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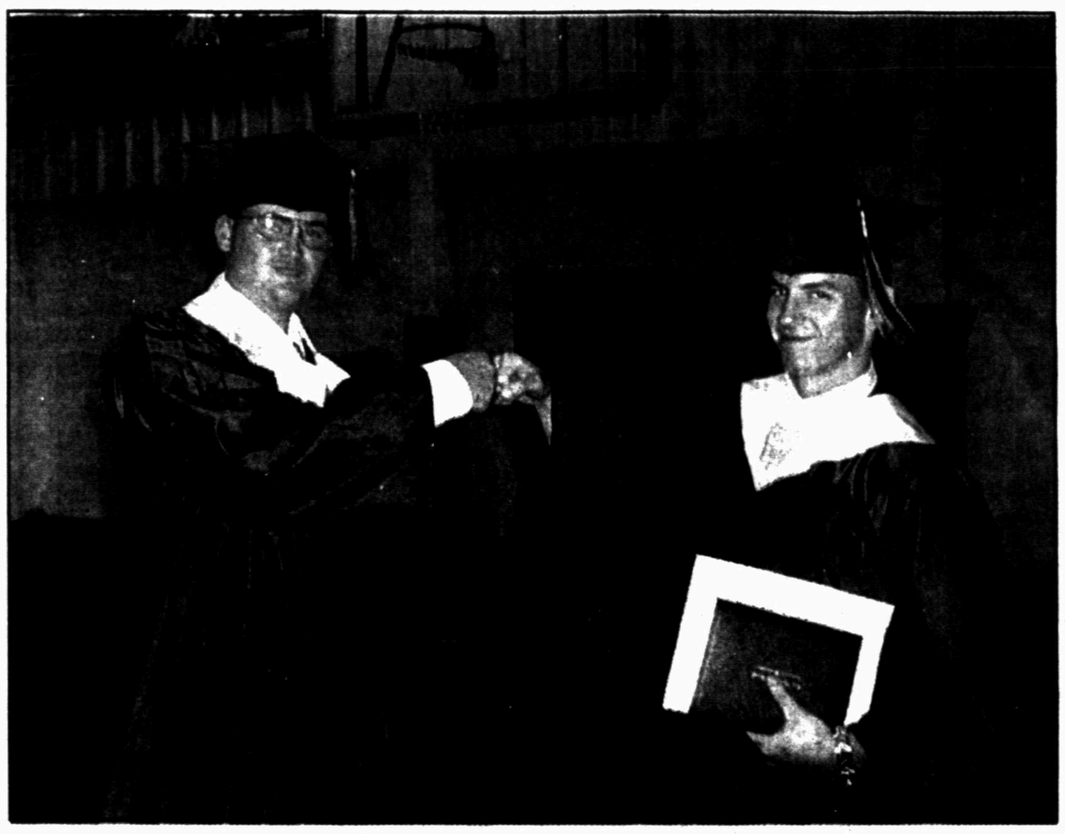
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WE MADE IT — Ira High School graduates Casey Chaney and Jeremy Bowden, from left, congratulate one another following commencement exercises Saturday. Thirteen Ira seniors received diplomas in ceremonies held in the school's gymnasium. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Still ugly and crunchy...

Bugs are beneficial, say entomologists

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Despite their nuisance and repulsive appearance, local entomologists say invading black bugs are actually beneficial.

"They are a beneficial insect because they are predators. They are generalists. They will eat anything they can get hold of," said Stephen Bills entomologist and extension agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said.

Biles said the invaders are ground beetles but are also called caterpillar hunters in East Texas because they find army and cut worms particularly tasty.

He said a warm moist spring made conditions ideal for the bugs' food supply — including a recent surge in the army worms.

"The biggest reason we have them around right now is because of all of the worms we had just a little while ago," he said. "The spring set up just right for them with all the moisture and all. A cool wet spring and that is just ideal for the army worms and cutworms."

In fact, the conditions have been ideal for all sorts of growth — from plants and weeds to insects and animals.

On a good note, Biles said the scavenger-type beetles will go away.

"After a while. They are not going to be around forever," he said. "They had something to feed on when they were younger and so they survived. We see these beetles every spring, but most of the time, it's not in the numbers we see right now."

David Kattes, former agriculture professor at Western Texas College, also said the beetles are beneficial.

"They are predators both as immature and as adults. They are eating about anything on the ground. They are fast runners and good guys."

That is a tough argument for businesses and homes that are seeing the pesky creatures scooting across parking lots, city streets and carpets — not to mention the occasional pant leg and blouse.

Kattes said in the larvae stage the beetles will get up to about an inch long. "Then they turn into that black guy. Some are metallic green and real pretty."

The bugs are attracted to lights.

"Normally, you won't see them running around. Turning your porch light off might help," Kattes said.

As for the moths, which are in abundance as well, Kattes said a lot of them are army worm moths.

"The adult stage generally doesn't last very long. They will lay eggs and die out pretty quick. It shouldn't be much longer before the moth population slows down," he said.

But that brings on another problem.

"As many moths as there are, we may have another generation of army worms," Kattes said.

And that sets the conditions for another possible surge in those so-called beneficial ground beetles. "They are real good unless they get down your britches," Kattes laughed.



BUGGED OUT — Piles of ground beetles like the one pictured above have become a common sight since an explosion in their population has invaded the area. (SDN Staff Photo)

Presidio grocer charged with murder of reporter

PRESIDIO (AP) — As a Texas grocer remains in a Mexican jail on a murder charge, some residents along the border question why he is still in custody despite testimony that the prosecutors' only witness — a prostitute addicted to heroin — was jailed the night she says she witnessed the killing.

Jesus Manuel Herrera Jr., a lanky 42-year-old who goes by the nickname Junie, was held without bond today on charges that he murdered a Mexican newspaper reporter.

"We are disgusted with what is happening; that's how the people feel," Maria Teresa Oates said as she shopped at a clothing store on the main street of Presidio, a West Texas town along the Rio Grande.

Herrera is accused in the slaying of Jose Luis Ortega, a reporter for the Semanario Ojinaga. Herrera and his father own the H&H Supermarket in Presidio.

Earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, urged that the United States review the case with Mexican officials for possible inconsistencies.

Herrera's friends in Presidio have maintained he is innocent and that the case against him is weak and that the main witness was jailed on Feb. 19 when Ortega was murdered.

Peaceful protests have twice closed the international bridge between the towns.

Carlos Spencer, the owner of Spencers' clothing store who attended school with Herrera's father, said he believes the Mexican government is just after money.

Proclaiming "Junie is innocent/Set Junie free," bilingual posters have been nailed to telephone poles and trees and taped to store windows throughout Presidio.

Rosaries are recited nightly at the town's Catholic church. Car antennas and door handles are festooned with yellow ribbons.

Hundreds of residents blocked the international bridge the night of May 4 after a judge ruled that there was enough evidence to hold Herrera. But protests stopped when Mexican officials threatened to move Herrera to the state prison in Chihuahua City, about 120 miles away.

"Poor guy, everybody in town is for him," said Elida Martinez, a desk clerk at the Three Palms Inn in the city of fewer than 4,000 people.

Herrera was arrested at a car-racing track on the edge of Ojinaga, the Mexican town across the river from Presidio. As he was preparing his hot rod for a drag race, a team of Chihuahua state police agents handcuffed him and told him he was under arrest.

"I thought it was a joke," Herrera said.

Herrera, who lives with his parents, maintained during an interview from the Ojinaga municipal jail that he was home the night of the killing, an account confirmed by his mother, father and older sister.

"It's unbelievable," said Herrera's criminal defense lawyer, Adolfo Baca, of Chihuahua City, the state capital. "This is the first time I have had a case when I have a client like Junie, where everybody is for him — where everybody is mad at what they did to him."

TxDOT schedules bridge replacement

Scurry County Commissioners this morning adopted a resolution to participate in a program with the Texas Department of Transportation on repairing and replacing bridges.

The agreement calls for the highway department to replace bridges on County Roads 4131 and 4151 and the county in turn to perform bridgework equivalent to 10 percent of the cost of the projects.

The county will have three years to complete the matching work.

TxDOT has given the two bridges, which are located in Precinct 4, priority status, and Mike Molter, area engineer, said planning and scheduling of the work would begin immediately.

In other business, the court unanimously approved Snyder National Bank as the county's depository.

In other business, a budget amendment in the amount of $1,165 was granted for the justice of the peace office to cover the cost of an autopsy. The office has already expended its budgeted autopsy funds.

An amendment in the amount of $1,650 was approved to cover the cost of repairs at the Towle Park pool.

Also granted was the transfer of $347.50 from supplies into operating supplies for the health department. The funds are needed to cover the cost of flu shots as $3,200 was budgeted, but the total cost was $3,547.50.

Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were present including Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Bill blocked to allow radioactive waste dump

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas House committee has voted to block a bill that would establish a low-level radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

The Senate bill also would have allowed the U.S. Department of Energy to ship waste to a separate proposed dump in Texas.

The House Calendars Committee, which sets bills for floor debate, voted 5-3 late Sunday not to schedule the Senate bill in the House. That effectively kills the legislation by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

The Senate approved the measure earlier this month.

Five House Democrats on the calendars committee voted against the bill.

"It took a great deal of courage by these members of the House to stand up and say publicly that we're opposed to it," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, Texas director of the consumer group Public Citizen, which lobbied against the measure.

Smith predicted the legislation will return, possibly even in the final week of this session tacked onto some other bill.

"We're all for a responsible way of dealing with our radioactive waste, but this was an irresponsible way of dealing with that problem," he said.

Duncan said his legislation offered effective, strong safeguards to safely dispose of both state and federal waste.

"It's not something we can forever ignore," Duncan said.

A provision added to the bill would have allowed Texas to accept Department of Energy waste at a separate dump. Bill opponents and even Duncan disapproved of that amendment by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Duncan said such a provision had killed the legislation in previous sessions.

The bill would have helped Texas fulfill a compact that involves accepting low-level radioactive waste from Maine and Vermont. The compact is part of a nationwide plan to store low-level radioactive waste regionally.

Currently, the state has about 1,200 sites where low-level radioactive waste is stored. Setting up the compact would allow for the waste to be stored and managed at one site.

Low-level radioactive waste is a byproduct of medical, research and industrial activities. It also is produced through the operation of nuclear power plants.

ASK US

Q—Does the Midland National Weather Service have a web site?
A—www.srh.noaa.gov\maf

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 60; high Sunday, 94; low, 52; 7 a.m. Monday, 52; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low 40-45, NE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high mid 70s, SE wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday night, clear, low in mid 50s.



Meagan Downing
Cool

Sunset: 8:37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Of 140 days in 2001, the sun has shone 128 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.

—Henry C. Link

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AUTHORS — Seth Cooper, left, and Matthew Morris, read their books to students in Stanfield Elementary's library. Seth's book is ***How To Make Life More Fun***. Matthew's book is ***Kitchen Experiments***.

SJHS students create children's book

It was a learning experience for all involved.

Snyder Junior High School eighth grade gifted and talented students spent most of the just completed school year writing children's books.

Once the books were completed, the students read them to students at Stanfield Elementary. But it took nearly the nine months of school before the students reached that stage. Early on, they discovered that there was more to writing a children's book than just choosing a topic. For instance, they had to learn to use the words that younger students, ranging from kindergarten to upper third grade, could understand.

While the students planned their books, they received help from guest speakers familiar with children's books. They also traveled to Abilene for book talks, where brief summaries of children's books were presented to them. In addition, Aleta Long, Stanfield second grade teacher, served as a resource person. She loaned the students the books her students liked to read.

After students selected their topics, they began writing. Some illustrations were created through computer graphics; others were original drawings. As they were putting their books together, the students had to learn how to balance words and pictures on a page. They learned how to set up margins and how many lines were included in each page. When the books were put together, they also did their own binding.

As the end of the school year loomed and the students had projects to finish for other classes, they helped each other finish their books on time.

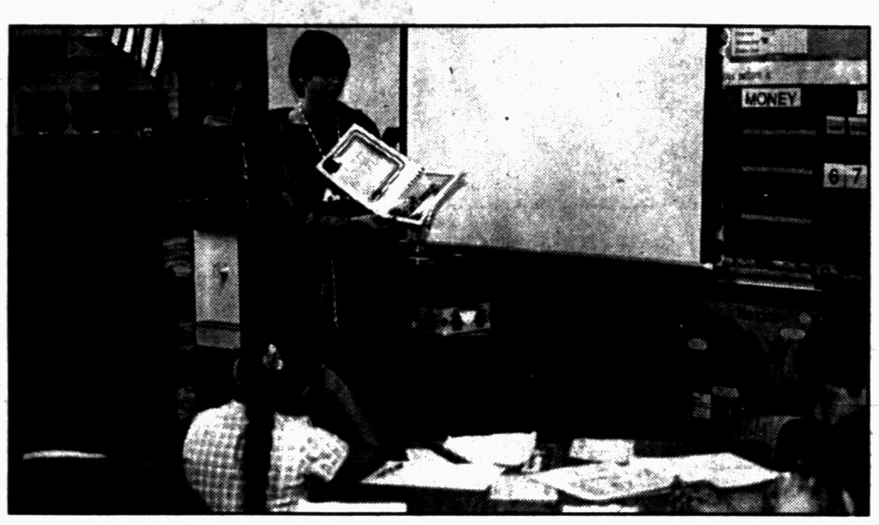
Teachers involved with the project were Virginia Trevey, Theresa Vest and Elaine Bragg. They noted that the book project was a learning experience for them also.

Two copies were made of each book, one for the student and the other to be donated to an elementary school.

Students who wrote the books were: Will Floyd, Bryan Clifton, Patrick Jones, Matthew Morris, Kelsey Shaw, JJ Farmer, Shaela Thompson, Katie Curry, Kalli Wesson, Ashley Pavlovsky, Blake Robertson, Breanna Talavera, Emily Jones, Glyn Wright, Austin Lyles, Erin Hackfeld, Meggan Minor, Seth Cooper and Matthew Kerr.



SJHS AUTHORS — Snyder Junior High School students who wrote children's books during the 2000-2001 school year are from left, back row, Will Floyd, Bryan Clifton, Patrick Jones, Matthew Morris, Kelsey Shaw, JJ Farmer; third row, Shaela Thompson, Katie Curry, Kalli Wesson, Ashley Pavlovsky, Blake Robertson; second row, Breanna Talavera, Emily Jones, Glyn Wright, Austin Lyles, Erin Hackfeld, Meggan Minor; front row, Seth Cooper, Matthew Kerr.



SPIRALIA — Blake Robertson reads her book, ***Spiralia***, to Elvira Gonzales' students at Stanfield Elementary.

Story and photos by Shirley A. Gorman

More than 12 passengers injured in cruise ship accident

SEATTLE (AP) — A cruise ship returned to Seattle on Sunday after a voyage during which the vessel suddenly listed sharply, injuring more than a dozen passengers and shattering glassware.

"It was like the Titanic. People were flying around in chairs, The gift shop was destroyed," said Sharon Suttle, a travel-consultant manager from Greensboro, N.C., said at the dock. "I was afraid for my life. It was scary."

The jarring movement occurred when the autopilot failed. A crewman then had to disengage the autopilot, causing the rudders to swing and the ship to swerve momentarily, Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Scott Casad said Sunday.

Following Saturday's accident, 14 passengers were treated — some for broken bones — after the Norwegian Sky made a scheduled stop at Victoria, British Columbia, Richard Reeve, maritime coordinator for the Canadian Coast Guard in Victoria, said Sunday.

A computer error apparently led to the autopilot malfunction, Casad said. The Coast Guard cleared the vessel to continue operating but ordered that its autopilot not be used while an investigation continues, he said. The ship left Seattle and headed for Alaska Sunday evening.

Terry Gallagher, spokesman for Norwegian Cruise Line, said he had no further details Sunday afternoon.

Darren Morley, a Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue coordinator, said the ship's officers told him they had "experienced a large roll" at the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

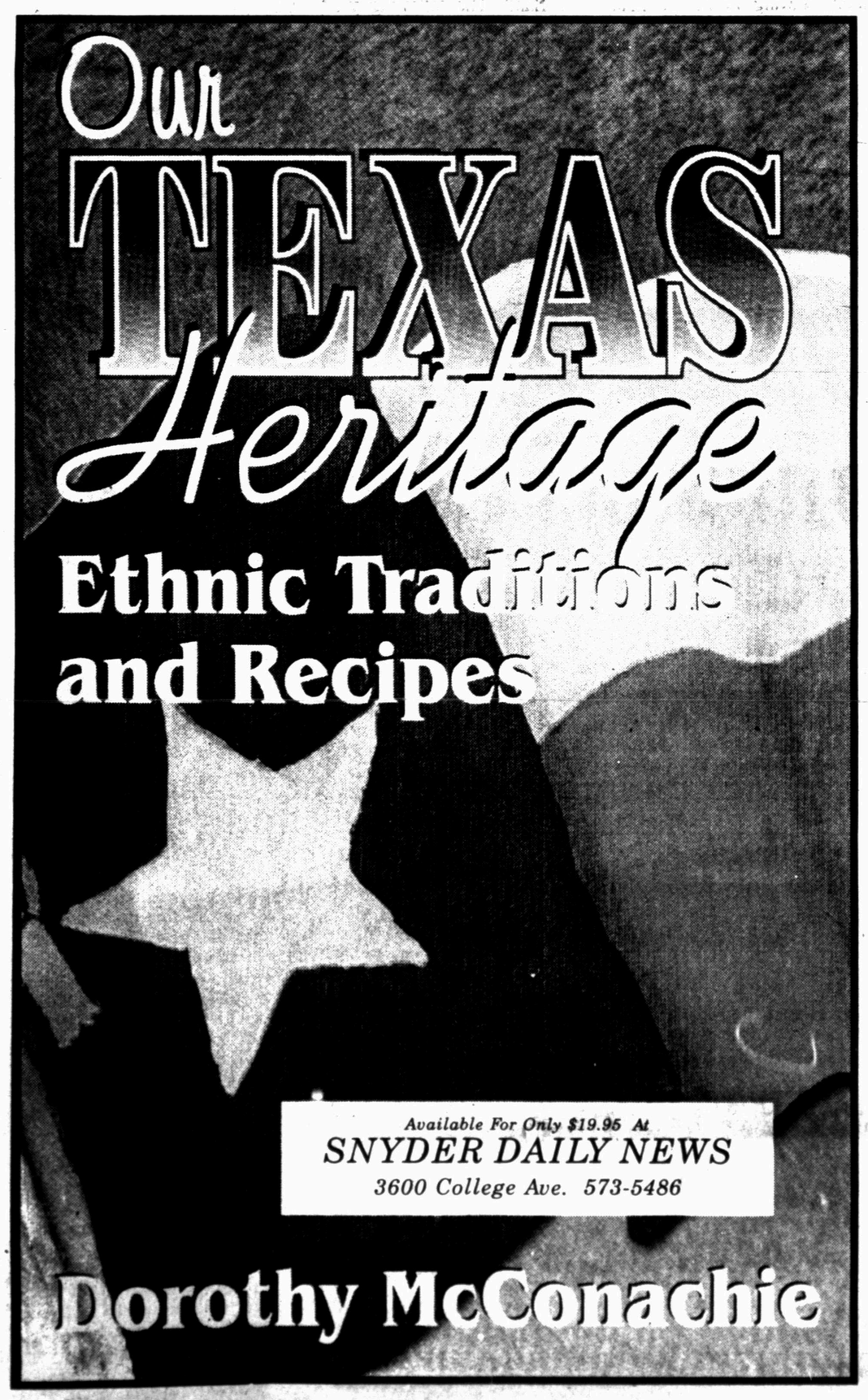
Many passengers were in the dining room at the time.

"We had just finished lunch, and we heard a grinding noise and everything started tilting," said Judy Fields, 55, of La Grange, N.C.

"The ship sort of righted itself, then it happened again and everything fell off the table. It really felt like it was going to tip over," said Alice Crady, 71, of Tampa, Fla.

The 76,000-ton Norwegian Cruise Lines ship was carrying 2,000 passengers. The 855-foot vessel, which is based in Seattle, had left for Alaska on May 13. The cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage included port calls at Juneau, Skagway and Glacier Bay, Port of Seattle spokesman Doug Williams said Sunday.

The Strait of Juan de Fuca runs between Washington's Olympic Peninsula and Canada's Vancouver Island.



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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $28 million.

The ticket was sold in: Plano, Texas.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-5-7-13-18-33.

Wednsday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

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Kindergarten: Kristin Reyes, Dariela Garcia.

First grade: Mystery Thurman, Jessica Hernandez, Jessica Guardado.

Third grade: Andrea Perez, Kelly Martinez, Coleton Mitchell, Matthew Velasquez, Bianca Cabrera, LaSwann Medina, Jake Crenwelge, Tye Holly, Jacob Johnson, Annie Stribling.

Most improved

Kindergarten: Andrew Pace, Gerardo Robles.

First grade: Samuel Edwards, John Muniz, Ana Munoz.

Third grade: Shehala Essery, Monica Escareno, John Buchanan, Dilland Almanza, Wendy Moran, Chelsea Moss, Heather Newton, Larissa Arellano, Loretta Jaramillo, Ricky Garcia.

Students with 25 or more Accelerated Reader points for the sixth six weeks received the Principal's Awards and certificates for a child's meal at Burger King.

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By Joseph E
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By Abigail V

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Crohn's disease linked to bowel inflamation

By Joseph B. Verrengia
AP Science Writer

Scientists have pinpointed a genetic abnormality in humans — one originally discovered in plants — that increases susceptibility to Crohn's Disease, a chronic inflammation that shreds the lining of the digestive tract.

American and French researchers said having a mutation to the gene on chromosome 16 increases a person's chances of developing an inherited form of the disease by at least 25 percent. However, not every person with the mutation becomes ill, they said.

The American and French groups were to present their studies today at a scientific meeting in Atlanta. The complete data will appear in the May 31 issue of the journal Nature, which released the study early.

The Nod2 gene encodes a protein associated with the innate immune system. That's the body's primitive first line of defense that recognizes invading bacteria and helps to mount a general attack.

Most life forms have an innate immune system. This is the first time that the plant gene was identified in humans, too.

Chrohn's Disease afflicts more than 500,000 people in the United States, most of whom are under 30. About one in four patients have a family history of the disease, which has encouraged researchers to find a genetic origin. So far, about 15 percent of patients tested have the altered form of the gene.

How the mutation contributes to Crohn's Disease is unclear. When the Nod2 gene is damaged, researchers said, the immune system probably overreacts and mistakenly attacks healthy intestinal cells, causing chronic inflammation.

Some researchers said they found the plant gene link "surprising."

"Life is more uniform than we think," said gasteroenterologist Charles Elson, a Crohn's Disease expert at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He did not participate in the studies.

"We knew that the gene helps plants resist bacterial infection," Elson said. "So it's a very ancient part of the immune system."

Crohn's Disease causes severe diarrhea, bleeding, fever and malnutrition. It is closely related to ulcerative colitis, so physicians often group the two disorders as inflammatory bowel disease.

Researchers believe that immune cells in the gut overreact to the presence of bacteria. The resulting inflammation causes the intestinal lining to ulcerate and break down.

The U.S. study tested DNA supplied by 416 families with a history of Crohn's Disease. The French study tested 235 families.

Both groups focused on chromosome 16. Previous studies showed it was a promising site for genes involved with recognizing invading microbes.

The researchers said the Nod2 gene is found in monocytes, primitive defense cells that engulf invading microbes. The gene encodes a protein that recognizes the presence of lipopolysaccharides, a component of the outer membrane of bacteria.

Damaged versions of the gene produced an altered version of the protein that was less effective in recognizing invading bacteria, they said.

Healthy copies of the Nod2 gene appear to protect against Crohn's Disease, they said. Other, yet-to-be-identified genes probably are involved in the disease.

Eventually, the Nod2 discovery may contribute to a gene-replacement therapy. However, researchers said the studies will have little impact on current Crohn's Disease treatments.

"If we can figure out how these genes interact with each other and the environment, we may determine which strains of intestinal bacteria interact with Nod2 to increase or decrease intestinal inflammation," said University of Chicago gastroenterologist Judy Cho, co-author of the U.S. study.

Physicians say Crohn's Disease is becoming more common, probably as a result of changing lifestyles and diet.

There is no cure. It is managed by diet restrictions and medication to suppress the immune system and calm inflammation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman can't close her eyes to peeping Tom next door

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do. Last week I caught my next-door neighbor "peeping" into the bedroom window of a very pretty neighbor across the street. When I confronted him, he begged me not to tell his wife, giving all kinds of psychological reasons for his behavior, including his upbringing.

Let me add that when my husband and I moved into our home seven years ago, we had a "peeping Tom" at our bedroom window. This neighbor now admits it was he, and that he also liked to listen to our bedroom activities! Now he claims that being caught has completely changed him. He has promised it will never happen again. Somehow I don't buy it.

This man and his wife are a young couple who have announced they plan to "make a baby" in the fall. I worry about the child they want to bring into the world, and the consequences of having this guy as a father.

It's difficult to act normal in front of his wife. We were becoming friends and entertained them as dinner guests a few times. We helped each other with yard work and household improvements. Now I feel extremely uncomfortable around them. I think his wife has noticed the strained feeling.

Should I tell her what I know? My husband says I should stay out of it, but this has been bothering me to the point that I feel like installing security cameras on all sides of our home.

How should I handle this, Abby? I need your advice quick. — **WORRIED NEIGHBOR**

DEAR WORRIED NEIGHBOR: Your neighbor across the street should immediately be told what you witnessed so she can take steps to protect her privacy. Your local police should be informed so they can keep an eye on the man — who clearly has a problem that requires professional help. However, I see no reason to tell his wife at this time. That information should come from her husband or the authorities.

Read on for a more lighthearted "neighbor story":

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from "Gardener in West Palm Beach, Fla." He's the man who stemmed the constant flow of criticism from a pesky neighbor by telling her it made him uncomfortable that she constantly watched him get "all sweaty" while working in his yard with his shirt off — then gave her a wink. I had to laugh because it reminded me of a similar experience my husband and I had.

We lived in an apartment over a business. Our "pests" were an older couple who lived in a duplex across the street. They literally took turns watching us through their binoculars! It got to the point where we couldn't open our front curtains.

One hot day we opened our curtains and front window to let some air in, and sure enough, there they were. My husband gave me a sly grin. Then he turned around, dropped his shorts and mooned them! I watched them grab the binoculars they dropped and run in the house. Needless to say, they never watched us again. — **STILL LAUGHING IN OHIO**

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: They were fast learners. Being moonstruck once was enough.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "LONG TIME AGO" IN ILLINOIS: Tell your husband about the molestation that happened when you were a little girl. It wasn't your fault. Then make an appointment with a therapist. In order to get on with your life and stop the flashbacks, you must bring all of this out in the open. Please write again and let me know how you are doing.

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

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Bluesman Willie Foster dead at 79

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Internationally known bluesman Willie Foster died early Sunday of an apparent heart attack, shortly after a performance at a private party, a family member said.

Son-in-law Anthony Evans said he found Foster, 79, unconscious in his hotel room early Sunday in Jackson, Tenn., where the two performed at a private party Saturday night.

Over the years, Foster traveled the world and at times teamed with greats such as Muddy Waters.

Heather Iglehart recognized for mathematics

The United States Achievement Academy has named Heather Iglehart, Snyder Junior High School student, an All-American Scholar. She was also named a United States National Award winner in mathematics.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Iglehart will appear in the *All-American Scholar Yearbook*, published nationally.

Heather is the daughter of Wendell and Tracy Iglehart of Snyder. Her grandparents are Joe and Wendy Hicks of Jayton.

Clarification

Gradine Sterling, volunteer for Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, was stated having 1,000 hours service in the Thursday SDN but she has 10,000 volunteer hours. Having worked in many areas with the auxiliary, she is chairman of the hospital's Snack Bar.

SHS grad member of HSU band now playing in Spain

ABILENE —Thirty-two members of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band, including Thomas Bishop of Snyder, team members of the Six White Horses, women's trio and twirler will enjoy a 10-day trip to Cáceres, Spain.

They are to leave Abilene Tuesday, for a flight from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to Atlanta, then on to Madrid.

It is Cowboy Band director Don Hanna's third overseas trip as the director of the HSU musicians. Hanna, associate professor of music and director of bands, came to head the band in 1994 from Amarillo. Hanna led the group to Paris and Nice, France, to London and now to Spain. He was a member of the Cowboy Band in 1963 when bands men spent six weeks in Japan with the "New Life Movement."

Debbie Jones, who is the director of the Six White Horse riders, is also a veteran overseas traveler. This is her third trip also.

Among special guests on the trip are Dr. and Mrs. Michael Whitehorn and Hanna' wife, Shirley. Whitehorn is the vice president for student development.

Hanna explained that in 1997 the mayor of Cáceres, Sr. Jose Maria Saponi, sent a letter of invitation to HSU and the Cowboy Band. The following year, Dr. John Campbell, now a retired School of Music organ professor and former member of the band, traveled to Cáceres and was received personally by the mayor. He returned to Abilene and encouraged HSU to accept the mayor's invitation.

Hanna and Dr. Dan Cooper, professor of social work and director of international studies program at HSU, himself a former Cowboy Band member, made an advanced trip to Spain in December 2000.

The Spanish city is providing transportation costs for the band while in Spain and lodging is provided for in private homes.

The band is scheduled to march through the city with horses (five whites and one gray) provided by Spanish families for the riders of the Six White Horses team.

During the week, the HSU delegation was to be greeted by the mayor at city hall, where gifts sent by Abilene mayor Grady Barr and HSU were to be exchanged.

Southern Baptist missionary David Borgan is coordinator of the HSU's travels in the country. They are to be featured in several parades and present concerts. Bands men were to assist in passing out the "Jesus" video.

On Sunday, the bands men are slated to take part in a Baptist Service in park Aguas Vivas and in Cáceres 11 prison. Side trips scheduled include Toledo and the ancient Roman city of Mérida.

They are scheduled to arrive back in Dallas and Abilene on Thursday, May 31.

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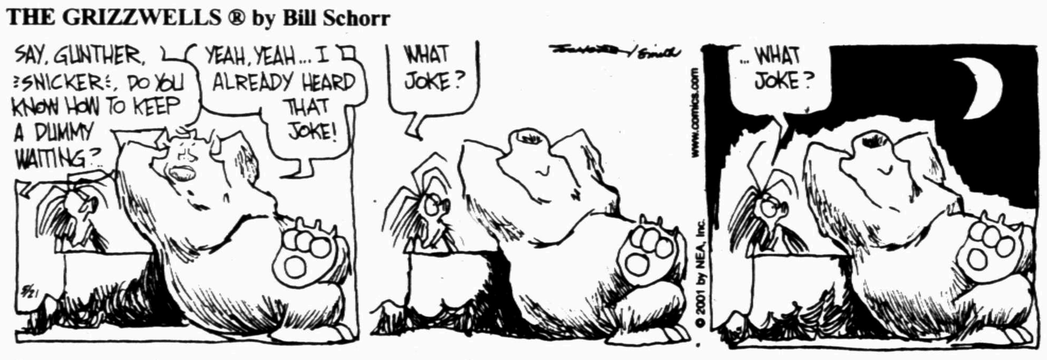
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7 Doing a crossword constructor's job
13 Very decorated
14 It will keep you warm
15 Fixed portion
16 Imprudent, like a decision
17 Ship's rope
18 Big —, CA
20 Pigpen
21 Person in a bee
25 Register opposition
28 Motif
32 Greased
33 Of hours
34 Distributed sparingly
35 Works on "Us"
36 Stable compartment
37 Redgrave or Williams
39 Some Middle Easterners
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51 Rise
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55 Part of a sonnet
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57 Diner

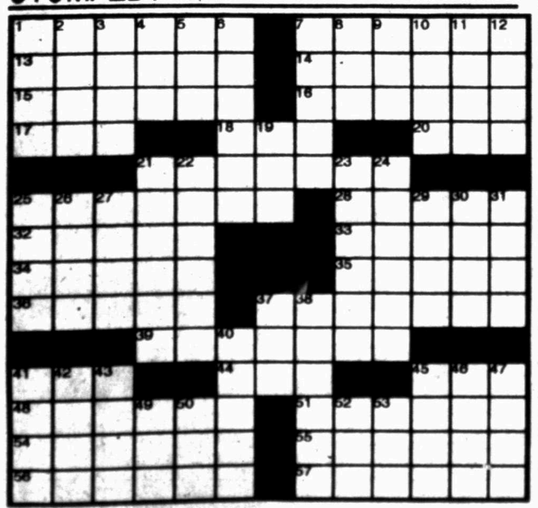
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3 Feed the kitty
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6 Feels
7 Boorish person
8 Bernstein, for short
9 Labor org.
10 How sweet — —
11 Robin's home
12 Author Zane
19 Last mo.
21 Hardens
22 Vend
23 Fruit ripener
24 — Scholar
25 Seed containers
26 Uproar
27 Spanish pot
29 Goddess of discord
30 Small rugs
31 She was "Born Free"
37 Singer Damone
38 Army command (2 wds.)
40 Center
41 Certain spy
42 Part of a neuron
43 From a distance
45 Portion out
46 Remarkable person (sl.)
47 ABA member
49 Eggs
50 Sales agt.
52 Mediterranean, e.g.
53 Okla. time

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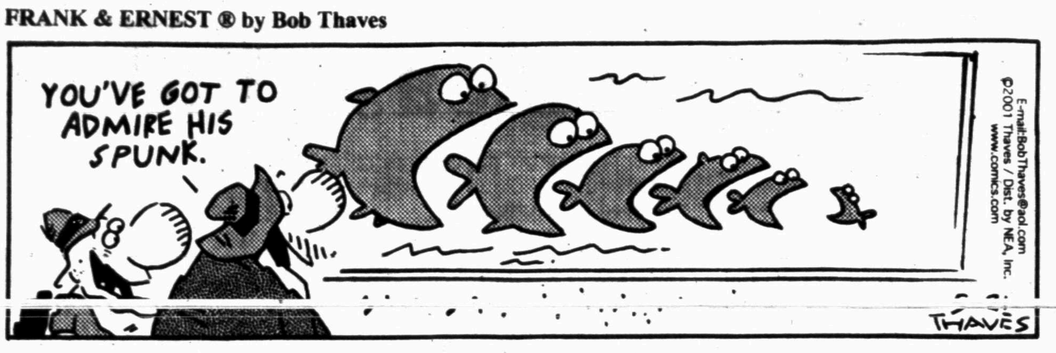
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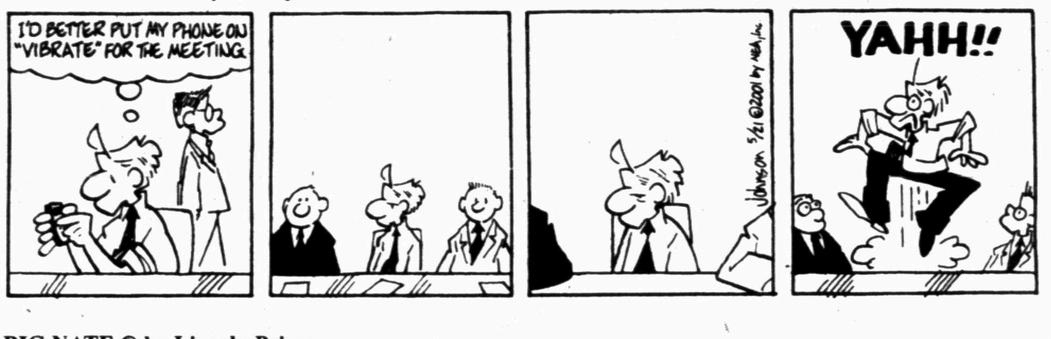
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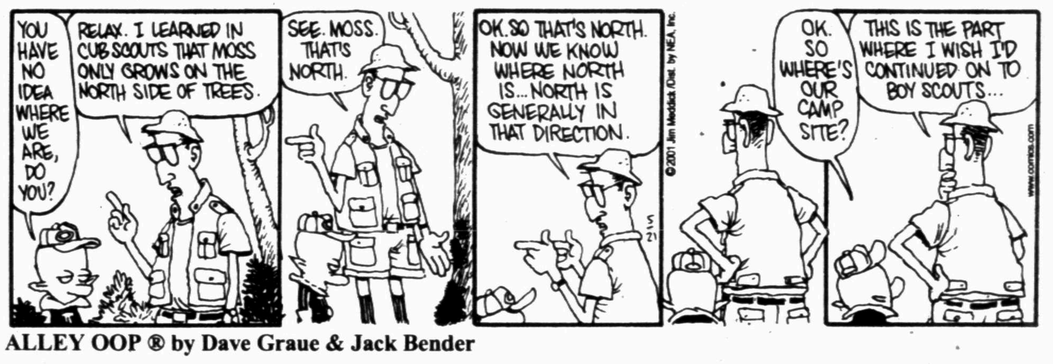
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SPORTS

Stone, Higdon rally for Pumpjack title

Larry Anderson and Billy Brock have won their share of golf tournaments, so Mike Stone and James Higdon had their work cut out for them in the final round of the Pumpjack Partnership.

Stone and Higdon came from a stroke back in windy conditions Sunday to earn the Pumpjack title at Snyder Country Club.

The winning duo trailed Anderson and Brock by a stroke entering the final round, but closed with a 66 to win by two shots. The Anderson-Brock tandem followed its opening-round 62, with a 69 on Sunday.

Todd Henderson and Robert Segura took third with a two-day total of 134.

Stone and Higdon's tournament total of 129 was two strokes better than last year's winning score when Adolph Garza and Knobby Sanchez won the event with a 131.

In the President's Flight, Billy Wayne Harris and Jim Blume posted 143 to hold off David and Bubba Stobaugh by two strokes. Blake and Scott Rundell tallied 147 to earn third.

It took a scorecard playoff to decide the top spot in the First Flight after Steve and Mitch Mackey finished in a tie with Tommy Lay and Mike Strickland at 143.

The Mackey team took first place on the scorecard playoff, while Doby Williams and Stan Bippen were only one stroke back in third.

One stroke separated the top two places in the Second Flight. James Caldwell and Barry Blackmon turned in a 152 to hold off Jerry Jowers and Ricky Doan who came in at 153. Glenn Patterson and Randy Miles grabbed third place with a 155.

John Greene and Chris Canonico fired a 158 to win the Third Flight by three shots over Brandon LaRoux and Charles Guynes. Pinky Ferguson and Nick Waggoner took third with a 165.

Miles finishes Ira with 5-4 win

ABILENE — After falling in a shootout in the series opener, the Ira Bulldogs achieved their goal of limiting Miles' runs in the second game, but finished with the same result.

Miles eliminated Ira from the Class A playoffs Saturday with a 5-4 victory at Hardin-Simmons' Hunter Field.

After dropping a 12-8 decision in the series opener, Ira knew it had to keep the scoring down in Game 2, according to Coach Bubba Edwards.

"Miles is a good hitting team, so we knew we couldn't get in another slugfest with them," said Edwards. "They only had five hits on Saturday, but we made too many errors. That's part of being a young team."

Ira pitcher Jase Olvera surrendered only five hits, but Miles scored four unearned runs due to seven Ira errors.

Even with the miscues, the Bulldogs had their chances, but couldn't come up with timely hits. Ira stranded six men in scoring position, including leaving the bases loaded in the third.

The Bulldogs jumped on top early with four runs in the top of the first inning.

Eric Dickerhoff lined a single to plate Jeremy Bowden for the game's first run, before Seth Sterling doubled to drive in Dickerhoff. A single from Jake Barnes brought home Sterling for a 3-0 lead, and Barnes later scored on a passed ball.

Miles got two runs in the bottom of the frame, and two more in the third. With the tally knotted at 4-4, Miles took the lead for good in the fifth.

The go-ahead run scored when Olvera's attempted pick-off throw to first base went into right field. Jerry Jamison's throw from right field was wide of the target, allowing the runner to score from first.

Ira tried to rally in the top of the seventh when Dickerhoff and Barnes slapped back-to-back singles to put runners at the corners with no outs.

Once again, the Bulldogs couldn't produce the timely hit as the next three batters hit infield pop-ups to end the game.

"We did a lot of things well enough to win the game," said Edwards. "But we did some other things that hurt us. I'm proud of the way our guys fought. They never gave up and we had our chances in the end. Sometimes things just don't fall your way."

Sterling paced the Bulldogs at the plate with a pair of doubles, while Dickerhoff had two singles.

Ira, the District 7 co-champions, ended their season with a record of 12-9, while Miles (18-7) advanced to face Windthorst in the area round.

Rotan advances to area

MERKEL — The Rotan Yellowhammers rode the arm of Jacob Yanez into the second round of the playoffs Saturday.

Yanez, who was tagged with the loss in Game 2, led Rotan to a 7-5 victory over Menard in the finale of their Class A bi-district series.

The Yellowhammers improved to 17-6 and advance to face Petrolia in the area round.

Over the weekend, Rotan won the series opener, before dropping the second game, 3-2.

The Yellowhammers answered in the series closer, as Yanez struck out six Yellowjackets and belted a double in Rotan's 7-5 victory.

Rotan's second-round series with Petrolia begins at 2 p.m. Thursday at Graham. Two games will be played Thursday, with Game 3 set for noon Friday at Albany, if necessary.

Spurs seek redemption tonight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs worked all season to earn the home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs, only to lose it on one miserable night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Another lackluster San Antonio effort Monday night in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals would put the Lakers up 2-0 with the best-of-seven series shifting to Los Angeles.

What was supposed to be a clash of titans could turn into another Lakers' sweep.

After watching video Sunday of their 104-90 homecourt loss in Game 1, the Spurs were more inclined than ever to blame themselves for the loss.

"We were doing things on offense that I've never seen us do," Sean Elliott said. "That's unexplainable. We played a very sloppy game. Mentally, it was really bad. You look at the film and it was much worse than I anticipated, and I knew being in it and going through it that it wasn't going to be good."

None of the Spurs could explain why they came out so flat in a game of that magnitude.

"We worked hard to get the home-court advantage and to come out and lay an egg like that was very disappointing for all of us," coach Gregg Popovich said. "We know full well how important the game is on Monday. You have to play very, very well at this point in the playoffs if you want to get a win, no matter who you're playing, and we happen to be playing the hottest team in the league."

The Lakers are calm, confident and as together as they've ever been. They've won 16 in a row, and are coming off a 45-point night by Kobe Bryant.

"It was an incredible performance," San Antonio's Tim Duncan said. "He did whatever he wanted to do, and he did it all over the place."

The Spurs plan to play rougher in Game 2 after Bryant scored 10 times on layups or dunks.

"We want to protect the basket," Danny Ferry said. "Obviously, him making 10 layups, we didn't protect the basket very well. I think we can be more physical in general and I think that's something we're going to need to do, not to the point where we're hatcheting guys, but good aggressive basketball. I don't think we played that way yesterday."

Those who ought to know compared Bryant's performance to Michael Jordan.

"It was very similar," San Antonio reserve guard and former Jordan teammate Steve Kerr said. "That's what Michael always used to do. A team starts to come back and make a run, especially in their home building, the fans get behind them, then all of a sudden 'Bam,' he just sucks the life out of the place. That's what Kobe was doing last night."

Aggies fall in title game

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Dan Johnson and his Nebraska teammates struggled in the weekend before the Big 12 baseball tournament. The Cornhuskers lost two of three to Iowa State and Johnson had a poor series at the plate.

That's history now. With Johnson leading the way, Nebraska won its third straight Big 12 tournament title by beating Texas A&M, 7-4 on Sunday.

Johnson hit two, two-run homers to finish with five during the tournament. The Cornhuskers (45-14) won all four of their games to become the first Big 12 school to win the regular-season and postseason titles.

"We played at Iowa State previously and I couldn't see the ball," Johnson said. "It was something about that park and I didn't like the hitter's eye and I just couldn't focus. Then we come to this park and it is just beautiful. The ball looks good and I can see real well."

Johnson, who also had two homers in a victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday, was 3-for-4 Sunday with three runs scored and four RBIs.

Texas A&M (33-27) led 1-0 in the first inning, 2-1 in the third and tied the score at 3 in the fifth, but each time the Cornhuskers had an answer.

Texas A&M pulled within 5-4 on a homer by David Evans in the seventh inning, but Nebraska scored two runs with two out in the bottom half. Josh Hesse had an RBI single and the other run scored on a passed ball.

"We didn't lose the game, they won it," Aggies coach Mark Johnson said.

Tahoka tops Coahoma in 2A playoffs

Tahoka held off a late Coahoma rally Saturday to earn a 6-5 victory in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal series at Moffett Field.

Tahoka, who won Friday's series opener by a 6-4 tally, advanced to face Olney in the regional semifinals.

Coahoma, coached by Snyder High School graduate Brad Hart, pushed across three runs in the top of the seventh, before Tahoka buckled down to record the final out.

In other 2A action, Colorado City rebounded from a 17-6 loss with a pair of victories on Saturday to eliminate Idalou.

At Lubbock's O'Banion Field, the Wolves extended the series with a 14-2 romp in Game 2, before winning the finale, 8-1.

Moffett Field will be the site for more playoff action this week when Iowa Park and Monahans square off at 7:30 Thursday night in a Class 3A regional semifinal game.

Sports Briefs

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.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is Saturday. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

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.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format this week is guess your score.

Derby favorite wins Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Point Given, performing the way he was expected to in the Kentucky Derby, won the Preakness on Saturday as Derby winner Monarchos finished out of the money.

The beaten Derby favorite, who finished fifth at Churchill Downs, took the lead in the upper stretch and held off A P Valentine to win. Congaree, Point Given's Bob Baffert-trained stablemate, finished third.

Wizards win draft lottery

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Michael Jordan's Wizards won the NBA Draft Lottery and the right to make the first choice in next month's draft.

Jordan, who joined Washington on Jan. 19, 2000, has seen the Wizards post a 36-89 record, including 19-63 this past season.

The Chicago Bulls, which had the best chance of winning with 250 of 1,000 chances, slipped to fourth.

The Los Angeles Clippers, who had only 44 chances in the lottery, jumped from eighth to second, while Atlanta (89 chances) moved from fifth to third. Golden State, which had the second most chances with 200, slipped to fifth, and was followed by Vancouver, the New Jersey Nets, Cleveland, Detroit, Boston, Denver, Seattle and Houston.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	—
Atlanta	21	23	.477	5
Florida	20	22	.476	5
Montreal	18	26	.409	8
New York	17	26	.395	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	17	.595	—
Houston	24	18	.571	1
Chicago	23	20	.535	2½
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	2½
Cincinnati	19	24	.442	6½
Pittsburgh	15	27	.357	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	20	.545	—
Arizona	23	20	.535	½
San Francisco	23	20	.535	½
San Diego	22	21	.512	1½
Colorado	21	22	.488	2½

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 10, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 2
San Diego 20, Montreal 7
Florida 1, Colorado 0
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 1
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Houston 6, Cincinnati 3

Sunday's Games
Colorado 7, Florida 2
Atlanta 11, San Francisco 6
N.Y. Mets 6, Los Angeles 5
San Diego 5, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 7
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5
Cincinnati 6, Houston 5

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 2-3) at Montreal (Reames 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 4-2) at Florida (Clement 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 5-2) at Houston (Reynolds 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-2) at Colorado (Chacon 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 4-4) at Arizona (Schilling 6-1), 10:05 p.m.

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

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	18	.581	—
New York	24	20	.545	1½
Toronto	22	21	.512	3
Baltimore	20	24	.455	5½
Tampa Bay	12	31	.279	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	13	.690	—
Cleveland	28	13	.683	½
Detroit	20	21	.488	8½
Kansas City	17	27	.386	13
Chicago	14	27	.341	14½

West Division

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

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings
Oakland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 5
Toronto 6, Texas 5
Kansas City 6, Boston 2
Cleveland 4, Anaheim 3, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 10, Detroit 2
Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2
Boston 10, Kansas City 3
Texas 3, Toronto 2
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Anaheim 9, Cleveland 6

Monday's Game
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-3) at Toronto (Parris 2-3), 4 p.m.

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

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
Friday, May 18
Colorado 4, St. Louis 3, OT, Colorado leads series 3-1
Saturday, May 19
New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 0, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Monday, May 21
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
Pittsburgh at New Jersey 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 24
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 25
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
Conference Semifinals
Sunday, May 20
Milwaukee 104, Charlotte 95, Milwaukee wins series 4-3
Philadelphia 88, Toronto 87, Philadelphia wins series 4-3
Conference Finals
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 19
L.A. Lakers 104, San Antonio 90, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Monday, May 21
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
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.

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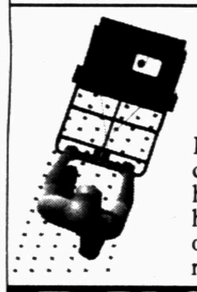
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Lovable ogre 'Shrek' top weekend film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — DreamWorks won ugly at the weekend box office with "Shrek," a tale of an ogre with a heart that recorded the second-highest opening ever for an animated film, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The computer-animated fairy-tale comedy featuring the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy and John Lithgow earned $42.1 million during the weekend. That was second only to the $57.4 million audiences paid to see "Toy Story 2" when it debuted over the Thanksgiving 1999 holiday weekend.

"It really did incredible business," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office.

"Shrek" was also DreamWorks' most successful debut ever, even topping its Oscar-winning "Gladiator," which opened at $34.8 million, said Jim Tharp, the studio's head of distribution.

The weekend's other major debut, the moody romantic drama "Angel Eyes," opened in fourth place with $9.5 million. The Warner Bros. film stars Jennifer Lopez as a tough cop saved from gunfire by a mysterious man with a connection to her past, played by Jim Caviezel.

In second place was "The Mummy Returns," last week's No. 1 and now in its third week of release. "The Mummy Returns" earned $20.5 million during the weekend, for a cumulative total of $146.5 million. On its first weekend, it raked in a record $68.1 million.

"A Knight's Tale," out two weeks, was in third place with $10.7 million, for a cumulative total of $32.2 million.

"Shrek" is the tale of a misanthropic ogre (Myers) whose swamp is overrun by fairy-tale creatures evicted from their lands by mean Lord Farquaad (Lithgow).

Murphy provides the voice of a talking donkey who journeys with Shrek to rescue Farquaad's betrothed (Diaz) so Shrek can get his privacy back. Needless to say, Shrek and the princess fall for each other.

"All ages can enjoy this movie and that's really key to its success," Dergarabedian said.

The film opened in 3,587 theaters, averaging an impressive $11,737 per location.

"Moulin Rouge" opened in limited release, playing in only two theaters — New York's Ziegfeld and Los Angeles's Avco — to sold-out crowds and taking in a strong $165,086.

"I've been in the Avco four times in the weekend and people were standing and applauding. They love it. It's like a party," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution at 20th Century Fox.

The film, which stars Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor and uses a broad cross-section of 20th century music, is scheduled to open nationwide June 1 in more than 2,000 theaters, he said.

Overall, the top 12 movies grossed $96.8 million, down 5.5 percent from the same weekend last year but up 36.2 percent from last weekend. The box office promises to emerge from its lull next weekend as the summer blockbuster season opens with "Pearl Harbor."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released today.

1. "Shrek," $42.1 million.
2. "The Mummy Returns," $20.5 million.
3. "A Knight's Tale," $10.7 million.
4. "Angel Eyes," $9.5 million.
5. "Bridget Jones's Diary," $3.8 million.
6. "Along Came a Spider," $2.4 million.
7. "Driven," $1.9 million.
8. "Blow," $1.3 million.
9. "Spy Kids," $1.29 million.
10. "Memento," $1.28 million.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



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In both cases, the presumed culprit is a blood clot. No one knows with certainty why, in one instance, the damage is irreparable and, in the other situation, it is temporary. However, experts do know that when a blood clot forms inappropriately in the body, a complex biochemical reaction is activated, resulting in the release of naturally occurring anti-coagulants to dissolve the clot. Presumably, with stroke, the anti-coagulants are insufficient to cause complete dissolution, whereas in a TIA, the clot disappears and normal brain function returns.

Both strokes and TIAs produce a wide array of nerve disorders, including weakness, difficulty speaking and numbness of a body part. However, only stoke leads to massive injury, coma and possible death. Thus, because strokes are more serious, patients usually require extensive rehabilitation to regain independence. Moreover, medicine (to control high blood pressure and assist circulation) and surgery (to remove the clots themselves) may be necessary.

Even if TIAs produce minor neurological alterations that clear, they must be taken seriously because they are unmistakable warnings that strokes may follow. Ten or 15 years ago, physicians were content to prescribe aspirin therapy and allow patients to return to their regular lifestyles.

This orientation has changed. TIAs are no longer considered to be simple "warnings." They are viewed as red flags for doctors because a substantial proportion of patients with TIAs will progress, within a matter of days, to full-blown strokes. Consequently, the current approach is to admit TIA patients to hospital for further monitoring and testing, which should include carotid Doppler (ultrasound of the neck arteries to identify blockages), CT or MRI brain scans (to check for previous, unrecognized brain damage), and other tests.

Further therapy depends on the findings. Uncomplicated TIAs, without obvious ancillary problems, can be successfully treated with aspirin therapy (to reduce blood clots) and medicine to control underlying disorders, such as diabetes and hypertension. Those patients, on the other hand, who show significant arterial blockage, heart irregularities, or other afflictions, will need more aggressive management.

Although you have been in good health since your TIA, I advise you to check with your doctor because, as I mentioned, the recommended evaluation of patients with TIA has changed within the last few months.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." 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.

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2 dead, 2 hurt in drug deal shootout

HOUSTON (AP) — A shootout over a drug deal has left two people dead and two others wounded, police say.

Officers say a soured sale of marijuana triggered the gunfire late Sunday. One of the men was dead in a garage when police arrived, while a second who collapsed as he ran from the house died later at Ben Taub Hospital.

Two other men were hit by bullets but fled the scene, police said.

Officers said one of the wounded men turned up at a hospital with a gunshot wound to the neck. He was expected to recover.

But a fourth man was still at large. The suspects' identities had not been released pending notification of relatives.

Houston police Sgt. J. L. Ramsey said the men had met at the home of a 22-year-old woman, who reportedly had brokered the sale of 45 pounds of marijuana in the upscale Briar Meadows subdivision.

Police were still questioning the woman. The marijuana was recovered from the house and weapons were found in the yard.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Monday, May 21, 2001

Books that missed the deadline

By Phillip Alder

Several books arrived too late to be reviewed before Christmas. And more have been published since then. This week, let's catch up on the backlog.

"Competitive Bidding in the 21st Century" (Master Point Press, 2000), by Marshall Miles, is a good, comprehensive study of the various tools used in the tournament world today. Each of the 15 chapters ends with a summary and a quiz. The main problem is the number of typos, especially the page numbers in the Table of Contents, which are off by two from Chapter 6 onwards.

Miles gives lots of space to all types of doubles, including those for penalty. Look at the West hand in the diagram. Would you double four spades?

Except at certain times in pair events, you should be anticipating two down when you make a penalty double. Warned by your double that the road will be rocky, declarer will often handle the cards better. So, if he were going two down undoubled, he might well escape for one down doubled. If you double for one down and he plays a trick better, you will have turned a small plus into a big minus.

Here, with two probable trump tricks and the club king, you should double. Partner, who opened the bidding, will surely contribute something. It transpires that you get only two spades, one diamond and one club, turning plus 50 into plus 100. No big deal on the surface, but it will have a useful psychological effect next time you play against these opponents.

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Lowes Cos		70.90	69.60	70.78 + 2.38
Lubys		8.55	8.28	8.35— .15
LucentTech		9.94	9.55	9.68— .27
MayDeptStr		34.83	34.60	34.78 + .18
Medtronic		45.80	45.01	45.24 + .29
Motorola		16.12	15.35	16.12 + .52
NCR Corp		49.50	48.70	49.50 + .61
Navistar		27.71	27.51	27.65 + .02
Penney JC		22.35	20.81	22.32 + 1.34
PepBoys		8.51	8.36	8.40— .11
PepsiCo		44.95	44.25	44.56— .42
Pharmacia		49.19	48.10	48.45—1.15
PhelpDodge		49.85	49.20	49.80
PhilipPet		67.52	66.91	67.01— .51
Polaroid		5.01	4.80	5.01 + .21
Praxair		51.80	51.49	51.58— .49
ProctGamb		66.15	64.84	65.14—2.34
PubS NwMx		37.00	36.70	36.89— .01
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ReliantEngy		47.49	46.41	47.34 + .93
RoyalDut		62.46	61.72	61.94
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SherwinW		22.49	22.05	22.08— .41
SouthernCo s		22.59	22.40	22.53 + .03
SwstAirl s		18.75	18.28	18.60
SprintFON		20.85	20.50	20.70— .20
SprintPCS		24.25	23.60	23.67 + .17
Sunoco Inc		42.73	41.61	41.76— .74
TXU Corp		46.60	46.03	46.56 + .42
TempleInland		55.60	54.73	54.90— .60
Texaco		73.90	71.51	71.56— .94
TexInd		30.55	30.10	30.54 + .34
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USX-USS		20.42	20.17	20.37 + .03
UnionPacif		60.41	59.99	60.41 + .04
UnitedTech		86.51	85.72	85.85—1.36
Unocal		39.99	39.30	39.30— .42
Venator Grp		14.04	13.95	14.02— .02
VerizonComm		54.75	53.78	54.38 + .22
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Missile defense plan may not bring many jobs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While pie-in-the-sky to critics, President Bush's missile defense plan could deliver billions of dollars to a handful of states as the Pentagon moves to develop the system.

But the program would create fewer jobs than other lucrative defense contracts that regularly buoy the economies of states like California and Texas, analysts say.

Instead of jobs, the money would fund highly focused research and development efforts and later lead to "boutique" production of the small number of aircraft, rockets, lasers, radar and satellites that would make up the system designed to intercept and destroy incoming missiles.

Although far more advanced technologically, the work would require less labor than more traditional, large-ticket defense projects, like the production of aircraft, ships or tanks.

"They're not bending a lot of metal," William Hartung, a senior fellow with New York's World Policy Institute said about the missile defense program. "The same amounts of money might not generate as many jobs as previous defense contracts."

Nor might the money — perhaps as much as $200 billion over the next few decades — flow to as many states, since consolidation in the defense industry has left fewer companies positioned to do the work.

"Where you might have had five choices to send a contract to, and geography might have ruled, today you might have only two choices," said Jon Rutter, chairman and chief executive officer of Quarterdeck Investment Partners, a Los Angeles investment bank focused on the aerospace and defense industries.

Hartung said analysis of past missile defense contracts show two-thirds of the work went to just four firms: The Boeing Co., Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Co. and TRW Inc.

Although all four have facilities scattered throughout the United States, work on developing the missile defense program is likely to stay highly focused in only a few states. That means politics may have little to do with where the contracts eventually go.

"I don't think it's going to have a lot to do with Republicans or Democrats. There's going to be a small number of people who can do it, and they'll get the contracts," said Martin Anderson, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute who advised Bush on missile defense during his campaign.

In fiscal 2000, 42 states shared $2.4 billion in unclassified missile defense contracts. However, just three — Alabama, California and Virginia — captured 83 percent of that total, according to Eagle Eye Publishers Inc.

"That's a highly stratified market," said Paul Murphy, president of the Fairfax, Va. company, which crunches government contract data.

Total spending, classified and unclassified, on the program could hit $5 billion this year. That number could increase in the next several months, when the Bush administration announces how it intends to proceed with the program, said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Rick Lehner.

Even if annual spending on missile defense doubles, as some predict, it will not necessarily translate into a net increase in military spending.

"I'd expect there would be some element of a zero-sum game to this: The money you spend on this program will come at the expense of other programs," Quarterdeck's Rutter said.

If money to fund missile defense should come from the budgets of traditional weapons programs, it could benefit California, since little of that current work is done in the state.

"Anything that shifts from traditional platforms to space, to electronics, to rockets is probably advantageous to California," said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

Date Book

Monday, May 21, 2001

Today is the 141st day of 2001 and the 63rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, the first imported bicycles appeared in New York City.

On this day in 1919, Ernest August Janson became the first World War I soldier to receive the Medal of Honor.

On this day in 1989, Yulia Sukhanova became the first Miss USSR.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Albrecht Durer (1471-1528), artist; Alexander Pope (1688-1744), poet; Henri Rousseau (1844-1910), artist; Fats Waller (1904-1943), jazz pianist; Harold Robbins (1916-), novelist, is 85; Raymond Burr (1917-1993), actor; Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989), political dissident-scientist.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, New York Yankee Babe Ruth hit three home runs against the Philadelphia A's.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To err is human, to forgive is divine." — Alexander Pope

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

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Police kill man trying to scalp his daughter

CLUTE (AP) — Police in Brazoria County fatally shot a man they said was trying to scalp his 3-year-old daughter, who remained hospitalized Sunday.

"The officer asked him to drop the knife and he wouldn't listen," neighbor Stella Binderup told The Facts in its Sunday editions. "The guy had no choice."

Angleton police Chief David Ashburn said Officer Curtis Adams answered a call to the girl's home Saturday afternoon and found a man inside cutting her head. Ashburn said Adams fired one shot at him after ordering the man several times to drop the knife. The man ignored the orders.

The girl was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, where no information about her condition was being released on Sunday. Her father was taken to Angelton Danbury Medical Center, where he died Saturday.

Their identities were not yet being released Sunday, a dispatcher at the Angleton Police Department said.

Binderup said the girl and her mother were getting ready to go to a birthday party when the mother ran to Binderup's home begging for help. Binderup said she went to the kitchen and saw the man assaulting his daughter.

"She was screaming, 'Help, help, he's killing the baby,'" Binderup said.

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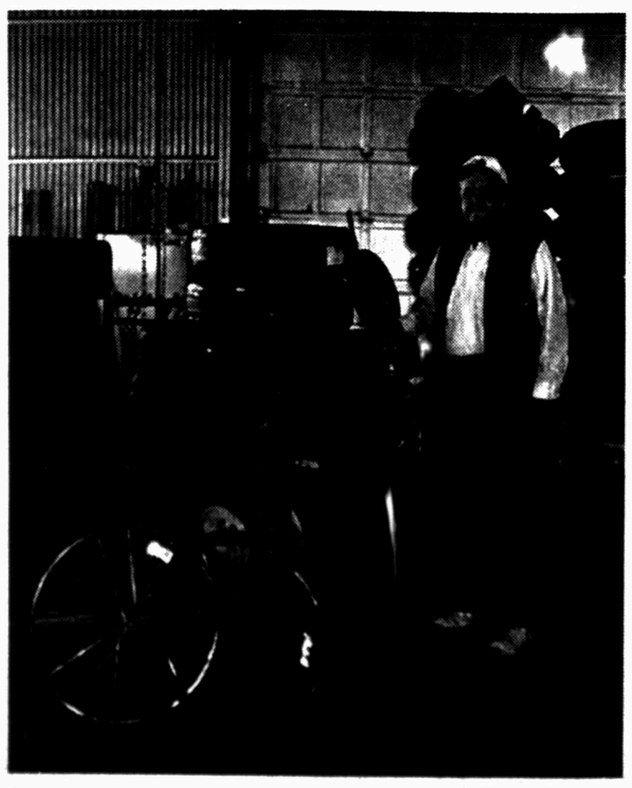
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Jessica West, Central, heads for the finish line in the relay race.



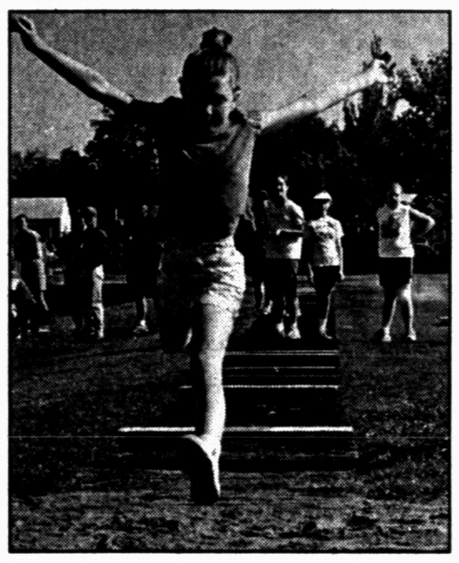
Tyler Mayes, Northeast kindergarten, tries the long jump.



Northeast first graders in the relay race are (from left) Jessica Aguilar, Jessica Nobles, Kimberly Perez, Donnica Flores, Natalie Kerry (in back)



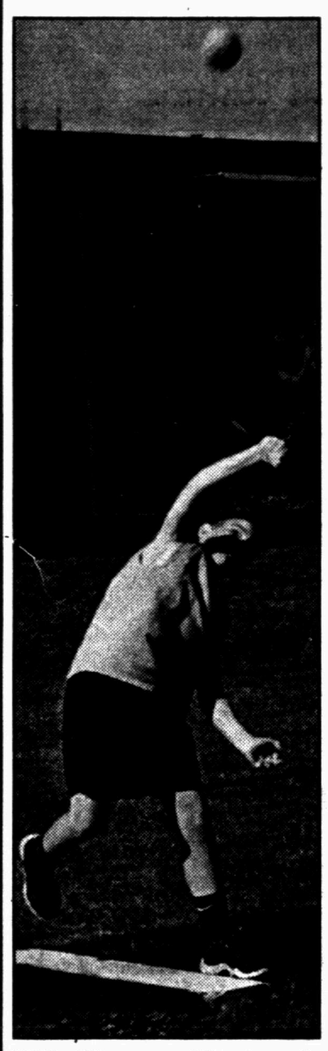
Kristie Valdez, Central, leads the relay race.



Aeren Walker, Northeast's long jump.



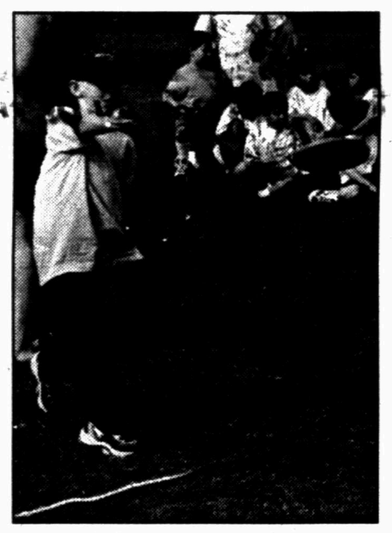
Kyle Kirby, left, and Brett Sorrells in West's primary tug-of-war.



J.W. Wesson, Northeast's softball throw.



Mark Clark, Logan Morris and Sarahlynn Wright (from left, in West's primary tug-of-war.

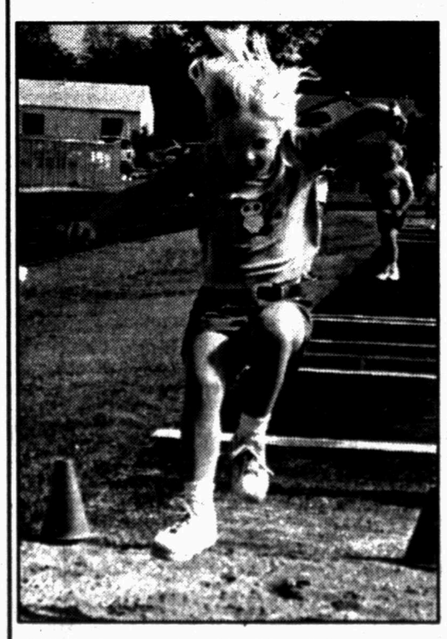


Kaden McCarter, Stanfield's frisbee throw.

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Jake Alaniz, left, Craig Robertson, right, and Layton Westmoreland (behind Craig) compete in Northeast's 50-yard dash.



Ally Cooper, Stanfield long jump.



Tyler Ynguanzo, Michael Contreras, Hermelando Aguirre, Caleb Hester, Nicco Garcia compete in Northeast's primary 50-yard dash.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

You've learned a lot from past experience, and now in the year ahead you'll be able to make some impressive changes in your game plan that will prove to be more fruitful for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll get that opportunity today to finally disengage yourself from an unproductive involvement. Let go willingly without looking back so you can replace it with something new and better. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. 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) — Through your feelings and emotions, a better insight can be acquired today regarding something you've previously viewed from a purely intellectual level. It needs these elements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an excellent time to begin an endeavor you've been wanting to initiate but have held off doing because of one excuse or another. The timing is excellent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Now is the time to establish some loftier objectives for yourself. Even if you miss your mark, which isn't likely, your forward progress will still exceed your present accomplishments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a good chance today that you'll find new ways to use to your advantage some old information you've hung onto. It'll prove to be very useful and pertinent to your present plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may be able to do yourself some good through a joint venture that is proposed to you today. Listen attentively to what others have to offer and how you can fit in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Some type of tedious negotiations you've been involved in may finally come to a close today. The amicable terms will signal the start of something fresh and solid.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Think about starting that diet or exercise program you've been contemplating. What you begin today has an excellent chance for stick-to-itiveness until you reach a successful conclusion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — As of today, you should be able to find ways to exercise greater management and control over a social situation in which you've been wanting to play a larger role. Assert yourself now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even if others don't think they're quite ready, constructive adjustments that affect you, as well as your family, can be made today. Everyone will get on board once you start the engine.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If your immediate plans are in need of reorganization and conciseness, begin today to reshape them by focusing on what you intend to accomplish over the next two weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There are signs of some new financial trends in the air today that could be personally rewarding to you. Plant your seeds now, so that you can reap a harvest later.

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Sudden storm knocks out power

DENVER (AP) — Up to 20,000 people lost power Sunday as a fast-moving storm packing high winds, rain and snow blew through Colorado.

Xcel Energy said there were a half-dozen outages and that crews hoped to restore power in a few hours.

Some flights were affected at Denver International Airport because of blowing debris and snow. At least one plane was diverted to Colorado Springs.

In downtown Denver, temperatures plummeted from the mid-70s to 37 degrees in less than an hour. Winds up to 50 mph were reported.

Six people were hospitalized after a crash involving up to a dozen vehicles on Highway 85 when blowing dust cut visibility, KCNC-TV reported. The highway was closed briefly between Fort Lupton and Greeley.

The wind knocked down trees and powerlines and snarled traffic in Denver, police spokeswoman Virginia Lopez said. A mall in Littleton was evacuated after part of a roof collapsed.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 173-5A Sacroc Unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 252, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Ride South in the Tri-Rue field, four miles north of Ira. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 156, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Western Reserves Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-24 Eicke in the Eicke Ranch field, 14 miles north of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 8,506 feet, location is in Section 24, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 217 Lott Trust in the Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,100 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Howard County

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 33 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, 11 miles southeast of Big Spring. Scheduled depth is 2,700 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 36 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, 1 miles southeast of Big Spring. Also planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, drill site is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Wesport will drill the No. 39 Kloh in the same field, 11 miles southeast of Big Spring. Contracted for 2,700 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Finley Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 Ancient Seas in the Vealmoor field, 10 miles north of Fairview. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties Inc. will drill the No. 3-26 Powell in the Signal Peak field, five miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 26, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties will drill the No. 3-24 Powell in the Signal Peak field, four miles south of Coahoma. Scheduled depth is 7,900 feet, and drill site is in Section 24, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties will drill the No. 3-23 Texaco in the Signal Peak field, four miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 23, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

MDC Operating will drill the No. 1 Hope, a 4,900-foot wildcat located three miles southeast of Vealmoor. Location is in Section 35, Block 26, H&TC survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Court rejects challenge to redistricting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the way Houston elects nine of its 14 city council members, turning away arguments that the system was motivated by racial considerations.

The decision came today, a month after the court ruled, 5-4, that a largely black congressional district can be constitutional if drawn to satisfy political rather than racial motives.

This time, without comment, the majority let stand rulings that upheld the redistricting completed in 1997 for the Houston council's nine at-large seats.

The court's only black justice, Clarence Thomas, took the somewhat unusual step of writing a formal dissent, saying he would have heard the case. It takes a minimum of four justices to agree to take on the issue.

The Houston ruling and last month's decision, involving a crazy-quilt North Carolina congressional district, provide a roadmap for drawing boundaries under the 2000 census.

With the census in mind, Thomas — a dissenter in the North Carolina case — said he would have heard the Houston case because the high court left a gap in its guidelines.

Thomas wrote that the court should address it now "because every jurisdiction in the country will have to accommodate the 2000 census data in the near future."

The gap centers on whether the reapportionment plan takes into account the total population of districts or the voting age population.

In Houston, "Such a determination might be dispositive of whether the city has violated," the Constitution's guarantee that everyone will have "equal protection" under the law.

A group of Houston residents contended the redistricting plan, adjusted in 1999 and likely to be changed again in 2001, gave too much political clout to minority voters, specifically blacks and Hispanics.

Their appeal said they deserve to have their allegations heard by a jury.

Theft reports are filed at Willow Park Inn

• ***Theft***

Willow Park Inn manager Billy Crain requested a detective at the business Friday in reference to a possible employee theft.

Sgt. Keith Ward of the Snyder Police Department met with Crain and offense reports for Class A theft and credit card abuse were filed.

Sgt. Ward said the suspect in both cases is a former female employee. The woman was allegedly altering guest receipts and pocketing the difference. The detective said the guests were not victims as the suspect was only altering the motel's copy.

In addition, the woman is suspected of taking a guest's credit card number and making purchases.

Sgt. Ward said the cases are expected to be forwarded to the district attorney.

• ***Forgery***

An offense report for forgery was taken at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Davidson's IGA in reference to a check forged on the American State Bank personal checking account of Jimmy McGaha.

• ***Threatening suicide***

A 16-year-old male was transported to Big Spring State Hospital Sunday after threatening to commit suicide.

• ***Close patrol***

A woman in the 3100 block of Ave. T requested a close patrol of her residence at 10:38 p.m. Saturday in reference to juveniles getting into her garage while she was away. She called back at 3:28 a.m. Sunday to report that a juvenile male was in her garage. An officer spoke with the women's neighbors and advised them of the complaint.

• ***Fight***

Officers were called to the American Legion at 12:58 a.m. Sunday to a report of a fight on the dance floor. Two men were contacted and neither party wanted to file charges.

• ***Noise disturbances***

A complaint of loud music was called in at 1:30 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of Avenue K.

At 1:54 a.m. Sunday, an officer spoke with a resident in the 200 block of 32nd Street in reference to a complaint of a noise disturbance. The officer was called back at 2:50 a.m. and issued a woman a citation for disorderly conduct/noise.

• ***Stolen bicycles***

Betty Kincheloe at 11:46 a.m. Sunday reported a bicycle stolen from 2705 Ave. L.

At 1:24 p.m. Sunday, Theresa Davis contacted police to report a bicycle stolen from 3715 Muriel. The bicycle was later recovered in the 3100 block of Avenue T and returned to Davis.

• ***Harassment***

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 12:14 a.m. Sunday in reference to being harassed and followed by another female. The woman had reported similar incidents on May 14. The female subject was contacted and advised that charges would be filed if the harassment continued.

• ***Arrests***

Don Alton Durst, 46, of 3009 Ave. K was taken into custody at 11 a.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of 39th Street on a warrant for parole violation.

A 41-year-old man was arrested at 8:44 p.m. Saturday on Highway 350 at Ira for driving while license suspended.

At 1:48 a.m. Sunday, a 47-year-old man was jailed for Class C assault and family violence.

A 15-year-old male was taken into custody and transported to the Garza County juvenile detention facility early Sunday after evading officers following a traffic stop.

Sgt. Ward said the youth fled from officers after he was stopped on 29th Street.

The juvenile was apprehended in the 700 block of 29th Street and charged with evading arrest. In addition, he was given citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor, no driver's license and no liability insurance.

A warrant for theft by check landed a 45-year-old female in jail at 1:18 p.m. Sunday. She was arrested by an officer in the 1200 block of 30th Street.

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2400 block of Avenue L at 5:34 p.m. for driving while license suspended.

A DPS trooper took two subjects into custody at 10:49 p.m. Sunday, three miles north of Dermott on U.S. Highway 84. A 20-year-old man was charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated while a second 20-year-old male was charged with public intoxication.

• ***Accident***

A nine-year-old boy was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital Saturday where he was treated and released after being struck by a car in the 2800 block of Ave. Q.

Christopher Noel Fuentez was riding his bicycle in the 1700 block of 30th Street when he was struck by a 2001 Chevrolet driven by Anna Grace Franco, 29, of Colorado City.

• ***Fire notes***

Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to a petroleum fire at 1:39 p.m. Saturday at the China Grove tank farm. According to Fire Marshal Cy Posey the fire originated at a pump motor. Three trucks and 15 firefighters were dispatched and the fire was under control by 2:43 p.m.

At 2:56 p.m. Sunday, firefighters responded to a grass fire, five miles west of Ira on FM 1606 where 30 acres burned.

The land is an Anadarko Petroleum lease.

Five trucks and 17 firefighters were dispatched and were on the scene three hours. Posey said high winds and an electric line arc is believed to have started the blaze.

The department was also dispatched to a grass fire at 6:45 p.m. Sunday in the alley in the 300 block of 36th Place.

Damage from the small fire was limited to grass and trash. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

One truck and nine firefighters responded and were on the scene for 15 minutes.

Obituaries

Adela Rodriguez

1934-2001

Adela Rodriguez of Snyder died Saturday, May 19, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Mass for Mrs. Rodriguez, 66, was set for 2 p.m. today in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald Leatham officiating. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Mrs. Rodriguez

A rosary was held Sunday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home with Deacon Frank Ortegon officiating.

Born Sept. 19, 1934 in Comal County, she married Gregorio Rodriguez in June, 1959 in Colorado City. Mrs. Rodriguez was a housekeeper and a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gregorio Rodriguez of Snyder; two daughters and a son-in-law, Delia Rodriguez and Yolanda and Roy Cantu, all of Snyder; a son-in-law, Robert Luna of Snyder; a brother, Abel Gonzales of Snyder; a sister, Josie Martinez of San Marcos; and three grandchildren, Sara Cantu, Raven Luna and Robby Luna, all of Snyder.

Inez Anderson

1909-2001

ANSON – Inez Anderson, the mother of former Snyder minister Homer Anderson, died Wednesday, May 16, in an Anson hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Anderson, 91, was held Friday in the Anson Church of Christ. Pete Lollar, P.B. Middlebrook and Roy Stephenson officiated. Burial followed in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

Born Dec. 14, 1909 in Jones County, she grew up in the Hollis-Hill community and was a lifelong resident of Jones County.

She married James Homer Anderson on Sept. 6, 1925 in Anson. He died in 1993. She also was preceded in death by two sons, J.E. and Dwaine Anderson; an infant daughter; one sister; one brother; and two great-grandchildren.

A member of the Anson Church of Christ, Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker and seamstress.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Homer and Maxine Anderson of Alice; a daughter, Sue McIntire of Anson; two daughters-in-law, Dolores McDuff of Anson and Wanda Anderson of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Irene Newton of Hawley; three sisters-in-law, Audrey Westmoreland of Lubbock, Wilma Anderson of Spring and Winona Anderson of Anson; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Ford issues recall for 50,000 2002 vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tires that may accidentally have been cut by a narrow assembly line are causing Ford Motor Co. to recall more than 50,000 brand new Explorers and Mercury Mountaineers.

It's the second recall of the 3-month-old redesigned Explorer that was scrutinized to prevent such problems after last year's Firestone tire recall.

Included in the recall are about 45,000 four-door Explorers and about 7,000 Mountaineers built at Ford's plant in Louisville, Ky.

When the sport utility vehicles were loaded too far to the right on the conveyor belt, it left cuts five to nine inches long and half an inch deep in one or both of the right tire treads.

The cuts are cosmetic and do not affect tire performance, according to a Ford official, who commented on condition of anonymity.

The official said the company has no reports of accidents or injuries because of the problem.

The SUV is also made at a St. Louis plant, but it had a different conveyor system that could accommodate the two-inch wider models. Ford has widened its conveyor belt in Louisville by three inches.

The automaker began shipping the SUVs in mid-February and many may still be on dealer lots.

Ford plans to send a letter to all owners by the end of May and will check and replace damaged tires for free at its dealerships.

The tires involved are Goodyear and Michelin brands. Ford stopped putting Firestone tires on all its Explorers last year after Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.'s recall of 6.5 million tires.

In April, Ford had its dealers pick up 56,652 new Explorers and Mountaineers because the rear liftgate windows could break.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 19-Lindsey Jackson, Stacey Parker, James Patterson; May 20-Candelario Castro, Eva Garcia, Andrea Peters and Esperanza Villanueva.

DISMISSALS: May 19-Willie Cox, Mary Wampler; May 20-Lisa Christensen and daughter and Esperanza Villanueva.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Community coalition meeting

The community coalition will meet at 6 p.m. today in the Western Texas College science lecture hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What is Baptism of the Holy Spirit?" followed by "Casual Christianity."

Cancer board meeting

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

Softball drawing

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

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school student center.

FFA labor auction

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

Rodeo queen contest

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

Pot luck dinner

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

Late registration

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

Vacation Bible School

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

Vacation Bible School

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

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.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool will open 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.

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.

Supreme Court to consider law on online pornography

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said today it will revisit the free-speech debate over congressional efforts to limit children's access to online pornography.

The court agreed to review lower court decisions blocking enforcement of a 1998 law making it a crime to knowingly place objectionable material where a child could find it on the World Wide Web.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other free-speech advocates claim the law violates the First Amendment. The Justice Department claims the law correctly targets only material that is inappropriate for children.

The justices are expected to hear the case and issue a decision during the court term that begins next October. In the meantime, the Justice Department is barred from enforcing the 1998 Child Online Protection Act.

The legislation, signed into law by then-President Clinton, sets out criminal penalties or civil fines for failing to ensure only adult eyes will see adult material offered commercially online.

The law was a response to the Supreme Court's decision striking down an earlier ban on making online pornography available to children. The court found that Congress' first attempt was unconstitutional because it would also prevent adults from seeing what they had a free-speech right to see.

Sexually explicit words and pictures are protected by the Constitution's First Amendment if they are deemed indecent but not obscene.

The Supreme Court's ruling in 1997 invalidated a key provision of the Communications Decency Act passed the year before and challenged by the ACLU.

Congress and the White House said they would try again.

The resulting 1998 law requires commercial Web sites to collect a credit card number or an access code as proof of age before allowing Internet users to view online material deemed "harmful to minors."

The newer law calls for maximum criminal penalties of six months in jail and $50,000 in fines, and additional fines for repeat violators.

In an attempt to clear the Supreme Court hurdle, the second law defines indecency much more specifically. It also limits prosecution to commercial material found on the World Wide Web.