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Home of Travis Bunch

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The worst thing you can take for aches and pains is somebody else's advice."

Help!

All you Scurry County natives, old-timers, history buffs, etc. – a book needs to be returned.

Donna Fowler over at the chamber called the other day and told about an interesting message via e-mail she had received from a former Fort Worth man.

Bill Snow wrote:

"I lived in Fort Worth in 1963, and during that time I came by a book that had this inscribed inside the cover. 'Presented to Harry Smissen by his teacher as a prize in Geography. Snyder, Texas June 20, 1891.'

"I wish to see this book returned to the proper people. Can you find out about any of the Smissen people for me that have lived in Snyder, and particularly about a Harry?"

Let us hear from you.

What not to do vacation tip for folks venturing out for the first time in a new RV.

Our friend in Levelland claims it is a true story.

He was in a repair shop when a large motor home was towed into the garage.

The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair. He asked what had happened.

The body shop man reported that the driver had set the cruise control and then went to the back to make a sandwich.

Must have been an Aggie.

Now that school is out, many families are trying to figure out how to pay for the kid's college education.

We're reminded of a story told by State Rep. David Counts of a young woman who had written his office complaining about the high cost of going to college.

A little research revealed that college tuition that pays for classroom instruction, especially at a state school, is a real bargain.

It's the manner in which we send the kids off to college that is costly. Even those who live in the dorms and eat in the cafeteria need spending money for popular restaurants, movies, gas, clothes, dating, etc.

The government recently calculated the cost of rearing a child from birth to 18 and came up with $160,140.

Most start to college about age 18, so it won't get any cheaper.

But somebody was philosophical about the $160,140 figure. Not so bad if you translate it into $8,896 a year, $743 a month or $171 a week. That's a mere $24.44 a day – or just over a buck an hour.

And look what you get for $160,140 – naming rights - first, middle and last. And finally, when they get to college, frequent contact – asking to send more money.

In party switch...

GOP may lose Senate control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont resolved to abandon his party and become an independent, officials said, a switch that would end GOP control of the Senate and crimp President Bush's ability to pass his agenda.

Jeffords arranged a mid-afternoon announcement in the Capitol after privately telling senior aides about his plans this morning.

Democratic senators said they, too, had been told Jeffords would end his lifelong affiliation with the GOP.

One Democratic senator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said party leaders had told him Jeffords would align himself with Democrats for organizational purposes, thereby giving them control of a Senate now split 50-50.

Several sources, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Jeffords might defer the effective date of his switch until early June. That would enable Republicans to push through Bush's income tax cut, now pending on the Senate floor.

The switch would automatically elevate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota to the post of majority leader, with control over the flow of legislation and Bush's judicial nominations.

Democrats would regain committee chairmanships they lost in the 1994 elections.

Officials at the White House said they were in the dark about Jeffords' plans. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney met separately with the Vermont lawmaker on Tuesday in an attempt to keep him in the GOP fold. The senator offered no assurances, according to several officials familiar with the conversations, only promising to give the president a courtesy call.

"It's like a funeral here, said one senior aide as the president and his high command contemplated the impact on Bush's legislative program.

Rep. Amo Houghton of New York, a moderate Republican, walked into Jeffords' office Wednesday shaking his head. "It's awful," he said to reporters.

Democrats have quietly courted Jeffords in recent weeks, offering him the chairmanship of the Environment and Public Works Committee if he bolts the GOP, according to sources familiar with the discussions, as well as retention of his seat on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee.

Stung by the potential defection, the White House urgently contacted longtime Jeffords' donors and political supporters Tuesday, hoping they could persuade the senator to stay in the GOP. Officials also said they were redoubling their efforts to persuade Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia to become a Republican, in hopes of countering any move by Jeffords.

Apart from its impact on the Senate and the administration's legislative fortunes, a switch could open the door to upheaval within the ranks of Republicans, where the party's leader, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, could face a challenge for his post.



THE WATER GOES HERE — Snyder Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership Camp visited the city's water treatment plant this morning. Howard Bigham explained how the system works to Elenor Ashby, Richard Grice, Briana Rose and David Strayhorn, from left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ollison back in local jail

Alvin "Smokey" Ollison, who fled before his scheduled drug trial, was brought back to Texas Tuesday from Colorado.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong set seven bonds of $100,000 each on Ollison's bail jumping and failure to appear charges. In addition, he has seven $10,000 bonds on his original drug charges, which include manufacturing and delivering a controlled substance in a drug-free zone and possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Sheriff Darren Jackson transported Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th St. to Scurry County Jail from Littleton, Colo., Tuesday afternoon. He remains in custody.

Ollison was arrested May 11 in Aurora, Colo.

A second subject who fled before he could stand trial, Darrell Hutcherson, was arrested May 9 in Odessa.

Both had charges pending following the county-wide drug bust last December that saw 26 persons indicted on drug-related charges.

Ollison was indicted on eight charges May 7, including seven for jumping bond and one for failure to appear for trial. He was also indicted in February for possession of cocaine with the intent to deliver.

Ratliff is expected to run for Lt. Governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, who formed an exploratory committee to help him decide whether to seek Texas' most powerful legislative post, reportedly will announce plans to run for lieutenant governor in 2002.

According to today's editions of the Austin American-Statesman and Houston Chronicle, an exploratory committee will hold a news conference Saturday or Monday to recommend that Ratliff be a candidate.

Monday is the Legislature's last day.

Some sources said Ratliff has decided to run, but may postpone his official candidacy until Labor Day. Ratliff reportedly wants time to complete his duties as one of five officials who must redraw the Legislature's districts to reflect 2000 U.S. Census figures.

Land Commissioner David Dewhurst is expected to oppose Ratliff for the Republican nomination. Former comptroller John Sharp is expected to seek the Democratic nomination.

Last week, Ratliff played a crucial role in redistricting when he refused to let senators debate the measure because the sponsor did not have the necessary votes. The sponsor argued that a debate might sway undecided senators.

That decision killed redistricting for the Legislature, placing the matter before a board dominated by four Republicans.

Ratliff, a Republican from Mount Pleasant, was elected by the Senate to become lieutenant governor after then-Lt. Gov. Rick Perry moved up to governor.

He voted for a hate crimes law that will enhance criminal penalties if a defendant commits a crime because of the victim's race, color, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

Deadline is nearing for queen contest

Thursday is the final day for girls to sign up for the rodeo queen contest held in conjunction with the Scurry County Rodeo June 14-16.

There are two divisions to the contest – one for ages 14-18 and another for ages 9-13.

A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to Miss Scurry County Rodeo. She will also receive other prizes as will the runner-up.

Prizes will also be awarded to the Junior Miss Rodeo winner and runner-up.

Girls wishing to still sign up for the contest can contact Karen Nachlinger at 573-2039 or 573-1439.

Hospital ER renovation on agenda

The renovation of Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room area is one of the agenda items for Thursday's hospital board meeting set for 8 a.m.

The renovation continues the board's plans of updating various areas of the hospital and follows in the footsteps of the recent updating of the radiology department.

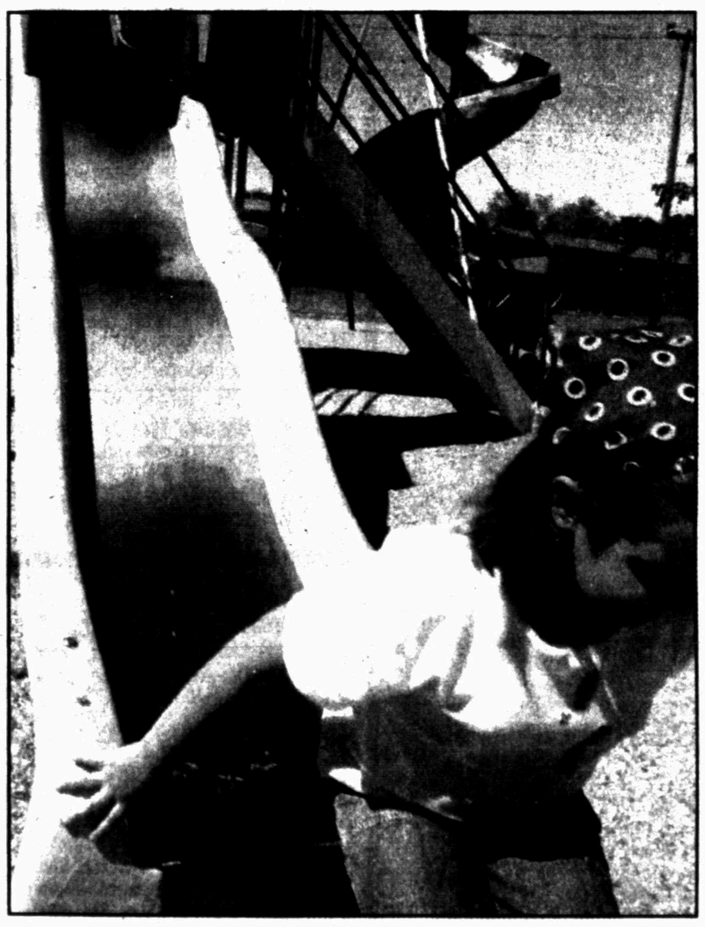
George Parsley, CEO, will present plans to the board.

Parsley also will give his monthly update to the board on physician recruitment and other items.

Other action items include the approval of Daniel Fish's request for privileges at the hospital as a radiologist. Fish presently serves as a radiologist for several area hospitals, including Post and Lamesa.

The board also is expected to approve an authorization for Charlene Akers to write grant applications for the hospital.

Monthly financial reports are also on the agenda. The meeting will be held in the hospital boardroom.



COME ON DOWN — Eight-year-old Loryn Terry almost slides out of the picture as she enjoys the playground equipment at Towle Park Tuesday. Her grandfather, Jimmy Kiker, took her to the park for the afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

ASK US

Q—Was Monday's 45 degrees a record low for that date?

A—No. The record low was 41 in 1911.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 82 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low near 55, NE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high near 85; E wind 5-15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low 50-55.



Kolby Kubena
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:44 a.m.

Of 142 days in 2001, the sun has shone 130 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is the scarcest resource and unless it is managed nothing else can be managed.

—Peter Drucker

MAY 23 2001

Internet-savy thieves steal identities, cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — For $39.95, a thief can buy someone's Social Security number on the Internet, use it within minutes to get a credit card, then start buying big-ticket items like cars and jewelry.

About 1,400 times a day — or nearly once a minute — someone's identity is stolen.

"It's risk-free," James Huse Jr., the Social Security Administration's inspector general, told a House subcommittee Tuesday after a demonstration of the ease of Internet fraud. "Why wouldn't criminals do this?"

He said Congress should pass a privacy plan first debated last year to ban the sale of Social Security numbers and prohibit many companies from requiring customers to divulge their numbers. The Ways and Means Committee approved the bill last year, but it never came up for a House vote.

One House Republican says that's not enough and that all Americans should be assigned new Social Security numbers that the government would have to keep secret. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas wants the Social Security Administration to issue new numbers within the next five years. His plan would ban the use of Social Security numbers as identifying tools.

Any significant changes are opposed by banks, insurance companies, investment firms and pension fund overseers. Government officials also don't like the resurrected privacy plan because the government's massive system of record-keeping would have to be changed.

Charles Bacarisse, a district clerk in Harris County, Texas, said many Social Security numbers are already easily available, and regulations "will increase the burdens and costs on everyone while doing little or nothing to enhance anyone's privacy."

The Social Security numbering system was created 65 years ago for the tracking of each American's earnings. The government promised it would never be used as a national identification card, but the numbers now are widely used personal identifiers. They are available on many public documents, such as driver's licenses and court records.

Huse told the House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee that Social Security information theft, "catalyzed by the Internet, has quickly become a national crisis."

Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis., told colleagues that he was so tired of being asked for the information that he made up a series of numbers when required by a toy store to provide his Social Security number.

Requests like that would be restricted under a bill that Kleczka cosponsored last year. The subcommittee chairman, Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., said the legislation was being refiled this week. Besides curbing excessive circulation, the bill also would ban governments and private companies from selling Social Security numbers or displaying them on public documents.

Nicole Robinson of Oxon Hill, Md., said she became a victim last year, despite following antifraud tips such as regularly obtaining her credit history to check for discrepancies. Robinson said a Texas woman got her information, apparently from health insurance records, and went on a $36,000, three-month buying spree.

"This crime continues to give me constant anxiety," said Robinson, who works for a government contractor and has had problems refinancing her home and getting loans.

About 1,400 people report fraud each week to the Federal Trade Commission. An estimated 500,000 are victimized annually.

Identity theft victims, like other crime victims, "feel personally violated," said Michael Fabozzi, a detective in New York. He said victims "are left to fend for themselves in attempting to clear their credit history and good name."

Fabozzi is the lead investigator in the case of Brooklyn restaurant busboy Abraham Abdallah, arrested in March and accused of trying to assume the identities of Steven Spielberg, Oprah Winfrey, Martha Stewart and many others.

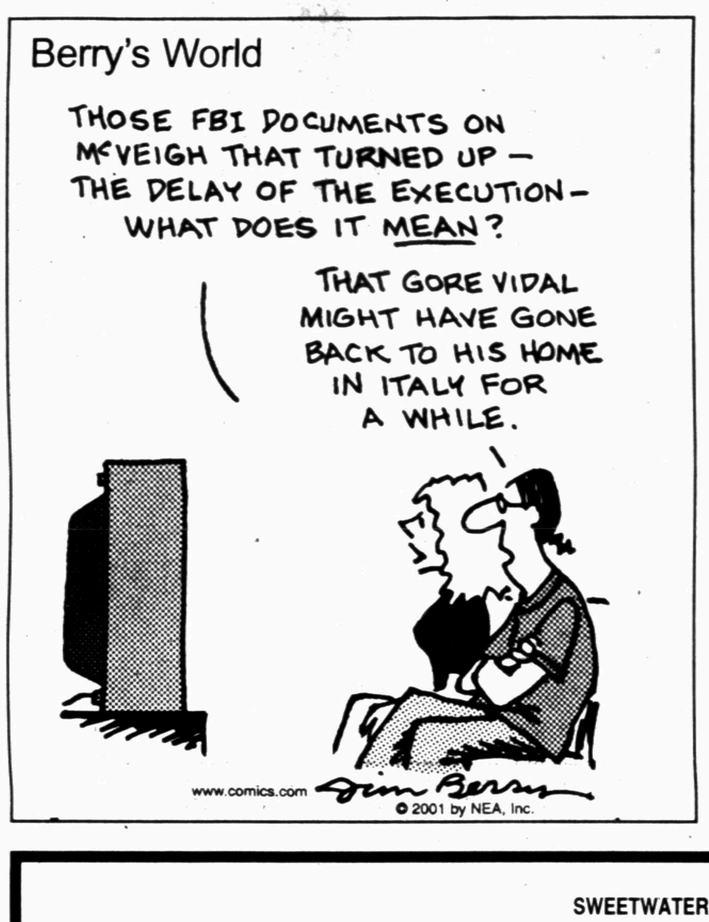
"The tale of the busboy cyberthief is a frightening testimony to the vulnerability of the entire e-commerce system," Fabozzi said.

On the Net:

Federal Trade Commission identity theft site:
http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft

House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee:
http://waysandmeans.house.gov/socsec.htm

Berry's World



Judge doubts criminal convictions

MIAMI (AP) — The jet repair company blamed for its role in the fatal 1996 ValuJet crash has agreed to pay a federal fine with no admission of wrongdoing even as a judge expressed doubts over the prosecution's case.

SabreTech, the nation's first aviation company to be convicted of criminal charges stemming from a commercial jet crash, agreed to pay a Federal Aviation Administration fine of $1.75 million, down from a proposed $2.25 million.

Also Tuesday, a federal appeals judge in Miami hearing SabreTech's appeal of the case questioned the underpinnings of the charges on which it was convicted.

"I think there are problems with this very important case," said Judge J.L. Edmondson, leader of a three-judge 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel. "I have doubts about whether this is truly a violation of the law or not."

SabreTech, ValuJet's maintenance contractor, was convicted of nine counts of hazardous materials violations for improperly packaging explosive-tipped oxygen generators and delivering them as cargo to ValuJet.

ValuJet workers loaded the cargo on the plane, which crashed in the Florida Everglades on May 11, 1996, killing all 110 people aboard.

Federal investigators concluded the generators, normally installed above passengers to provide oxygen in an emergency, fed a cargo fire that spread into the passenger compartment.

Investigators determined that the FAA and ValuJet, now flying under the AirTran Airways name, shared blame for the crash with SabreTech — the only one to be indicted.

A federal judge last year imposed a $2 million fine and ordered SabreTech to pay $9 million in restitution after rejecting the company's claim that it was unable to pay. SabreTech also had to pay the FAA fine.

On Tuesday, Edmondson opened the possibility that eight of the nine original counts might be overturned, leaving only one: failure to train employees in the proper handling of hazardous materials.

That count carries a maximum $500,000 fine, compared to the $2 million fine imposed at sentencing. SabreTech still faces state murder and manslaughter charges.

"We're obviously pleased that the court seemed to grasp the significance of the challenge," said Kenneth Quinn, attorney for SabreTech and its parent, St. Louis-based Sabreliner Corp.

But relatives of those killed in the crash were angry.

"I was very upset, obviously," said Ruth Guiler, a mother of three whose husband was killed in the crash. "I just think they should do the right thing and put this whole thing behind us."

Eleventh Circuit:
http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions.htm

Actor gets inspiration from British nun

NEW YORK (AP) — John Leguizamo as the artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec?

"One's mind immediately doesn't go to an actor from Jackson Heights to play the 19th-century Parisian painter," admitted "Moulin Rouge" director Baz Luhrmann in W magazine's June issue. "But John is such a relentless character actor that he'll do whatever it takes. ... To prove he could play Lautrec."

Leguizamo, whose family moved from Bogota to New York when he was 4, found his inspiration in Sister Wendy, the British nun whose televised lectures on art had become a cult hit.

"I happened to be watching a lot of Sister Wendy right before filming, and I thought, 'She has a lisp like he did, and she appreciates art like he did.' So she was my way into the character. And all through the shoot, Baz kept saying, 'John, more Sister Wendy! Find her effervescence!"

The 36-year-old actor, who grew up in Jackson Heights, Queens, studied theater at New York University and the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute.

"Moulin Rouge" also stars Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. It is in limited release in New York and Los Angeles, and will open in theaters nationwide on June 1.

Date Book

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Today is the 143rd day of 2001 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1785, Ben Franklin disclosed in a letter that he had invented bifocal glasses.

On this day in 1919, the A4, a 160-foot dirigible, became the first lighter-than-air vehicle to land on a rooftop in the United States. It landed on a platform on the roof of the Statler Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

On this day in 1962, the Aurora 7 space vehicle was launched. The vehicle, piloted by Scott Carpenter, orbited the Earth three times.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778), botanist; Franz Mesmer (1734-1815), physician; Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), writer-educator; Douglas Fairbanks (1883-1939), actor; Helen O'Connell (1920-1993), singer; Rosemary Clooney (1928-), singer, is 73; Joan Collins (1933-), actress, is 68; John Newcombe (1943-), tennis great, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, the Cleveland Indians came from behind in the ninth inning, scoring nine runs to defeat Washington 14-13

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The absent are never without fault. Nor the present without excuse." — Benjamin Franklin

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (May 22).

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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

4-23-30-34

Bonus number 13

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Pick 3

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

1-8-5

Cash Five

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

3-5-14-28-33

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Shaw's class is first in field day

Paige Shaw's fifth graders won Northeast Elementary School's field day, collecting a total of 290 points.

Rebekah Thornton's students finished second with 264 points followed by Staci Bollinger's class in third place with 262 points.

Classes winning fourth through eighth places were Teresa Wall, fourth, 254 points; Barbara Owen, fifth, 227; Ann Uptergrove, sixth, 224; Susan Scott and Vanessa Taylor (tied for seventh), 197; and Elizabeth Conger, eighth, 144.

Top winners in each event include (teachers names are in parentheses):

Girls softball throw: Alexis Castillo (Owen), 98 feet, one-half inch.

Boys softball throw: Lance Day (Owen), 153 feet and 9 inches.

Girls 400 run: Vanessa Pena (Taylor), 77 seconds.

Boys 400 run: Dustin Murdock (Wall), 73 seconds.

Girls 200 run: Audrey Jones (Thornton), 33.86 seconds.

Boys 200 run: Cody Burney (Shaw), 30.34 seconds.

Girls shot put: Erin Hogan (Bollinger), 52 feet, 9 inches.

Boys shot put: Levi Mayfield (Wall), 83 feet, 6 inches.

Girls long jump: Audrey Jones (Thornton), 9 feet, 9 inches.

Boys long jump: Craig Robertson (Bollinger), 9 feet and 7 inches.

Boys 50-yard dash: Kaden Billingsley (Uptergrove), six seconds.

Girls 50-yard dash: Vanessa Pena (Taylor), 6.19 seconds.

Boys 100-yard dash: Will Clay (Shaw), 17.11 seconds.

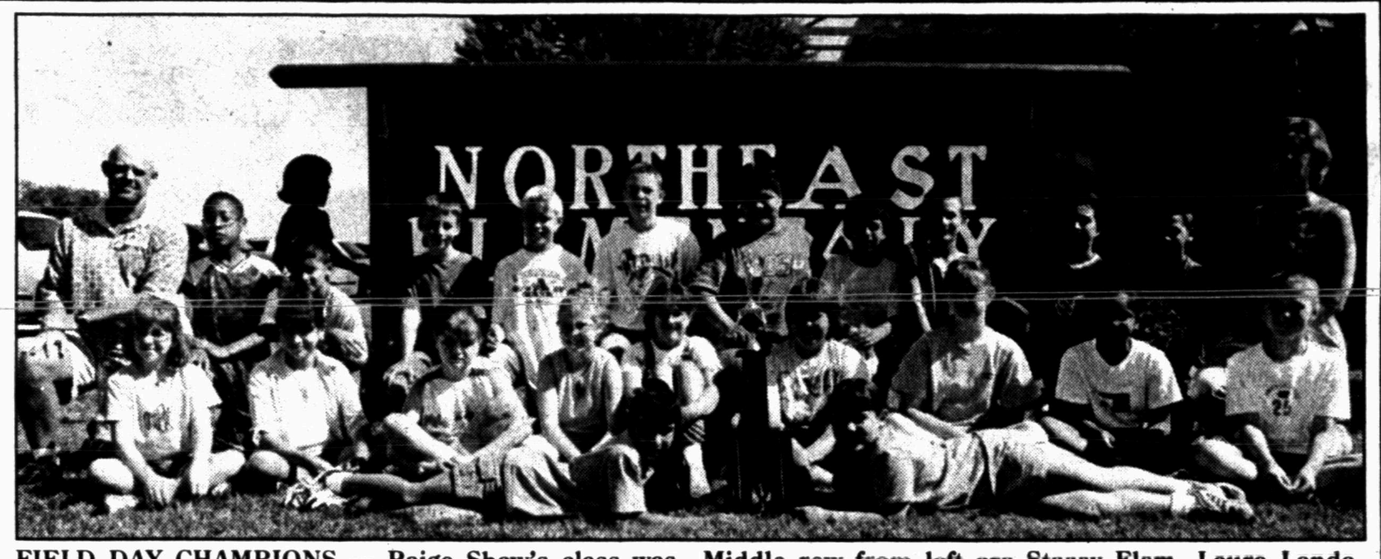
Girls 100-yard dash: Devin Davidson (Bollinger), 17.85 seconds.

Boys 400 relay: (Shaw) Will Clay, Joel Rocha, Blane Knipe, Cody Burney, 62.79 seconds.

Girls 400 relay: (Thornton) Heather Garza, Tatum Norwood, Jessica Rivera, Audrey Jones, 68.06 seconds.

400 mixed relay: (Thornton) Heather Garza, Audrey Jones, Brent Bollinger, Colton Brewster, 64.05 seconds.

400 mixed medley relay: (Shaw) Kelly Holdren, Jessica DeLeon, Will Clay, Cody Burney, 61.05 seconds.



FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS — Paige Shaw's class was the Northeast Elementary field day champions. Pictured back row from left are Coach Chris Porter, Will Clay, Ramsey Rodriguez, Eldon Morris, Blane Knipe, Cody Burney, Marcus Medrano, Greg Resendiz, Josh Hoover, Anthony Ramos, Joel Rocha and Mrs. Shaw. Middle row from left are Stacey Elam, Laura Landa, BranDee Harbin, Kimberly Harlan, Samantha Daves, Rebecca Goolsby, Kelly Holdren, Christina Villa and Allison Sharrock. Front, from left, are Jessica DeLeon and Destinee Naegele. Jake Alaniz is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 24, 2001

There may be many opportunities in the year ahead to advance your knowledge or education. Take advantage of what's offered, because what you learn can be turned into profitable ventures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might have to deal with someone who holds opposing views today. Should an important relationship be involved, remember logic and tact will win this person over, not arrogance. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a chance you could feel imposed upon today when asked to do something for another. Think about what others have done for you, and you'll quickly recant your views.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Pressure coming from friends today pertaining to something which you're not in accord with could get your fire up. However, instead of overreacting, finesse your way out of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Because your productivity and industriousness will be very pronounced today, your ability to do things that you set out to do is quite good. But don't expect the same from everybody else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Most of the day you'll be your old charming self, easy to get along with and willing to cooperate. However, be careful not to switch into being a grouch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In a financial arrangement today, at first glance you might feel you're getting the short end of the stick. Take the time to reassess the situation, and make sure this isn't so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Expressing your independence by doing your own thing has its time and place, but today is not that moment. Things will turn out more pleasant if you try to be a cooperative team player.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do what needs doing in your own quiet way and as far away from others as possible. The more visible you are today, the more pressured and overwhelmed you could be by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though you might not be in the mood today to be told by others what to do and when to do it, friends and family won't appreciate it either if you appoint yourself their director.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — For the sake of harmony on the homefront today, don't foist problems or elements on your kinfolk that don't concern them. Handle your private affairs outside the family abode.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — That creative mind of yours could be working overtime today with ideas popping out all over the place. However, challenges can be forthcoming, but use them to explore and validate your views.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Know that if your financial situation is a trifle strained today, in matters where you have control, you'll be fine. It'll be when others are involved that you could have problems.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife suspects man's greeting cards are not meant for her

DEAR ABBY: Over the past year, I have found several unsigned romantic greeting cards in my husband's truck, or in bags stashed throughout the house. I would wait a few days to see if I received any of them, and after time passed, confront my husband about them. He said he was waiting for the "right opportunity" to give them to me.

Well, it's been months, and I haven't received a single card from my husband. I'm beginning to wonder if there is someone else who is getting them.

Should I confront him again or keep waiting to see what happens? — **WAITING FOR MAIL IN PHILLY**

DEAR WAITING: You've waited long enough. If the cards were meant for you, you would have received at least a few of them. Tell your husband that unless he straightens out and flies right, you'll send HIM a card that says, "Change of Address."

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DEAR ABBY: I live in a hot climate. I have the only swimming pool in the area. My neighbors and their children have taken an invitation to swim on a particular day as an opportunity to use my pool whenever their hearts desire.

Abby, I don't want people in my pool on a daily basis. Maintenance is expensive, and I want my privacy.

How can I politely let people know that my pool is not open all the time and still maintain friendly relations with my neighbors? — **PRIVATE POOL OWNER**

DEAR POOL OWNER: Let your neighbors know that your pool is open to them from ( ) to ( ) on a specified day and that children must be supervised by parents at all times.

If a regular schedule is not acceptable, do what other readers have done: Buy a decorative flag and let your neighbors know that when they see the flag is flying, visitors are welcome as long as children are accompanied by parents.

You have a right to your privacy, but you must assert that right or it will be ignored.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a beautiful 2 1/2-year-old girl. She lives with her adoptive parents two hours from where I now live. I know they love her very much and take excellent care of her.

Mother's Day has passed, but during the weeks leading up to it, I was reminded of it on television, in newspapers and in retail stores — everywhere I turned. Mothers are very important and should be honored by their children and husbands, but I am a mother, too!

I did what I thought was best for my daughter by giving her to parents who could take better care of her than I. I don't begrudge them anything, but I am tired of being forgotten on Mother's Day.

Please, Abby, I know Mother's Day has passed, but would you wish a belated Happy Mother's Day to all birth mothers, especially the ones with no one else to say it? — **BIRTH MOTHER IN BALTIMORE**

DEAR BIRTH MOTHER: With pleasure.

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

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AG backs right to own gun

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft reaffirmed his view that an individual's right to bear arms is guaranteed by the Constitution in response to an inquiry by the National Rifle Association.

"While some have argued that the Second Amendment guarantees only a 'collective' right of the States to maintain militias, I believe the amendment's plain meaning and original intent prove otherwise," he said.

Ashcroft reiterated his position in a letter May 17 to NRA executive director James Jay Baker. The NRA had written Ashcroft in April, asking him whether he believed that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms.

Gun rights advocates had accused the Clinton administration of trying to undermine Second Amendment rights, pointing to arguments government lawyers made in a federal lawsuit against Timothy Joe Emerson, a Texas man who had been indicted for violating a 1994 law barring people under restraining orders from having guns.

Emerson argued that the 1994 law violated his Second Amendment rights. A Republican-appointed judge agreed and dismissed the charges. The Justice Department appealed, arguing that the Second Amendment does not extend an individual right to keep and bear arms.

In a letter last August, former Solicitor General Seth Waxman said that government lawyers "did indeed take the position that the Second Amendment does not extend an individual right to keep and bear arms."

"That position is consistent with the view of the Amendment taken both by the federal appellate courts and successive administrations," Waxman wrote.

Waxman said the Supreme Court and eight appellate courts "have uniformly rejected arguments that it extends firearms rights to individuals independent of the collective need to ensure a well-regulated militia."

In his letter to the NRA, Ashcroft took the opposite view, saying that that in decisions dating back to 1890s, the Supreme Court "routinely indicated that the right protected by the Second Amendment applied to individuals."

More recently, he said, the U.S. Attorney General in 1934 adopted this view, as did Congress and President Reagan in 1986.

During his confirmation, Ashcroft said he supported the right to bear arms for citizens but added, "I don't believe the Second Amendment to be one that forbids any regulation of guns." He said he supports child safety locks and a ban on assault weapons.

Baker said the NRA always asks new administrations to state a position on the Second Amendment.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Wednesday, May 23, 2001

North 05-23-01
♠ J 6 4 3
♥ J 9 5 3
♦ A Q
♣ K 6 4

West
♠ K 2
♥ A K 10 8 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ Q J 10

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

South
♠ A Q 10 8 5
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ A 8

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♥ A

Learning snippets of play and defense

By Phillip Alder

Books with tons of information in a small space are good for the aspiring expert because (s)he gains lots of knowledge quickly. "Bridge Cardplay — Attack and Defence" (Finesse) by Marc Smith contains 10 chapters, five on declarer-play and five on defense, in 152 text pages. On the whole, the book is good. My main complaint is that he prefers count over attitude in signaling, and slants the text in his favor. Along with most Americans, I think this is the wrong approach to defense.

This deal contains points for both sides. Against four spades, West cashes the heart ace. How should South plan the play?

North's two-heart cue-bid showed at least a limit raise in spades. Perhaps South should have continued with two no-trump, since the no-trump game is impregnable.

At trick one, South must drop a smooth heart queen. He knows that East has a singleton heart and that a ruff is threatened. If South plays the queen, West might well assume that this is a singleton and switch to a minor. Then declarer quickly continues with the ace and another spade to get home.

If South incorrectly plays low at trick one, West will know his partner started with either the singleton two or the doubleton queen-two. (Or perhaps queen-third. With a low doubleton, East would drop his higher spot-card at trick one.) So, West should continue with a low heart at trick two. East ruffs, and later West gets both major-suit kings for one down.

The book is $17.99 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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AOL to hike price of unlimited use plan

DULLES, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. said Tuesday it is increasing the price of its unlimited-use plan by $1.95, or about 9 percent, to $23.90 a month.

AOL's other pricing plans will not be affected by the change. AOL has 29 million subscribers but it is unclear how many take the unlimited service plan. The increase begins with the July billing cycle.

The last time the Internet provider increased the price of its unlimited service package was in April 1998. Since then, usage on the service has increased more than 50 percent, with the average user spending up to 70 minutes a day on AOL.

The price increase will help fund improvements in the AOL service, including the next software upgrade, AOL 7.0, company officials said.

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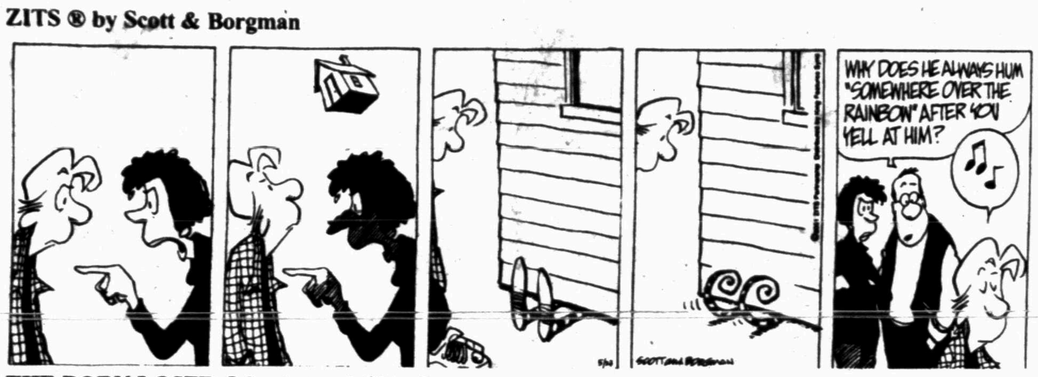
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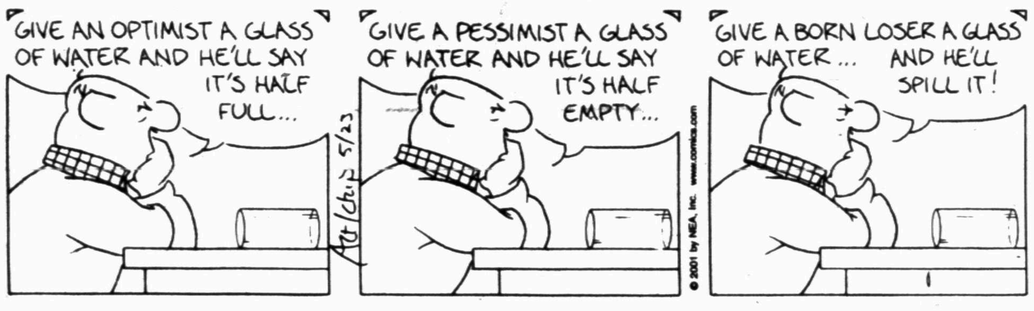
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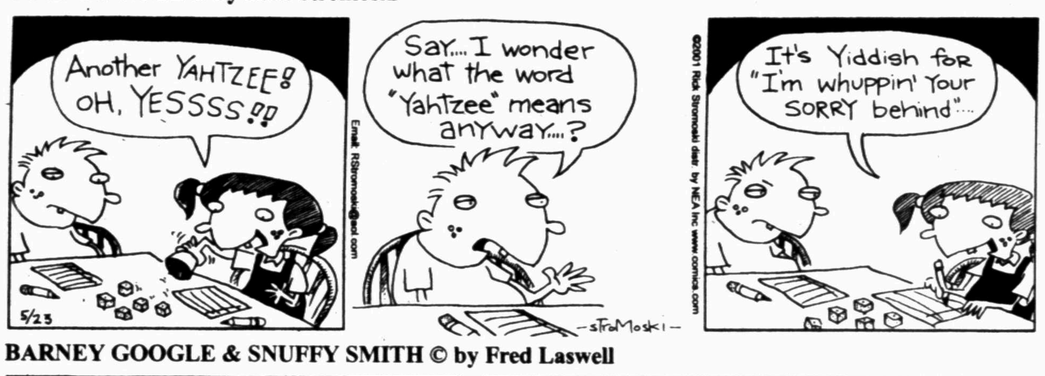
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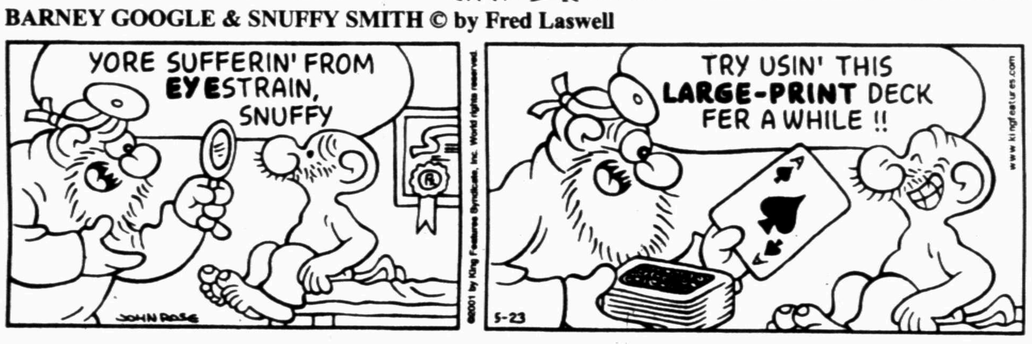
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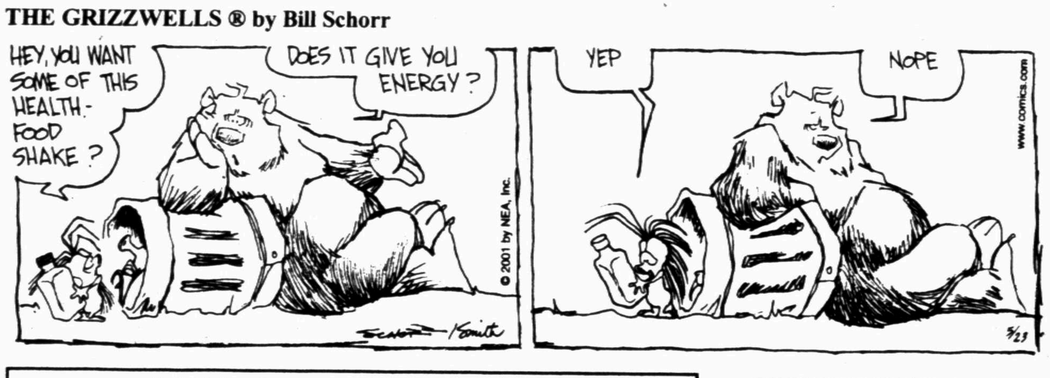
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7 Hunting dog
13 — Newton-John
14 New York lake
15 Continued story
16 Strong fabric
17 Go yachting
18 Golf mound
20 Foot parts
21 — in (collapses)
23 Proprietor
27 Typical example
32 Giraffelike animal
33 Cowboy movie (sl.)
34 Is too nosy
35 Excessive
36 Internal organs
39 Fugard's "A Lesson from —"
40 Take part (2 wds.)
42 "— La Douce"
46 — Tech
47 Capri, e.g.
51 Insect
53 Confer holy orders on
55 From Madras
56 Capable of flying
57 Siberian treeless tract
58 Become apparent

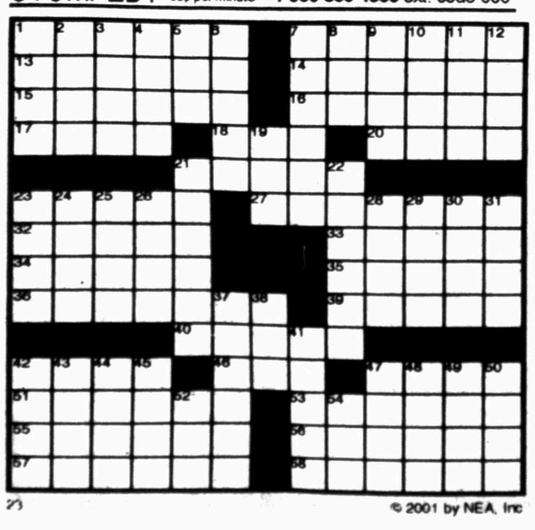
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8 Pedro's year
9 Ninth mo.
10 Storage structure
11 Singer Adams
12 Neutral shades
19 12/31, e.g.
21 Traumatic events
22 Indian language group
23 "So clumsy of me!"
24 "— in Cincinnati"
25 Finger end
26 Fencing sword
28 Not short
29 Actor Kruger
30 Simple
31 Time periods
37 — Creed
38 RR depot
41 "— — Lucy"
42 Wading bird
43 Tenant's payment
44 Ancient Persian's neighbor
45 Take — — from me
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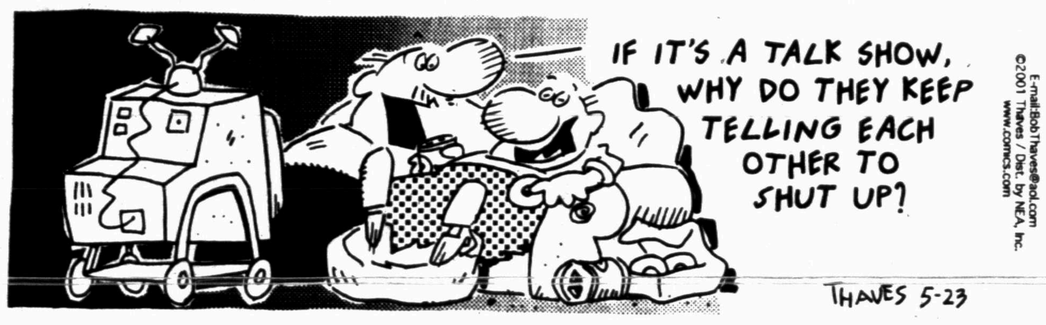
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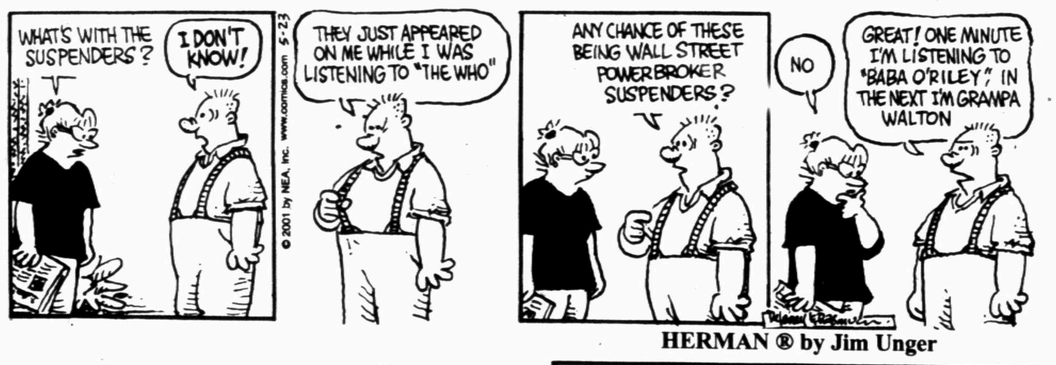
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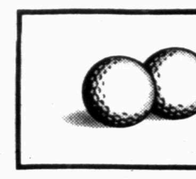
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SPORTS

Teams pleased with NFL's realignment

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The NFL realigned itself quickly and amicably Tuesday, skipping the squabbling of the past and leaving even the uprooted teams saying they were satisfied.

Five of the new divisions will have basically the same makeup, and the most drastic step is moving Seattle from the AFC West to the NFC West.

"We couldn't look at personal choices," said Dan Rooney, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who shifted to the AFC when the NFL and AFL merged in 1970. "A lot of people wanted a lot of things. I think this is best for everyone."

What was best for the league, as it turned out, was a relatively painless shift to eight four-team divisions for 2002, when Houston will rejoin the league as an expansion franchise.

The Seahawks made a token argument against the shift but said afterward they were delighted. They must have been — the vote was unanimous.

"I think it's really good for the league," Seattle president Bob Whitsitt said. "It's also good for the Seahawks."

The new format is the one that was considered the most likely when the NFL announced almost two years ago that it would realign into eight divisions from the current six.

Five of the new divisions will have all four teams from the old alignment and another will have three — the new NFC South, which contains three teams from the old NFC West. Each conference will have a North, South, East and West division, and most of the divisions are relatively compact geographically, unlike the old lineup, which had Arizona in the East and Atlanta and Carolina in the West.

In addition to Seattle, the team most affected may be the Cardinals, who move out the same division with Dallas, the only team to draw capacity crowds in the desert. Arizona owner Bill Bidwill fought hard to stay in the same division with the Cowboys but said he was happy after the league agreed to a new scheduling format for exhibition games that will retain old rivalries.

Bidwill was even happier after Dallas owner Jerry Jones said he would be glad to play the Cardinals in an exhibition game.

2002 NFL Realignment

NFC

East
Washington, Philadelphia, Dallas, New York Giants

South
Atlanta, Carolina, New Orleans, Tampa Bay

North
Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Minnesota

West
Arizona, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle

AFC

East
Buffalo, Miami, New England, New York Jets

South
Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Tennessee

North
Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

West
Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego

Halsey resigns as Andrews baseball coach

The West Texas coaching ranks has lost another long-time member.

Andrews head baseball coach Joe Ray Halsey has resigned his post after 26 years with the Mustangs. The 53-year-old coach compiled a record of 538-199 in Andrews, and won 18 district titles.

Halsey's Mustangs made three appearances in the state tournament, winning the Class 4A crown in 1999.



GRIDIRON STANDOUTS — Recent Snyder High School graduates, from left, Mark Medley, Matthew Grimmett and Tremaine Johnson will suit up for the North squad in the Big Country All-Star Football Classic June 2 at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rangers get much-needed win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays chipped away at Kenny Rogers, hoping they'd finally break through against the Texas Rangers left-hander.

It never happened Tuesday night.

Rogers pitched six shutout innings and Gabe Kapler and Rusty Greer hit solo homers as the Rangers beat the Devil Rays 5-2 to win consecutive games for the first time in more than a month.

"I got out of jams," said Rogers (3-3), who struck out slugger Greg Vaughn twice with runners in scoring position, and also benefitted from second baseman Randy Velarde throwing a runner out at the plate in the sixth inning.

"I didn't give in to the guys I wasn't comfortable with. I ended up walking one or two of those guys, but I was able to make the pitch that I needed to get out of the jams. I think they had the bases loaded twice. But the difference was making the pitches with men on base."

Kapler's sixth homer snapped a scoreless tie in the seventh inning. He drove in another run with a single in the eighth, while Greer hit his first homer in 20 games in the ninth.

The Rangers, who have lost 18 of 24, won back-to-back games for the first time since winning three straight at Oakland on April 13-15. Tampa Bay has dropped six of seven.

Rogers allowed six hits, walked five and struck out six.

"This was a good start to build on. My sinker was pretty good. It wasn't very good the past three or four starts," Rogers said. "If we can start winning these type of (close) games, it can build our confidence. We need these types of games."

Texas broke it open in the eighth after Bryan Rekar (0-6) walked two and hit a batter to load the bases with no outs.

Rafael Palmeiro followed with a sacrifice fly, Ivan Rodriguez made it 3-0 with an RBI double, and Kapler followed with a pop-fly single to give the Rangers a four-run lead.

The Devil Rays avoided a shutout on Mike DiFelice's two-run single in the ninth.

"It was a big league game until the seventh inning ... an old-fashioned pitcher's duel, which you don't see too often these days," Devil Rays manager Hal McRae said. "We had some scoring opportunities and didn't take advantage of it. That was the difference."

The Rangers stranded runners in scoring position in each of the first four innings against Rekar, who retired eight straight before Kapler hit a 2-2 pitch into the left field stands.

The homer was Kapler's third in five games and gave Texas at least one in 15 straight games — a team record.

The Devil Rays are 1-9 in Rekar's 10 starts.

Ex-Tigers to play in grid classic

Three former Snyder Tigers get one more chance on the high school gridiron when they take part in the Big Country All-Star Football Classic June 2 at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

After graduating last week from Snyder High School, Mark Medley, Tremaine Johnson and Matthew Grimmett will suit up for the North squad in the second annual game sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The North team will be coached by Denny Faith of Albany High School, while Stephenville's Mike Copeland leads the South squad.

All three Snyder players will likely see time on both sides of the ball. Medley will play along the offensive line and at linebacker, with Johnson manning the offensive and defensive lines. Grimmett will line up at receiver and defensive back.

Players report to Abilene on Tuesday for practice. The June 2 kickoff is set for 7:30.

NORTH
Offense

Linemen: Mark Medley, Snyder; Tremaine Johnson, Snyder; Cory Rains, Rotan; Justin Key, Munday; Carl Young, Merkel; Andy Williams, Abilene Christian; Armondo Lozano, Anson; Justin Nichols, Big Spring; Tommy DeLeon, Abilene High; Matt Johnson, Stamford.

Receivers: Matthew Grimmett, Snyder; Jason Choate, Big Spring; John Kniffen, Clyde; Ricky Wilson, Sweetwater.

Running backs: Nick Anthony, Roscoe; Joe Tidwell, Albany; Lance Moore, Roby; Dustin Threet, Haskell; Jason Woodruff, Big Spring; Alan Albus, Munday.

Quarterbacks: Chase Holland, Roscoe; Chase Phariss, Colorado City.

Defense

Linemen: Daniel Gutierrez, Sweetwater; Jon Gonzales; Abilene High; Justin Jones, Sweetwater; Matthew Fleetwood, Hawley; Dell Zetzmen, Sweetwater.

Linebackers: Jared Hale, Clyde; Aaron Sanchez, Knox City; Cody Kelly, Abilene High; Bowe Butler, Big Spring; Tony Espinoza, Abilene High; Travis McMillan, Coahoma.

Defensive backs: Genesis Reddic. Sweetwater.

SOUTH
Offense

Linemen: Henry White, Bronte; Bryan Kegans, Stephenville; Seth Clay, Abilene Wylie; Sterling Doty, Stephenville; Coleman Vestal, Baird; Ryan Atchison, Abilene Cooper; Taylor Sansom, Jim Ned; S.S. Porter, Jim Ned; Charles Mock, Jim Ned.

Receivers: Josh Curtis, Baird; Garrett Brown, Robert Lee; Jacob Massey, Rising Star; T.J. Douglas, Stephenville; Chase Fishback, Early; Chris Burleson, Ballinger.

Running backs: Clint Morgan, DeLeon; Tremaine Diles; Abilene Cooper; Deacon Burns, Brownwood; Sonny Ainsworth, Ranger; Ceasar Martinez, Ballinger.

Quarterbacks: Jordan Neal, Abilene Cooper.

Defense

Linemen: Clayton Harmon, Stephenville; Blake Williams, Brownwood; Samson Jackson, Winters.

Linebackers: Justin Monk, Stephenville; Brett Unger, Abilene Wylie; Chris Copeland, Brownwood; Lee Swanson, Abilene Wylie, Reggie Murphy, Coleman.

Defensive backs: Aaron Byrd, Abilene Cooper; Jarret DeBusk, Comanche; Thomas New, Jim Ned; Antwan Mason, Bangs.

Sports Briefs

Strength, conditioning camp

Snyder Tiger strength and conditioning camps are scheduled for this summer at the SHS field house. Sessions are slated for June 4-29 and July 2-31.

Incoming 10th-12th graders meet at 7:30 a.m., followed by incoming 7th-9th graders at 10:30. Cost is $25 per session, or $40 for both. For more information, call the SHS field house at 574-6039.

Block party

The Boys and Girls Club will hold a "block party" Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the athletic field behind the club. All first through 12th graders are welcome.

Various games and contests are scheduled, and cost is five cents per event. Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided. One-day club memberships are available for $7.50.

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.

NBA rejects 'Express' moniker

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FedEx Corp. reduced its multimillion dollar role in efforts to attract the NBA to Memphis when the league rejected "Express" as a team name.

The Memphis-based company had discussed the possibility of Memphis Express as a team name in its approximately $100 million offer.

FedEx withdrew its offer to buy team naming rights, but continued seeking rights to name a new arena if the NBA grants permission for the Vancouver Grizzlies to relocate to Memphis.

Moss to play basketball

For one game at least, Randy Moss, an All-Pro receiver for the Minnesota Vikings, will play basketball for the Pennsylvania ValleyDawgs, a minor league team coached by former NBA star Darryl Dawkins.

The USBL team, based in Bethlehem, Pa., said that Moss is expected to play Thursday night. He will decide on future appearances after that, Dawkins said.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Atlanta	22	24	.478	5
Florida	21	23	.477	5
Montreal	19	27	.413	8
New York	18	27	.400	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	18	.581	—
Chicago	24	20	.545	1½
Houston	24	20	.545	1½
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	1½
Cincinnati	19	25	.432	6½
Pittsburgh	15	27	.357	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	25	20	.556	—
San Diego	24	21	.533	1
Los Angeles	24	22	.522	1½
Colorado	23	22	.511	2
San Francisco	23	22	.511	2

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Montreal 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Florida 3, Atlanta 2
San Diego 6, Houston 2
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 0
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 11, Los Angeles 8
Arizona 12, San Francisco 8

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.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-1 and Olivares 2-4) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-4 and Daal 5-0), 2, 5:05 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.
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.

Thursday's Games
St. Louis (Benes 3-3) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 1-3) at San Diego (Serrano 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-5) at Philadelphia (Person 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 4-0) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 0-2) at San Francisco (Estes 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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	32	.273	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	13	.698	—
Cleveland	28	14	.667	1½
Detroit	21	21	.500	8½
Kansas City	17	28	.378	14
Chicago	14	28	.333	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	32	12	.727	—
Oakland	22	22	.500	10
Anaheim	20	23	.465	11½
Texas	16	28	.364	16

Tuesday's Games
Anaheim at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Detroit 3, Cleveland 0
Texas 5, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 12, Seattle 11
Oakland 4, Kansas City 1

Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Garcia 4-0) at Minnesota (Milton 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-2) at Baltimore (Roberts 4-3), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Cone 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3), 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.

Thursday's Games
Boston (Martinez 6-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 3-3) at Baltimore (Johnson 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Santos 1-0) at Cleveland (Burba 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 0-1) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-6) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-3), 7:15 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
Conference Finals
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 21
L.A. Lakers 88, San Antonio 81, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0

Tuesday, May 22
Philadelphia 93, Milwaukee 85, Philadelphia leads series 1-0

Thursday, May 24
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 26
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 28
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS

Tuesday, May 22
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 2, New Jersey wins series 4-1

STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Colorado vs. New Jersey

Saturday, May 26
New Jersey at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29
New Jersey at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 31
Colorado at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 2
Colorado at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

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House clears crucial deadline

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Legislature winding down, the latest deadline in the Texas House chamber has helped identify which bills will survive the 140-day session and which will be dumped into the legislative morgue.

Just before the deadline at midnight Tuesday, it was clear that a proposal to establish a low-level radioactive waste dump in West Texas was among the casualties — again.

Someone had resurrected the measure by tacking it onto another bill after it died in committee last weekend.

To keep it from passing, opponents prolonged discussion of the bill past deadline by talking slowly, discussing a random semicolon nestled in the legalese and spelling out key words of the bill. At one point, a point of order was called against consideration of the legislation.

"I don't really have a point of order," Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, soon admitted. "I'd just like to call one to get this over with."

Other members shared his sentiments. The House Calendars Committee had voted late Sunday not to send the bill to the full House, effectively killing it. The bill's Senate sponsor speculated its demise may have been due to an amendment allowing U.S. Department of Energy waste to be accepted at a separate dump.

Meanwhile, nervous politicians gnawed on unlit cigars while others scurried around collecting colleagues' signatures on commemorative posters. Huddles distracted from debate, with some telling jokes and calling out "vote," as if it would speed things up.

About 70 Senate bills that hadn't been considered died when today arrived. Lawmakers may now consider only Senate bills on final reading.

Here's where some key issues stand with six days left before session ends Monday:

—BUDGET: A Senate-House committee has approved a $113.8 billion budget with boosts to higher education, state employees and social services. The House will consider the plan today.

—CHARTER SCHOOLS: It's now up to a Senate-House committee to find middle ground between the House plan to impose a two-year moratorium on charter schools and the Senate plan to give universities power to award them.

—CAMPAIGN FINANCE: House and Senate reporting plans differ substantially in the information to be disclosed about contributors. A Senate-House committee has been charged to hash out differences.

—EXECUTION OF MENTALLY RETARDED: The bill's House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, has collected half the signatures he needs for a compromise plan that would allow judges to have the final say, after the trial, on whether a defendant is mentally retarded. If the judge rules the defendant is mentally retarded, an execution would not be permitted.

Hinojosa will try to get Senate signatures today so he can take the compromise to the chamber.

—TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE: A Senate-House committee has reached a conceptual compromise and is expected to pass it out soon.

—MEDICAID SIMPLIFICATION: The House has passed its $119 million version of the proposal to streamline the Medicaid application process and lengthen enrollment periods. Unlike the Senate version, it requires parents to seek preventive care for their children.

It's now up to the Senate sponsor to decide whether to accept the changes, which Gov. Rick Perry supports, or contest them in a joint committee.

—ELECTRICITY REFUND: Sponsor Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, proclaimed his beloved bill dead after repeated attempts to revive it failed. Turner had pleaded for support from colleagues, tried to attach the bill onto other legislation, and held a last-ditch press conference before giving up.

The bill would have forced some electric companies to return to customers hundreds of millions of dollars in overcharges allowed under the state's deregulation law.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Prostate infection requires antibiotics

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from chronic prostatitis for six years. Sitz baths temporarily relieve the pain, but the discomfort invariably returns. What about thermal treatment for prostate trouble?

DEAR READER: The prostate gland is a spongy organ that produces seminal fluid in the male. Because antibiotics have difficulty penetrating prostatic tissue, chronic infections may be difficult to eradicate. The pain of prostatitis (prostate infection) is ordinarily caused by congestion and spasm; hence, heat (which aids healing and relaxes spasm) may relieve discomfort.

This is why sitz baths (sitting in hot water) are often used in conjunction with antibiotics. Some doctors have experimented with heated probes which, when introduced into the rectum, radiate soothing warmth to the inflamed prostate gland. To my knowledge, these devices are not in general use because the benefits are inconsistent.

Chronic prostatitis can occasionally be worsened by the formation of calcium stones within the gland. In such cases, lithotripsy (ultrasound bombardment of the stones) or surgery (to remove them) may be necessary. However, in most instances, long-term antibiotic therapy is a satisfactory option for patients with prostatitis and should be attempted before more aggressive or experimental treatment is considered. In my opinion, men with chronic prostatitis should be under the care of urologists.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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: Is breathing the fumes from hand soap a threat to health? My husband has put a couple hundred bars of soap around the house as room deodorizers, and some rooms smell so strong that I get nauseated. He says I have no say in the matter, and I'm angry.

DEAR READER: The scent from hand soap is not, to my knowledge, harmful. However, it can be irritating and a real bother to people who have to breathe it. I think your husband should find more appropriate methods to deodorize your house.

Show him my answer to your question, and use this material to initiate a discussion about how he might learn to be more considerate of your feelings. When a husband insists that a wife has no say in a matter concerning them both, I begin to worry about the family dynamics and issues of control. You might remind him that we don't live in a medieval feudal society where women are vassals. From your description, I'd have to conclude that your husband is, at the very least, being insensitive and inconsiderate. You could probably get some help with your feelings of frustration and anger if you and he were to seek psychological counseling. The therapist might be able to offer some advice about ways you could cope with your husband's seemingly obsessive behavior, and, at the same time, encourage him to develop a better attitude toward you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Should a person with lupus avoid sky diving?

DEAR READER: I cannot think of a reason why lupus patients should restrict their activities. However, remember that this disease often causes kidney damage; therefore, risky sports that could cause further kidney injury might be best avoided. I would leave the sky diving decision to the patient's own physician.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		39.38	38.86	38.90—.48
AOL TimeWrn		55.10	55.00	55.74—1.50
AT&T Corp		21.08	20.81	20.83—.32
Albertsons		28.67	28.15	28.40—1.00
Alltel		57.94	57.20	57.23—.42
AmEl Pw		50.60	50.10	50.36 + .36
AndarkPtr		66.99	66.05	66.60—.40
ATMOS Egy		23.30	23.05	23.29
Aviall		11.00	10.60	10.60—.37
BP PLC		53.50	53.06	53.16—.47
BakerHughes		40.38	39.16	39.55—1.29
Bank of Amer		59.32	57.97	59.00 + .36
BellSouth		41.95	41.30	41.31—.25
Beth Steel		3.53	3.38	3.40—.10
BurlNoSFe		32.70	32.26	32.27—.54
Caterpillar		56.83	56.01	56.81 + .61
Chevron		95.50	94.90	95.03—.04
Citigroup s		52.39	51.76	51.85—.70
CocaCola		47.95	47.30	47.89 + .09
ColgatePal		57.00	56.20	56.70 + .48
ComclMetals		26.80	26.45	26.50—.30
CooperIn		40.62	39.60	39.77—.60
DaimlrChry		48.65	48.26	48.50—.75
DeltaAirl		47.69	46.81	47.16 + .09
Dillards Inc		18.01	16.40	17.68—1.84
DowChem s		37.95	37.70	37.80—.18
DuPont		49.13	48.51	48.59—.72
EastmanChem		53.70	53.06	53.34—.38
EstKodak		47.98	47.34	47.59—.51
EDS Corp		65.95	65.00	65.65 + .81
Entergy		44.50	43.90	44.25 + .34
ExxonMobil		88.81	87.80	87.86—.95
FstBksAm		29.00	28.80	28.82—.23
GenDynam		84.28	80.25	80.25—3.40
GenlElec		52.83	51.75	51.88—.80
GenMills		42.10	41.45	41.90 + .43
GenMotors		56.85	55.90	55.94—.95
GaPacGP		35.70	35.16	35.49 + .23
GlobalMar		27.65	26.77	26.90—.98
Goodrich		44.35	43.80	43.83—.42
Goodyear s		30.89	29.80	30.06—.34
GtAtlPac		12.04	11.55	11.91 + .14
Halliburtn		47.99	46.70	46.84—1.15
Hanson ADS		36.60	36.35	36.40 + .30
HarteHanks		25.35	24.85	24.92—.31
HomeDepot		53.20	51.90	52.22—.77
HoneywellIntl		52.93	51.83	51.88—1.06
IBM		118.78	117.10	117.84—.17
IntlPaper		39.70	38.87	39.15—.06
JohnsonJn		99.75	98.08	98.14—.86
JohnsonJn wi		49.80	49.50	49.50—.10
K mart		11.91	11.53	11.55—.40
KinderMorg		58.14	57.60	57.80—.35
Kroger Co		24.02	23.75	23.86—.15
Litton		79.93	79.90	79.93 + .03
LockheedM		39.55	39.05	39.35 + .10
Lowes Cos		70.60	69.66	69.92—1.08
Lubys		8.60	8.30	8.34—.25
LucentTech		9.79	9.60	9.67—.23
MayDeptStr		34.71	34.00	34.14—.56
Medtronic		43.95	41.80	41.85—2.64
Motorola		16.39	15.90	16.05—.55
NCR Corp		49.11	48.80	48.81—.57
Navistar		28.50	28.30	28.38—.12
Penney JC		21.85	21.27	21.50—.56
PepBoys		8.70	8.51	8.60 + .03
PepsiCo		44.55	43.85	44.46 + .48
Pharmacia		49.65	49.26	49.60 + .10
PhelpDodge		48.20	46.58	46.97—1.64
PhilipPet		67.20	66.45	66.80—.06
PilgrmPrd B		11.18	10.81	11.17 + .36
Polaroid		5.22	5.00	5.12 + .20
Praxair		50.99	50.41	50.85—.52
ProctGamb		64.90	64.20	64.75 + .75
PubS NwMx		36.95	36.81	36.88—.01
RadioShack		33.65	32.83	33.06—.99
ReliantEngy		47.90	46.90	47.17 + .04
RoyalDut		60.98	60.50	60.63—.37
SBC Comm		43.55	42.95	43.00—.37
SaraLee		19.85	19.65	19.73 + .11
Scripps EW		67.59	67.18	67.29—.13
SearsRoeb		41.30	40.65	40.82—.43
SherwinW		21.59	21.10	21.37—.22
SouthernCo s		22.95	22.80	22.91 + .20
SwstAirl s		19.20	18.99	19.20 + .32
SprintFON		20.70	20.25	20.25—.35
SprintPCS		23.58	22.76	22.98—.57
Sunoco Inc		42.10	41.25	41.66—.13
TXU Corp		47.10	46.69	47.01 + .65
TempleInland		54.74	54.10	54.41—.10
Texaco		71.29	70.71	70.90 + .09
TexInd		32.82	32.10	32.20—.82
TexasInst		41.03	40.41	41.01—.30
Textron		57.76	57.40	57.62 + .15
TriconGlbR		43.46	43.05	43.14—.31
TrinityInds		23.84	23.60	23.62—.18
TritonEngy		26.70	26.10	26.20—.69
TylerTech		2.75	2.50	2.55—.20
USX-Marathn		32.86	32.60	32.65—.28
USX-USS		20.19	19.82	19.90—.37
UnionPacif		58.30	57.78	57.80—.73
UnitedTech		85.10	83.72	84.40—.42
Unocal		39.53	39.11	39.14—.36
Venator Grp		14.50	14.30	14.30—.30
VerizonComm		54.75	54.05	54.10—.33
WalMart		53.88	52.51	52.62—.90
WellsFargo		47.68	47.16	47.52 + .32
WstnGasRs		41.85	41.10	41.75 + .35
WinnDixie		27.25	27.00	27.24—.01
Xerox Cp		10.65	10.00	10.45—.30

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Scurry County Country

Alternative growers teach ways of socially conscious ag

PITTSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Each week, organic vegetable grower Harvey Harman climbs into his rusty Volvo station wagon and drives to the local community college.

There he cultivates a different field, nurturing students who seek a niche in environmentally sound, socially conscious agriculture that has taken root in North Carolina's Piedmont.

A dozen farmers make up the faculty of the Sustainable Farming Program at Central Carolina Community College. They aren't experienced teachers, but they can draw on plenty of practical knowledge to explain such things as how to grow crops without chemical fertilizer.

"Farming's hard work, and it takes a certain amount of skill, but it's doable," Harman said. "I'm here to let them know it's doable."

Sustainable agriculture has emerged in the past two decades as a movement to bring the increasingly mechanized farming industry back into touch with rural communities. By embracing pre-World War II practices, it aims to reverse the decline of family farms, improve the conditions of laborers and leave no trace on the environment.

In Pittsboro, the trend has thrived as nowhere else in the South. Organic growers in [illegible] Farm Stewardship Association. Chatham County established their first fruit market in 1982. Health-minded consumers in neighboring Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, home to three major research universities, have embraced their alternative wares.

"There's different theories about here," said Robin Kohanowich, the college program's coordinator. "They say it's the old hippies from Chapel Hill, but people keep coming."

Organizations with headquarters in this city about 35 miles west of Raleigh include the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, a network for small growers; the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, which develops rare breeds; and the Rural Advancement Foundation International.

The success of alternative farmers often depends on their proximity to left-leaning population centers and "informed" markets, according to Tony Kleese, executive director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association. Other hot spots in North Carolina include the counties surrounding Asheville and the Boone area, in the state's far west.

Harman, 41, grew up on a conventional dairy farm in Pennsylvania. He bought his 36-acre North Carolina farm in 1991 upon returning from a six-year stay in South Africa, where he worked on village-level development.

"I was inspired by what I saw farmers do with limited resources," he said.

The community college program, established in 1996, began shortly after Harman, overwhelmed by requests to tour his farm, started teaching independently.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

The time has arrived for pecan growers to begin to look for pecan nut casebearers. The casebearer is one of the most important nut damaging insects in pecan production.

Casebearer larvae, or caterpillars, will damage nutlets by tunneling into them soon after pollination, often destroying all nutlets in a cluster.

The adult is only active at night, during which it mates and lays eggs on pecan nutlets. It is a gray moth about 1/3-inch in length and has a dark ridge of scales followed by a lighter colored band across its forewings.

Moths can be detected by using pheromone baited traps, and are usually first seen around May 15. Pheromone traps were set out to capture casebearer moths several weeks ago and the first moths were captured between May 9 and May 14. Egg laying usually occurs six to eight days after the first moth flight and trees should be inspected for eggs beginning May 16.

Most casebearer eggs are found on the tips of the nutlets. Eggs are barely large enough to be seen by the naked eye, oval shaped, flat. They are greenish white to white when first laid and turn pink just prior to hatching.

When scouting for casebearers, examine at least ten nutlet clusters per tree. A cluster is considered infested if it has a casebearer egg or nut entry. Treatment may be justified if more than 3 percent of the nut clusters are infested.

Nut clusters with eggs can be tagged and rechecked each day to determine when hatch occurs. If insufficient numbers of infested clusters are found, recheck the trees in two days.

The first generation can cause the most damage and for this reason, control is directed at this generation. Control must be precisely timed to kill the larvae between hatch and nut entry. Once inside the nut, the larvae are protected from insecticidal treatments.

The larvae (worms) reach a length of about an inch and are olive-gray to green in color. Larval entry occurs on the bottom 1/3 of the individual nutlet. There will be a small hole that is usually covered with saw- dust like worm droppings that are webbed together. An insecticide should be applied 1-2 days after the first eggs hatch, when nut entry is first observed. The anticipated treatment date this year is from May 23 to May 26.

Due to the erratic distribution of casebearers, infestation of pecan nut casebearers may not be present in all trees or orchards.

A history of casebearers does not mean you will have a problem this year. Therefore, you should check your trees to determine if you have a pest problem, insecticide applications may not be necessary.

Some trees may have nut clusters at every branch terminal and the tree may need to have some nutlets removed to prevent excessive stress to the tree. In this case, the casebearer can be helpful in reducing the number of clusters if treatment is not made.

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Oil producers, ethanol industry in dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ethanol industry wants California, but the state has other ideas. And that's causing a political headache at the White House.

For weeks, the Bush administration has been caught between two of the most powerful political lobbies in Washington — farmers and big oil companies — over a gasoline requirement California officials say is not needed and could boost prices as much as a nickel a gallon.

The issue is ethanol, a corn-based gasoline additive that adds oxygen and allows fuel to burn cleaner.

Now mainly in the Midwest, the ethanol industry has eyed California as a huge market because the state is banning a competing additive, MTBE, after 2002 because it pollutes the water.

But California environmental officials argue they no longer need an additive because refiners can make new blends of gasoline cheaper and cleaner than by using MTBE or ethanol.

More than a year ago, California asked the Environmental Protection Agency to waive the federal oxegenate, or oxygen-adding, requirement entirely. But the issue is so politically charged that it languished without decision in both the Clinton and Bush administrations.

Already at odds with California over high electricity prices, the Bush White House decided tentatively several weeks ago to reject the state's request.

But then, it reconsidered the matter and now it could go either way, said government and industry sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

By Jim Lionberger, wildlife Biologist

In 1994, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) began a pilot program to benefit both hunters and agricultural producers in Texas.

This program known as the Short Term Public Hunting Lease Program, sought to lease private lands during the dove season for use by purchasers of the TPWD $40 Annual Public Hunting (APH) permit.

Originally, leases were only secured along the Interstate 35 corridor in Central Texas. Since that first year, the program has found ready acceptance from other hunters and participating landowners. The program has expanded to other areas of the state and to other game species. TPWD has also increased the flexibility of lease terms, with innovations such as multiple year leases.

We are always looking for good lease opportunities and this article is designed to explain the program and to answer some of the questions most commonly asked by farmers and ranchers with an interest in participating in the program.

What is a Short-term Hunting Land Lease? A short-term hunting land lease is a contract between TPWD and a private landowner. The landowner agrees to let APH permit holders to hunt certain game animals on their property for a specified period of time.

TPWD agrees to pay a set fee for this access and also agrees to post signs on the boundary, designated roads and parking areas or other areas identified in the lease agreement.

The agreement does not mean that a TWPD biologist or game warden will be on site during the hunt, but staff persons will periodically monitor the site and be available if problems arise. Activities such as camping, building fires, fishing and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Who can hunt on Short-term Hunting Lease lands? Not everyone with a hunting license is allowed legal access to these short-term lands. Only those hunters who purchase the APH permit (approximately 38,000 are sold annually statewide) from TPWD are allowed to hunt.

What are my liability risks? Recently, the Texas Legislature enacted statutes that offer additional liability protection to landowners who lease recreational (including hunting) rights. If the total income derived from all recreational activity does not exceed four times the annual ad valorem taxes association on the property for the prior year, the landowner does not assume additional liability risks.

Each purchaser of the APH permit is also provided with a disclaimer of liability whose acceptance holds both the TPWD and the landowner harmless from injuries that may be incurred on the property as a result of public hunting activities.

How can I contact TPWD about the Short-term Hunting Lease program? Your local TPWD wildlife technician or biologist can provide additional information. If you do not know your local biologist, ask the game warden for the county. You can also contact the TPWD Public Hunting Program in Austin at 512-389-4765, 4770 or 4773.

Cayelea Rhodes new AAA member

Cayelea Rhodes of Snyder is a new member of the American Angus Association.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 35,000 active adult and junior members.

Rhodes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Rhodes.

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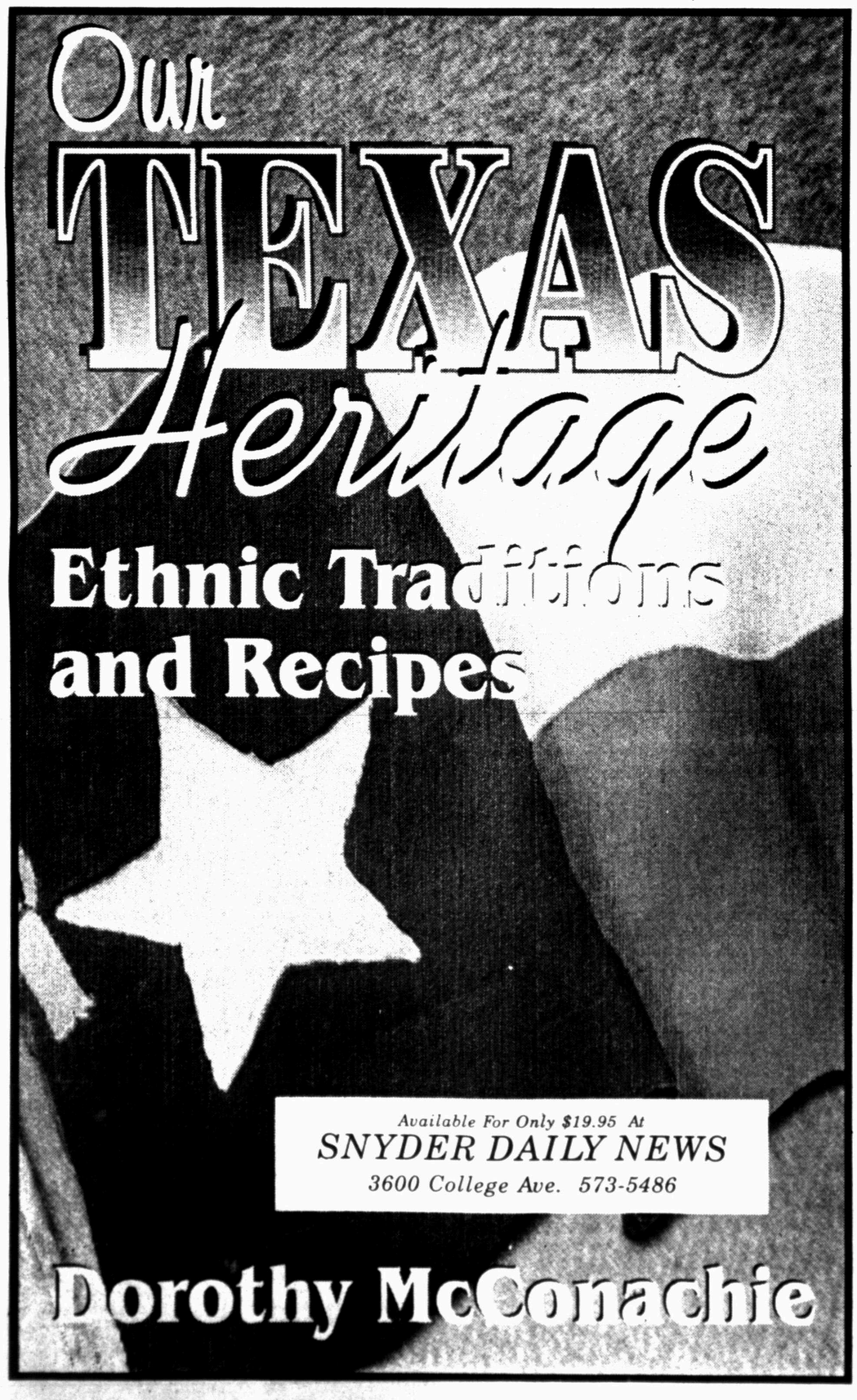
The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,228 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 19, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers $2 to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were $2 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows were $25/hd higher, pairs were firm to higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 122-132
300-400: 115-127
400-500: 98-103
600-700: 87-93
700-800: 78-82
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 114-122
300-400: 98-103
400-500: 85-96
500-600: 86-88
600-700: 82.50-87
700-800: 76-78.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 565-650
Aged cows: 470-590
Pairs: 725-850
Aged pairs: 615-720
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 40-45.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 43.25-47
High Yielding: 47-48.25
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 38.50-44
800-1000 Lb. 38-44
Under 750 Lbs.: 35-39.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 52.50-60
Low dressing 1000-1300 Lbs. 49-50.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 762 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 17, sale. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-48.50
Canner and low cutters: 38-48.50
Slaughter bulls: 52-61
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-130
400-500: 92.50-107
500-600: 81-95
600-700: 84-90
700-800: 77-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 83-92
600-700: 78-85
700-800: 74-83
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-100
700-800: 70-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 675-900
Grade: 625-700
Springers: 500-700
Baby calves: 100-200
Doodlers: 185-250



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bush calls top Middle East leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stepping up his involvement in the Middle East, President Bush called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today and urged them to take steps to end rising violence in the region.

It was only Bush's second telephone conversation with Arafat, and he did not invite the Palestinian leader to meet him at the White House, a senior U.S. official said.

Arafat also is resisting efforts by Secretary of State Colin Powell to arrange a meeting with him, but that did not come up in the conversation, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Through diplomatic channels, meanwhile, the administration has suggested Crown Prince Abdullah meet with the president. It remains a live idea, but the two sides have been unable to adjust their schedules to clear the way for a meeting, the official told The Associated Press.

While the Saudis are viewed in Washington as moderates, their stature in the Arab world could make it difficult for the crown prince to be seeing Bush since the president has not endorsed Palestinian demands.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush asked Arafat and Sharon in telephone calls to work with the United States to develop a framework for implementing the report of a fact-finding commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

The report calls on Palestinians to jail militants and on Israel to freeze settlement construction. It asks both sides to abide by a U.S.-brokered truce deal they accepted last year but have frequently violated.

Bush urged Sharon and Arafat to take advantage of the chance offered by the report and end violence in the region, and "they both agreed to work with us," Fleischer said.

House conservatives mull vouchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — After losing a vote that would have stripped annual student testing from President Bush's education plan, House conservatives set their sights on vouchers, saying Bush's testing proposal should be coupled with an "escape valve" for children in low-scoring schools.

Lawmakers in both the House and Senate so far have kept vouchers out of the education bills they are considering, but the House was scheduled to take up two voucher amendments today. The Senate likely will debate its own voucher proposal later in the week.

White House advisers this week said the administration still supports the private-school tuition allowances, but Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., said Bush was "missing in action" on vouchers and expanded spending flexibility for school districts.

The House on today debated an amendment, offered by Hoekstra and favored by conservatives, to expand the percentage of federal funds school districts could use without oversight.

Rep. George Miller of California, senior Democrat on the House Education Committee, opposed the measure, saying, "It's simply 'an amendment too far.'"

Conservatives on Tuesday met with Bush at the White House, where they said they would support the education plan — with promises that he would back separate bills addressing their concerns.

The House on Tuesday ratified Bush's plan for annual math and reading tests for students in grades three through eight, defeating an attempt by Hoekstra and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to strip testing from the plan.

"Local school districts are absolutely furious" about testing, Hoekstra said moments after the 255-173 vote.

The vote marked a solid victory for the president and a bipartisan coalition. Bush has declared education his top domestic priority.

An odd alliance of GOP conservatives and liberal Democrats came together in favor of Hoekstra's amendment, with liberals worried that standardized testing tends to be unfair to minority students. They also say more testing without large increases in education spending are ineffective.

"I think testing without a lot more money is a problem," Frank said.

$23.9 million raised at Republican meal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush helped set a new Republican fund-raising record, serving as the star attraction at a GOP gala that took in $23.9 million.

More than 2,000 Republican donors attended the black-tie dinner Tuesday night at the National Guard Armory. Ticket prices ranged from $1,500 per person to $20,000 for a corporate table.

Donors, sitting under soft red, white and blue lights, dined on vegetable Napoleon, horseradish-crusted tenderloin with shallot merlot sauce, asparagus, five-onion risotto cake and key lime pie.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney shook contributors' hands and posed for photographs, then addressed the crowd as dinner began. Bush thanked the donors for helping him win the White House.

"I want to thank you all for your very generous contributions so that my drive was only five minutes," Bush said. "And I appreciate your generous support so that our agenda gets advanced."

Bush drew frequent applause in his 18-minute speech with references to his income tax cut proposal, national energy plan and education policy.

Republican senators, including Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., were unable to attend because of the Senate's marathon debate over Bush's tax proposal.

Bush referred to their absence in his speech.

"It is time for the Senate to stop delaying tax relief," he said.

Bush and Cheney left after the speech.

The GOP fund-raiser followed a reception held by Cheney at the vice presidential mansion Monday evening for about 400 top donors, most of whom previously gave or pledged to give $100,000 or more.

Several accidents investigated in Snyder

• ***Accidents***

At 4:18 this morning, a 1990 Chrysler Imperial driven by Matthew Alan Fambro, 22, of 2104 41st Street, collided with a telephone pole at 1100 30th Street. Fambro was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1900 25th Street. Involved were a 1987 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Daniel Zachary Johnson, 18; of 1151 Hwy 163 in Colorado City and a 2000 Ford Excursion driven by Christopher Lee Scott, 30, of 3718 Highland.

• ***Shoplifter***

At 1:14 p.m. Tuesday, Veronica Puente requested an officer at Wal-Mart in reference to a shoplifter. A 49-year-old female was attempting to steal hair products. She was issued a citation for Class B theft and released.

• ***Throwing rocks***

Officers were alerted to a small boy throwing rocks at a car at 8:15 p.m. The juvenile and his mother were contacted and advised of the complaint.

• ***Foul language***

A woman complained to police that her neighbor was using profanity towards her 14-year-old son. An officer spoke with the neighbor about the complaint. He advised that he would cease with the profanity.

• ***Criminal trespass***

Just after 11 p.m. a woman called the police in reference to a 16-year-old male looking through her windows and then running away through the alley. Officers responded and began to attempt to locate the subject. During the search the woman's husband contacted the police to inform them that his wife had the suspect on the phone and he was at his residence. The officers found him there and issued a criminal trespass warning.

• ***Burglary of a vehicle***

An offense report was filed at 11:30 p.m. in front of the Pizza Inn for burglary of a vehicle. A 1996 Chevrolet Blazer was burglarized of a cellular phone and several CDs. There was no evidence of forced entry.

• ***Harassment***

At 1 a.m. this morning, Norma Martinez reported that her daughter had been receiving threatening phone calls from another female for almost two hours. Martinez requested that the officers tell the aggressor if the harassment continues, charges would be filed.

Sexual assault nets probation

A 21-year-old Snyder man received a 10-year probated sentence in 132nd District Court.

Hadley Dees Vineyard of 2744 CR3126 in Snyder pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a female under the age of 17, a second degree felony.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a 10-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication. Vineyard also was fined $750 and ordered to participate in sex offender counseling.

Obituaries

Dorothy Peterson

1929-2001

Funeral service for Dorothy Elizabeth Peterson of Hermleigh is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

The Rev. Jim Townsend of Hamilton will officiate and burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Peterson, 71, died Monday, May 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

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

A resident of Scurry County since 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 from 4-6 p.m. today 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, sister of O.P. Tate of Snyder, died Friday, May 18, at her home in Temple.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clark, 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.

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events

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ONGOINGS

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.

Youth rally

Ira First Baptist Church will host a youth rally starting at 6 p.m. Sunday. The rally will feture music by Macy Hill and Mark Winn as the featured speaker.

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. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. 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.

Winston Field fly-in breakfast

The first Winston Field fly-in breakfast will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The public is invited to the event and can eat breakfast with the pilots for $3. There will be numerous airplanes on display, including antique aircraft.

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.

Radical environmentalists suspected of setting 2 fires

CLATSKANIE, Ore. (AP) — Near simultaneous arson fires more than 100 miles apart in Oregon and Washington appear almost identical and authorities were trying to determine if radical environmentalists were to blame.

"There seems to be a similarity in the way the fires started," John McMahon, supervisory special agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Portland, told The Oregonian of Portland in Tuesday's editions.

No one was injured in either fire and no arrests had been made Wednesday morning. Both fires were reported early Monday morning and total damage was estimated at more than $2.5 million.

The FBI was investigating whether the Earth Liberation Front, a radical environmentalist organization, set the blaze in Clatskanie that destroyed two buildings and several vehicles at Jefferson Poplar Farms.

A second fire in Seattle gutted laboratories and offices at the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture. A small part of the research at the center deals with trees whose genes have been altered, a science despised by many environmentalists.

Damage estimates at the horticulture center alone have been boosted to as much as $3 million. University police Capt. John Brouelette said it was the worst attack on property on campus since the Vietnam War protests of the late 1960s and early '70s.

Some undetonated explosives were found near the tree farm office building and investigators have developed "solid" leads in the case, McMahon told The Oregonian. He would not elaborate.

An ELF spokesman, Leslie James Pickering, said Tuesday he had not received any message from anyone in the group claiming responsibility but added that he believed the fires are linked.

"We are speculating that we will receive a communique soon," Pickering said. Pickering claims he is not an ELF member and only reports its activities.

McMahon said investigators were studying the affiliation of the Oregon poplar farm with the Washington research site. The two facilities traded materials to study high-tech tree farming and collaborated in poplar research, he said.

Previous owners of the Clatskanie tree farm were affiliated with a university-based group called the Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative, according to H.D. "Toby" Bradshaw, a professor at the urban horticulture center. Investigators said the Seattle fire started in Bradshaw's office.

Bradshaw said the attack set him back no more than six weeks. But about 10,000 volumes were damaged at a rare botany books library and about 20 percent probably cannot be restored, library director Valerie Easton said.

Center director Thomas M. Hinckley said he lost more than 30 years of teaching and research records, and scientist Sarah E. Reichard said she lost more than a hundred specimens of rare native plants.

The crime scene outside Clatskanie was spray-painted with slogans of the ELF, as was the phrase "You cannot control what is wild,"

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Hart Warmers





CENTRAL AWARDS — Central Elementary School began a new tradition in 2000-2001 — recognition of students for doing good things throughout the school year. Forty-one students received "Hart Warmer" certificates at an assembly in May. (Top photo) From left first row, Daniel McVey, Joshua Pesina, Kelly Martinez, Alex Hernandez, Jessica West, Meagan Smith, Colton Lane, Justin Iglehart: second row, Kimberly Nolan, Andres Escareno, Brodie Calley, Juan Estrada, Mallory Silva, Terrence Williams; third row, Stephen Kelley, LA Jaramillo, Amanda Browning, Rachael Dupree, Autumn Castillo, Josie Ornelas, Yvette Hernandez, Danny Clawson, Michael Redman, Krista Jackson. (Bottom photo) First row from left, Junior Castro, Ashley Browning, Dana Van Winkle, Meghan Thompson, Aryn May, Kimberly Hagins, Ashley Kincheloe; second row, Chris Hart, Taylor Tyrell, Valeri Guzman, Raven Luna, Micayla Redman; third row, Krista Jackson, Cody Lee, LaTekka Richardson, Kristi Guerrero, Nathan Rose. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

California politicians asking for price caps on electricity

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After suggestions, pleas and lobbying proved unsuccessful, California lawmakers went to court to try and force federal regulators to cap wholesale electricity prices.

"There's a danger this entire economy can come unwound," warned Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, who joined Senate President John Burton and House Speaker Robert Hertzberg in a suit filed Tuesday against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The move came after unsuccessful lobbying by Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and other lawmakers to get the commission to impose strict price caps while wholesale power prices reach historically high levels.

"The citizens of California are suffering immediate irreparable harm," the lawmakers wrote to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over FERC.

Joe Cotchett, who sued oil and tobacco companies and represented consumers hit by the savings and loan scandal, is representing California in the lawsuit — for just $1 a month.

Unlike Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who is investigating pricing practices of independent power producers, Cotchett's team is focusing on the threat that outages pose to the public.

Assembly Republican Leader Dave Cox questioned whether the federal court will intervene in the commission's ongoing regulatory decisions. "If the court takes it, it's meritorious. If not, it's political," Cox said.

In December, prices in California reached $200 per megawatt hour — and they have skyrocketed to as much as $1,900 per megawatt hour during peak times since then.

The Bush administration ardently opposes price caps. Vice President Dick Cheney, chief architect of the administration's energy plan, said capping prices would not increase energy supplies or reduce demand.

Last month, FERC ordered a one-year cap on electricity during power emergencies, when California's reserves fall below 7.5 percent. But the agency did not set a price, and state regulators dismissed the plan as inadequate.

Earlier on Tuesday, Davis signed a bill speeding up the approval process for new and remodeled power plants, a measure he said will "set a land-speed record for siting plants."

The bill also would shorten the time that local governments have to review power plant proposals and make such decisions subject to review by the state Supreme Court without first going through lower courts.

"California is in a war with energy producers, and the best long-term weapon is to build more power plants," Davis said.

Internet may have helped spread college placement test question

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some high school students may have had an advance look at an essay question from a college placement exam taken this month, according to the Educational Testing Service, which is investigating the security breach.

School officials alerted the testing company to the problem after receiving reports from students that the question from the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam was posted on the Internet on the evening of May 10, the night before the test.

The history exam is among several taken by students enrolled in college-level courses while still in high school. On each test, the essay question counts for nearly a quarter of a student's score.

"The rumor is that it has been shared somewhere, and we're trying to determine among whom and how widely," ETS spokesman Tom Ewing told The Associated Press. "We really have not reached any decisions about it because the investigation is still ongoing."

Ewing said ETS, which is based in Princeton, N.J., and administers college entrance exams, had been investigating for about a week. He said the company still didn't know how many people may have had the advance information.

"When cases like this come up, no matter how it happens — whether a student gets an advance look or a book disappears or walks — we respond pretty quickly. We go out to schools," Ewing said Tuesday.

While Ewing wouldn't comment on which schools or regions of the country were the focus of the investigation, he said having students take retests is an option under consideration, depending on results of the investigation.

About 176,000 students took the history test in 1999, the last year for which information was available, according to ETS.

The Internet appears to be the source for many of the rumors that prompted the probe.

"Our kids apparently heard about it, and when they reported to us that something seemed to be up, we contacted the ETS," said Ellis Turner, assistant headmaster at the Sidwell Friends School in Washington.

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