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Home of Kim Fritz

Spring has sprung...

...we hope!

BUT WATCH OUT FOR MOTHER NATURE — While this photo was taken last fall, the red roses are a forecast of things to come, but the ice on them could also be in the forecast. Today is the first day of spring, but the average last freeze day in the county is April 4. It is not unusual here to see flowers covered with snow or ice in late spring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hearing postponed at WTC on fired employee

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

A planned public hearing on an employee's termination was postponed Monday night, and Western Texas College trustees meanwhile learned that at least nine applications have been received for the post of college president.

A hearing Monday requested by former WTC employee Debbie Duddleston was postponed at her attorney's request.

The appeal of Duddleston's dismissal has been reset for April 9.

Duddleston, who was terminated Feb. 14 from her duties as student activities director, had requested the hearing to appeal the dismissal.

However, San Angelo attorney Chad A. Cox of Stewart, Cox & Hatcher contacted WTC attorney Gary Terrell of Lubbock late Monday afternoon requesting the delay.

The board conferred with Terrell in executive session over dinner Monday evening to discuss the hearing before convening in open session at 7 p.m.

College President Dr. Harry Krenek said he still has no information regarding Duddleston's intent.

A call to Cox was not returned this morning. Duddleston was also unavailable for comment.

In the business portion of the meeting, trustees approved the employment of Troy Lilly as an assistant professor of science. Lilly currently is a teacher at Snyder High School and an adjunct professor for the college. Lilly, a science teacher for 25 years, has also taught for Colorado City and Ira. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University.

The contract of Kimberly Merket, counselor, also was renewed.

An affirmative action workshop, presented by Terrell, was the bulk of the meeting that lasted until 9:10 p.m. The attorney discussed questions that can and cannot be asked when interviewing a potential employee.

He addressed the areas covered under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states an employer cannot discriminate against a person on the basis of such things as age, race, religion or gender.

Dr. Krenek said the workshop was held because of the upcoming presidential interview process and was a refresher on the affirmative action for staffers involved in the employment of personnel.

Concerning the presidential search, trustees met again in executive session following the workshop to review the nine applications received.

The board has said it will reveal the candidates prior to the interviews, but it is known that two are local.

Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of instruction, is a candidate as is Dr. Missy Jones, assistant superintendent for the Snyder ISD.

Dr. Krenek said the board met until about 10:45 p.m. and set another executive session April 2 to continue to review and discuss the applications.

Dr. Krenek, who is retiring after 14 years as college president, said it is possible for additional resumes to come in, and they would be accepted if postmarked by the deadline last Friday.

Board President Lee Presswood presided and all trustees were present to include Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson and Scott Richburg.

Filing deadline ending for city, school elections

With Wednesday the last day to file for a May 5 ballot spot for local school boards and the city council, two contested races have developed in Ira and no one has yet to file for a post in Hermleigh.

At Ira, Kirby Sterling has filed for the Place 2 position currently held by Bo Robinson on the school board. Robinson is not seeking re-election.

In addition, Fran Farmer, First American Bank branch manager and local business owner, has filed for the Place 2 post as has Jeff Kellner, an Anadarko employee.

Three incumbents have also filed at Ira. Shane Smith is thus far unopposed in Place 5 and Keith Clements is unopposed in Place 6. Gilbert Sanchez, however, has filed to run against incumbent Doug White for the Place 7 spot.

Sanchez is a self-employed floor-covering contractor. He was defeated last year by Dennis Taylor in a race for Place 4.

The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins expire at Hermleigh, but as of yet, no one has filed for a post. Supt. Jerry Church said he has been contacted by some people, but no one has returned the required papers.

Two incumbents have also filed for the Snyder ISD board — Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples.

If no other candidates file, the Snyder trustees could vote not to hold the election and name the two incumbents as winners.

Thus far, the city council has attracted three candidates for two at-large positions. Carl L. Moon Jr., Terry Martin and John Reed have all filed the necessary paperwork.

Two candidates have filed for mayor — present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah.

Dayton Robertson, who currently holds the mayor's post, has said he will not seek another term.

Early voting begins April 18 and concludes May 1.

Voter registration cards must be received in the county clerk's office by April 5 in order to vote in the May 5 election.

Hermleigh ISD will meet tonight

Hermleigh's school trustees and its administration will hold a special meeting tonight, and the public is encouraged to attend and participate in a round table discussion.

The meeting will focus on generating ideas to combat the declining school enrollment, and the loss of population in the community.

Following the discussion, teacher contracts will be considered for the 2001-2002 school year.

The meeting begins at 7:30 in the high school building.

Hermleigh one-act advances to district

Hermleigh High School advanced from one-act play zone competition Monday and will perform Thursday in Dawson.

Supt. Jerry Church said the time for the school's performance in district competition has not been determined.

Highland High School's entry also advanced from the competition Monday in Westbrook.

Hermleigh performed Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got The Will?).

Hermleigh's cast includes Billy Lambaren as Daddy (Buford); Sheena Callaway as Mama Wheelis; Janet Eckert as Lurlene; Lori Eckert, Sara Lee; Sabrina Terry (Evalita); Justin Williamson, Orville; Chris Bilbery as Harmony; and Brittainy Jones as Marlene.

Crew members are Dustin Williamson, Terrel Culp and Juan Yruegas. Mary Spieker is the director.

Ira's one-act play crew also competed in Westbrook Monday, but failed to advance.

Locally, Plainview, Levelland, Estacado and Frenship will be in competition today at Worsham Auditorium in 4A zone competition.

Snyder High School, Big Spring, Andrews and San Angelo Lake View compete Thursday.

Snyder's entry will be William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."

Ira ISD extends all teachers' contracts

Ira's school trustees approved teacher contracts for the 2001-2002 school year at Monday night's monthly school board meeting.

Supt. Jim Rumage said all present teacher contracts were approved, but two secondary teachers must receive certification before the start of the school year in order to remain with the district.

The board also approved the senior trip to Universal Studios in Florida in place of a planned trip to Hawaii.

Rumage said the Hawaii trip had to be cancelled due to its cost.

Trustees also approved the textbook committee's recommendations, and approved the inter-regional food coop purchasing agreement for the coming school year.

The board also approved the low bid of a Ford Excursion in the amount of $33,129.20 from Smith Ford in Slaton.

Emergency shelter workshop planned

Greg Stephen, director of emergency services for the Southwest area of the American Red Cross, will conduct an emergency shelter workshop Wednesday at Western Texas College.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. in the college's science lecture auditorium.

Community coalition meeting set for tonight

Several local leaders are scheduled to speak at a Community Coalition meeting at 6:30 tonight at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church concerning the use of alcohol and drugs by youths and ways to address the problem.

Officials with the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, meeting sponsors, have said they have seen an increase in the number of juveniles required to take alcohol awareness classes — 95 took the course in 1999 while 115 took it in 2000. The first class of 2001 had 20 students. The classes are mandatory if a juvenile is charged with an alcohol-related offense.

Lyn Chaney, CADA administrative assistant, said the numbers do not reflect the number of juveniles cited as some students take the course elsewhere, and some are no-shows.

Speakers include Tony Wofford, pastor; Vicky Jones, mother; Deborah Boyd, justice of the peace; GSgt. David Presley with S.T.A.R. bootcamp; Sy Tabor, Community Supervisions and Corrections Department director.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People who are late are always more happy than the people waiting on them."

You may be able to save a marriage, or at least avoid a domestic dispute — for as little as $5.99.

It's an issue that has divided households for decades — disputes between the sexes over the position of the toilet seat.

But now there is hope to solving this up and down issue. A new product just may be simple, yet effective enough to close the lid on the subject.

The Wee Winkle Tinkle electronic toilet lid position signal is slightly smaller than a credit card and fits under the toilet seat or lid.

When the seat is up, the patented Wee Winkle Tinkle plays the song, "You Are My Sunshine," and continues to play until the lid is closed.

The music is designed to help train men to leave the toilet seat down before they head back to the big lounge chair or sofa.

"Women need not fall into the toilet bowl again because the seat has been left up," says Wee Winkle Tinkle inventor and proclaimed Latrine Queen Ana Unum.

"It's simply an inexpensive, entertaining, reliable and convenient way to remind others that the toilet seat has been left up."

Because it is also a musical product that appeals to children, the inventor claims that the product can be helpful with young children during potty training.

And it's on the market now — for a mere $5.99.

But the guys in the coffee shop are not impressed. The conventional wisdom remains that it's just as easy for the gal to put the lid down as it is for the guy to raise it up.

In the interest of equal time, we promised some male-bashing statements:

—Why are men so happy? Ignorance is bliss.

—Psychoanalysis is a lot quicker for man because when it's time to go back to childhood, he's already there.

—What do you call a man with half a brain? Gifted.

—The difference between government bonds and men is that government bonds mature.

—An intelligent man in America is called a tourist.

—What to do with a man who thinks he's God's gift? Exchange him.

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 57 degrees; low, 34; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 34; no precipitation; total for 2001 to date, 4:23 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear with low near 40, south wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, sunny and warm. High near 80, SW wind 10-20 mph.

Rachael Dupree
Warmer

Sunset:
6:56 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:47 a.m.
Of 78 days in 2001, the sun has shone 69 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Our value is the sum of our values.

—Joe Batten

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom discovers teen sitters are few and far between

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from the emergency room nurse regarding the dangers of leaving children home alone. While she is justified in her reaction, she apparently has no children of her own, or she wouldn't have made the comment, "How difficult would it be to find a teen-ager who would be willing to earn a few dollars to be with Amber for a few hours after school?"

I'll tell you how difficult it is: Impossible! As a university instructor, I am in the fortunate position of having flexible part-time hours. Two years ago, I was offered a full-time position that I had to turn down. Why? Because I couldn't find anyone to care for my daughter two hours a day, three days a week.

I sent letters to every high-school counselor, community college and university child development department in my area. I offered $8 per hour, well above minimum wage. Guess how many replies I got? None! Guess where I live? Los Angeles. If I can't find one teen-ager for a few hours a week in this metropolis of more than 9 million, I can only imagine how difficult it must be for parents who live in smaller cities. Thankfully, I had a choice. — **FRUSTRATED IN L.A.**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Sometimes child-care resources are right under our noses. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am proud to work at my local YMCA in Tucson, Ariz.

My advice to the mother who leaves her 10-year-old daughter home alone after school — and to any other parent with a similar problem — is to contact the local YMCA. The YMCA is the largest child-care provider in the United States. We have formed collaborations with schools and churches nationwide to provide child care for any parent who needs it. We offer financial assistance for those who can't afford it, and we are virtually everywhere in the world.

The YMCA provides proactive programs for kids at risk — swimming lessons, sports programs, exercise classes, teen leadership, Youth and Government, Black Achievers, etc. While the YMCA began for Christian men (Young Men's Christian Association), we offer programs for men, women, and boys and girls of all ages. We are nondenominational and welcome everyone. Our programs are based on teaching honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. We build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

Thank you, Abby, for letting me pass on the word. — **KAT HAFLER, TUCSON**

DEAR KAT: Thank you for reminding me about the wonderful services the YMCA (and YWCA) provides. It is celebrating its 150th birthday this year. There are 2,372 YMCAs throughout the United States and facilities in 120 countries. Readers, to locate the nearest Y, call 1-888-333-9622, or visit the Web site at www.ymca.net.

Before this topic is put to rest, I must correct some misinformation contained in the letter from the emergency department nurse on Feb. 8. She stated that it is against the law in Pennsylvania for children under age 12 to be left alone. Several readers have written to inform me that there is no such law in the Pennsylvania criminal code. When complaints are received about children at home alone, they are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, depending on the maturity of the child and the preparation the parents have made for emergencies that might arise in their absence.

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Teen boy dies from burns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A teen-age boy who was trying to build a fire in a Central Texas park has died of burns.

Jacob Lee Painter was pouring gasoline on a small blaze of paper and sticks when the flames spread, law officers said Sunday.

"He and another 12-year-old boy, from the same school, had gone into the park and wanted to have a campfire for their outing," said Darren Brinkkoeter, Comal County assistant fire marshal.

Painter, 12, died of burns suffered early Saturday morning at the private park near the community of Spring Branch.

The teen had taken a fuel can from a family storage room and was feeding the fire with gasoline when the flames leapt back toward him and the gas container, Brinkkoeter said.

Social Security more solvent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The improved financial state of Social Security and Medicare has failed to quiet Bush administration calls for reforms or Democrats' fears that the surpluses in the retirement programs might be used to fund the president's proposed tax cuts.

If anything, a government report Monday extending the solvency of the two programs has intensified the debate.

"We have to make hay while the sun shines," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, backing the president's call for sweeping overhaul of the programs despite reports extending the dates they'll run out of cash.

"We should build on the progress we've made," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "Unfortunately, President Bush's budget does the exact opposite."

The debate continues Tuesday with a joint House and Senate hearing on the trustees' report.

Social Security's trust funds won't run out of cash until 2038, a year later than earlier estimated; the Medicare hospital trust fund won't be exhausted until 2029, a four-year extension from last year's estimate, said the trustees, who include three Bush cabinet members.

However, the programs, now running huge surpluses, face financial trouble with the pending retirements of the baby boom generation — Americans born between 1946 and 1964.

The president wants Congress to ensure the programs' financial health by bringing in private competition.

In particular, Bush wants his long-term overhaul to prevail over efforts to add a politically popular prescription drug benefit for all of Medicare's 39 million elderly and disabled recipients without revamping the underlying program.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a top Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee, said the currently flush program can sustain new drug coverage for all participants this year without "radical changes to the underlying Medicare program."

"If we enact vast tax cuts before a budget is in place then we risk not having the resources there for Social Security when it needs them the most," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y, the top Democrat on the tax-law-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Both Social Security and the Medicare hospital trust fund will start taking in less in payroll taxes than they can pay out in benefits beginning in 2016, dipping into the trust funds.

But for the fourth consecutive year, the trustees' report extended the dates in which they would run out of cash entirely.

The non-hospital part of Medicare is financed by beneficiary payments and general tax revenues.

The vibrant economy that allowed for the growth, however, now is sputtering. The slowdown, coupled with rapidly rising health care costs, prompted a challenge to Congress.

"It's time to quit the posturing and time to reform the systems," Bush said Monday.

He wants sweeping changes that would give Medicare recipients choices that include private medical insurance with premiums paid by the government. Such competition would save the government money and offer participants new benefits that Medicare currently doesn't offer.

Bush says an immediate drug benefit for the program's neediest seniors could come out of current surpluses until Congress enacts changes the program to include the competition with private plans that offer prescription drug coverage.

Social Security, which pays a guaranteed benefit to 45 million Americans each month, can be protected from financial doom by personal investment accounts, Bush has said. The plan, which would encourage workers to buy stocks and bonds to build up their retirement nest eggs, will be studied in the next few months by a task force Bush is creating.

Pending that report, Congress is not likely to act anytime soon on Social Security, which is meant to provide for retirees, the permanently disabled and survivors of workers who die young.

Critics nudge Bush about OPEC cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest oil production cuts by OPEC, the second in two months, is bringing a muted response from President Bush, contrary to the get-tough stance he adopted on the oil cartel during the presidential campaign.

Asked about the decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut output again, Bush responded Monday that the oil producers were simply "responding to decreasing (world) demand" and no more.

It's a far cry from the campaign rhetoric of a year ago when Bush, the candidate, lambasted the Clinton administration for letting OPEC oil barons run amok.

In January 2000, with oil prices at nearly $28 a barrel, Bush called on President Clinton to "jawbone OPEC" to get prices to retreat.

"What I think the president ought to do," he said while campaigning in New Hampshire where heating oil prices were soaring, "is he ought to get on the phone with the OPEC cartel and say, 'We expect you to open your spigots!'"

Two months later Bush was in Florida and suggested as president he would use his "political capital" with Mideast producers. "These are countries where it wasn't all that long ago that a President Bush helped Kuwait," he reminded voters, alluding to his father and the Gulf War.

"I think Americans ought to be asking where's all the capital we earned overseas after defending some of our OPEC nation friends?" Bush said in October during a campaign speech in Knoxville, Tenn.

But two months into his presidency and with OPEC again flexing its muscle on world oil markets, Bush has had little more success in dealing with the cartel than did Clinton.

Like his predecessor, Bush expressed solace that while OPEC cut production by 1 million barrels a day, or 4 percent, Saudi Arabia is giving assurances that prices would not exceed $28 a barrel, about what it was when Bush was campaigning in New Hampshire.

West Texas crude, the benchmark, closed Monday at $26.28 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after having been close to $30 a barrel last month.

Clinton's energy secretary, Bill Richardson, also often took heart in assurances from Saudi Arabia that it would work to keep oil in a range of $22 to $28 a barrel.

Richardson found that, despite the campaign trail rhetoric, it was counterproductive to try to play hardball with OPEC. The cartel simply would cut production more, he argued.

Almost a year ago to the day, Richardson flew to the Mideast for private meetings with OPEC oil ministers. His primary goal, he said later, was to convince the moderates it was in their economic interest to keep high prices from pushing the world economy into a tailspin to the detriment of both consumers and producers.

Campaign reform wins first skirmish

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate supporters of limiting political donations narrowly overcame their first challenge in their drive to bring about the most significant change in campaign spending law in a quarter-century.

The Senate by a 51-48 vote Monday defeated a proposal to effectually eliminate direct party contribution limits for candidates running against wealthy opponents who put at least $1 million of their own money into a campaign.

The vote opened two weeks of debate on legislation offered by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., that would ban loosely regulated "soft money" donations that corporations, unions and wealthy individuals give political parties.

The millionaire amendment was defeated only after Democrats, in intense discussions on the Senate floor, persuaded three of their members who had voted in favor of the amendment to change their votes. Democrats publicly promised they would work on a compromise version that would be taken up Tuesday.

McCain said the original amendment, offered by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., would increase rather than decrease campaign spending and was "a meat-ax approach to a problem that requires a scalpel." But he said he thought a satisfactory compromise could be reached.

Two of the three who switched their votes — Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin — are millionaires who financed their own campaigns. Corzine won his race last fall after spending a record $60 million of his own money. The third was Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

Domenici, the chief proponent of the millionaire amendment, said a compromise he and Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, were considering would allow a tenfold increase in the $1,000 individual contribution limit for candidates running against opponents who use more than $1 million of their own money.

The larger issue was the future of campaign spending laws, with supporters of McCain-Feingold asserting that the integrity of the nation's election system was at stake. Opponents said First Amendment free speech rights were at risk.

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Hip Replacement Recall

On December 8, 2000, Sulzer Orthopedics announced the recall of approximately 17,000 InterOp brand artificial hips because of a manufacturing defect. According to Sulzer, the defect can cause a failure of the implant shell to bond with surrounding bone, resulting in severe groin pain, inability to bear weight on the affected leg and other problems.

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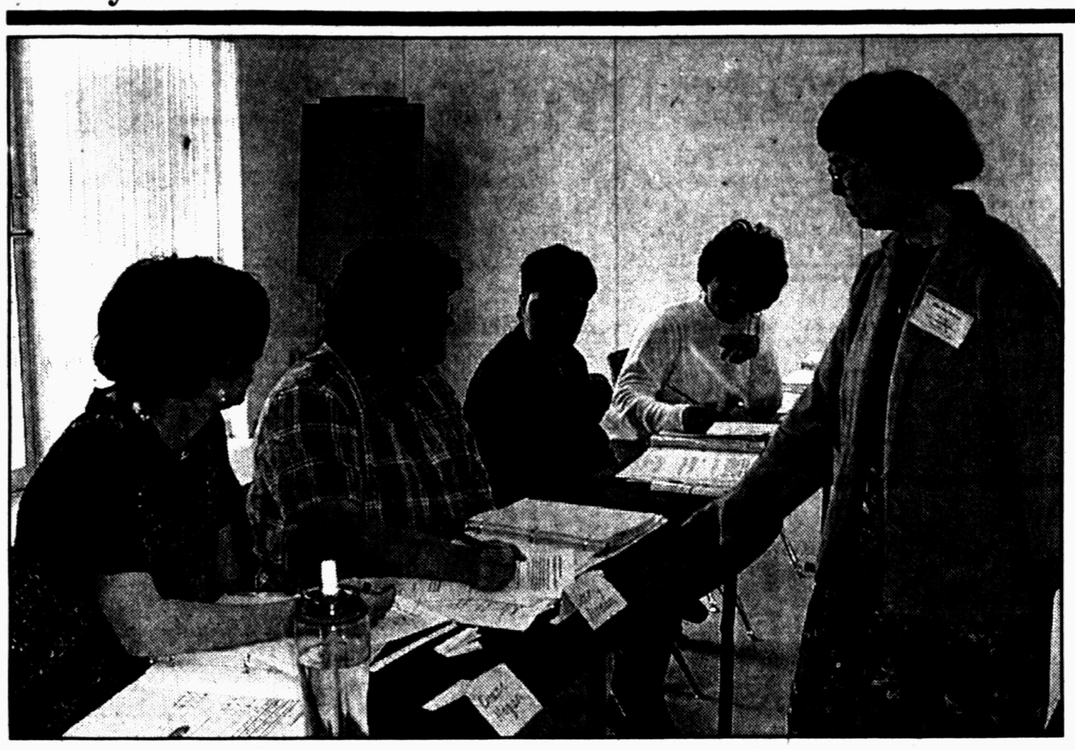

READING WORKSHOP — Ellie Mcfarlane from Bloomington, Ind., is directing a Region 14 workshop for elementary teachers. Monday's topic was "Make Reading Fun!" and today's topic is "Show Parents How to Help Their Children Learn at Home." Seated from left are Mary Ann Juarez, coordinator; Lidia Chacon, East; Jenny Pinson, West; and Diane Hogan, West. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-20-01
♠ K 6 4
♥ A J 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A J 9 2

West
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K 4 2
♣ K 10 3

East
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ Q 8 6

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

With no problem, don't hesitate

By Phillip Alder

In an ideal world, all bids and plays are made in tempo. However, it is impossible not to pause for thought occasionally. Yet there is an important principle: You must ignore all of partner's hesitations, bidding and playing as if he acted in tempo.

Unfortunately, hesitations can cause major problems. This deal occurred many years ago, during a county match in London. My opening bid as South was a weak no-trump, promising 12-14 points.

West led the spade queen, which I ducked. He continued with the spade 10.

I had eight top tricks: two spades, four hearts, one diamond and one club. Clearly, I had to try for a second club trick. The percentage play is low to dummy's nine, winning whenever West has the K-10 or Q-10. Low to the jack works only when West has the K-Q, which is half as likely.

So, after winning trick two with my spade ace, I led a low club, but West went in with the king. I won with dummy's ace, returned to hand with a heart, and led another low club. The percentage play is still to finesse the nine, but West hesitated slightly before playing low. Now, if he was an honest soul, he had to have the queen, because without that card he would have had no reason to hitch. Therefore, naively (I said I was young), I called for dummy's jack. This lost to the queen, and I went one down.

I called for the tournament director to complain. West said he hadn't hesitated. East agreed. My partner claimed he wasn't watching. West told me I had ruined his weekend. But I knew he had hesitated.

Still, learning that lesson has held me in good stead ever since.

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New program is helping people with rheumatoid arthritis

Do you or someone you know have rheumatoid arthritis (RA) but need more information? A new program called Turn the Tide is helping people with RA take back control of their lives by providing free comprehensive educational and motivational programs and services. Turn the Tide provides people with RA and their friends and family members the opportunity to seek advice from experts, learn about updates on research and gain insight from others who are successfully managing their RA.

Programs and services offered through Turn the Tide vary in topic and how they are accessed. These include:

EDIT RA (Early Diagnosis, Intervention, and Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis), a series of seminars sponsored by Aventis Pharmaceuticals and local Arthritis Foundation chapters.

RAwatch, an interactive Web site (www.RAwatch.com), that includes a chatroom, discussion board and the latest information on RA.

RAdvice Series, brochures written by experts in different specialties, who provide advice and guidance in the areas of exercise, occupational therapy, nutrition, rights in the workplace, and maximizing the benefits of health insurance.

The Patient Advisory Council, a volunteer group designed to help ensure that RA receives the attention it deserves from those responsible for the national health agenda.

"It can be devastating when things you used to easily do, like brush your hair or get dressed, become painful chores. Just knowing that others have overcome the same problems, can be inspirational for battling this disease," said Christine Hoguet, who has suffered from RA for five years. "Programs like Turn the Tide are a tremendous help for people with RA, because they provide access to information and resources all in one place." In Christine's case, her personal triumph includes running the Arthritis Foundation's 'Joints in Motion' marathon in Hawaii.

One of the most common forms of arthritis, RA is a chronic and often crippling disease affecting over two million Americans, 70 percent of whom are women. It tends to persist for many years, typically affecting many different joints throughout the body, and can cause damage to the bone, cartilage, tendons and ligaments of the joints.

The goal of Turn the Tide is to educate people with RA about the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of the disease. Damage to the joints begins within the first two years of the disease and early treatment with proper medication can slow or prevent long term damage.

"Rheumatoid arthritis can be very disabling especially if not properly managed. Because much of the joint damage typically happens in the first two years, it is critical that we treat patients early, to do all we can to stop RA from getting worse," said Michael Schiff M.D., Medical Director of the Denver Arthritis Clinic Research Unit.

Although there is no cure for RA, there is hope. Research is underway that might someday lead to a cure. Today, there are medications available to help slow the progression of the disease, control symptoms, like pain and swollen joints, and allow people to continue to lead active lives. Rheumatologists (doctors who specialize in treating RA) now often recommend early treatment with medicines called disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), because multiple studies suggest that early use of these drugs offers important benefits for people with RA.

Combining the benefits of proper medication and the resources like those available through Turn the Tide, people with RA can begin to take back control of their lives. For more information on Turn the Tide call toll-free, 1-800-716-7168 or log on at www.RAwatch.com.

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In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio while at his summer home on the island of Campobello.

CHBC schedules conference

Wednesday is the deadline for reservations for the Colonial Hill Baptist Church conference for survival skills for the family, "Life is No Picnic."

The session will be held at the church, 36th & El Paso, and will cost $10. The fee includes lunch on Saturday. It will begin Friday at 7 p.m. and end at 10. The session will resume at 9 a.m. Saturday and will conclude at 4 p.m.

"Life is No Picnic" is a 13-session, video driven series featuring Dr. Charles Lowery, senior pastor of Hoffmantown Baptist Church in Albuquerque.

Bob Moore, minister of education at Colonial Hill, will facilitate the conference.

If Mir hits bull's-eye everyone gets a taco

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — If Mir hits the bull's-eye, everyone wins a taco.

That's what Taco Bell is promising 281 million Americans if the core of the Russian Mir space station hits a floating target the fast food company will anchor 10 miles off the Australian coast.

"I don't know what the odds are," said Laurie Gannon, a spokeswoman for the Irvine-based company. "Call Vegas."

The 135-ton Mir is expected to come crashing back to Earth on Friday, ending 15 years in orbit. Russian controllers expect as much as 25 tons of Mir's wreckage will survive re-entry to hit a remote area of the Pacific Ocean well east of Australia.

One expert said the odds the station's core will come down on Taco Bell's 40-by-40 foot vinyl target — emblazoned with the company's logo and the words "Free Taco Here!" — are slim to none.

"They're not going to lose any money at all," said William Ailor, director of The Aerospace Corp.'s Center for Orbital and Reentry Debris Studies.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Rachel Martin, watercolor; Marie Dollins, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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During the Great Depression of the 1930s, unemployed men bought a box of apples for $2.25. They sold them for five cents each. Selling two boxes a day for a $5.50 profit was their goal.

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Ask The Preacher

CAN A CHRISTIAN FALL FROM GRACE?

by Bill Looney

The Bible states the danger of falling from grace. Peter warns, "Therefore, dear friends, since you know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position" (2 Peter 3:17).

The New Testament predicted that some would fall from grace. "Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in time of testing they fall away" (Luke 8:13). Paul wrote that some would abandon the faith in 1 Timothy 4:1-5.

Some Christians of the first century did fall from grace. Paul wrote to Christians in Galatia, "You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace" (Gal. 5:4). Peter describes the condition of those who fall away, "If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then turn their back on the sacred command that was passed on to them" (2 Peter 2:20).

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Please address questions to:
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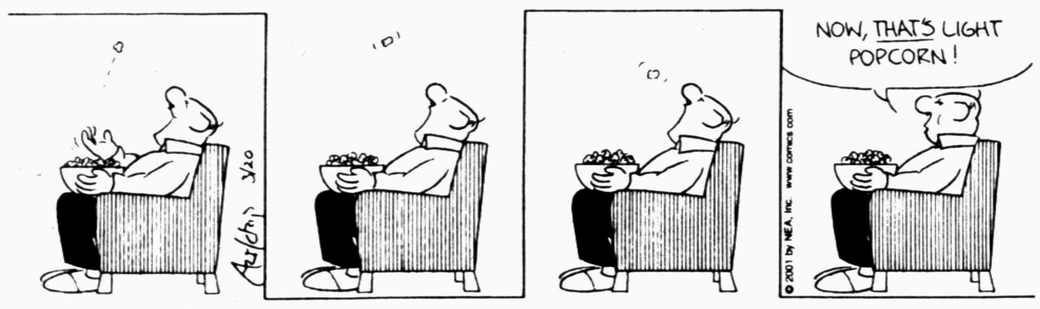

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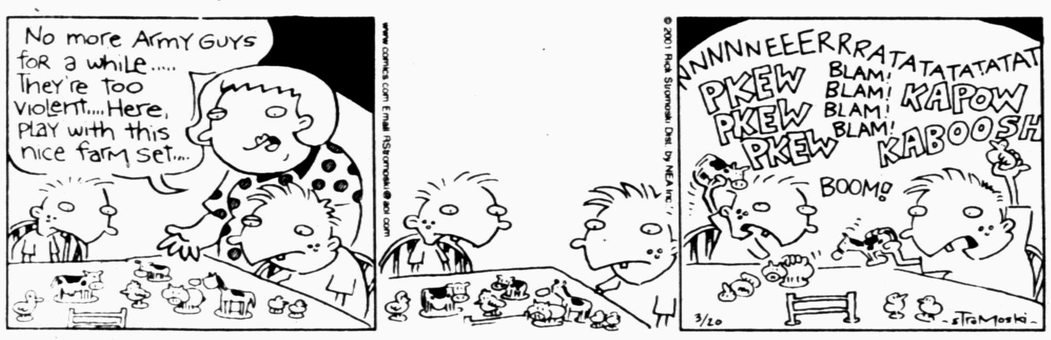

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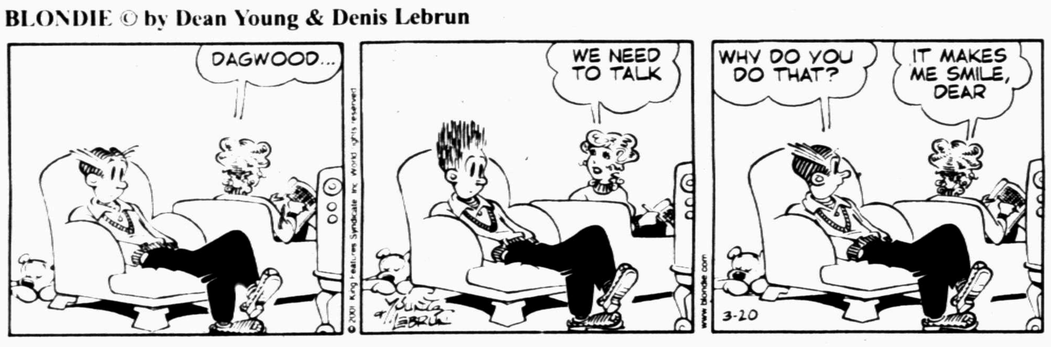

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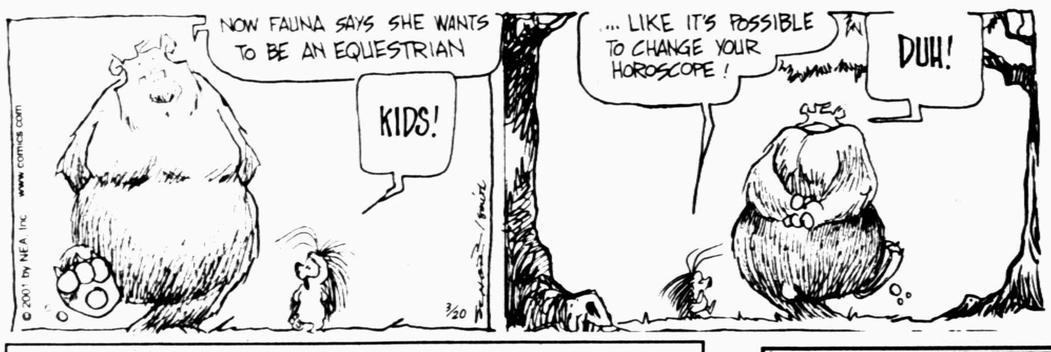

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28 Acquire by labor
29 Mountain on Crete
30 Between jobs
31 Heckles
33 Grooms-to-be
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40 Nerve network
41 Actress Susan —
42 Juliet's lover
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57 Like some seals
58 Shoots from a secret spot

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4 Curved molding
5 Famous physicist
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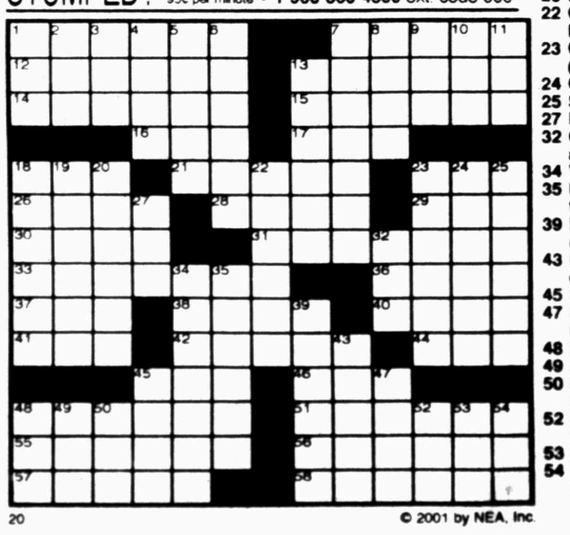

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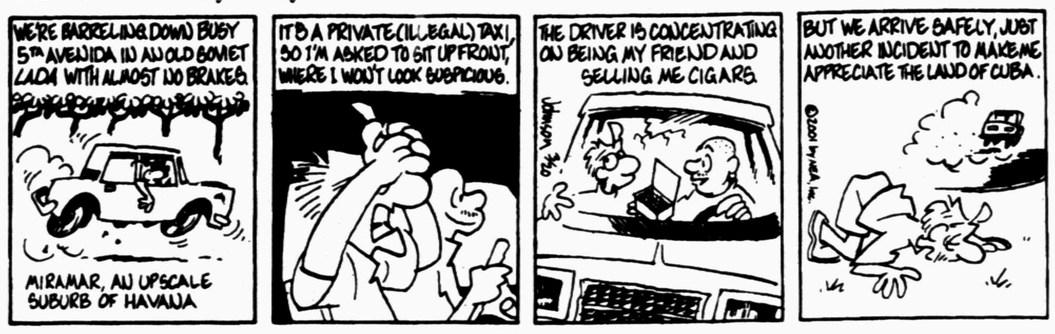

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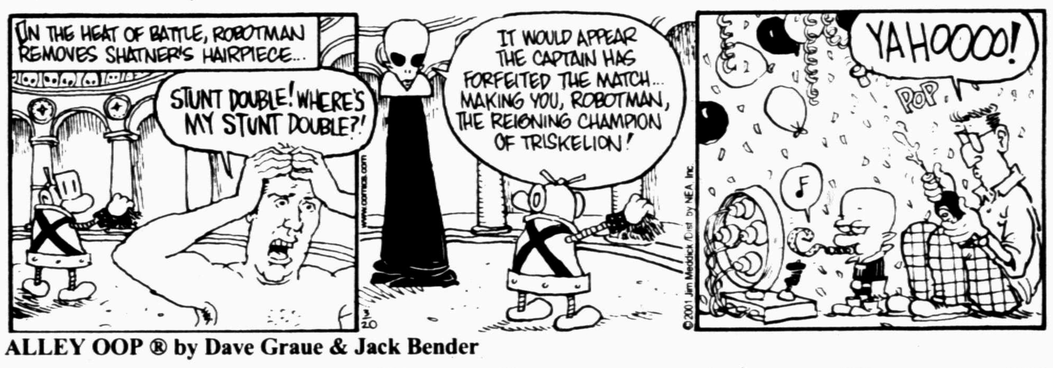

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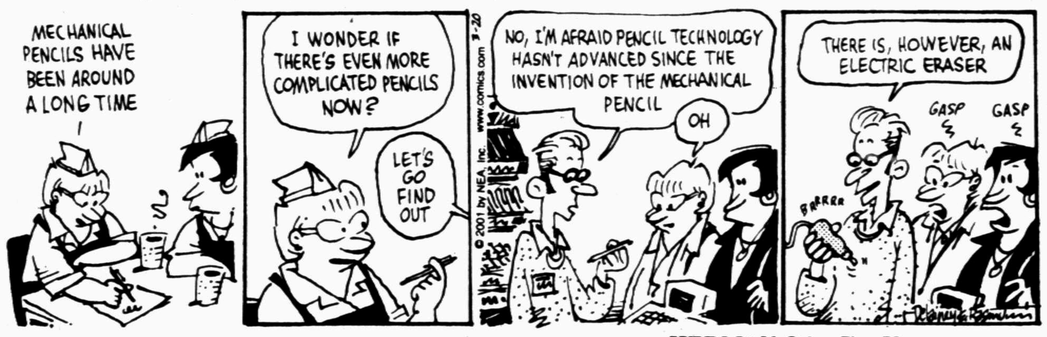

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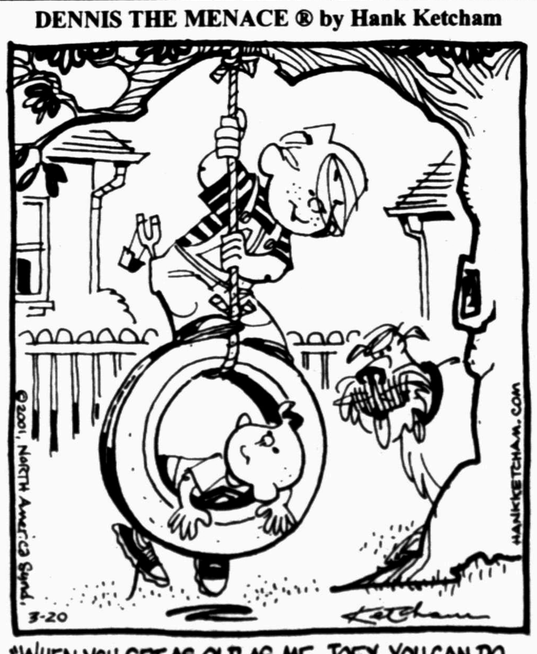

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"I'd tell your father, but he probably lent you the hat."

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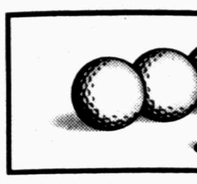

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SPORTS

Tigers hope to end Big Spring's spell

So far, the Snyder Tigers have started the district baseball campaign the same way they did the past two years. The Tigers hope all of that changes today.

The Snyder Tigers travel to Big Spring this afternoon, while the Lady Tigers visit Plainview in a pair of District 4-4A contests. Boys' action gets underway at 4 p.m., with the girls starting at 6.

This marks the third consecutive year Snyder (9-4, 2-0) has traveled to Big Spring (7-7, 1-1) with an unblemished district mark. In both previous seasons, the Steers handed the Tigers their first league setback.

"You can throw the records out the window because when we play Big Spring, anything can happen," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "They always seem to play their best against us, and the past couple of years we haven't played that well at their place.

"We're looking to change that this year. But we'll have to cut down on our errors, and hit the ball hard to do it."

Ralph Ramon will draw the start on the hill. The senior will be making his first start in district competition, after compiling a 1-2 mark and an ERA of 2.625 in non-district action.

In the softball standings, the Lady Tigers (10-10) are locked with Andrews in second place at 3-1, one game behind the 4-0 Big Spring Lady Steers.

Plainview has won only four games all season, and is 0-4 in district play.

Snyder is coming off a 15-4 rout of Frenship on Friday, in which Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey blasted home runs for the Lady Tigers.

"Our pitching is still holding up, and we hit the ball extremely well on Friday," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "Those are two aspects that you like to see as a coach. I'm very pleased with the way we're playing right now."

Following today's action, the Tigers return home to host Frenship on Friday, while the Lady Tigers visit Estacado.

District 4-4A Baseball

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	2	0	9	4
Andrews	2	0	10	3
Frenship	2	0	11	6
Big Spring	1	1	7	7
Estacado	1	1	4	6
Lake View	0	2	2	9
Levelland	0	2	7	8
Plainview	0	2	4	8

FASTBALL — Snyder junior Jase Olvera delivers a pitch Friday during the Tigers' district victory at Levelland. Senior Ralph Ramon will be on the hill today when Snyder visits the Big Spring Steers. The game is scheduled for 4 o'clock at Steer Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Knight deal could be done by Friday

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight could soon be Texas Tech's new basketball coach, though he still faces a few more hurdles this week.

If university president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers recommend his hiring and chancellor John Montford approves, Knight could be offered the job, a university spokeswoman said.

The job must remain open for 10 business days, or until 5 p.m. Friday. The position became available when James Dickey was fired March 9, four days after Schmidly and Myers met with Knight in Florida about the job.

Schmidly also plans to meet Wednesday with the Faculty Senate in response to concerns about Knight, spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said. Dozens of professors are petitioning against the fired Indiana coach with an infamous temper.

Rugeley said Schmidly won't make a hiring decision until the Faculty Senate meeting.

Nearly 90 faculty members of the more than 900 at the school have endorsed an e-mail petition opposing Knight, citing several highly publicized outbursts during his 29 years with the Hoosiers. He is the only candidate interviewed so far to replace Dickey.

Tech philosophy professor Walter Schaller hand-delivered the petition to Schmidly's office Wednesday and requested a meeting between Knight and Tech faculty.

Although Schmidly denied the meeting with Knight, he has said he would consider the faculty's concerns in deciding whether to recommend Knight to Montford.

Myers reportedly contacted the coach of one of the state's top high school recruits, forward Emeka Okafor, to gauge the player's interest if Knight gets the job.

There is also a slight chance Tech is considering more candidates. Myers said he developed a list of about 10 potential candidates, though Knight was the only one invited to campus.

Myers said he can't divulge the names of the other possible candidates because they are employed elsewhere and haven't given their permission.

Cowboys' quarterback options expand

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, still in the market for a starting quarterback following release of 12-year veteran Troy Aikman two weeks ago, now have more potential options.

The Cowboys reportedly contacted Tampa Bay last week about trading for quarterback Ryan Leaf, who restructured his contract with the Buccaneers on Monday. That move could make it easier for the club to trade him.

Leaf, who was released after three turbulent seasons with the San Diego Chargers, was scheduled to earn $2.8 million — including a $1.3 million bonus next season.

Another possibility for the Cowboys might be Steve Beuerlein, a former Dallas backup who still owns a home in Frisco, Texas.

Beuerlein was released Monday by Carolina, a move that saves the Panthers about $2 million. He has expressed an interest in playing for the Cowboys again.

"There was a good feeling about him when he was here," a Cowboys official told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Tuesday's editions.

The 36-year-old Beuerlein, whose 14-year National Football League experience level precludes him from needing to clear waivers, immediately becomes a free agent.

Beuerlein, who has started 44 straight games for Carolina, passed for an NFL-best 4,436 yards and 36 touchdowns in 1999 and made the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career.

His numbers were down last season — he passed for 3,730 yards and 19 touchdowns — but he played behind an offensive line that allowed a league-high 60 sacks.

The Bucs signed free agent quarterback Brad Johnson to a five-year, $28 million contract just three days after claiming Leaf off waivers on March 2.

Agents for Beuerlein and Leaf did not return telephone calls Tuesday from The Associated Press.

Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said Monday he expects quarterback Ryan Leaf to compete for the Buccaneers' backup job with Shaun King.

Event to honor Baugh slated for April 12

Snyder ISD wants to show its appreciation for the 13 years Coach David Baugh spent on the Tigers sideline.

A banquet in Baugh's honor will be held at 7 p.m. April 12 at Towle Park Barn.

The Snyder football coach, who also served as athletic director the past 13 seasons, announced his retirement earlier this year.

The banquet will include a meal, and tickets are $5. Tickets can be purchased at the administration building or at the high schoool.

A short program featuring a video and guest speaker will follow the meal.

JV edged by Frenship

WOLFFORTH — Snyder Gold took Frenship to extra innings, before dropping an 8-7 decision in the eighth inning Monday night in junior varsity baseball action.

Marcus Rodriguez blasted a triple and two singles to pace Snyder.

Boicy Martinez and Brett McClendon each belted a double and a single. Matthew Vasquez also slapped a double.

Bradley Price had a pair of singles, and Zach Cain and Isreal Franco had one base hit apiece.

Snyder Gold will be in action again at 1 p.m. Saturday when it hosts a doubleheader with Lake View.

Sports Briefs

Bass club meeting

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 6:30 this evening at the TXU warehouse on Ave. M. All participants should bring their weigh-in slips.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Knoblauch moves to left field

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Chuck Knoblauch, still unable to solve his throwing problems, will be moved from second base to left field by the New York Yankees as a late spring training experiment.

The former Gold Glove infielder talked the matter over with New York manager Joe Torre, who said he didn't want Knoblauch to think left field was "the penalty box."

Safeco Field damaged

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — The earthquake that rocked the Puget Sound region last month caused about $400,000 damage to Safeco Field.

Mariners Chairman and CEO Howard Lincoln said that Safeco's anti-earthquake devices worked as the engineers designed them and the stadium did not sustain any structural damage.

Wisconsin coach steps down

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Brad Soderberg will not keep the Wisconsin basketball job, a decision that comes four days after the Badgers were ousted in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Soderberg replaced Dick Bennett three games into the season. Bennett quit because he was tired of coaching and picked Soderberg to step in for him.

Soderberg won his first eight games, the first Wisconsin coach to do that since 1911, and was the only first-year UW coach to take the Badgers to the NCAA tournament. But they were upset by Georgia State in the first round.

Carolina waives Beuerlein

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Quarterback Steve Beuerlein, one of Carolina's most popular and durable players, was waived by Carolina, a move that saves the Panthers about $2 million.

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Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut 89, Colorado State 44
At Ruston, La.
Louisiana Tech 80, Texas Christian 59
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Pittsburgh
Connecticut (30-2) vs. N.C. State (22-10), 11:37 a.m. or 2:07 p.m.
Missouri (22-9) vs. Louisiana Tech (30-4), 11:37 a.m. or 2:07 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 7:07 p.m.

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Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Birmingham, Ala.
Tennessee (31-2) vs. Xavier (30-2), 12:07 p.m. or 2:37 p.m.
Texas Tech (25-6) vs. Purdue (28-6), 12:07 p.m. or 2:37 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 8:07 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At South Bend, Ind.
Notre Dame 88, Michigan 54
At Salt Lake City
Utah 78, Iowa 69
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt 65, Colorado 59
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Denver
Notre Dame (30-2) vs. Utah (28-3), 8:07 p.m. or 10:37 p.m.
Iowa State (27-5) vs. Vanderbilt (23-9), 8:07 p.m. or 10:37 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 9:07 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Monday, March 19
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 75, Arkansas 54
At Piscataway, N.J.
Southwest Missouri State 60, Rutgers 53
At Norman, Okla.
Oklahoma 67, Stanford 50
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Spokane, Wash.
Duke (30-3) vs. Southwest Missouri State (27-5), 10:07 p.m. or 12:37 a.m.
Oklahoma (28-5) vs. Washington (21-9), 10:07 p.m. or 12:37 a.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 10:07 p.m.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
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x-Philadelphia	48	19	.716	—
New York	40	26	.606	7½
Miami	40	27	.597	8
Orlando	36	30	.545	11½
Boston	29	37	.439	18½
New Jersey	22	47	.319	27
Washington	16	50	.242	31½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	25	.621	—
Charlotte	39	28	.582	2½
Toronto	35	31	.530	6
Indiana	29	36	.446	11½
Detroit	25	42	.373	16½
Cleveland	24	42	.364	17
Atlanta	21	47	.309	21
Chicago	11	54	.169	29½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	47	20	.701	—
Utah	45	20	.692	1
Dallas	43	23	.652	3½
Minnesota	39	28	.582	8
Houston	38	29	.567	9
Denver	33	35	.485	14½
Vancouver	20	48	.294	27½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	44	21	.677	—
L.A. Lakers	45	22	.672	—
Portland	43	24	.642	2
Phoenix	38	27	.585	6
Seattle	37	33	.529	9½
L.A. Clippers	23	45	.338	22½
Golden State	16	51	.239	29

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Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers 95, Orlando 90
Indiana 101, Sacramento 95
Minnesota 91, Cleveland 76
Milwaukee 100, Detroit 96
Utah 111, L.A. Clippers 96
Seattle 104, Golden State 99
Denver 98, New Jersey 84
Monday's Games
Atlanta 108, L.A. Lakers 106
San Antonio 98, Portland 85
Seattle 93, Philadelphia 89
Tuesday's Games
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
San Antonio at Boston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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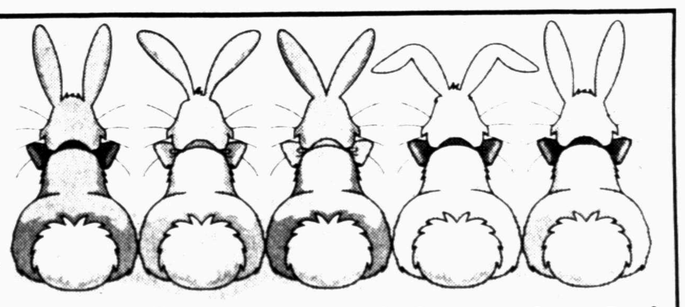
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More power woes out west

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After the first day of rolling blackouts in more than two months, energy officials hope cooler temperatures and the availability of additional power will help California avoid another day of outages.

The blackouts struck statewide Monday without warning, coming in two waves that left more than 1.2 million customers in the dark from San Diego to Sacramento.

"It's clearly the worst day we've ever had in California," said Patrick Dorinson, spokesman for the California Independent System Operator, which oversees most of the state's power grid. "All Californians are going to realize this is a statewide problem."

Intersections in Sacramento jammed, trapped office workers fled through the roof of an elevator in Ventura, and businesses from San Francisco to Silicon Valley hung out "Closed" signs.

"It was quite sudden, with no warning or nothing," said Nina Prommer of Globe Photos Inc., a Beverly Hills-based photo agency.

The day started with a noontime Stage 3 alert, the highest level of emergency. The shortages were blamed on a transformer fire and a lack of power from idled plants and out-of-state suppliers.

Unseasonably high temperatures — the thermometer soared to 87 degrees in downtown Los Angeles — prompted Californians to crank their air conditioning units, further straining supplies.

Power grid operators responded by ordering the first round of blackouts to last from noon to 4 p.m., with customers unplugged for about an hour over the rotating period.

The second wave started around 6 p.m. and lasted through 7:15 p.m. By 9 p.m., officials had canceled the Stage 3 alert and replaced it with a less-severe Stage 2 notice.

Southern California was shocked to be hit by rolling blackouts. The two previous blackouts, Jan. 17 and 18, affected only the northern and central parts of the state.

The ISO hoped for cooler temperatures and additional power to be made available on Tuesday, lessening the immediate threat of more blackouts.

But California's power woes are far from over. Natural gas supplies are tight, water supplies are down and even higher temps could drive up demand.

Adding to the aggravation, the state has lost about 3,100 megawatts of power from plants that use excess heat and steam from industrial sites to create power. A thousand megawatts is about enough to power 1 million homes.

The plants say they can't afford to buy natural gas to operate until they're paid about $1 billion for past sales to the state's two largest utilities — Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison.

"If you don't pay people, it's hard to expect them to remain in business indefinitely," said Jan Smutny-Jones, executive director of the Independent Energy Producers.

PG&E spokesman Ron Low said the utility has been making partial payments to alternative power plants but SoCal Edison has made no payments since November.

SoCal Edison and PG&E say they have lost $13 billion since last year because wholesale electricity prices have soared and the state's 1996 deregulation law prevents the utilities from passing the costs on to ratepayers.

Flamboyant Southwest CEO Herb Kelleher to step down

DALLAS (AP) — Herb Kelleher, the wisecracking, chain-smoking New Jersey native who came to personify Southwest Airlines over the past two decades, said Monday he will resign in June from two of the three positions he holds with the nation's largest low-cost carrier.

Kelleher, 70, will resign as chief executive and president, but remains chairman of the Dallas-based airlines board with a new three-year contract. He will hand over much of his daily decision-making power to two longtime associates.

James F. Parker, 54, the airline's vice president and general counsel, will become chief executive and vice chairman of the board.

Executive vice president Colleen C. Barrett, 56, will become president and chief operating officer, the first woman to hold that title at a major U.S. carrier.

Some shareholders and analysts had complained that Southwest seemed to lack a strategy for replacing its aging leader, and those protests intensified after Kelleher revealed he had prostate cancer in 1999.

Kelleher said Monday that he promised Southwest directors last year he would announce a succession plan around his 70th birthday, which was March 12. Kelleher said doctors have pronounced him fit and that health was not a factor in stepping down.

Analysts said Kelleher would continue to exert great influence as chairman, and they expect few if any changes at the company.

World Briefs

U.S. sides with Isreal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The battle lines are clear. It's the Palestinians and dozens of supporters vs. Israel and the United States. As the Palestinians again pushed Monday for a U.N. observer force to help quell six months of violence, the differences between the two sides were again starkly clear. Since a previous request was defeated in December, the U.S. and Israeli administrations have changed — and so has the U.N. Security Council membership. But the Palestinian demand — argued during an open Security Council debate on Monday — still faces almost certain defeat.

Submarine officer apologizes

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — His voice brimming with emotion, an officer of the Navy submarine that rammed a Japanese trawler apologized as an inquiry into the deadly accident neared its end. "To the families of those who perished and to the crew of the Ehime Maru ... I humbly apologize," Lt. j.g. Michael Coen said Monday. Coen, 26, is one of three officers of the USS Greeneville under investigation over the Feb. 9 sinking of the Ehime Maru. The Greeneville smashed into the Japanese fishing vessel while demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill for 16 civilians. Nine people, including four teen-age boys, were killed. Coen read his unsworn statement to three admirals presiding over the Navy's court of inquiry. Attorneys for another officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, submitted a written statement to the court that was not released to the public.

Pass of charitable choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Churches and other religious organizations have shown little enthusiasm for a 1996 federal law that invited them into the competition for government welfare dollars, and states have done little to promote the program, a 50-state Associated Press survey shows. Just five states have aggressively used "charitable choice," which President Bush hopes to expand to programs across government, and nearly two-thirds of states have bypassed the opportunity altogether, the survey found. The AP survey found 31 states and the District of Columbia have awarded no government welfare contracts to religious groups that would not have been eligible otherwise.

Russia to dump Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian space agency on Tuesday set a final firm date for dumping the Mir space station, saying it would be brought down into the South Pacific on Friday by a six-hour series of engine pushes. The Progress cargo ship docked at the station will fire its engines twice during two consecutive orbits to lower the station. Several hours later, it will fire one last time to send the station hurtling into the South Pacific between Australia and Chile at around 9:30 a.m. Moscow time Friday, said Russian Aerospace Agency spokesman Konstantin Kreidenko.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Reflux helped by antacids

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I'm only 16, I suffer from reflux. My gas and indigestion are helped by Zantac. However, I've found that I cannot drink milk because of the calcium irritation, and I worry that I'm not taking in enough of the mineral for healthy bones and teeth. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Acid reflux — indigestion caused by the backwash of gastric acid into the esophagus — can be helped by many medications, including Zantac, that reduce the production of excess stomach acid. The symptoms can also be relieved by antacids — or milk, which acts as an antacid.

I'm unclear what you mean by "calcium irritation." Ordinarily, calcium-containing compounds do not cause dyspepsia or heartburn. In fact, the reverse is true; some over-the-counter antacids, such as TUMs, contain calcium that is quite effective as an acid-neutralizer. If for some reason, you are intolerant to milk, consider using TUMs. Two or three of these chewable tablets (or the equivalent in liquid form) should not only work with the Zantac to relieve your symptoms of reflux but will also provide the calcium you need for strong bones and teeth. Because people with reflux often have a weakness of the muscular ring separating the esophagus from the stomach, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from migraine headaches, for which my doctor prescribed the beta-blocker Inderal. Thanks to the medication, I've been headache-free for more then two years, but I've gained 15 pounds, notice some chronic ankle swelling and have been somewhat constipated. Could the Inderal be to blame?

DEAR READER: Beta-blocking medicine causes relaxation of blood vessels, which is the reason the drug is useful in combating hypertension and migraines, two afflictions marked by excessive arterial spasm. This relaxation can also lead to edema (fluid retention) and weight gain. Therefore, patients taking beta-blockers may experience puffy ankles and constipation.

A few pounds of fluid build-up is a small price to pay to avoid migraines. The edema is not harmful and can, if necessary, be treated with diuretics — medications to rid the body of excess water. Also, your doctor may be able to adjust the dose of Inderal to minimize fluid retention. Ask about this. In addition, you may be able to help your fluid problem by reducing the amount of salt in your diet. Working with your physician, you should be able to arrive at a dosage (or type) of beta-blocker that will prevent migraines as well as lessening side effects.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband was shot in the abdomen while in the Army several years ago. I'm afraid that someday the bullet will dislodge and do permanent damage. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Foreign objects, such as bullets, can change position in the body and sometimes cause problems, such as bleeding or intestinal perforation. Also, lead bullets can, over time, lead to lead poisoning. However, a doctor can investigate these possibilities by using blood tests, X-rays and ultrasound examinations. Share your concerns with your husband's physician. If follow-up is necessary, the doctor can advise you what symptoms to watch for and which tests are appropriate.

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Alltel	53.13	52.54	52.73	—.84
AmEl Pw	44.80	44.08	44.71	+ .54
AndarkPtr	66.25	64.17	66.11	+ 2.78
ATMOS Egy	23.45	23.25	23.35	—.35
Aviall	6.80	6.72	6.76	—.04
BP Amoco	49.95	48.52	48.90	—.31
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TEA chief reverses social promotion stance

AUSTIN (AP) — A week after agreeing with legislation that would delay a ban on social promotions by a year, Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson changed his mind Monday.

A bill passed by the state Legislature in 1999 and supported by then-Gov. George W. Bush would apply to third-graders who fail an academic skills test beginning in 2003.

But a bill filed by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, would delay implementing the law by a year. The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills becomes more rigorous in 2003.

Nelson, addressing the House Appropriations Committee last week, agreed that Turner's postponement bill "would be a good bill."

Nelson voiced concerns that it may be unfair to start holding students back in 2003, the same year the more difficult TAAS test is used.

"I no longer believe that to be the case," Nelson said in a statement issued late Monday afternoon.

The commissioner was not available for comment Monday, a spokeswoman told The Associated Press.

Nelson's statement said there is reason to believe that third-graders will perform well on the TAAS test in 2003. He said he has carefully reviewed third grade reading test data and consulted with Texas Education Agency staff and now believes the state should go ahead and ban social promotions as scheduled.

"Continuing to advance students who are not ready is unacceptable," Nelson said in the statement.

Turner said Nelson "totally flip flopped."

"Obviously, he made a political decision that is adverse to the interest of the kids of the state of Texas, and he's willing to put the kids on the chopping block in order to advance some political agenda," Turner said.

Turner said his legislation was based in part on Nelson's testimony.

In proposing the legislation, Turner said the state will not be ready for the social promotions ban in 2003. He said he wanted to wait a year so that students' performance on the new test can be evaluated and some state officials' concerns about the rigor of the test can be addressed.

Nelson stated that the wide margin of passage of the social promotions bill last legislative session "underscored the acknowledgment by Texas legislators that ending the practice of social promotion is the proper course of action in our efforts to meet all Texas children's educational needs."

"Thanks to the significant investment state leaders have made in early reading methods and diagnostics, teacher training, and intervention strategies, our teachers and students are up to this new challenge," Nelson said.

While campaigning for president, Bush cited Texas school children's improvements in reading as one of his accomplishments as governor.

After Nelson's comments before the House committee last week, a Bush spokesman disagreed with a delay and said the 2003 standards can be met.

On Monday, a White House spokeswoman welcomed Nelson's change in position.

"That's terrific news," said Bush spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo.

Turner has said about 80 percent of black students pass the current TAAS test, but that number is predicted to drop to 58 percent under the new, more rigorous test.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Changes you didn't expect might be foisted upon you in the coming year. However, if you work within them, everything will turn out to be to your advantage in the long scheme of things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There will be a price to pay if you put your needs above the family's today. Not only will your desires fall short, but the chill in the air at home will put you in the deep freeze. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Those charming good looks you possess won't do you a bit of good when it comes to competitive developments today. If you're not prepared, your competition will glide right past you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Being a Gemini can cause you to act impulsively from time to time. Today could be one of those days when you throw caution to the wind and get yourself into deep trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not, under any circumstances, labor under the illusion today that the hand you're holding can trump all the tricks. Be prepared for the worst so you can stay in the game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Things are changing all the time, and that partnership that worked so well in the last few days may now fall short. If you're working on something important, try to go it alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The problems you'll create for yourself will be far more than that for which you bargain, if you let your responsibilities drift just because they're not convenient for you to take on today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Serious complications could stem from getting involved today in an activity with others about which you feel dubious. Listen to your inner self and bow out of the plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't even try to alter the thoughts or views of others who are having trouble seeing your point. If they are adamant about their opinions, a heated debate could ensue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Production should be your primary concern today, not flowery prattle. If you attempt to con others into doing your tasks so you can idle the hours away, long-term resentment might develop.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be both cautious and prudent with financial or commercial transactions today. The trends are not in your favor at this time, and you could come out on the short end of the deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Lack of initiative to carry through on your intentions will be your undoing today. Persons who are depending on you will be both disappointed and angry.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — In a situation in which your contribution is less than that of others, don't kid yourself into believing you are owed the same amount as they. The disappointment you experience could be grave.

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Capitol Briefs

Medicaid costs soar

AUSTIN (AP) — Medicaid costs keep going up, and legislative budget writers keep scratching their heads about how to pay for them.

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert told the House Appropriations Committee on Monday that updated Medicaid enrollment projections show the state needs an additional $600 million to $650 million to administer the program in the coming two years.

That's on top of the $13.2 billion lawmakers originally proposed for health and human services in the budget bill as filed.

The state also needs an additional $83 million to fund caseload growth and cost increases in the Children's Health Insurance Program, Gilbert said.

A special Senate-House working group has been studying ways to trim Medicaid costs.

Lawmakers are working with a tight $108.2 billion state budget that leaves as little as $300 million for new spending.

"That's our dilemma," said Junell, D-San Angelo. "I suggest that we look at our priorities really, really close."

Sex offender zones

A bill to keep sex offenders at least 1,000 feet away from places where children routinely gather stalled when Senate opponents said it could close some treatment centers and cause offenders to be released into neighborhoods.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, proposed the buffer zone after a situation in his district last year in which sex offenders were placed in a halfway house near a school.

Barrientos pitched his bill as a tough-on-crime measure that would protect children from sexual predators by keeping them away from schools, day-care centers or other places where children gather.

But opponents said the bill could force some treatment centers to close and delay the opening of others.

The bill would have affected about 10 facilities now being used and 12 that are to open, said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

It also would prohibit a sex offender from visiting a parole office within the buffer zone, Whitmire said.

Nursing home protection

People living in nursing homes should get more attention in the Texas Legislature than operators of nursing homes, residents' advocates say.

A coalition of groups representing nursing home patients — including the AARP, Texas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents, Citizens Commission on Human Rights and Texas Watch — lobbied at the Capitol to push for legislation they say would protect residents.

One bill they favor would give patients the right to be informed of medications and medical procedures. Another would allow for expedited background checks of nursing home employees.

Nursing home operators are pressing lawmakers for higher Medicaid reimbursements. The residents' advocates say they don't mind that but want any additional money to go directly toward patient care.

Athletic arguing

A handful of private schools could participate in University Interscholastic League championships under a bill approved Monday by the Texas Senate.

The UIL is the governing body over public school athletic competition and championships.

The bill would allow participation by private schools with an enrollment of 500 students or more that meet certain accreditation and academic standards. Public schools have resisted the move.

The bill now goes to the House.

Lotto negotiating

State lottery officials could privately discuss negotiation strategy for the lottery operator contract under a bill tentatively approved Monday by the Senate.

The bill would allow the three-member lottery commission to meet behind closed doors to discuss strategy before meeting with the vendor, said bill sponsor Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. The vendor could not attend the meetings, he said.

Currently, lottery commissioners can discuss the contract negotiations only in a posted open meeting, putting them at a negotiating disadvantage, Wentworth said.

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Clinton's judicial nominees pulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preparing to make his first judicial nominations, President Bush has dumped the last of President Clinton's judicial nominees, including the first black appellate judge in the circuit with the most minorities in the nation.

But Roger Gregory, who was the first black judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., when appointed temporarily by Clinton, might still have a chance to stay on the bench, officials said.

"Some of these individuals will be considered for positions in the Bush administration," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "No one should be considered ruled in or out at this point."

Bush on Monday officially withdrew 62 executive and judicial nominations made by Clinton in his last days, including Gregory. The 4th U.S. Circuit — comprising Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia — includes more minorities than any other circuit in the nation.

"President Clinton appointed a highly qualified, well-respected lawyer in Roger Gregory," said Julia Payne, the former president's spokeswoman. "It's clear that Roger Gregory met every qualification to be on this court except for the right-wing litmus test."

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1833, the United States government concluded a treaty with Siam (now Thailand). It was the first treaty between the United States and an Asian nation.

On this day in 1911, the first farm bureau in the United States was established in Binghamton, N.Y.

On this day in 1990, singer Gloria Estefan suffered a broken back when her tour bus crashed on a highway in Pennsylvania.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ovid (43 B.C.-A.D. 17), poet; Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906), dramatist; Fred Rogers (1928-), children's TV personality, is 73; Hal Linden (1931-), actor, is 70; Pat Riley (1945-), basketball coach, is 56; Bobby Orr (1948-), hockey great, is 53; William Hurt (1950-), actor, is 51; Holly Hunter (1958-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Roberto Clemente became a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A forest bird never wants a cage." — Henrik Ibsen

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 16) and new moon (March 24).

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Tips for helping a town go downhill....
THE DIRTY DOZEN

1. Live in the past and talk about how things used to be.
2. Attend no meetings of any kind. Keep relying on rumors for the source for all of your news.
3. Bad-mouth local leaders and don't get involved in making the town a better place to live. Be sure to criticize how "THEY" are doing things.
4. Remind others at all times of the cold winters and hot summers. Be sure to point out that people must be rugged to enjoy life in such conditions.
5. Complain about the police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, civic groups, and local government.
6. Buy things out of town or from mail order catalogs. Ignore the firms that are first to come forth with donations for local worthy causes.
7. Stay away from the schools and don't support the youth of our community.
8. Remember that all kids are delinquents, all businessmen are crooks, and that nothing good can be said about the old hometown.
9. Keep on saying, "This is the way it's always been. We can't do it differently."
10. Forget the meaning of the word "volunteer" and say one person can't make a difference.
11. Above all, always be skeptical, cynical, and negative about anything that is intended for the community's progress and betterment.
12. Forget about your town's heritage.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Feds expected to trim rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is poised to cut interest rates for a third time this year in an effort to keep the record U.S. economic expansion from ending, economists say.

Another big rate cut is needed now, they believe, given the continued weak state of manufacturing and the cautious mood of consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

Another reason: the huge sell-off that has been occurring on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average last week suffered its biggest weekly drop in 11 years. If paper losses make consumers feel a lot less wealthy and they stop spending, that could put an end to the 10-year streak of uninterrupted economic growth, analysts said.

That's why many private economists predict the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, will aggressively cut short term interest rates at its meeting today. An afternoon announcement of the decision is expected.

Stock averages showed little movement Tuesday as investors waited on the Fed announcement. After the first hour of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 15 points and the Nasdaq index had gained 17 points.

Economists, however, are divided over how big the rate reduction will be: either a three-quarter point cut, something Wall Street investors are hoping for, or another half-point cut. With inflation remaining low, economists said the central bank has plenty of room to act.

"The question we are all asking ourselves is does the economy drive the stock market or it is the other way around?" said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist for LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

"Our view is that both because of the skittishness of the stock market and also because of looming trouble overseas, especially Japan, our central bank has to be aware of the downside risks of this environment," Tannenbaum said. "As a result, while a half-point cut might be enough for business activity, it won't be enough for market psychology, so three-quarters is the likely outcome."

Others believe a half-point reduction is sufficient, given some positive signs for the economy, including a solid housing market, still-low unemployment, which stands at 4.2 percent, and modest job growth.

A three-quarter point cut, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Bank One, would make Fed policy-makers "look like they are pandering to Wall Street and that is not a message they want to send."

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues lowered interest rates twice in January, totaling a full percentage point. That was the biggest one-month decrease in rates since Greenspan took over in 1987.

A key interest rate controlled by the Fed, the federal funds rate, now stands at 5.5 percent. The prime lending rate fell to 8.5 percent as commercial banks cut their prime lending rates in response to the Fed' action.

Whether a three-quarter point or half-point cut, some economists predicted the central bank will order additional rate reductions in the coming months, with the funds rate falling to 4.25 percent later this year.

"Additional rate cuts will come until the economy has rebounded," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

The Fed's January rate cuts were taken against the backdrop of an economy that appeared to have hit a brick wall at the end of last year when unusually cold weather and rising energy bills.

Workplace safety regs are repealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said he will sign the repeal of new workplace safety regulations — making the business-backed measure the first substantive policy that he turns into law.

"There's a change in ergonomics regulations that I believe is positive and I intend to sign today," Bush told an approving assembly of women business leaders in the East Room.

The measure, which would revoke ergonomics rules issued late in the Clinton administration, whizzed through the Congress earlier this month with help from business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations.

Bush held the legislation up as a victory for him and the Republican-controlled Congress. Last week, in his first Rose Garden signing ceremony, Bush put his signature on a bill naming a Boston courthouse for retiring Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

"The Congress is beginning to get a sense of accomplishment. There is a culture of accomplishment in Washington," Bush said.

"There's a bankruptcy bill that's working its way through the House and the Senate. ... There are some positive developments. Things are getting done. And that's important and that will be a little change from the way people have viewed Washington in the past."

The House and Senate have each passed bills making it more difficult for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy courts and must next reconcile their different versions before sending the legislation to Bush.

The ergonomics regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were aimed at preventing carpal tunnel syndrome, tendinitis and other health problems associated with repetitive motion, awkward postures, contact stress and the like.

Payments here could be more than $4 million

Payments began Friday under the USDA's crop disaster assistance program and some 30 percent of applications in Scurry County will have been processed by Friday, according to Joe Hefner of the Farm Service Agency.

"We expect payments in Scurry County, when all the money is distributed, to be upwards of $4 million," said Hefner.

Hefner said most of the payments to local producers are transferred electronically and that he expects the money to be in banks by Monday.

Sign up for the payments began on Jan. 18.

Total payments across the country should total more than $1.1 billion, according to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman.

BCD sets first meeting of year

The Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday for its first meeting of 2001.

On the agenda is the oath of office for new board member Don West.

The board will also select new officers. Tony Scott currently serves as president while David Koonce is vice president.

In an annual action item, the Big Country Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc. is again requesting a $25 contribution.

Other business includes the review and approval of the minutes, financial statements and bills for payment.

The meeting will be held at the Development Corporation of Snyder boardroom at 3610 College Avenue.

Animal complaints keep officers busy

• It's a jungle out there

Around 7 a.m. Monday, an officer was requested in the 3000 block of 40th Street in reference to a neighbor's rooster crowing.

At 12:53 p.m., a person who raises goats complained that someone had placed seven goats in her herd.

And at 4:30, a person notified officers that two mules were on Ennis Creek Road, north of the precinct barn.

• Arrests

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male at 11:30 a.m. for driving while license suspended. He was taken into custody in the 600 block of Coliseum Drive.

At 2:43 p.m., a 19-year-old male was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center for a municipal court warrant for minor consuming alcohol and failure to identify.

Obituaries

Donna Blair

1952-2001

Funeral service for Donna "D.J." Blair is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate.

Donna Blair

Graveside service is set for 1 p.m. Thursday in the Lindsey Cemetery in Fannin County.

Mrs. Blair, 49, died Sunday, March 18, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 17, 1952 in Dallas, Mrs. Blair had lived in Dallas most of her life and worked for Owens-Corning before moving to Snyder four years ago. She was a Baptist and an avid motorcyclist.

Mrs. Blair was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Moorman, in 1988.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Jewel and Oscar Haney of Snyder; a daughter, Shonna Blair of Lubbock; a sister, Connie Robbins of Snyder; a brother-in-law, Lee Robbins of Odessa; two nieces; two nephews; and one great-niece.

Family visitation is set for 7-9 tonight at the funeral home.

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Edna Clift

1906-2001

Edna Frances Clift, a retired Hermleigh ISD teacher, died Sunday, March 18, in Heritage House nursing home in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Clift, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hermleigh Cemetery with the Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Edna Clift

Born May 13, 1906 in Bonham, she married Claude Vance Clift on June 14, 1936 in Bonham. He died May 5, 1996.

A resident of Hermleigh since 1936, she was a Hermleigh teacher for 28 years. A member of the Hermleigh United Methodist Church and Eastern Star, Mrs. Clift moved to San Angelo about 18 months ago.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers; two sisters; and a brother-in-law.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Fred DeLaCruz of San Angelo; a son, Jerry Clift of San Angelo; a sister, Thelma VanZandt of Austin; four grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Ron Hansen of Los Angeles, Shane and Laura McKenzie of San Angelo, Nathan and Candice DeLaCruz and Camille DeLaCruz, all of Austin; and five great-grandchildren, Stephen, Nikki, Kameron and Keann Hansen, all of Los Angeles, and Tori McKenzie of Maryland.

A community-wide lunch for the family will be held at noon Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Lula Metcalf

1913-2001

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Lula Viola Boyd Metcalf of Big Spring.

Mrs. Metcalf, 87, died Friday, March 16, in University Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Born May 31, 1913 in Rogers, Mrs. Metcalf was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Boyd in 1968; three brothers, Milton, Bill and Leroy Strickland.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Metcalf of Big Spring; two sons, Billy Don Boyd of Beaumont and Ruel Lynn Metcalf of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Rena Beth of Wichita Falls and Ronda of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Elnora Clark of Snyder and Lorene Snyder of Odessa; one brother, David Strickland of Chandler; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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events

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4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Financial aid workshop

A financial aid workshop for area high school students planning to attend college and with questions about financial aid will be held at 7 this evening at Snyder High School. If you have questions, or plan to attend, call Janell Jones at 574-6049.

FFA Booster Club

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS ag building.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Snyder girls softball association meeting

The Snyder girls softball association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Texas Savings Bank. All board members are urged to be present.

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will be held from 2-6 p.m. Thursday at Central Elementary. Another registration will be held from 2-7 p.m. next Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Parents meeting

Parents of all Snyder 8th grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday and Friday, March 30. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ave. D Baptist Church concert

The Robert Haynie Family from Lubbock will be in concert at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited. For additional information, call 573-0971.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon"} followed by "Role of Miraces in New Testament."

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

Cancer Society board meeting

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

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at the Snyder Fire Department. The cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Senior citizens swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

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.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

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.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.