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A&M student swinging to break record

By Suzie Brawley Reporter

With the mercury reaching near record highs in Bryan-College Station this summer, it would be nice to spend the afternoons swinging in a hammock. But mornings, afternoons and nights for 10 consecutive days?

J.D. Joyce, 19, of Bryan plans to swing for 240 hours straight to raise money to fight multiple sclerosis and at the same time break the Guinness world record for swinging in a hammock. If successful he will tie the Guinness record today at 10 p.m.

Joyce, a sophomore business administration major at Texas A&M, began swinging July 29 and hopes to raise \$10,000 before he calls it quits Aug. 15. "I would like to break the Guinness record, but... the main thing is to raise the money," Joyce said. He said he first got the idea to raise the money when his sister-in-law, Darbie Joyce of Dallas, was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease that affects the central nervous system.

Joyce has raised about \$2,300 so far, but said he is confident he'll make his \$10,000 goal. He set up the hammock and a large shade tent behind JD's Old-Time Sno-Cones, the business he operates during the summer. Joyce has been operating the snow cone stand for three years.

He said he has received a lot of support from his customers as well as from his family and friends. His cousin Ken King and friend Roland Tieh will be working for half price at the snow cone stand while Joyce spends his days and nights swinging. "I've spent about \$500 setting up this event, and I'm not going to take any of that out of the donations I've received," Joyce said. "All the money will go for MS research."

Although Joyce can take a break for five minutes each hour, he said he is accumulating his break time in case any problems occur during his attempt to break the eight day and four hour record. He needs to have enough time to make repairs in case something breaks, he said. He swings the hammock, which is suspended between two poles, by tugging one of the ropes strung through pulleys on either side. One of the problems Joyce faces is getting enough rest during the 240-hour event. "If I give the rope a good, hard

tug, the hammock will keep swinging for about two to five minutes," Joyce said. "I'll be able to doze a little and when the hammock comes close to stopping, someone can tug." He said two adult observers must be present at all times to make sure he keeps the hammock swinging, since he must do it himself without help. He said he needs more volunteer observers and that anyone interested can sign up for an hour a week. He said there are a few empty slots toward the end of the event.

Donations can be made to Swinging for Multiple Sclerosis, 3600 Texas Ave., Bryan, 77802. People interested in volunteering time to be official observers may call 846-9748 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to sign up for a time slot.

White's speech to House, Senate to be beamed statewide

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White's speech to a joint meeting of the House and Senate today opening day of the 30-day special legislative session, will be beamed to television stations across Texas at White's expense.

The speech, expected to last about 30 minutes, will begin at noon, two hours after the Legislature formally convenes for its special session called to close the state's \$3.5 billion budget deficit.

Ann Arnold, the governor's press secretary, Tuesday said White's remarks will be offered live, via satellite, to stations around Texas. The costs are being picked up by the governor's officeholder account, which is made up of private donations. White paid about \$1,600 last month to offer TV stations his 5-minute speech July 17, when he announced the date for the special session.

Libertarians praise budget deficit

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's \$3.5 billion budget deficit is a "Godsend" because it will give lawmakers the chance to reduce the size of Texas government, the gubernatorial candidate of the Libertarian Party said Tuesday. "It is a golden opportunity to reduce the size of government," Theresa Doyle, a San Antonio travel agent, told a news conference Tuesday at which the party announced its November candidates.

William Howell, a Dallas bookkeeper, said he was running for lieutenant governor on the platform of abolishing the position. "Eight other states don't have this office and don't need it," he said. George Meeks, a San Antonio businessman who said he spent 14 months in federal jails because of tax protests, challenged incumbent Democratic Comptroller Bob Bullock to debate. Meeks claimed Bullock had vio-

lated the U.S. Constitution by accepting "pieces of paper" instead of the legal tender of gold and silver in payment of state debts. The party announced that it had completed its ballot drive by submitting more than 39,000 signatures of voters to the secretary of state on July 17. The check of the petition is due to be completed Sept. 10.

Study: White males more prone to heart disease

CHICAGO (AP) — White males may be naturally more susceptible to coronary heart disease than black males or women of either race, a long-term study by researchers at Louisiana State University suggests. The difference is in the way certain proteins that either promote or prevent the buildup of cholesterol in the bloodstream behave in growing bodies, according to the study directed by Dr. Gerald Berenson. While all children experienced a drop in both types of proteins — and total cholesterol levels — in early adolescence, white boys experienced an inordinate drop in the level of the proteins that prevent cholesterol buildup, Berenson said in a telephone interview Tuesday. Researchers gathered data on

about 8,000 subjects, one-third of them black and two-thirds white, in the 15-year project, which is still under way. The subjects, living in Bogalusa, La., ranged in age from early infancy to 26 years, Berenson said. The project is the first large-sample study to use measurements of apolipoproteins, a protein component, according to Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which reported the findings in its August issue. The study also is unusual in using childhood data to suggest a hereditary link among apolipoproteins, cholesterol and coronary heart disease, said Howard Lewis, a spokesman for the American Heart Association. Researchers have long known that

white men are more prone to coronary heart disease than other groups, Berenson said. "But most of our attention to heart disease looks at end-stage, crisis medicine," he said. "We're looking at the early natural history where it begins." He said researchers found the beginnings of coronary heart disease in children as young as 3 years old, with black children actually showing more cholesterol in their blood vessels and arteries. Coronary heart disease is a result of arterosclerosis, the blockage of arteries by cholesterol, Berenson said. Women of both races tend to develop heart problems more slowly than men, he said.

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