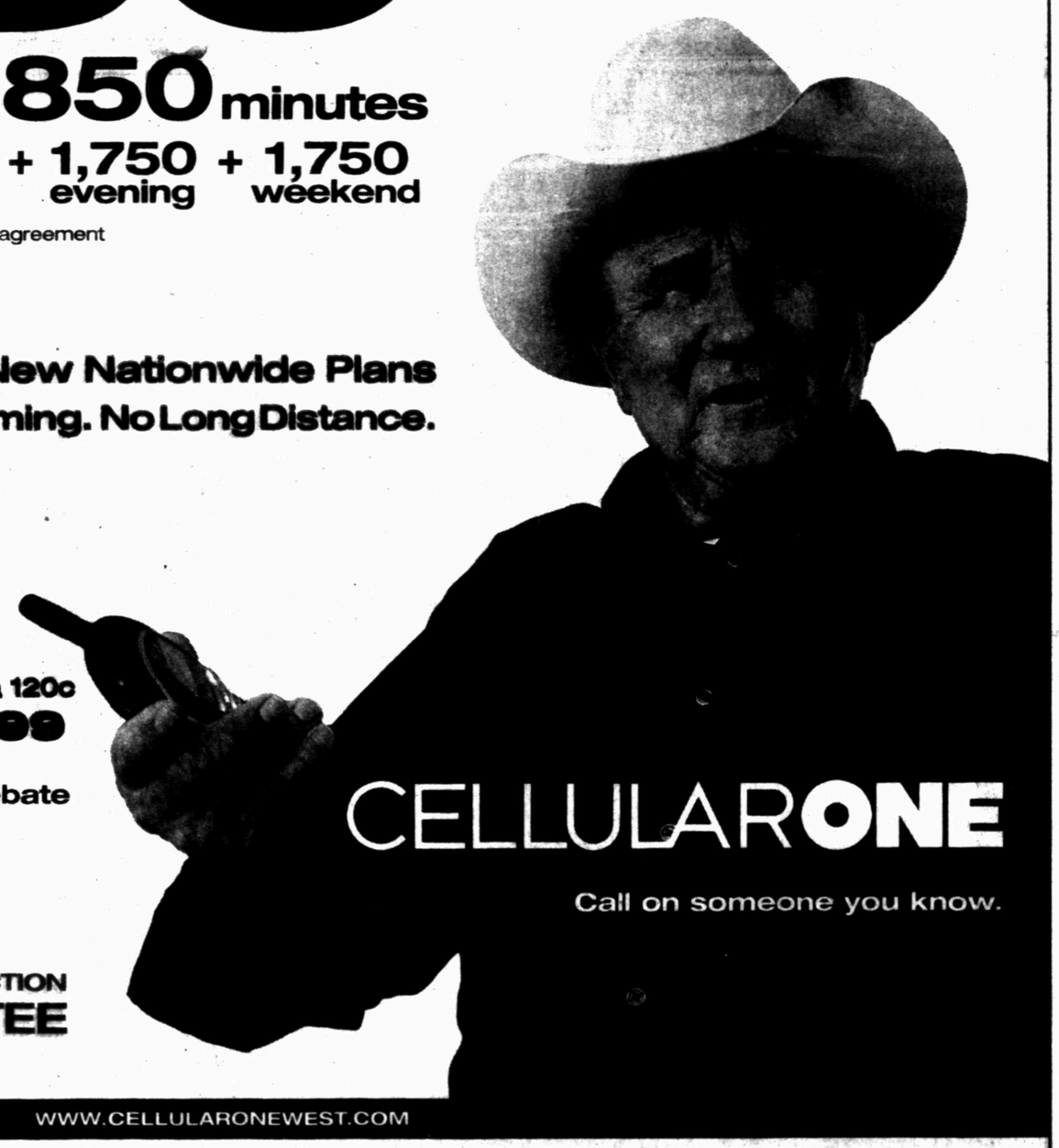
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Before moving on to a new project, be sure to complete what you have already begun, particularly if it's a task your mate has been urging you to finish.

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