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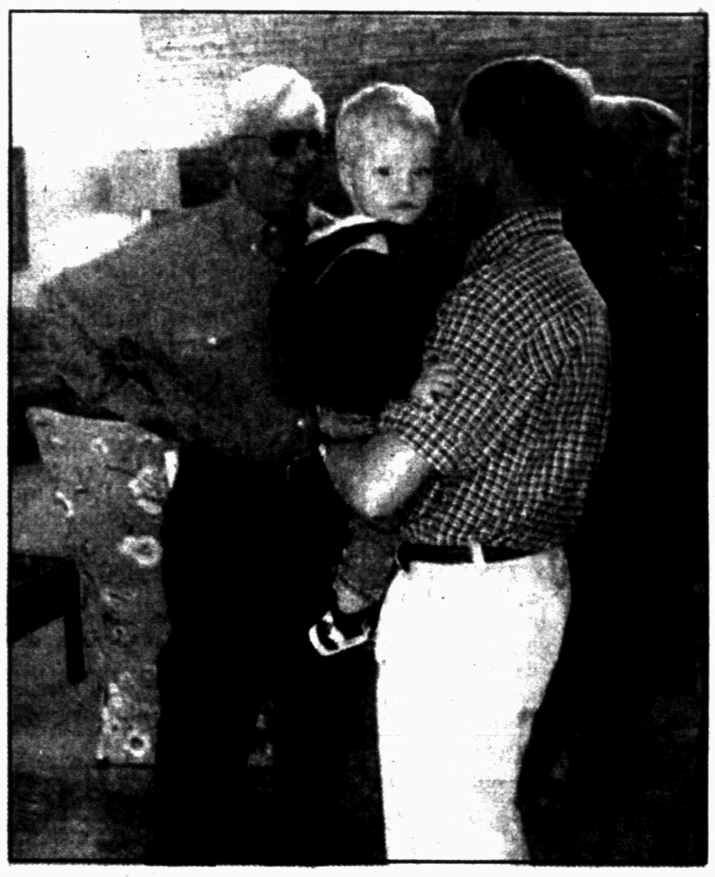
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JUST VISITING — Dr. Robert Rakov (right) and his son, Alek, visit Monday night with prospective new surgeon Dr. Frank Thomas of Hobart, Okla., at a reception at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Dr. Thomas' wife, Carol, is pictured on the right. (SDN Staff Photo)

GOP say delay won't thwart tax-cut efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans say a delay in final passage forced by Democrats won't thwart their drive to get an 11-year, $1.35 trillion tax-cut package to President Bush by the end of the week.

"The people that do not want a tax bill are trying to use every delaying tactic they can," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the Senate Finance Committee chairman. "It's not going to happen. We're going to persevere."

The Senate resumed back-to-back votes on amendments today as Democrats initially refused to withdraw any of them, but final passage remained possible later in the day.

Talks then would begin with the House on the ultimate bill. Republican leaders had insisted on getting the Senate bill finished Monday night, but after five hours of roll-call votes on 16 amendments it became clear Democrats were in no mood to cooperate.

"There is a lot of frustration out there," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a supporter of the bill.

At the White House, Bush vented his.

"Congress ought to stop delay and move forward," he told reporters. Asked if he blames Democrats, the president said: "I view the body as whole. It's time to move."

Amendments to derail or substantially change the legislation, which is supported by a pivotal group of Democratic moderates, were unsuccessful. The bill features the core of Bush's original tax cut plan, including across-the-board income tax cuts, but has elements designed to get a majority in a Senate divided between 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans.

"We have to reach a compromise that is sustainable by 51 votes," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, a key co-sponsor and ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee. "I think we have a good bill. It has a lot of give and take."

Republican conservatives said they will push in a House-Senate conference committee to accelerate the bill's income tax cuts, which aren't fully phased in until 2007, and to slash the top 39.6 percent income tax rate more deeply than the 36 percent called for in the Senate measure.

"I think we need to try to find a way to make that occur sooner," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Administration officials concede that Bush's proposed 33 percent top rate, included in the House bill, is unlikely to survive in the final bill, but they want other core elements of his plan — estate tax repeal, doubling of the $500 child credit and marriage penalty relief — to occur much sooner than under the Senate bill. They question tax breaks added by the Senate for education, retirement savings and other needs.

"To accommodate individual senators, additional items were added which dilute and delay some of the president's proposals," said Mark Weinberger, assistant treasury secretary for tax policy. "We hope the conference committee will address that."

Another key issue for the final negotiations is whether to provide $100 billion in upfront economic stimulus through rebate checks, as the Bush administration wants, or by lowering withholding from paychecks.

Lubbock attorney will assist chamber with new contract

Snyder's chamber of commerce board voted Monday to employ the services of Lubbock attorney Mike Reed to assist in drafting a contract to continue operation and management of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Executive Director Donna Fowler told the board during its monthly meeting that the chamber has yet to receive any bid specifications from the county.

The chamber operates the coliseum and receives a yearly supplement of $165,000 from the county.

The motion to hire Reed, a Snyder native, passed unanimously with board member and county attorney Mike Hartman abstaining.

The board also voted to allocate $2,000 in hotel-motel tax funds to the July 3-4 celebration in Towle Park.

Fowler said she did not know if the additional money will be necessary, but said she wanted to have it available, if needed, in putting on the annual event.

Fowler also said donations are being accepted to help underwrite $8,200 for the cost of fireworks.

She also reported that a church or other organization is needed to sponsor the prayer breakfast that annually kicks off the festivities in Towle Park.

This year's celebration will also include a hot air balloon rally Tuesday, July 3, at Winston Field.

Fowler also reported that 23 vendors have signed up for the park area and reservations for the inside craft show may be made by calling 573-3558.

Attending were Hartman, Jeffrey Martin, Carl Burleson, Jack Whitworth, Mike Rodriquez, Mike Thornton, Paula McWilliams and Melissa Jones. Fowler and Sandra Barboza represented the chamber staff.

Brian Brisendine joins SDN staff

Brian Brisendine, a Brownfield native and May graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, is the newest addition to the Snyder Daily News staff.

Brisendine, 21, joins the SDN staff as a general assignment reporter. In addition, Brisendine is a management trainee for the Roberts Publishing group of newspapers of which the Snyder Daily News is a member.



Brian Brisendine

"Brian is the first official management trainee in the Roberts organization, and we're delighted that the Snyder Daily News was selected as the place for him to work and to be exposed to the business side of the newspaper business," said SDN publisher Roy McQueen.

Brian's father, Lynn Brisendine, is the publisher of the Brownfield News, a semi-weekly newspaper that also is part of the Roberts Group.

"I've known Brian a long time and watched him grow up in the Texas Press Association family," McQueen said. "He worked for his dad in high school, worked at United in Brownfield and then was employed by the Canyon News while obtaining his degree at West Texas A&M."

Brisendine will eventually fill the news writing slot held by Joyce May, a Snyder native and May graduate of Western Texas College, who plans to transfer to the University of Texas this fall to continue her work on a journalism degree.

"While Brian's primary duties will be that of a news reporter, it will be our responsibility at the SDN to introduce him to all the other departments of the newspaper," McQueen added. "And should a management position come open in our organization, it is the plan that Brian would be ready to step in and hit the ground running."

Brisendine is a 1997 graduate of Brownfield High School and played on the Cubs' golf team.

At West Texas A&M, Brisendine earned his bachelor's degree in journalism. In addition to his work at the Canyon News, he worked on the school newspaper, The Prairie.

Brisendine's wife, Susan, is a native of Perryton and also is a graduate of West Texas A&M. Last year, she was a kindergarten teacher at Highland Park Elementary near Amarillo.

WTC to speed up registration process

In the interest of convenience and service to students, Western Texas College will be piloting a one-stop registration process for the first time this summer.

Instead of the building-to-building gauntlet that has been faced by students in the past, WTC will move all departments related to registration to the college gym floor. The new method is designed to both physically and administratively guide students in a systematic process. In order to register for summer classes, students will enter the south door of the gym and follow the tables, including a section for advisors, to the north door. In doing so, they will have access to everyone involved in registration process in the same building.

Jim Clifton, dean of student services, said the summer registration is a trial run for the fall semester registration and will be used to identify problems and reduce time and confusion in the overall process. "Registering for college can be the first trial a student faces when leaving high school," he said. "Even with repeated exposure to the process, it can still be cumbersome and confusing. This move is designed to make it easier on the students and the staff of the college."

Registration for summer classes begins next Tuesday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A cat may have nine lives, but a bullfrog croaks every time."

There was a contest among students for "the worst analogy" ever written in an essay by high school English students.

The following are some of the best — or worst — contributions.

—His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.

—His hair glistened in the rain like nose hair after a sneeze.

—He spoke with the wisdom that can come only from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at solar eclipse without one of those boxes.

—The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

—From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and "Jeopardy" comes on at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30.

—Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the center.

—Bob was as perplexed as a hacker who means to access T:/flw.quid55328.com/aaakk/ch@ung but gets T:/flw.quidaaak/ch@ung by mistake.

—He was as tall as a 6-foot-3-inch tree.

—Her date was pleasant enough, but she knew that if her life was a movie, this guy would be buried in the credits as something like "Second Tall Man."

—Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 p.m. at the speed of 34 mph.

—They lived in a typical suburban neighborhood with picket fences that resembled Nancy Kerrigan's teeth.

—John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never meet.

—The red brick wall was the color of a brick-red Crayola crayon.

—Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

They must be all budding newspaper types.

Trial starts in Snyder man's death last year

SWEETWATER - A man charged with the slaying of a Snyder resident in the parking lot of Sweetwater's K-Mart store on April 2, 2000 went on trial this morning in Nolan County's 32nd District Court.

Torivio Zapata, 40, is accused of shooting George Larralde twice with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol and could face a life sentence if convicted of the first-degree murder charge. The minimum amount of time he faces is five years. He also could be assessed a fine not to exceed $10,000.

Some 125 prospective jurors were called this morning to Judge Glen Harrison's courtroom.

Nolan County assistant district attorney Ann Reed is prosecuting the case, and Kenneth Maxwell of Sweetwater is defending Zapata.

Zapata has been free on bond since shortly after the shooting.

Area sales tax rebates

City	May '01	May '00	+/-	Year '01	Year '00	+/-
Abilene	$2,622,564	$2,516,799	4.20%	$10,794,528	$10,561,433	2.20%
Big Spring	$438,378	$357,376	22.66%	$1,616,615	$1,522,420	6.18%
Colorado City	$41,740	$44,808	-6.84%	$183,418	$188,477	-2.68%
Lamesa	$105,961	$86,836	22.02%	$386,429	$376,483	2.64%
Lubbock	$2,913,598	$2,568,571	13.43%	$12,165,649	$11,633,884	4.57%
Post	$28,959	$25,514	13.50%	$118,442	$110,195	7.48%
Roby	$3,261	$5,258	-37.97%	$10,705	$13,737	-22.07%
Rotan	$18,173	$15,671	15.96%	$58,866	$56,312	4.53%
Snyder	$130,343	$142,540	-8.55%	$603,650	$614,635	-1.78%
Sweetwater	$224,198	$199,865	12.17%	$789,792	$809,406	-2.42%

SALES TAX REBATES — The sales tax rebate to the City of Snyder for the month of May is down 8.55 percent compared to the same month in 2000. Snyder's check is $130,343 compared to $142,540 last May. The month's sales tax rebates represent taxes collected in March and reported to the comptroller in April.

ASK US

Q—When is the sales tax holiday?

A—The holiday is held the first weekend in August. This year it will be Aug. 3-5.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 69 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 46; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low mid 50s, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, warmer, high upper 80s, SW wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear, low upper 50s.



Fransisco Fonseca
Warmer

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Of 141 days in 2001, the sun has shone 129 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.

—John Wooden

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Girl leaves hospital

LAREDO (AP) — After nine days in a hospital, a 12-year-old Mexican girl has been released to her parents' care.

Officials declined to release her name, but said she is staying with her parents at a Laredo residence. Mexican consul David Hernandez Joseph said Monday.

Officials said the girl came to Laredo in October from rural Veracruz in hopes of a better life than her impoverished parents could provide.

A Mexican citizen and longtime Laredo resident lured the girl with promises of earnings in dollars and new clothes in exchange for housework and childcare, police and the consulate said.

Police found her shackled hand-and-foot on May 12 in the walled back yard of a residence. She was near starvation and showed signs of being beaten, police said.

"She's improving physically, but she is still going to need some outpatient care," Hernandez said.

A pediatrician treating the girl said she needs continued physical and psychological treatment, but is able to travel.

The girl told police that the woman who hired her turned abusive in mid-March and forced her to stay in the back yard with the family's German Shepherd. The girl said the woman sprayed her face with water and mace to prevent her from sleeping.

Police said by the time they found her, the girl had been gagged and without food or water for three days, left in a 3-foot-square space while bound hand-and-foot with steel chains and padlocks.

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We enjoyed sharing our hobby with the community. We look forward to more tractors next year.

Bobby Grice and Darren Brooks



Dale Huff
Minister

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Today...

It is a philosophy and an attitude that some people learn. The press of a problem may force us to learn the lesson. It might be the need to be more effective in our work or our family that helps us to understand this truth. It is also possible to just learn it in the course of living daily life. Whatever way we come by the idea, it is a helpful thing to understand this:

Right now, today, is the only time I
have for sure. I need to live today
for God and take advantage of the
opportunities He has given me!

Today is it. Whatever I need to do that is really important, I need to do it today. Tomorrow is a new day with new opportunities, but today is the day I need to act. We need to live today without borrowing trouble from tomorrow. Jesus said:

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:34

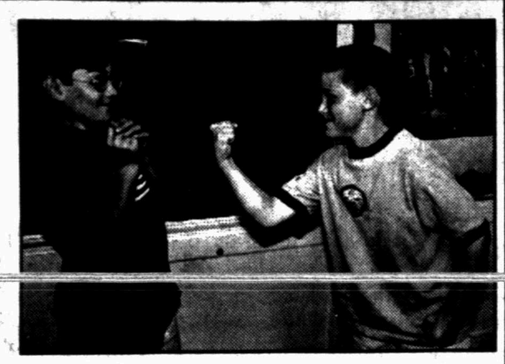
Not only should we not worry about tomorrow, we should not live in the failures or successes of the past. Today is the opportunity that I have. Living in the past can simply paralyze us with remorse and regret, or it can cause us to rest in the glories and successes of bygone days. The apostle Paul had both great success as a missionary and horrible deeds as a persecutor of the church in his past. He wrote:

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind
and straining toward what is ahead, I press
on toward the goal to win the prize for which
God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13, 14

Living today for God is a powerful principle. One day at a time is the way we need to live life. If we do, we can handle life's problems and seize its opportunities.

Dale Huff

Third graders role-play ways to deal with being bullied





ROLE PLAYING — These Central third graders are not really bullying each other. They are role-playing a guidance lesson, which deals with how to handle bullying situations, without using aggression. Shane Hicks, right, pretends to bully Michael Strong in the top photo. In the bottom photo, David Sosa, seated role-plays a child being bullied. Students role-playing making fun of him are from left, Michael Strong, Alex Hernandez, J.S. Arellano, Shane Hicks. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Third grade students spent the latter part of the 2000-2001 school year learning ways to deal with bullying.

At the request of Pam Hart, principal, school counselor Peggy Williams designed a classroom guidance lesson in which students role-played a pretend situation in which a student acted out his anger by intimidating his more vulnerable classmates.

Williams said the program is designed to deal with bully-victim problems and other forms of peer conflict. Role-playing is used to generate and evaluate solutions and to switch to an alternate solution when one doesn't work.

Using assertive body language, ignoring bullying behavior, responding in a non-provocative manner, and seeking support from peers and adults are viable options, which allow victims to face up to provokers without retaliation through aggression.

As a result of violence at schools throughout the nation, Hart and other SISD administrators became concerned enough to seek to develop ways to prevent such incidents from occurring in Snyder.

Hart asked Williams how they could help equip Central third graders with the knowledge and skills for resolving conflicts in a peaceful manner.

Because many of the school shooters in recent months had been victims of bullying, Hart and Williams wanted to develop a program to be implemented next school year that would help to make Central Elementary "bully-free."

C-City teen battling cancer getting ready for graduation

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Walking across the stage at graduation is a special occasion for high school students, but for Dylan Slater it is a miracle.

Dylan is not your typical senior. Diagnosed in April 1996 at age 12 with naso-pharyngeal carcinoma, he has spent most of the past five years in and out of hospitals.

In late October 1998, Dylan underwent a 22-hour surgery at Dallas' Children Medical Center to remove the cancer from his nasal passages and throat. He has been cancer-free since.

The 17-year-old will graduate Friday from Colorado High School in Colorado City.

His mother, Rhonda Roark, is a 1978 graduate of Snyder High School and is a nurse at Mitchell County Hospital.

She said Dylan has been able to take on most of the normal activities of a teen since his recovery.

"He drives, he's going to school and he works," she said.

Dylan has a paid job at his school working with computers. After graduation, he plans to attend Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater for a computer networking degree.

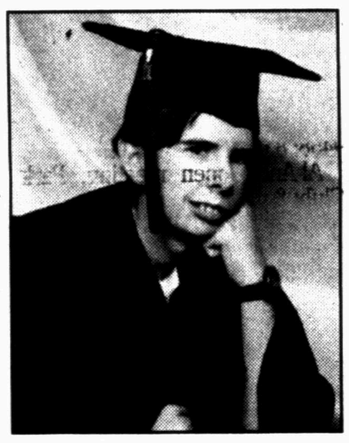
He recently was awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas.

Dylan was experiencing blurred vision a few weeks ago and on May 11 underwent laser surgery on his left eye.

Rhonda said he is in good spirits, but he does get tired easily. "He went to the prom, but he left early because of the noise."

She explained that Dylan's left ear was sewn shut during his surgery and that he cannot filter noise.

Dylan will turn 18 on June 21. The family hopes this birthday will be spent at home. "Most all of his birthdays have been either in Dallas getting scans or in the hospital. On his 17th birthday, he was in the emergency room all day with a migraine."



Dylan Slater

The family feels fortunate.

"They treated two other children with the same cancer and they didn't make it," Rhonda said. "It is a common cancer in China, but very rare in children in the United States. His was in a stage four when found."

Dylan underwent chemotherapy and radiation in April 1996 when the cancer was first found.

"The one place they were watching wasn't growing, so they assumed it was scar tissue," his mother said.

However, in September 1998, a scan came back showing that the cancer was still there.

"That's when they said, 'Dylan, you can go home and die, or there is a surgery we might can do if we can find the doctors,'" Rhonda said.

Dylan chose the surgery, but it took a month to find the surgeons who would perform such a high-risk procedure.

"They told us he could stroke or die on the table, but Dylan wanted to do it. He said he'd die without it."

Rhonda said that up until about six months ago Dylan suffered daily from nausea and vomiting.

"The doctor said he'd probably be like that the rest of his life because of cutting the vagus nerve, which helps with the emptying of the stomach," she said. "But he's doing well and feels good most of the time."

Dylan's dad is J.D. Slater of Snyder. He has two brothers, Colby of Snyder and Nathan of Colorado City.

His grandparents are Dewey McAnear of Colorado City, formerly of Snyder, and J.W. and Evelyn Slater of Colorado City.

His aunt, Kay Porter, also lives here.

Rhonda's husband, Steve, is a radiographer for Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Ford Explorer recall latest blow for firm

DETROIT (AP) — With Ford announcing another tire recall, analysts who follow the automaker said the company has taken a major hit, in confidence and prestige.

While bidding to make last summer's Firestone tire recall a faded memory, Ford said Sunday it's recalling more than 50,000 2002 model-year Explorers and Mountaineers, this time over concerns that tires accidentally may have been cut by a narrow assembly line.

Though Ford said the tires involved are Goodyear and Michelin brands — not Firestones — some analysts term the recall an embarrassing setback for Ford and its cash-cow Explorer, for 11 years the nation's top-selling SUV.

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Fundraiser for St. Jude slated June 2

The Snyder "Wheels for Life" bike-a-thon, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will be held June 2 at Towle Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local coordinators Judy and Jerry Hembree said that walkers and rollerbladers are also welcome to the event, which is for all ages.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to support the community effort.

Four-year-old Macarena Ottogalli represents all of the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's research.

Macarena was only three-months-old when she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Since the tumor was discovered early, Macarena's chances of survival are good. She has been in remission for two years and has returned home to Argentina.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas.

The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood.

For more information, contact Judy or Jerry Hembree at 574-1518.

Date Book

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Today is the 142nd day of 2001 and the 64th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1884, Commodore Shufeldt of the U.S. Navy signed a commercial treaty with Korea.

On this day in 1961, the first revolving restaurant in the United States was dedicated. It was installed at the top of a 600-foot tower at the Century 21 Exposition in Seattle, Wash.

On this day in 1993, Johnny Carson, Ed McMahon and Doc Severinsen retired from the "Tonight Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner (1813-1883), composer; Mary Cassatt (1844-1926), artist; Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), writer; Al Simmons (1902-1956), baseball great; Laurence Olivier (1907-1989), actor; Charles Aznavour (1924-), singer, is 77; Richard Benjamin (1938-), actor-director, is 63; Susan Strasberg (1938-1999), actress; Morrissey (1959-), singer, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Janet Guthrie became the first woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent." — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Only one baseball player besides Nolan Ryan had more than one of the major-league teams he played for retire his number: Carlton Fisk (Boston Red Sox, No. 27; Chicago White Sox, No. 72).

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LEADERSHIP CAMP — Snyder Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Camp began Monday. They visited the Collier Dairy and areas around the square including the White Buffalo statue at the courthouse. Attending were Stetson Kinchloe, Richard Grice, Dayton Grice, Will Stewart, Ashley Rodriquez, Shelby Grice, Jorden Derryberry, Tyler Driggers, Jarrod Fletcher, Riley Raschke, Blane Knipe, Briana Rose, David Strayhorn and Elenor Ashley. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



ALTRURIAN PROGRAM — Jackie and Valarie Greene presented the program for Altrurian Daughters Study Club's last meeting of the club year. Jackie read his Western poetry and they presented songs accompanying themselves with guitar and fiddle. Hostesses Jo Ann Littlepage and Jo Ann Peek, right, welcomed them. Altrurian Daughters will resume meetings in September. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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.

Couple wed in mine

VULCAN, Mich. (AP) — Will you be mine in a mine?

That's what Ted Jonas asked Pam Woodcock when he proposed getting hitched in Iron Mountain Iron Mine, a popular tourist attraction. She agreed.

So with 600 candles as a backdrop and several bats flying over head, the couple exchanged wedding vows over the weekend in front of about 10 witnesses.

"It was really great, really inspiring," said Salvation Army Capt. David Houser, who married Jonas and Woodcock.

The Bay City couple chose the location in memory of the groom's parents, who took him to the mine when he was a kid. "We used to go camping all over, but of all the places, that's the only one that stuck in my memory," he said.

The bride said she didn't at all mind marrying in a mine.

"He kept it a secret from me. I was really surprised, and I was very glad when I found out his plans," she said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Bride sends checks to guests whose gifts don't measure up

DEAR ABBY: "Ticked Off in Connecticut" asked if anyone could top the account of the nervy mother who purchased shower gifts for her daughter and asked the guests to pay for what she had purchased. Well, I can. I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from "Vic and Betty" to a guest they invited to their wedding. (Betty's third, incidentally.)

"Dear Dick and Fran: Enclosed is a check for $30 for the salt and pepper shakers, which we returned today. At the time we didn't know who could have sent such a gift.

"Vic thought it was someone from down South who is not coming to the wedding. This evening we found the card and realized they came from you.

"Since you think so little of us, please do us the courtesy of NOT attending our wedding or reception. — Vic and Betty"

Abby, when my friend — who was with Fran when she purchased the salt and pepper shakers for the couple — saw the letter, she couldn't stop laughing and sent that nervy communique to me. Funny? If you want to verify this, I'm enclosing Fran's phone number. I just told her I'm sending the letter to you. **— STILL LAUGHING, SHORT HILLS, N.J.**

P.S. Another "guest" received a similar request not to attend, along with a refund check for $75 for the gift she had sent.

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: You may be laughing, but I'm wincing. A wedding invitation is supposed to be sent by the happy couple to special people with whom they would like to share this important rite of passage. That the invitation would be rescinded because the couple considers a wedding gift not lavish enough is appalling bad manners.

Nowhere is it written that a wedding gift must be as expensive as the cost of the catered dinner, although I have received letters from dissatisfied newlyweds complaining that they didn't "make back" the cost of the wedding. No one should spend more on a wedding gift than he or she can comfortably afford. Perhaps those who think of a wedding as a fund-raiser should consider charging admission. (Only kidding!) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: So you think you've seen it all? Allow me to share the flier we received from my husband's cousin:

"In honor of 'Desiree's' first birthday, we are setting up an education fund to pay for her college expenses, etc., and we're asking for your help. Our goal is to invest at least $2,000 on her behalf. We'll keep a list of everyone who contributes and have Desi write a periodic letter to each of you letting you know what's new in her life. (She'll do it whether Daddy has to put his foot down or not!) She needs to know how many people loved her the day she was born, and this will be a small thank-you on her part.

"Send contributions to our address. **— DESI'S PROUD PARENTS**

"P.S. Desiree is also registered at Toys 'R' Us and Target!"

So, Abby, how would you respond to this? **— FUMING IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FUMING: Since the invitation came from out of state and there's no chance you'll be attending the birthday party, send your regrets and a nice card commemorating the happy event.

P.S. When will people learn that it is crass and impolite to ask for money? The subject of money should be brought up only in response to the question: "What does the baby (or bride) need (or prefer)?" No reference to money should appear on any invitation.

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

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Why are there so many errors?

By Phillip Alder

The leading publisher of bridge books in North America is Master Point Press. However, I wish it would employ a decent editor and proofreader. The books are littered with printing errors, and "Playing With the Bridge Legends" by Barnet Shenkin also contains several factual mistakes. For example, the 1977 European Championships were held in Elsinore, not Copenhagen. And the Junior European Championship in Delft was in 1992, not 1990.

Despite these defects, and that some of Shenkin's prose would have benefited from editing, the book is an enjoyable read, with several excellent deals.

Shenkin, a Scotsman who now lives in Boca Raton, Fla., did well on this deal in a 1977 match between England and Scotland. How would you declare six spades after West starts with two top diamonds?

The plan is to get home if either hearts or clubs break well, not to put all one's eggs into the club basket.

After ruffing the second diamond, Shenkin cashed the spade ace, played off dummy's two top hearts, and ruffed a heart with his spade 10. When all followed, he led a club to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart with the spade king, drew trumps, and cashed the established heart eight. Shenkin's 12 tricks were four spades, three hearts, two clubs, and three ruffs — two hearts and one diamond — in hand.

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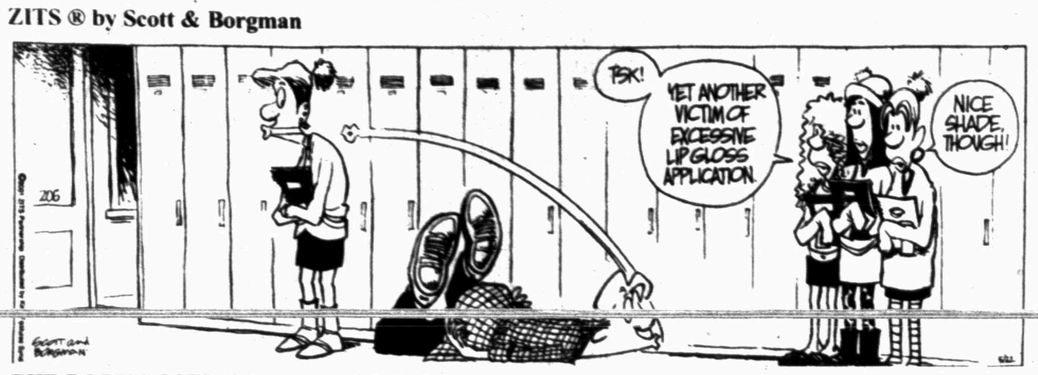
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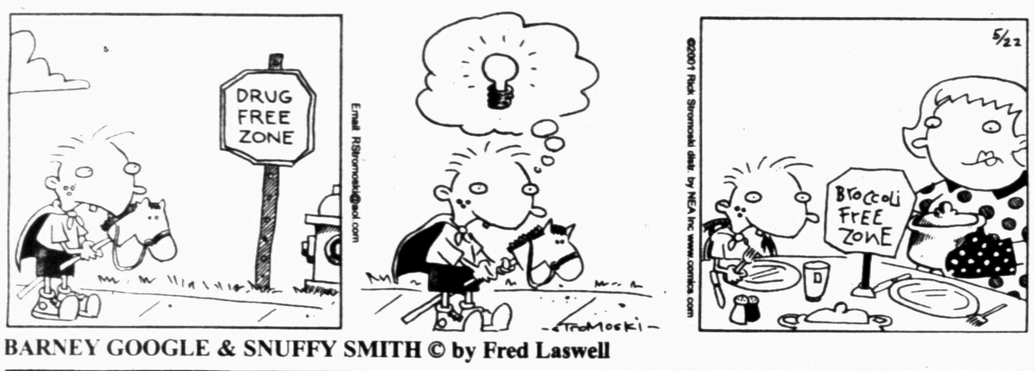
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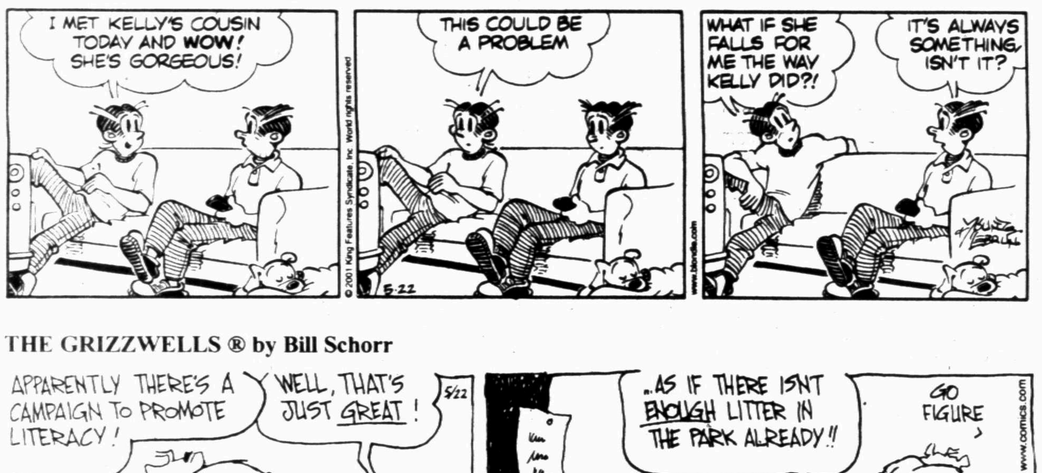
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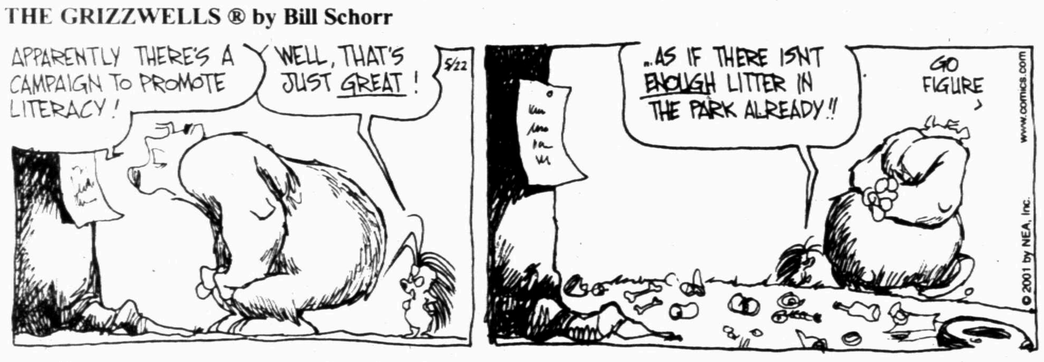
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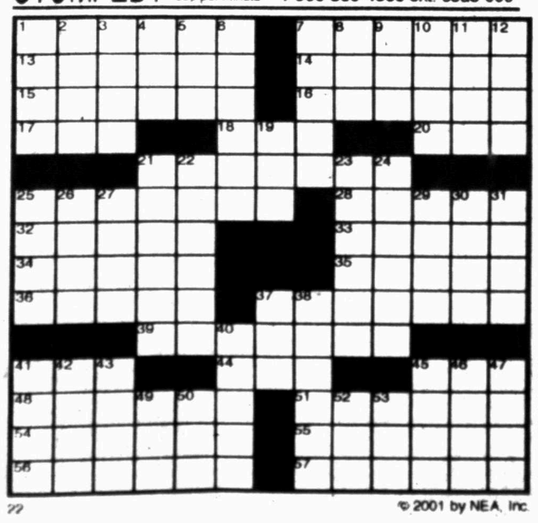
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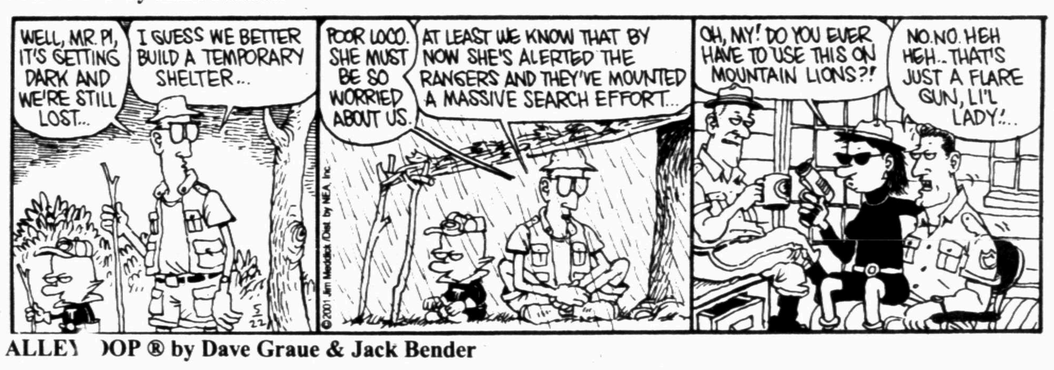
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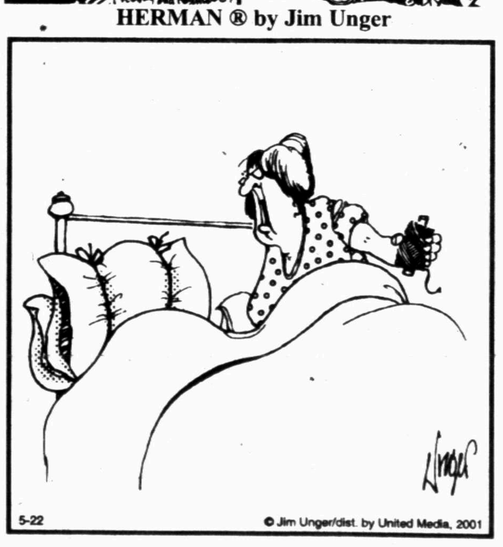
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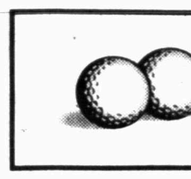


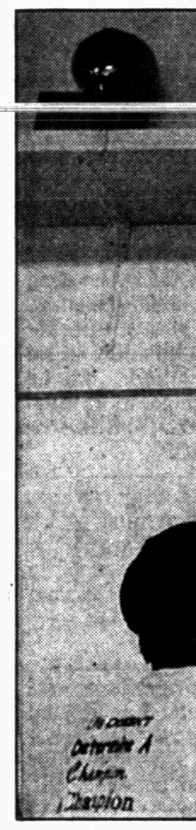
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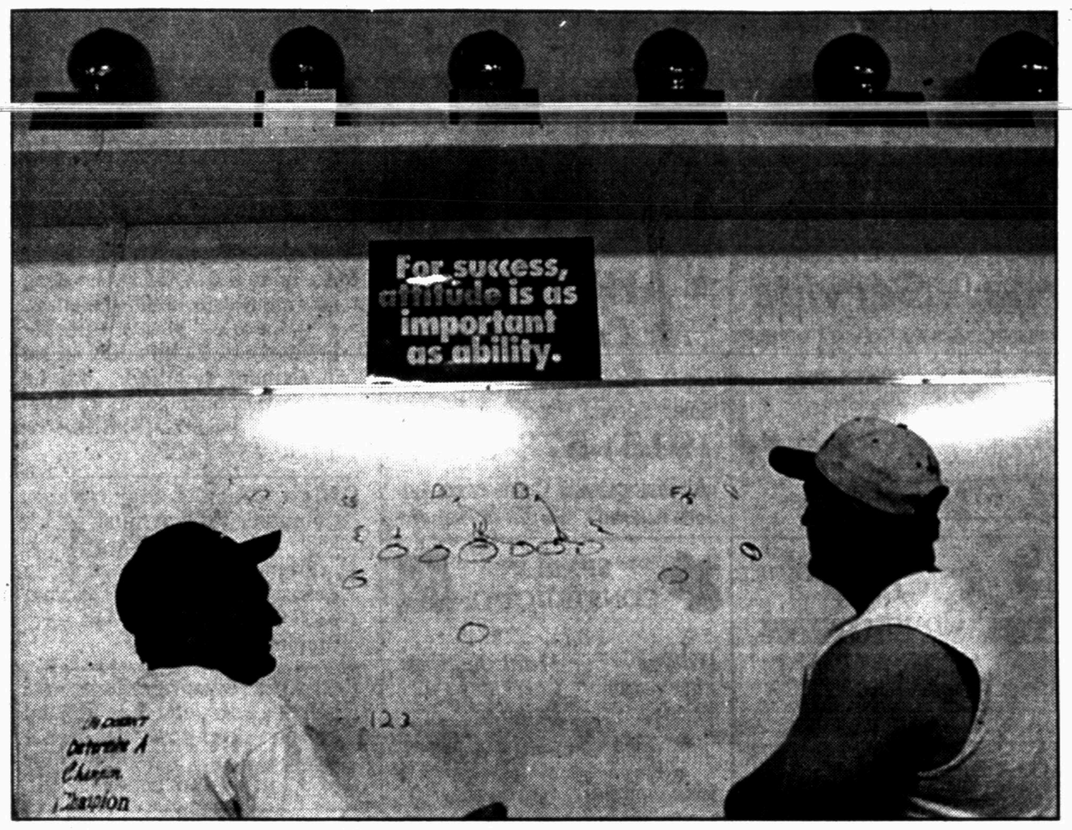
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SPORTS



NEXT YEAR'S STRATEGY — Snyder High School football coaches Chad Rogers, left, and Chris Henson draw plays in the Tigers' new film room. The new facility, formerly an old junior varsity dressing room, was renovated and will host booster club meetings starting next year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lakers seize control of series with 88-81 win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — So much for the great playoff showdown between the past two NBA champions.

The Los Angeles Lakers are doing the same thing to mighty San Antonio that they did to Portland and Sacramento.

In a game slowed to the pace the Spurs love, with Shaquille O'Neal having a miserable offensive night and Kobe Bryant a mere mortal, the Lakers still won 88-81 Monday night.

That makes 17 victories in a row, nine in the playoffs. It's the best postseason run since the Lakers went 11-0 in 1989 before being swept by Detroit after Magic Johnson and Byron Scott were hurt.

"We're feeling real good about ourselves," Bryant said.

Los Angeles headed home with a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals and can make it a clean sweep into the finals with victories at the Staples Center Friday night and Sunday.

Coach Phil Jackson wasn't around to see the latest triumph. He was thrown out after drawing two technicals in a five-minute span in the third quarter. His departure wound up being the turning point.

"In some ways that really took the chains off ourselves," Derek Fisher said. "Our coach was gone and everything seemed to be going their way. So we just decided at that point to let it all go and just play this out from that point on."

After that the Lakers' shots fell, the Spurs' shots clanged off the rim.

"Sometimes it's a simple game," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "It comes down to being able to put the ball in the hole. We just could not get a shot to fall."

The Lakers, down by 14 points in the first half, overcame a career playoff-high 40 points by Tim Duncan, thanks to strong contributions from their role players, especially Fisher, who was 4-for-4 from 3-point range and scored 16 points.

Bryant followed his 45-point performance in Game 1 with 28 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:10 to play that put Los Angeles ahead 85-78 after San Antonio had played far better than it had in the Lakers' 104-90 romp in Game 1.

"It was fun," Bryant said. "We were challenged."

Duncan grabbed 15 rebounds for the Spurs, while Antonio Daniels added 24 points, a career playoff high. Both were perfect from the foul line — Daniels 12-for-12 and Duncan 9-for-9.

But Duncan's twin tower, David Robinson, struggled though a foul-plagued night trying to guard O'Neal. Robinson, who drew his third and fourth fouls in a one-second span in the third quarter, had seven points and nine rebounds in 27 minutes.

"With the two of us in there, it puts pressure on them," Robinson said. "With one of us out there, it puts a lot of pressure on Tim."

San Antonio struggled from long range for the second straight game. The Spurs made just 4-of-16 3-point attempts, 1-of-6 in the fourth quarter, after going 5-for-15 in Game 1. San Antonio had shot 42 percent on 3-pointers in the first two rounds.

O'Neal had 19 points, 11 below his playoff average, and 14 rebounds.

Strength camp scheduled at Snyder High

Local athletes can stay in shape over the summer by taking part in the Snyder Tiger Strength and Conditioning Camps.

Camps will run June 4-29 and July 2-31 at the SHS field house. Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will begin workout at 7:30 a.m., followed by incoming 7th-9th graders starting at 10:30.

Camp coaches will be Nathan Martinez and Tremaine Johnson. Cost is $25 per session, or $40 for both. For more information, call the SHS field house at 574-6039, or come by the field house and speak with Chad Rogers, Chris Henson or Charlie Bollinger.

Field set for NCAA tourney

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

The road to the College World Series will be cluttered with Southeastern Conference teams.

The SEC had a tournament-record eight teams selected Monday by the NCAA's Division I college baseball committee. Defending champion Louisiana State, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee are all in this year's 64-team tournament, which starts Friday.

"It takes a lot of guts from the committee to do that," Mississippi coach Mike Bianco said.

Next with five teams was the Big 12, with Nebraska, looking to make its first trip to the College World Series, Baylor, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas Tech.

"The committee has no limits on the number of teams we can take from a conference," committee chairman Wally Groff said. "We just want to get the best teams in there."

Cal State-Fullerton, selected as the top seed for the tournament, beat Southern California 11-5 for the national championship when it was the No. 1 seed in 1995.

"In selecting the No. 1 seeds, we had 18 teams on the board to choose from," Groff said. "We discussed the merits of all the teams and put in secret ballots to choose the top seeds."

Cal State-Fullerton (41-15) was the top seed despite Miami being ranked No. 1 in all three national polls this week. The Titans swept a three-game series with the Hurricanes this season, and Groff said Cal State-Fullerton's 27-11 non-conference record was the best in the country in terms of winning percentage.

The Titans will play host to Temple, making its first tournament appearance since 1984, on Friday in the first round of the double-elimination tournament that leads to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Texas Tech and Arizona State also will play in the regional at Cal State-Fullerton, where the Titans were 22-9 this season.

The other seeded teams are Miami (44-12), Southern California (39-17), Stanford (42-14), Tulane (50-10), Georgia (41-18), East Carolina (44-11) and Nebraska (45-14).

Boys Club plans festivities

The Boys and Girls Club kicks off it summer program Friday with a block party at the athletic field behind the club. Activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Volleyball, flag football, sack races, stilt races, tee-ball home run contests and water games will all be held.

All incoming first through 12th graders are welcome, and competitors will be grouped by grade. Entry fee is five cents per contest, with prizes awarded to the top two finishers.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided. Special one-day memberships to the Boys and Girls Club are available for $7.50.

Reed records hole-in-one

Snyder High School junior Brady Reed recorded his first hole-in-one recently at the Western Texas College course.

Reed used a 7-iron to ace the 172-yard sixth hole.

Witnesses to the accomplishment were Mel, Sheryll and Wendy Reed.

Playoffs continue at Moffett

Moffett Field will host a pair of regional semifinal baseball playoffs this week.

Action gets underway at 7:30 Thursday when Iowa Park squares off with Monahans in a one-game Class 3A battle.

Iowa Park carries a record of 22-10, while Monahans sports a 19-11 mark. The winner advances to face either Perryton or Abilene Wylie in the regional finals.

Tahoka (19-10) and Olney (20-9) hit the field Saturday to resume a Class 2A series. The squads open their series Thursday in Abilene. Game 2 is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Moffett Field, with Game 3 to follow, if necessary.

The winner will meet Colorado City or Holliday in next week's regional finals.

Sports Briefs

Memorial Day tourney

The Memorial Day Scramble will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per player. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to sign up.

Volleyball tournament

A volleyball tournament to benefit SHS tennis player Horacio DePaz is scheduled for June 2 at Towle Park. Cost is $50 per team, and T-shirts will be awarded to the top two squads.

DePaz is raising money to participate in the People to People Sports Ambassadors Program tennis tournament in Australia. For more information, call 573-0889 or 573-5248.

Ira basketball camp

The Ira Bulldog Basketball Camp will be held June 12-15 from 9 a.m. until noon. All incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls are eligible, and cost is $40. To register, call Coach Bubba Edwards at 573-2227.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

Bonds ties record

PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Bonds tied the major league record with his eighth home run in five games, but San Francisco lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-2.

The homer, off Arizona's Curt Schilling, equaled the mark set by Frank Howard, who did it twice in 1968 with Washington. It also set the National League record held by Jim Bottomley (1929), Johnny Bench (1972) and Mike Schmidt (1979).

The seventh solo shot of Bonds' homer barrage also gave Bonds 23 homers in San Francisco's 44 games this season, marking the fastest any player has reached that total. Mark McGwire did it in St. Louis' 47th game during his record-setting 70-homer season in 1998.

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Houston	24	19	.558	1½
Chicago	23	20	.535	2½
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	2½
Cincinnati	19	24	.442	6½
Pittsburgh	15	27	.357	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	24	20	.545	—
Los Angeles	24	21	.533	½
San Diego	23	21	.523	1
San Francisco	23	21	.523	1
Colorado	22	22	.500	2

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Montreal 3
Atlanta 5, Florida 3
San Diego 7, Houston 6
Colorado 6, Los Angeles 3
Arizona 4, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta (Smoltz 0-1) at Florida (Smith 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gonzalez 1-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 4-3) at Houston (Elarton 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reith 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 6-2) at Milwaukee (Haynes 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-3) at Colorado (Neagle 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-2) at Arizona (Anderson 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Bell 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 5-2) at Colorado (Astacio 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 2-4) at Houston (Bottenfield 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-3) at Montreal (Thurman 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-4) at Florida (Burnett 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Olivares 2-4) at Philadelphia (Daal 5-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 6-2) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 0-3) at Arizona (Johnson 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	18	.581	—
New York	24	20	.545	1½
Toronto	23	21	.523	2½
Baltimore	20	24	.455	5½
Tampa Bay	12	31	.279	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	13	.690	—
Cleveland	28	13	.683	½
Detroit	20	21	.488	8½
Kansas City	17	27	.386	13
Chicago	14	28	.333	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	32	11	.744	—
Oakland	21	22	.488	11
Anaheim	20	23	.465	12
Texas	15	28	.349	17

Monday's Game

Toronto 10, Chicago White Sox 3

Tuesday's Games

Detroit (Weaver 3-5) at Cleveland (Colon 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-2) at Baltimore (Roberts 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 2-3) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-5), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 2-1) at Minnesota (Radke 7-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 3-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Garcia 4-0) at Minnesota (Milton 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 3-3) at Baltimore (Roberts 4-3), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Cone 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 2-2) at Cleveland (Finley 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wells 3-4) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Rose 0-2), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 0-2) at Kansas City (Durbin 2-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Here are a few things to pass the time while counting down the day until football begins.

Snyder High School coach Charlie Bollinger could hold out for more money if he wanted. He has leverage, because the faculty softball team would not be the same without him.

Bollinger, who pitched the Tigers to a state championship during his high school days, proved he hasn't lost a step during the faculty vs. student council softball game last week.

Bollinger gobbled up every thing in the field and hit a pair of home runs. He belted his second homer left-handed.

While the faculty squad edged out a victory over the student council, it didn't come easy. Here are a few things that were overheard in the faculty dugout.

—"I don't want to run, so I'm gonna try to hit a home run every time. That way I can just jog around the bases."

—"When you're having to watch the ball through bi-focals, it looks like it's moving around a lot."

—"Does anyone know if we have a batting order?"

—"We need another female outfielder, so one of you guys is going to have to either come out of the game, or get a quick operation."

—"Good. It looks like I won't have to bat again."

—"I think I've got sand in my sandal."

—"What are the rules for this inning?"

—"I made contact, so I was pretty pleased with my at-bat."

The next time the Tigers hit the hardwood against Frenship they'll be facing a new coach.

1991 Frenship graduate Jason Dear was named to succeed Grady Newton who resigned after 12 years at the helm of the FHS program.

Amarillo High coach John Smith and Hereford coach Randy Dean each turned down the job.

Fans attending Snyder football booster club meetings next year will enjoy the Tigers' new film room. An old junior varsity dressing room has been renovated and will be host to the club's meetings.

The room is complete with new paint, carpet, air conditioning, a pull-down projection screen, and plenty of seating.

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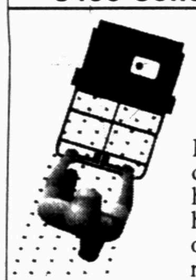
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Dairy producers like West Texas

HEREFORD (AP) — Long known for their crop and beef production, farmers in the Panhandle and High Plains have a newcomer in their midst: dairy producers.

In increasing numbers, Texas dairy farmers are looking west because of the drier climate and wide open spaces. Dairies in New Mexico and California also are eyeing the region as more stringent environmental regulations take hold in those states, officials said.

Dairies are here already but the industry likely will grow considerably in coming years, officials said.

"We welcome them up here," said Ralph Detton, a Texas Farm Bureau district director for 22 Panhandle counties. "It's economic development for us."

The state's dairy industry in past years has operated mostly in verdant East Texas and in Erath and Bosque counties west of Waco. But wet conditions and the environmental impact of manure and runoff into nearby rivers have created problems for dairy farmers.

West Texas' flat topography and dry climate, which aids swift evaporation, limit runoff, while aquifers are expected to meet the farmers' water needs, Detton said.

"Environmentally and geographically, conditions are better in the West Texas area, because in other areas it's wetter," said Paul Bronnenberg, with the milk division of the Texas Department of Health.

West Texas's aridity has another advantage for dairies, said Susan Tripplehorn, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, which like many other municipalities and counties is aggressively recruiting dairy operators.

"Even though we have hot temperatures, we have lower humidity, which doesn't stress the cows," she said. Less stress means greater milk production, Tripplehorn said.

Small dairies in the region are giving way to larger operations, officials said. In Hereford, a New Mexico dairy operator has begun construction on a farm that eventually will house 2,200 head and about 1,800 milkers, the Hereford Brand recently reported.

Estimates are that the dairy will add about $4 million to the tax base of Deaf Smith County, Don Cumpton, director of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation, told the newspaper.

Dairies also are on the horizon in Lamb, Bailey and Hutchinson counties, Cumpton said. The Hereford area already has two active dairies and Pampa has two, officials said.

Bees like honeymooners

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Everyone knows bees like honey. But what about honeymooners?

A swarm of bees invaded an empty passenger jet shortly before dozens of newlyweds were to board for a flight to a South Korean island popular among honeymooners.

There were no injuries.

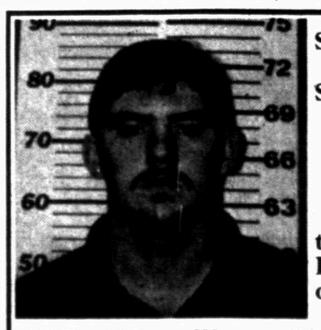
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NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
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AOL TimeWm	58.51	57.49	57.72	+ 1.12
AT&T Corp	21.50	21.31	21.49	—.42
Albertsons	29.49	29.21	29.41	—.19
Alltel	57.98	57.50	57.77	—.81
AmEl Pw	50.80	50.22	50.40	+ .09
AndarkPtr	68.50	67.40	67.50	—.98
ATMOS Egy	23.53	23.26	23.52	+ .01
Aviall	10.50	10.42	10.45	—.04
BP PLC	53.91	53.65	53.81	—.12
BakerHughes	41.12	40.50	40.50	—1.00
Bank of Amer	58.40	56.40	58.40	+ 1.91
BellSouth	41.90	41.59	41.59	—.36
Beth Steel	3.85	3.54	3.57	—.22
BurlNoSFe	33.20	32.88	32.95	—.45
Caterpillar	56.03	55.45	55.99	+ .29
Chevron	97.01	96.35	96.40	—.74
Citigroup s	52.30	51.65	52.27	+ .71
CocaCola	48.09	47.75	47.91	—.38
ColgatePal	57.20	56.65	57.08	—.52
ComclMetals	26.71	26.71	26.71	—.03
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EastmanChem	54.60	53.81	54.11	—.71
EstKodak	48.60	48.10	48.30	—.46
EDS Corp	65.00	64.06	64.46	—.21
Entergy	44.45	43.85	44.45	+ .74
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Goodrich	44.50	43.41	44.17	+ .76
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HarteHanks	25.35	25.20	25.26	—.09
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SouthernCo s	22.64	22.49	22.60	+ .07
SwstAirl s	18.94	18.64	18.73	—.08
SprintFON	21.00	20.33	20.45	—.43
SprintPCS	23.80	23.49	23.58	—.32
Sunoco Inc	42.10	41.65	41.85	—.25
TXU Corp	46.69	46.52	46.60	+ .36
TempleInland	55.65	54.70	54.75	—.90
Texaco	72.35	71.68	71.80	—.56
TexInd	33.49	32.00	33.49	+ 1.49
TexasInst	42.91	41.50	41.70	—.16
Textron	57.65	57.11	57.62	+ .11
TriconGlbR	43.15	42.95	43.13	+ .27
TrinityInds	23.23	23.10	23.20	—.18
TritonEngy	27.85	27.19	27.34	—.26
TylerTech	3.04	2.50	2.91	+ .36
USX-Marathn	33.73	33.10	33.15	—.29
USX-USS	20.97	20.29	20.55	—.31
UnionPacif	60.44	59.42	59.42	—1.17
UnitedTech	86.35	85.77	85.80	—.50
Unocal	39.78	39.36	39.50	—.47
Venator Grp	14.68	14.58	14.58	—.06
VerizonComm	54.65	54.07	54.27	—.40
WalMart	53.64	52.90	53.45	+ .25
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MAY 17, 2001

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

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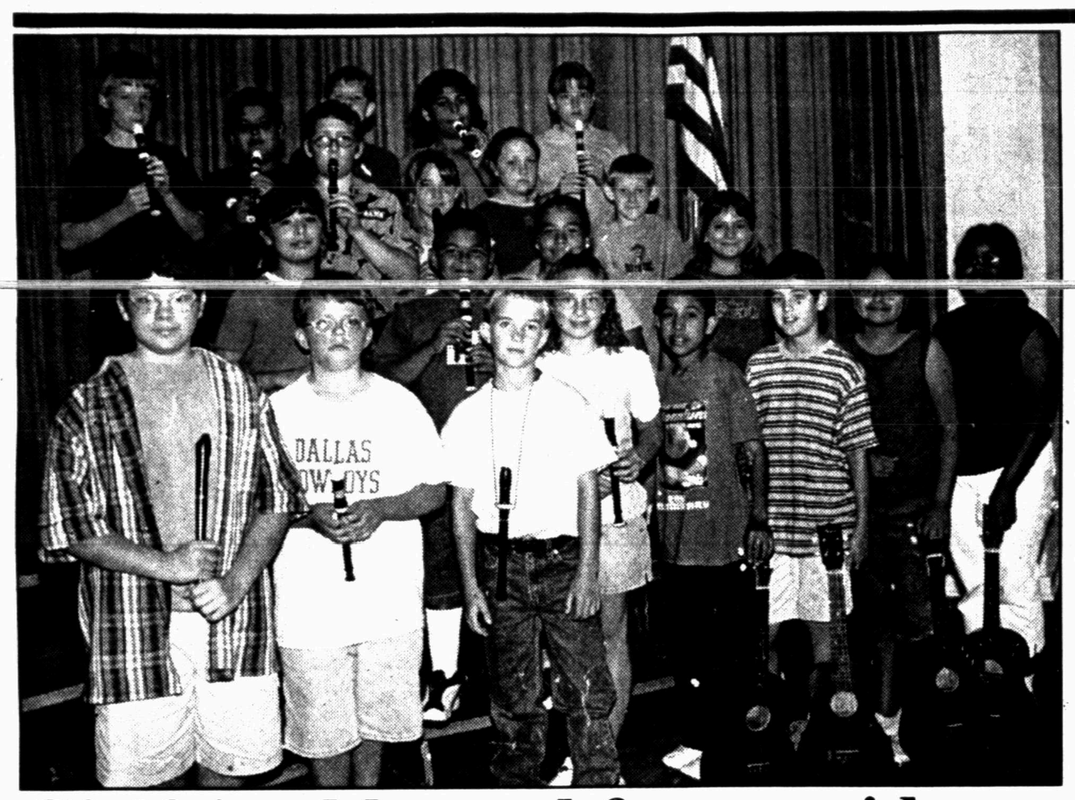
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(1) David Leon Wagner, Un hombre, 22 anos de edad, 2301 Ave. T, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor". La victima era nina de 14 anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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Girlfriend barred from residence

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has lost a round of his messy and highly public divorce from actress and TV personality Donna Hanover.

A judge ruled Monday that Giuliani's girlfriend, Judith Nathan, could not visit the official mayoral residence as long as Giuliani's children live there.

State Supreme Court Justice Judith Gische also rejected Giuliani's second attempt to obtain a gag order. She said she had no authority to stop either side from talking publicly, but added that "this does not preclude either of them from using good sense and personal restraint."

Giuliani and Hanover continue to live at Gracie Mansion with their children, Andrew, 15, and Caroline, 11. Hanover sleeps in the master bedroom of the 200-year-old, four-story residence, and the mayor sleeps in a guest room.

Gische said that if Nathan remains in Giuliani's life, it is inevitable that she and the children will meet. The judge gave Giuliani and Hanover 30 days to come up with an agreement on how the children and Nathan will be introduced.

"Donna is grateful for the court's decision to put the children's well-being first," said Hanover's lawyer, Helene Brezinsky.

Giuliani's lawyer, Raoul Felder, said Giuliani was gratified that the judge is providing "an opportunity to introduce his children to a person who shares and will share a great part of his life."

The mayor refused to comment.

Gische said Giuliani's reasons for wanting Nathan to visit the mansion are "strictly personal" and "there is no public or governmental interest served" by Nathan's presence at the mansion.

Felder had argued that the mansion — at least parts of it — were public, that Nathan had as much right to be there as anyone else.

Nathan has shown up at several public events with the mayor, including parades and receptions at the mansion.

Giuliani, who has been seeing Nathan for about two years, calls their relationship "adult" and "mature."

Style not glamorous

NEW YORK (AP) — "Pearl Harbor" actress James King used to be a model, but her personal style isn't exactly glamorous.

"When I wake up some days, I'll wear sweat pants and a hat, but now I'm really into cowboy boots and dresses. I'm always putting together things that shouldn't necessarily be together, and somehow they work," King, 22, says in the June issue of InStyle magazine.

As for her long, blond hair, "I don't wash it very much — about two times a week," she says.



SHARE THE MUSIC — Northeast Elementary students of Elizabeth Conger, Ann Uptergrove, Susan Scott and Triesta Lilly (music teacher) recently presented *Share the Music*. Mrs. Uptergrove's students (top left) are from left back row, James Hendricks, Ernesto Arellano, Derek Murphy, Jessica Sandoval, Brandy Stansell; third row, Morgan Moffett, Kayla Pittman, Kendra Tidwell, Cord Welsh; second row, Cassi Hernandez, Nathaniel Reyna, Mayra Estrado, Angel Ervin; bottom row, Ashlei Lopez, Trevor Emerson, Kaden Billingsley, Jordan Derryberry, Josh Ornelas, Anthony White, Michelle Arteaga, Marcy Carrillo. Susan Scott's students (top right) are from left back row, Christine Hernandez, Josie Torres, Whitney Jenkins, Raquel Ruiz, Kristen Miller, Adam Calvert, Taylor Groat; middle row, Lanxton Cole, D'Andrew Davis, Tiffany Gutierrez, Brianna Carey, Angela Almanza, Stephen Davidson; top row, Lucinda Guzman, Daniel Burk, Jacob Hinson, Michael Turner, Rebecca Juarez, Tonya Breedlove; Mrs. Conger's students (bottom right) bottom row from left, Joe Garza, James Simmons, Chris Richards, Gerek Preston, Ryan Gonzales, Robert Coble; row two, Megan Velasquez, Jessica Verduczo, Houston Flores, Aaren Walker; row three, Christian Tippens, Brittany Hernandez, Josh Ball, Jesse Garcia, Destiny Rylant; top row, Brad Ashworth, Layton Westmoreland, Kirstie Davis, Vallie Foreman, Cassie Cazarez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be watchful today so that someone who has a habit of saddling you with his or her responsibilities doesn't try to pull off something swift on you again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep your comments to yourself today, even if you think you have something helpful to say. Actually, friends prefer to feel that you accept them for what they are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Of course, you're not going to feel a sense of accomplishment today if you merely do what you can get by with. Your sense of responsibility will make you suffer guilt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Preach by doing today, instead of directing. The example you set will get your message across louder and better than anything you say. Besides, people turn a deaf ear to what they don't want to hear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you ask for more than what is commensurate to your input today, people will ask you to put more in the pot. Choose well before you start making demands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — After you've blamed your mate of doing something today, upon investigation, others will discover you were projecting your own behavior onto him or her. You won't like what they think of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep to yourself today the good things concerning your career. Someone who is jealous may try to upset your applecart by targeting the exact things you outlined.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your old standby friends might see you for who you really are today, but acquaintances who don't pump up your ego today might experience a different individual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You may be right, but if you get into a confrontation today with an individual who outranks you cloutwise, you'll lose the battle, as well as your pride.

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Monday highlights from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — With days dwindling along with money, budget writers are facing tough decisions: where to cut in the 2002-2003 spending plan now that the comptroller has lowered the revenue estimate.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has declared lawmakers will have $18 million less than expected to spend in the next biennium.

"This is obviously very important," House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said today. "There will be some contingency cuts and some contingency appropriations."

That means lawmakers will have to move some yet-to-be-determined items onto a list that only will be funded if the money is found in the future.

While slashing will likely come in bits and pieces from little-noticed areas of the budget, some of the session's top issues also could be in jeopardy of seeing funding cut or eliminated.

The conference committee planned to vote on the compromise bill Tuesday, Junell said.

DUMP DUMPED

A proposal to establish a low-level radioactive waste dump in West Texas was killed in a legislative committee, a move environmentalists praised today.

But Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, the bill's sponsor, said the action prevents the state from addressing its radioactive waste storage dilemma.

The measure received Senate approval earlier this month. But the House Calendars Committee voted 5-3 late Sunday not to send the bill to the House floor, effectively killing it this session.

An amendment added to the bill would have allowed U.S. Department of Energy waste to be accepted at a separate dump. Both dumps would have been operated by a private company, likely in Andrews County.

Duncan said the amendment added by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, that would have added the second dump may have led to the demise of the bill, as it has in previous legislative sessions.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

Another controversial Senate bill hasn't survived the House Calendars Committee.

The committee did not vote by Sunday night to send the proposed Defense of Marriage Act to the House floor. That effectively kills the bill this legislative session.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, sponsored Senate Bill 488. Supporters said it would have protected the traditional definition of marriage in Texas by prohibiting the state from recognizing same-sex civil unions, such as those created in Vermont.

The Free Market Foundation, which describes itself as a group dedicated to strengthening families, criticized House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, saying he worked to keep the bill from a House vote.

But Rep. Barry Telford, D-DeKalb, calendars chairman, said Laney does not interfere in his committee's business.

"Anybody who has followed this system knows that Pete Laney is the fairest speaker we have had in anybody's living memory, and for that bunch of ideologues to put out the trash that they put out is despicable," Telford said.

Telford noted that the House earlier this session approved an amendment to another bill that clearly stated that people in a same-sex civil union entered into in another state are not spouses in Texas.

CHARTER CONFERENCE

Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, rejected a Senate bill that would strip away the power the State Board of Education has to award charters to schools and give it to public universities.

Dunnam's original bill would ban new charter schools for two years while problems are cleaned up. It also would put more regulations on the public schools that are free from many state rules.

The Senate measure by Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, does not include the moratorium.

RACIAL PROFILING

The Senate has rejected House changes to a bill that would ban racial profiling by law enforcement officials. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies addressing racial profiling and equip patrol cars with video and audio equipment to help monitor traffic stops. Members of the two chambers will go to coference committee on the bill. The House and the Senate also will go to conference committee on a bill that would ban the execution of the mentally retarded.

MEDICAID

The House gave final approval to a bill that would make it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid. The measure heads back to the Senate, where sponsor Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, must decide whether to accept the House changes or work out a compromise before sending the bill to Gov. Rick Perry. The House also gave preliminary approval to a bill creating an advisory panel to study Medicaid rate disparities along the Texas-Mexico border.

MEDICAID FRAUD

The Senate approved a House bill designed to target fraud in the state's dental program for poor children. The measure would prohibit a dental service or product from being provided unless it is needed. Some dentists have been accused of filling children's mouths with unnecessary steel crowns in order to receive state payments. The bill goes back to the House.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

A sexual assault victim would be allowed to have a victim's advocate from a sexual assault program present when undergoing an intrusive forsenic medical examination relating to the investigation under a bill approved by the Senate. The sponsor of the bill, Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said that because sexual assault victims often feel a great sense of trauma, having a victim's rights advocate in the room would help them feel more comfortable. An amendment added to the bill would require the victim's advocate to undergo a sexual assault training program. The bill will go back to the House.

RECOMMENDED CURRICULUM

High school students would automatically be signed up for the middle of three levels of curriculum and could opt to the lower level with permission from their parents and others under a bill approved by the Senate. The provision was added to a school accountablity bill. Right now, students automatically are signed up for the lower curriculum level and can move up. The curriculum signup change would apply to students entering ninth grade in the 2004-2005 school year. The bill goes back to the House.

IN-STATE TUITION

Students who were born outside of the United States but graduated from a Texas high school would be eligible for in-state tuition for Texas public universities under a bill approved by the Senate. Under existing law, many children who are born outside of the United States but graduate from Texas highs schools are required to pay out-of-state tuition, which is higher than what students in Texas pay. To qualify for the lower tuition rate, the student would have had to lived in the United States for at least three years. The bill goes back to the House.

INSURANCE DRAFT

Copies of a draft teachers health insurance compromise bill were handed out to members of the Senate-House conference committee. House Education Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, told members to study the bill, which mostly mirrors the original House plan, and bring suggested changes to a meeting on Tuesday. The $1.28 million proposal has emerged as one of the session's top issues.

COAL COUNCIL

The Senate approved a House bill that would create the Clean Coal Technology Council. It would coordinate state agencies in studying and developing clean coal projects.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"He's slick enough to be a federal judge." — Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, about fellow Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo. There has been speculation that Junell, a Democrat, could be nominated for a federal judgeship.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Memory loss has many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I am only 65, I am concerned about my increasing loss of memory. Names are the worst. Is there medicine or a vitamin I can take, or is this problem hereditary?

DEAR READER: There are many causes of memory loss. Some are inherited and more serious than others; many are treatable. The normal aging process, for example, is associated with loss of short-term memory. This has been aptly termed the "benign forgetfulness of old age." It is probably due to age-related brain shrinkage and can be helped by memory cues, such as keeping lists.

On the other hand, some neurological afflictions — notably, Alzheimer's disease and mini-strokes — cause progressive and profound memory loss, as well as deterioration of other mental processes, including judgment. Finally, many medicines — for instance, those used to treat heart ailments — will contribute to forgetfulness, as will alcohol and tranquilizers.

Whether your memory loss requires attention and treatment is a decision best made by you and your doctor. Vitamins usually will not help, unless a vitamin deficiency is present. Medicine, such as aricept, may improve memory but results are inconsistent. Prescribed drugs that you may be taking will, perhaps, have to be changed or reduced.

Seek your physician's advice. He or she may choose to refer you to a neurologist if your memory deficiency is more serious than simple, age-related forgetfulness.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." 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: After having suffered a TIA about a year ago, my husband was prescribed daily aspirin. Now he's constantly cold and weak. He bruises easily. Could the aspirin be to blame? His doctor is no help at all and says it's my husband's decision to stop or continue.

DEAR READER: The purpose of the aspirin is to retard blood coagulation so that your husband will not suffer a future stroke from a blood clot. Coldness, weakness and bruising may indicate that either he is very sensitive to the effects of the aspirin (and his coagulation is too slow) or he may have become anemic from chronic, hidden intestinal blood leakage. These possibilities should be investigated. In addition, your husband should have further testing for a metabolic/vitamin deficiency. If the doctor is not inclined to be concerned, seek a referral to another physician who will be more helpful.

Symptoms such as those experienced by your husband should be addressed in any patient who is being treated for TIA (transient ischemic attack: a forerunner of stroke). I believe that before the physician leaves any therapeutic decisions to your husband, you both should have more information on which to base a judgment. A doctor should help you decide whether the symptoms are related to the primary condition, the aspirin, or some other problem that needs attention.

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Neiman Marcus to trim workers

DALLAS (AP) — Citing a recent slowdown in sales, Neiman Marcus Group Inc. has announced it will eliminate 190 full-time positions, a 1.5 percent reduction.

Last month, the upscale specialty retailer told Wall Street that it wouldn't meet estimates for its fiscal third quarter, which ended in April. Those results are scheduled to be released Wednesday.

Neiman Marcus Group is expected to earn 81 cents a share, according to a consensus of analysts polled by Thomson Financial/First Call. Neiman Marcus earned 94 cents a share in the year-ago quarter.

"Like many companies, the Neiman Marcus Group is taking steps to improve its operational efficiency after a slowdown in sales over the past few months," Burt Tansky, Neiman Marcus Group chairman and chief executive officer, wrote in a memo to employees. The announcement was made Monday.

The company has been cutting costs in recent months, but this is the first time it has cut jobs because of the current slowdown. April same-store sales increased 2.3 percent after the company stepped up its marketing events, but March sales were down 4.7 percent.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Only when you pretend to know something that you really don't will you get yourself into trouble today. Your little deception will be obvious to others and make you look foolish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If a deal has already been struck money-wise, don't attempt to get more out of it today. Things could quickly unravel themselves, and you may end up with nothing.

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Harris County deputy fatally shot

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County sheriff's deputy was killed this morning while responding to a family disturbance call in a neighborhood northwest of Houston.

Authorities were searching for an 18-year-old man believed responsible for killing Deputy Joseph Norman Dennis, 35.

Dennis was shot in the head about 7 a.m. and then was taken by helicopter to Houston's Memorial Hermann Hospital. He was pronounced dead about an hour later, sheriff's department spokesman Don McWilliams said.

Dennis, who became the third Harris County sheriff's deputy killed in the line of duty in the last seven months, had been a deputy for 13 years. His wife is also a deputy with the department. The couple has two children.

"The initial call was that an 18-year-old male had taken his sister's car (on Monday). The vehicle was damaged. He was described as being very high," McWilliams said.

McWilliams said he did not know if Dennis was shot as he tried to handcuff the man, but the officer's handcuffs and his handgun were missing.

"From what we understand the individual is armed with his own weapon and the deputy's weapon is missing," a grim-faced Sheriff Tommy Thomas said at the scene. "We can only assume he has the deputy's weapon."

The suspect who fled the scene was described as wearing a white T-shirt and might have one handcuff on his wrist. Officers searched the heavily wooded neighborhood house-by-house with guns drawn and with the help of dogs.

In December, Deputy Barrett Hill was shot and killed while pursuing a pair of auto theft suspects, also in northwest Harris County. In October, an apparently deranged retiree fatally shot Deputy J.C. Risley as he responded to a disturbance call at a northwest county home.

Another deputy was shot and critically wounded in August.

"These kinds of things are just devastating to an organization," McWilliams said. "At some point you just begin to wonder how much more of this there is going to be."

Top U.S. diplomat on way to Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush spoke today with Egypt's president and Jordan's king, receiving positive response on his decision to send a senior American diplomat to the Middle East on a mission to help end violence.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Middle East leaders viewed William Burns' Middle East assignment as a much-needed symbol of the administration's commitment to bringing peace to the region.

"The leaders viewed this as a special-status assignment and they're pleased," said the official, shortly after Bush's call to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah II of Jordan. Administration officials, facing questions at home and abroad about the level of U.S. involvement in the Middle East, have gone out of their way to show Bush's commitment to the region.

The calls came one day after Secretary of State Colin Powell picked up the pace of U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East, aiming first for an immediate halt to fighting between Israel and the Palestinians, then for "a cooling-off period and a process that leads to negotiations."

Powell directed Burns, a senior diplomat, to take immediate charge of the effort by holding talks with Israel on settlements and the Palestinians on a need for "an all-out effort to enforce a complete cessation of violence."

Unless there is some progress on persuading Israel to stop its settlement construction, "It is going to be very, very difficult to see how we get into a cooling-off period and a process that leads to negotiations," Powell said Monday.

While edging deeper into the Middle East morass, Powell offered no formula for peacemaking. First, he said, violence has to subside. He said, however, he would play "whatever role is most useful in moving this process of confidence-building along until we get to the point of negotiations."

In the meantime, Powell endorsed the report of a fact-finding commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell that recommended a halt to further settlement activity and urged Palestinian leaders to do more to suppress and denounce terrorism.

Mitchell pointed to a recent poll that 62 percent of Israelis believe Prime Minister Ariel Sharon should soften his position. And the former senator said "there hasn't been 100 percent effort" by Palestinian leaders to end the violence.

Jealousy blamed for deaths of 3 people

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The son of a Central Texas woman who police say shot herself after killing her husband and 11-year-old daughter says he might have been able to prevent the tragedy had he been in the home at the time.

Charles Reid, 41, was shot several times in the back Sunday evening in his mobile home, then stumbled out and collapsed in the street. He died at the scene.

His wife, 40-year-old Juanita Reid, held police at bay for more than eight hours, while police negotiated with her over the phone. Shortly after 2 a.m. Monday morning, SWAT teams entered the home and found her body and that of 11-year-old Tasha Reid. Both were shot in the head and chest.

"I wished I could have been there," said 22-year-old Charles Reid Jr., now left without a family. "(But) it doesn't matter. They're all gone."

The couple was in the process of finalizing their divorce, and Charles Reid was planning a July 7 wedding.

Charles Reid Jr. said he loved his mother, but that she was jealous and upset that his father was going on with life without her. He blamed her for the deaths.

"She's most definitely responsible," he said. "My mother was nothing but responsible."

He said his mother's temper was probably a factor.

"One minute she'd be cool," he said. "The next, she'd blow up for no reason."

Police said they hoped to save mother and daughter. But when they entered the house believing the woman was ready to surrender, they were met with the sound of a single gunshot.

Juanita Reid had shot herself in the chest. Police found Tasha Reid's body in a bedroom.

Police won't know how long Tasha Reid had been dead until after an autopsy, San Antonio Police spokesman Sgt. Gabriel Trevino said.

"We are assuming to this point that she was shot well prior to SWAT's entrance to the home," he said.

From family accounts, Charles and Juanita had a long and rocky relationship that began when they attended high school together.

The couple married in 1978 and moved to divorce in 1984. But their separation was temporary, and they remarried a year later. Charles Reid filed for divorce again late last year.

Charles Reid Jr. said his father "never raised a hand" to his mother.

A former Bexar County jail guard, Charles Reid worked for the past 11 years as an inspector for Wall Colmonoy Corp., a company that repairs commercial aircraft parts.

Juanita Reid's family said she worked at Methodist Healthcare System in the billing department.

The Lewis Funeral Home is handling funeral arrangements for the Reids. A memorial service is planned for Tasha and Charles Reid at noon Friday at Dellcrest Church of God and Christ. Services are still pending for Juanita Reid.

Obituaries

Dorothy Peterson

1929-2001

Dorothy Elizabeth Peterson of Hermleigh died Monday, May 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Peterson, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh. The Rev. Jim Townsend of Hamilton will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery, directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 22, 1929 in Roby, she married Max Dale Peterson on Oct. 1, 1947 in Dunn.

A resident of Scurry County ince 1947, she was a homemaker and a member of the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Henkell, and one son, Robert Weldon Peterson.

Survivors include her husband, Max Dale Peterson of Hermleigh; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Mark Heath of Arlington, Jean and John Floyd of Houston and Laurie and Barry Mayo of Midland; five sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Mary Peterson of Hermleigh, Danny and Grace Peterson of Jacksboro, Dale and Gail Peterson of Prosper, Tim and Mychelle Peterson of Winnsboro and David and Shey Peterson of North Richland Hills; three sisters, Maggie Gilliam of California, Mary Alice Cajeneck of Rockwall and Burthenia Williamson of Roscoe; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lunch will be served at noon Thursday at the Hermleigh Community Center.

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Lentie Clark

1923-2001

Lentie Bell Clark of Temple, sister of O.P. Tate of Snyder, died Friday, May 18, at her home.

Service for Mrs. Tate, 78, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Paul A. Tate will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on March 14, 1923 in Jayton to O.P. and Nellie Gallagher Tate, she married Wellborn F. Clark Sr. on July 29, 1939 in Post. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Clark worked as an accountant and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

She also was preceded in death by one son, W. Frank Clark Jr. in 1996; and one grandson in 1986.

Survivors include one daughter, Paula L. Johnston of Temple; another brother, Curtis Tate of Belton; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Two felony arrests made on Monday

• ***Arrests***

Crystal Lee Lujan, 18, of 1401 Avenue K was arrested at the Adult Probation Office at 3:46 p.m. Monday on a felony warrant revoking her probation.

At 4:25 p.m. Monday, Roy Martinez, 32, of 1100 28th Street was booked into Scurry County Jail for parole violation.

• ***Criminal mischief***

An offense report was filed at 9:35 a.m. Monday in reference to criminal mischief at Ken Spoor's 1780 Bond Street residence.

• ***Shoplifters***

At 2:13 p.m. Monday, Joseph Shlezinger requested an officer at the Snyder One Stop in reference to a shoplifter at the store. The juvenile shoplifter was transported to the police department where he was released to a parent.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 1:43 p.m. Monday in the Dollar General parking lot. Involved were a 1987 Pontiac driven by Patsy Sitton, 68, of 3749 Rose Circle and a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Terri Wells, 38, of 3003 39th Street.

• ***Fire notes***

Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to Buck Sitton's residence at 3749 Rose Circle at 1:05 p.m. Monday to a report of a fence on fire. One section of fence and some grass were burned.

Two fire trucks and four firefighters responded and were on the scene about 20 minutes.

Cause of the fire is under investigation, but it is suspected that juveniles were playing with matches, according to Fire Marshal Cy Posey.

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Cancer board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Softball drawing

Snyder Girls Softball Association fundraiser drawing will be this evening at Cates Field.

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 tonight at the high school student center.

FFA labor auction

Snyder FFA Chapter will hold its second annual labor auction at 7:30 this evening in the SHS ag building. Students will work eight hours on a date arranged between the buyer and the student. Students will be sold in lots of 1-3 and silent bids may be offered by calling 573-3612 or 574-6046. Funds are used to finance various FFA activities.

Rodeo queen contest

Thursday is the last day to enter the annual rodeo queen contest for ages 13-18 and 9-12. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each group. The winner of the 13-18 category will also receive a $1,000 scholarship. Anyone interested may call Karen Nachlinger at 573-2039 or 573-1439.

York Rite festival

Scurry Masonic Lodge will hold a York Rite festival beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge. Chapter/Council degrees will be conferred. The cost is $100. (regularly $175). Contact Masonic members prior to Saturday to fill out the petition and pay fees.

Farewell reception

Students and friends will hold a farewell reception for Judy Haines from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Ritz Theatre. Everyone is welcome.

Pot luck dinner

Snyder Church of Nazarene will hold a pot luck dinner after the morning worship service on Sunday. The dinner is in honor of the memory of Ethel Herrington.

Late registration

Late registration for Western Texas College's Kids' College will continue through June 6. However the classes to make will be decided by Friday, June 1. Classes will be held June 11-21. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 223.

Vacation Bible School

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:45 a.m. on June 4-8 for grades K-6.

Vacation Bible School

The 37th St. Church of Christ has set its "Jesus to the Rescue" Vacation Bible School for June 4-6, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Kinney Mabry at 573-0154.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool will open Monday, June 4, for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

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.

High natural gas prices are good news for some states

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Energy-rich states whose economies suffered during the oil bust of the mid-1980s are riding high again thanks to a sharp rise in natural gas prices.

Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming and Louisiana are enjoying a windfall in tax revenue.

The money represents an opportunity to spend more on various programs or avoid the kind of cutbacks other states are facing.

"Without this energy enhancement, we would in all likelihood be doing what about 24 other states are doing, which is cutting budgets or depleting their reserve funds," said Oklahoma state Sen. Cal Hobson.

Painfully aware that a boom can turn quickly into a bust, some legislators are counseling restraint. Texas and Wyoming, in fact, are locking away much of the money.

The average well price of natural gas nearly quadrupled across the country last year, going from $2.12 per thousand cubic feet in January 2000 to $8.06 a year later, according to the Energy Department. The price now stands at about $5.15. By comparison, the average price for U.S. crude oil has changed little over the last year and a half.

The increase in natural gas prices has brought hefty tax revenue to states that have nursed their oil and gas industries through years of hard times and low prices.

Oklahoma's natural gas revenue projections rose from $198.1 million early last year to $506.7 million this year, giving legislators extra money to spend on priorities such as education, prisons and tax cuts.

In Wyoming, a budget surplus of $168 million last June is now projected at $695 million, mostly because of higher natural gas prices.

New Mexico — second only to Texas in natural gas production — is projecting its highest revenue ever from crude oil and natural gas production, up 80 percent in the current fiscal year.

In Louisiana, revenue from natural gas is up 15 percent this fiscal year and is expected to add about $1 billion to the state budget.