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City still bogged down in shared-service pact

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

For months, the Snyder city council has wrestled with its version of a shared-services agreement with Scurry County, but signatures on such a document could still be far in the future.

Following a brief council meeting Monday night, the council continued in a work session on a proposed fire-suppression agreement the city intends to forward to the commissioners' court for approval.

A week ago, the council agreed that at least one section of the proposed pact, dealing with how costs are computed, needed clarification.

Since no work had been done, the council as a whole last night spent two hours trying to arrive at wording. It eventually landed at a consensus to allow City Secretary Jeanne Johnson to prepare the first draft that would be sent to council member Stephanie Ducheneaux who would suggest any changes before forwarding it to city attorney Dana Cooley. Cooley would then prepare the proposed contract.

When the proposed agreement is reworked, it must then come before the full council for approval before being sent to the county.

Basically, the council concurred that the formula to arrive at costs would be "an average of the total actual expenditures for the past three fiscal years."

Using data presented by city staff, it was estimated that the average cost of a fire call is $2,064.86. For the past three years, there was an average of 159 fire calls made outside the city, or almost 54 percent of all emergency runs.

Using a formula for equalization of taxes city residents pay to Scurry County, the proposed agreement would estimate a cost to the county of $448,992 paid in quarterly installments.

Currently, the city and county operate under an expired shared-services agreement inked in 1993.

Also included in that pact were sanitation, jail and dispatch services, EMS and seal coating.

Mayor France Noah, speaking to commissioners Howard Limmer and Jerry House present in the audience, said the council is "not taking this lightly, but rather looking at the cost of doing business."

Neither county official commented.

Councilman Ron Shaw noted that the goal is to equalize costs for taxpayers. Ducheneaux concurred, but added, "You can't make things equal until you know dollar figures from the other party."

The council then directed staff to make contact with the county in an effort to get costs related to those services provided by the county.

Since liability is a concern, Councilman Terry Martin suggested that the city attorney draft a "hold harmless" agreement that could be signed by both entities until new agreements can be reached.

During the called council session, the city approved revisions of its contract with Western Texas College for use of effluent water on both the golf course and on two ball fields under construction.

Also approved was a revision of effluent water use on the city-owned farm on 37th Street that is leased by Ted Crenwelge.

Lee Maddox also was appointed to serve on the planning and zoning commission, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Dick Norris.

Mayor Noah also recognized Gabby Pace, records clerk, as the city's employee of the month.

Mayor Allen presided and council members present were Vernest Tippens, Ducheneaux, James Ashley, Shaw and Martin. David Harrell was absent.



ONE INJURED— Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey, front, Penny Roberson and Jason Gruben of Snyder EMS help Marianna Benitez out of her vehicle following a two-vehicle accident at 27th Street and Ave. Y this morning. Benitez was transported to Cogdell Hospital where her injuries were being evaluated. The other driver was Billy Jack Scott who apparently was not injured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wind farm abatement okayed by WTC board

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees Monday approved a 10-year tax abatement for Brazos Wind, LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cielo Wind Power, bringing the firm's plans for a turbine wind farm in Scurry County closer to fruition.

In exchange for the decade-long abatement, the Austin-based firm also agreed to pay WTC $427,720 over 10 years. For years one through five, the college will receive annual installments of $30,000. The final five payments, due Oct. 1 each year, will be $55,544.

Dave Grohberg, a Cielo representative, told trustees they were helping to make Scurry County an attractive place to do business.

"As a result of your efforts, Brazos Wind will have the opportunity to bring a significant new investment in clean energy and additional jobs to Scurry County this year," Grohberg said. "By the end of the year, you'll see 160 turbines between here and Gail. And we'd like to have more than 90 of them here in Scurry County."

The abatement contract calls for a minimum of 70 turbines, but Grohberg said more are planned. At least 60 of the 69-meter-tall turbines must be completed in Borden County.

Grohberg also said the number of turbines in Scurry County could grow to as many as 240 in the years to come.

"In this area, you are blessed with good transmission access, good wind and, believe it or not, lots of people to use electricity," he said. "If things go well we'll be done in six months. We can put up 40 turbines a month, weather permitting."

The abatement was unanimously approved after guidelines for the tax break also were adopted with full approval of the board.

In other business, the board accepted a $61,988 bid from Earthco of Big Spring for the concourse and site improvements at the sports complex. The dual-field complex is under construction on the southwest corner of campus.

The concrete work will allow completion of dugouts and press boxes.

Trustees also approved an agreement with the city for the use of effluent water to irrigate the sports complex.

The water already is used to irrigate the WTC golf course, but a new agreement was necessary to add the three acre sports complex.

Expenses of $14,820 also were approved to send the WTC men's and women's rodeo teams to the NIRA College National Finals.

Rodeo coach Greg Rhodes said the expenses were calculated based on past experience.

The money will cover transportation, lodging, meals and entry fees for 12 students. The rodeo is in Casper, Wyo. June 8-14.

In personnel matters, Raul Alcala was approved as assistant director of workforce education and extension centers.

The resignation of Dennis Noblett, director of development, also was accepted.

Tammy Shirley, director of allied health, presented the

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Contracts extended by Snyder trustees

Campus principals, assistants, special program director, athletic director-head football coach receive extensions

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

All present Snyder ISD campus administrators, the director of special programs, and the head football coach-athletic director received one-year contract extensions at Monday night's school board meeting.

These extensions include Larry Scott, SHS principal, and assistant principals Bill Bell and Al Phillips; SJHS principal Kellye Starnes and assistant principal Ralph Ramon; Thomas Fogleman, West Elementary principal; Carmen Carpenter, Northeast Elementary; Pam Hart, Central Elementary; and Jean McMillon, Stanfield Elementary.

Also Dixie Haggard, director of special programs, and Chad Rogers, athletic director and head football coach, were granted extensions.

The administrator's contracts will now expire June 30, 2005.

The contracts of assistant superintendents Melissa Jones and Karen Waller are expected to be on the June board agenda.

Also, a principal vacancy exists at East Elementary where Lee Presswood is currently serving as the interim following the early retirement of Jim Rosson.

The board also approved seven letters of resignation.

These include Bobbie Anderson, fourth grade teacher at East Elementary; Warren Beard, SHS ag teacher; Dale Hamby, SJHS social studies; Shad Nachlinger, SHS history; Janeen Patterson, SJHS theatre arts; Brad Vincent, SHS theatre arts; and Frances White, SJHS English teacher and coach.

Trustees also approved the employment of three junior high teachers — Terri Collins, Texas history; Bradi Johnson, math teacher and coach; and Holly Potts, physical education teacher and coach.

Collins is a 2003 graduate of Tarleton State University, while Johnson graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 2002. Potts is a 2002 graduate of McMurry University.

The board met in closed session for some 15 minutes before action was taken on personnel.

Trustees also approved budget amendments in the amount of $529,000 with the largest amount — $525,000 — designated for the heating and cooling update at West Elementary.

Other amendments approved were $3,200 from the tennis boosters for wheel chair ramps at the tennis courts, and $1,000 from the Wal-Mart literacy fund.

Trustees also okayed extending the depository contract with West Texas State Bank for two years.

In making her recommendation, Waller said the bank works well with the district. "They've done an excellent job for us."

During the discussion of the financials, Waller said the school finance bill in Austin was still up in the air, a fact backed up by Supt. Ronny Collins.

"A bill had been proposed that would have cost us some $600,000. Now that part of the bill has been removed."

Collins added that the school finance bill would have to be passed by the legislature before

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Hermleigh board will elect officers tonight

Hermleigh ISD trustees have a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. today.

The board will elect officers for the coming year, and consider the contract with the Texas Association of School Boards for worker's compensation coverage.

Other action items include the authorization for use of a van for the senior trip, and the naming of Eddie and April McClure, and Benny and Adelpha Sauceda as sponsors for the trip.

Student transfer applications will be reviewed, as will a new contract for increasing the percentage of attorney's fees for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Trustees also will consider moving the collection of taxes from the appraisal district to the Scurry County tax assessor-collector.

Interim Supt. James Bible will report on audit fees, and lead a discussion on school facilities.

The meeting will be in the high school homemaking room.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Americans are not fat, we are merely nutritional overachievers."

We ought to search our coat pockets more often.

It's been months ago, but somebody handed us an article from the Caller-Times in Corpus Christi.

Grady Phelps, the business editor, got to thinking about yesteryears — before TV and air conditioning.

Some of the things he remembered about the good-ole-days were actually pretty swell:

Home-baked bread with fresh butter. Picking wild dewberries and grapes. Climbing windmills. Icemen and ice houses. Hearing a rooster crow or an owl hoot.

Cushman scooters, hand-cranked ice cream. Laughing so hard you hurt. Pillow fights.

Catching lightning bugs in a jar. Chocolate milk. Jumping on the bed. Lunch boxes with a thermos that always broke. Penny candy in a brown paper sack.

Running in the rain. Really old ice boxes. Drive-ins. Roller skate keys. Howdy Doody. Telephone numbers with prefixes. S&H green stamps. Raiding a watermelon patch.

When going around the corner seemed far away. Going downtown was somewhere. Churning butter. Horseshoes and washers.

No one asked where the car keys were because they were always in the unlocked ignition. You got in big trouble if you locked the door at home since nobody ever had a house key.

Headlight dimmer switches on the floorboard. Using car hand turn signals. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cream on top. Blue flashbulbs. Playing baseball just for fun.

Hopscotch, spin the bottle. Jacks, marbles and dodgeball. Old Maid and Crazy Eights. Cowboys and Indians. Running 'til you were out of breath.

Eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar. No purebred dogs. Party-line telephones. Clothelines, sitting on the curb, walking to church, vanilla wafers at bedtime. Spit balls, paper airplanes and kites. Sock hops.

Being tickled to death. Flunking a test or chewing gum was the worst thing you could do at school. Not stepping on a crack. Evening in Paris perfume.

Peashooters, rubberband gun battles. Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable aspirins.

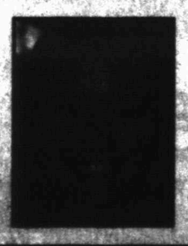
And one of the "kids" in the SDN office wanted to know what 45 and 78 rpm records were.

ASK US

Q—Does the CRMWD have any plans to drill any more water wells around Snyder?

A—There has been some talk about drilling a well near the Price Daniel Unit.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Stacey Williamson...

Stacey Williamson is a sophomore at Snyder High School. The daughter of Tracey and Joe Don Williamson, Stacey has two siblings, Jennifer and Brandon. She likes to play volleyball, basketball and run track, as well as hanging out with her friends and watching movies and sports on television.

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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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Drama Booster Club to meet

The SHS Drama Booster Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium. Officers will be elected for 2003-2004.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Central seminars

Central Elementary will conclude its series of afternoon seminars at 3 p.m. Thursday. *Bully Proofing Your Child* will be the topic presented by school counselor Debbie Shaw. Child care will be provided.

Home school field trip

There will be a field trip for home schooled students from 8:45-11:45 a.m. Friday at Joyland Amusement Park in Lubbock. Cost is $8 per child. Contact Malinda McClung at 574-1133.

Ira kindergarten registration

Registration for kindergarten at Ira is underway from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until Friday. If these times are not convenient, call 573-2628 to make other arrangements. Shot records, birth certificate and child's social security card should be brought.

Girls Little Dribblers fundraiser

The Scurry County Girls Little Dribblers junior division all-stars will be selling Krispie Kream donuts starting at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

End-of-school party

An end-of-school party for SJHS 8th graders only will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the WTC Student Center. Admission is $5. Bring picture for the memorabilia table to the junior high office by Wednesday.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Prophet Joel," followed by "What Make You and me Human."

Memorial Day events

The VFW will conduct a flag ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday, May 16, at the VFW and then American Legion and then go to the Snyder Cemeteries. A dinner featuring a brisket with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. at the post home. Auxiliary ladies need to bring a dessert. Cost is by donation.

Parenting With Love & Logic

SISD will present Parenting With Love & Logic from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the junior high auditorium. Brenda Bird will be the parent trainer. Child care and interpreter will be available.

WIN Women's Conference

WIN Women's Conference, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, is set for May 30-31 at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Music will be by Mercy & Truth, Dance Troupe Doorkeepers of His Glory. Speakers are Barbara Murrell of Forney and Jay Hawkins of Toccoa, Ga. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Red Cross fundraiser

The American Red Cross has opened an office at 1800 26th. As a fundraiser, "I love my troops" dog tags are available for a minimum donation of $5. Call 573-1419.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st St., is from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion in July. Classmate names are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail classof 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a class reunion July 5 at Jack Greene's park starting at 7 p.m. Barbecue and music will be provided. Cost is $15 per person and those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP by June 25. Contact Gina Rhodes at 573-2400, or Janet Lay at Janetlay@remax.net.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Homeland security drill begins in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Mayor Greg Nickels and King County Executive Ron Sims faced some tough hypothetical decisions after the mock explosion of a radioactive "dirty bomb" in a car in an industrial lot.

As events unfolded Monday in the first day of a five-day national bioterrorism exercise for hundreds of emergency workers, officials were faced with such questions as whether to declare a state of emergency and how to determine the range of the radioactive plume and alert those who could be affected.

The drill, combining the Seattle disaster with a mock bioterror attack in Chicago, is aimed at testing the readiness of local, state and federal authorities. It is the nation's first large-scale counterterrorism exercise since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The idea, Nickels said, is for regional and national agencies to see where strengths and weaknesses lie.

"When a disaster occurs, people do not call the White House," Nickels said. "They call 911."

The mayor said he spoke twice Monday with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, and once with Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

"Our first responders, I think, did an outstanding job today," Nickels said. "Things went about the way we thought they would."

Once all the data are analyzed and the decisions have been reviewed, the Seattle leaders said, they'll determine what they learned.

The exercises, which are being headed by the Homeland Security Department, will cost an estimated $16 million and involve more than 8,500 people from 100 federal, state and local agencies, the American Red Cross and the Canadian government.

The drill was being run by about 80 federal workers from a hotel ballroom in Washington. Computers projected maps of Seattle and Chicago onto large screens.

Over the next few days, a number of "patients" are to show up at hospitals in the Chicago area, suffering from flu-like symptoms. In the script, a terrorist group releases a deadly plague in aerosol form.

In Seattle's scenario, 150 people were "injured" in the explosion, and 92 were taken to area hospitals. Twenty people were being sought in the rubble and two were reported killed.

About 200 firefighters and 60 police officers participated in the Seattle drill. Ten police and 20 fire personnel, among the first on scene, had to be decontaminated for imaginary exposure to radioactivity.

There were two real minor injuries. One emergency responder suffered smoke inhalation and another strained his back, Deputy Police Chief Clark Kimerer said. Both were treated at the scene.

Meanwhile, 40 miles south, students and others at Pacific Lutheran University near Tacoma acted out a second, simultaneous attack on campus, where a smoke bomb also was detonated to simulate a car bomb. About 170 volunteers, including members of the university's drama club, pretended to be injured.

The script also called for a terrorist to run into a campus building and take hostages.

"The time to test is before such a threat arises," Washington Gov. Gary Locke said. "Prudent preparation is not a sign that we face any new or credible threat of terrorism. We expect to learn a lot and we expect to apply what we learn."

About 68,000 notices were mailed out earlier to advise Seattle residents of the operation, and media coverage has been extensive. Emergency agencies reported no calls from people worried they might be witnessing the real thing.

Within a month, a two-day conference for all participants is planned to review the exercise. By September, a full report will be submitted outlining strengths and vulnerabilities.

Les Woods, Price Daniel Unit's first warden to retire this month

Les W. Woods, the first warden to serve the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, will retire from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice this month.



Les Woods

Woods, a 30-year veteran with TDCJ, currently is Region II director headquartered at Tennessee Colony near Palestine.

A reception for Woods will be held from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Coffield Club House.

Woods, 50, plans to enter private correctional work with Wackenhut in the Fort Worth area.

Woods came to Snyder from the Coffield unit in Anderson County where he had served as assistant warden. Woods was responsible for the successful opening of the first TDCJ unit in West Texas.

After serving as Price Daniel warden for just more than three years, Woods was named senior warden at the maximum-security unit at Beeville. He later became senior warden at the Allred Unit in Wichita Falls before being named regional director.

Today's chuckle

Woman wins $4.4 million on slot machine

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A pregnant woman who won a $4.4 million slot machine jackpot attributed the good luck to a kick from her unborn baby.

Valarie Johannessen, 34, was about to walk away from a Wheel of Fortune progressive slot machine at Bally's Wild Wild West Casino on Friday night when she felt the fetus kicking her stomach.



"I was about to leave. I had played $50, and the machine was rejecting the money I was trying to put in the bill changer, which means to me that I should play a different machine, but the baby started kicking, so I said to myself, 'The baby is telling me to stay,'" Johannessen said.

Three pulls later, she hit for $4,434,930 on the 50-cent machine.

"I thought I had won $4,000 until a lady passed by and told me that I had won $4 million. She asked me why I wasn't screaming, and I said that if I started screaming, I'd probably pass out," Johannessen said.

Johannessen, of Ledgewood, owns a graphic arts and sign business with her husband, Gregg. They already have a 11/2-year-old daughter; the baby is due in July.

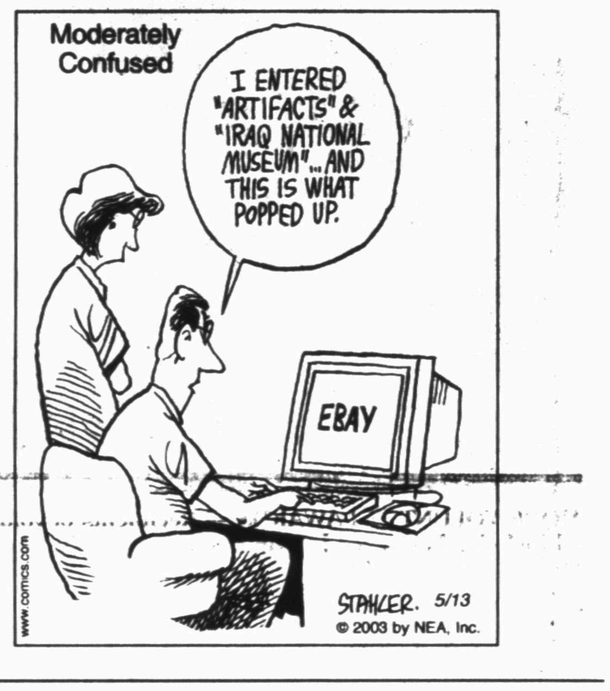
She took home a check for $221,746, and will get equal installments every year for the next 19 years.

"If I wasn't pregnant, we'd be flying to Hawaii to celebrate," Johannessen said. "Maybe we'll take a little vacation after the baby comes. This is awesome. Dreams really do come true."

Company told to stop offering interests

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The state securities commissioner ordered a Dallas company to stop offering interests in oil well development Monday.

Commissioner Michael Johnson issued a cease and desist order.



Date Book

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Today is the 133rd day of 2003 and the 55th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Congress officially declared war on Mexico. By the time the war ended, in 1848, nearly 11,300 American soldiers had been killed and the U.S. had taken control of land that would eventually become New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado.

On this day in 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile.

On this day in 1992, three astronauts took a simultaneous space walk outside the space shuttle orbiter Endeavour.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joe Louis (1914-1981), boxer; Beatrice Arthur (1926-), actress, is 77; Harvey Keitel (1939-), actor, is 64; Mary Wells (1943-1992), singer; Stevie Wonder (1950-), singer and musician, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Ron Necciai became the first pitcher to strike out 27 batters in a nine-inning game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." — Stevie Wonder

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 9) and full moon (May 15).

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CMH VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED — Awards were received by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members at the annual banquet last Tuesday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Receiving a gold bar pin for the total volunteer hours included (from left) front row, Thadine Harless, 6,000 hours; Texa Ball and Lynn Heard, 5,500; Kathryn Dodson, 5,000; back row, Joyce Cooper, Verna Foree, Alma Posey and Harold Yearwood, 2,500. Not pictured are Lucille Joyce, 18,000 hours; Gradine Sterling, 10,500; Delwin Bane, 3,500; and Peggy Fowler, 3,000. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



MORE VOLUNTEER AWARDS — Recipients of volunteer awards for Cogdell Memorial Hospital include, front row, Jo Ann Peek and Juanita Raborn, 2,000 hours; Betty Kellum and Una Orms, 1,500; Sandra Robinson and Mary Ward, 1,000; Margaret Glass, 500; and Tommy Horsley, Rona Sikes and Ola Mae Ward, 100 hours. Not pictured is Margaret Birdwell with 100 hours. Auxiliary president Harold Yearwood was master of ceremonies and CEO George Parsley presented awards.

Births

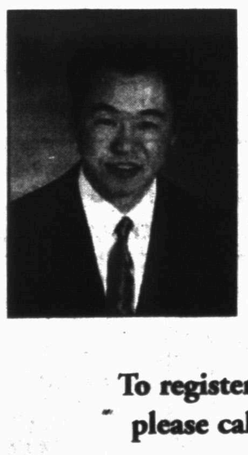
Jerri Sue and Terry Lynn Goolsby of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Terry Lynn Goolsby Jr. He was born, weighing seven pounds, six ounces, at 3:18 p.m. on May 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are J.C. and Martha Goolsby, both of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Ruby Kitchens of Albany and Ricke and Linda Kimura of Sacramento, Calif.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-13-03
♠ 10 9 5 4
♥ K 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ A Q 9 3

West
♠ K
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 8 7 5 4

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

South
♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ A 5
♦ K Q 6
♣ K J 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

The contract directs the best play

By Phillip Alder

George Orwell, he of "1984" and "Animal Farm" fame, wrote, "The high sentiments always win in the end; the leaders who offer blood, toil, tears and sweat always get more out of their followers than those who offer safety and a good time. When it comes to the pinch, human beings are heroic."

Again, this proves that bridge and life do not always mesh. A bridge player going for safety is, in a way, heroic.

Look at the North-South hands. How would you plan the play in either six spades or seven spades after West leads the heart queen?

Note South's initial one-spade response. By starting low, he learned from his partner not only distribution information but also hand-strength definition. (In addition, users of Roman Key Card Blackwood will know that either the spade king or an ace is missing, making seven spades undesirable.)

With the side suits solid, the only problem revolves around the trump suit. In seven spades, you must play that holding without loss. The correct line is low to your queen. This wins when either East has king-doubleton or West has jack-singleton.

In six spades, though, the best play is, I think, counterintuitive. At trick two, you should cash the spade ace. If only low cards appear, you enter the dummy and lead toward your spade queen. Here, though, West's king falls. Now you can collect an overtrick returning to the dummy and finessing East out of his spade jack.

Strangely, in seven spades, you go one or two down; but in six, you make seven!

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; Julie Johnson, pharmisist with Covenant in Lubbock, SHS graduate and daughter of Wayne and Margaret Glass of Snyder, will give the program on experimental drugs; hostess, executive officers; installation of officers; 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room, all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

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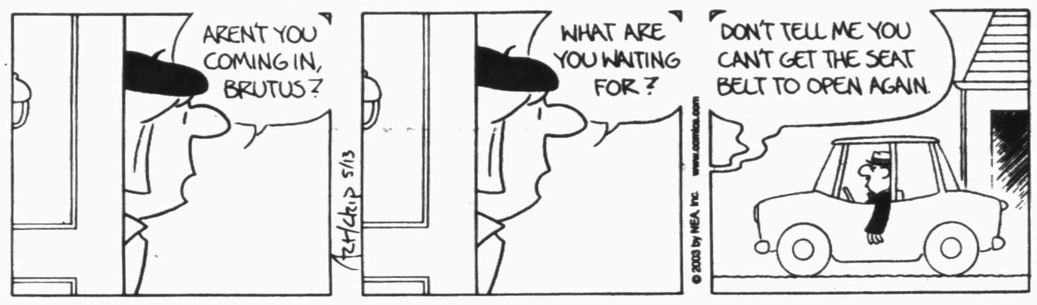
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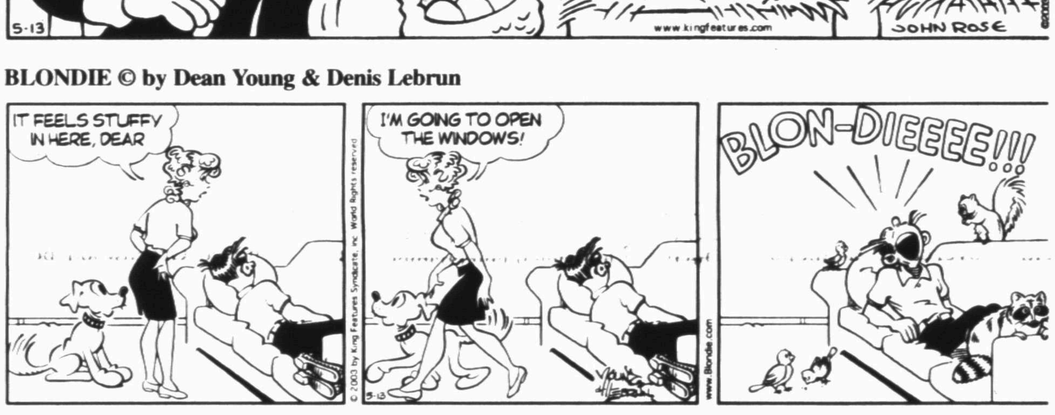
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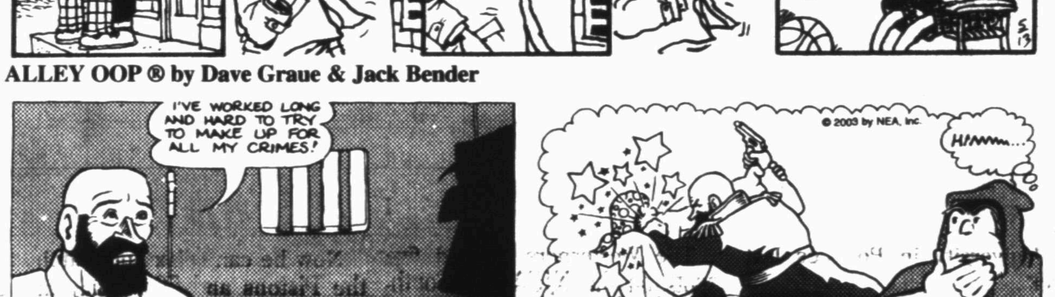
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4 Blizzard maker
8 Hare's hair
11 Fire residue
12 Moon goddess
13 Margin
14 Plastic — Band
15 Navaho foes
16 Fan noise
17 Storm drains
19 Dress bottom
21 Invitation inits.
22 Repute
25 Wide ties
29 Inquire
31 Abyss
34 Doctor's org.
35 Bottle
36 Competent
37 Help
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39 Zilch
40 Involve
42 Fast jets
44 Bean for sprouting
47 "Do — — say"
49 Complied
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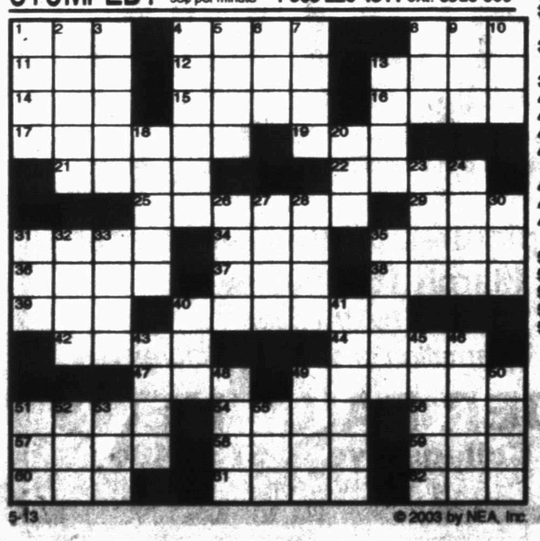
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2 "Lou Grant" star
3 Red Sea vessels
4 Drinks noisily
5 Weirdos
6 Individual
7 Clean up
8 Rx monitor
9 Snort of disgust
10 Legal matter
13 "Cope Book" aunt
18 Steer clear of
20 USN rank
23 Snail —
24 Rebekah's son
26 "Misery" co-star
27 Ignore
28 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
30 Dutch airline
31 Moving —
32 Japanese sashes
33 Troubles, to Hamlet
35 Esteem
40 Snake shape
41 Suffuses
43 Chore
45 Chute material
46 Heavy fliers
48 Ovid's route
49 Make a day — —
50 Smear
51 — de mer
52 Ballpark figure
53 Wk day
55 Spanish gold

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Rogers sees pros and cons with football playoff ideas

From local, wire reports

University Interscholastic League officials are studying whether to add a fourth district team to high school football playoffs.

Although league officials cautioned that the study is preliminary and that any change would have to be approved by member schools, they said the UIL legislative council asked for information on the idea.

"It's not anything that's concrete," said UIL spokeswoman Kim Rogers. "We really don't want to give people the idea that it's done. It's just a thought."

Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said there are pros and cons to the plan.

"I think a fourth team it would be great. You don't want to water down the playoff, but in our district (last year)Merkel probably belonged in and two years ago we were the fourth team," he said.

Rogers said one concern is how the four teams would be seeded. He said if the format placed two teams in the large school category, it could lead to some lopsided first-round games.

The current formula sends three district teams to the playoffs, with the largest school classified as Division I and the smaller schools as Division II. Each division winner is crowned a state champion.

"It would make first round a little strange," he said. "You could be looking at some mismatches. For our schools it's no big deal, but you might have a school with really small enrollment playing someone like Abilene Wylie. But if it's set up right I wouldn't have a problem."

Among the issues that would have to be decided would be whether to add an additional round of the playoffs or to shorten the regular season by a game, UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt said at Monday's meeting of the Southwest Associated Press Sports Editors. Other issues would include whether the division champions would play for a unified state title.

"I don't want the regular season shortened," Rogers said, but said the idea of the two divisions playing for a unified title would be intriguing.

"I wouldn't mind that," he said. "It would be a big draw. (The winner) could definitely say they are the 3A champion."

Some schools may be in favor of adding another playoff team, giving more students a chance to compete for a state title, Breithaupt said. The change could let in teams with losing records.

"Another opportunity to get in the playoffs is a feather in their cap," Breithaupt said. He said other schools, who won't want to risk an upset loss to a lightly regarded opponent, won't like the idea.

The UIL legislative council asked the league to study the idea at its October 2002 meeting, and the league staff will report back during the council's June meetings. If the council wants to move forward with the plan, the UIL would survey its member schools to ask their preference.

Any change would likely be at least two years away, Kim Rogers said.



IRA BANQUET — Outstanding athletes awards went to, back row, Jeff Fine, outstanding golf; Eric Dickerhoff, defensive basketball player of year; Josh Gutierrez, defensive baseball and football player of year; front row: Jess Wall, outstanding tennis; Amanda Calley, defensive basketball player of year; Lindsey Wilson, outstanding track and cross country; Lacie Thompson, outstanding golf athlete; Jake Barnes, outstanding track and tennis athlete. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen



I just spent a whirlwind week, chasing the Snyder Tiger athletic teams across Texas, from Odessa to Austin to Lubbock. And I feel lucky to have been able to do it.

One of the most used sports cliches in the lexicon is: "You win some, you lose some."

I witnessed both during the past several days, in a week of champions, disappointments and personal triumphs.

I saw Snyder capture a most improbable dual championship at the state golf tournament, and the reactions of the players were as compelling as their performances.

Matt "Matty" McCormick was rendered speechless after the final round, while Zach Starnes and Brady Reed could barely contain their excitement.

Vaughn Wiggins called the experience "surreal," and looked to be in a state of shock, while Katie Kerley and her cohorts on the girls squad were positively giddy. Coach Matt Glenn beamed, kissing the boys trophy as he raised it over his head to the delight of the large gathering of Tiger parents, grandparents and school administrators.

This past week also saw the Lady Tigers, so dominant in District 3-3A, inexplicably pushed from the first round of the softball playoffs by Perryton.

I saw Shawn Roemisch turn three shades of red in the Midland sun, and still smile about it, after the Tigers polished off Greenwood to break the first-round jinx the baseball club has played under in recent seasons.

I also saw Roemisch on the other end, emotionally and physically spent after being swept by Canyon in the area round.

I saw Chance Greenwood be the same stand-up guy in defeat as he was in victory, and a relaxed Marcus Villarreal the next day talking about the future.

I saw the state capital and the expansive and awe-inspiring UT campus. And I saw the Austin traffic.

I saw Kara Brumley, unheralded and unranked, take fourth place at the regional tennis tournament, and watched Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers represent SHS in the state finals.

I watched as Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham cruised past the competition in the quarterfinals, playing with flair and grace.

I heard October Wells set a personal best in the 200M dash on AM radio as I returned from Lubbock.

This week I'll see Ira put its undefeated record and district and bi-district titles up against a Miles club that scored 36 runs — in one game — against Comstock in its first playoff game.

But most of all I got to see effort, determination, humility and class from all the athletes in the various sports. The spirit of sportsmanship, given up for dead in this era of smack talk, Sharpies and showboating, is alive and well and prospering at the prep level, thank you very much.

And that was the best thing I saw all year.

Jackson ready to rejoin Lakers in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Phil Jackson got a new outlook on life in Los Angeles over the weekend, and so did his Lakers.

The coach and his team are happy and back together again in San Antonio for Game 5 of their Western Conference semifinal series against the Spurs on Tuesday night.

"We're back in the hunt in the playoffs with a team that's rejuvenated," said Jackson, 57, who underwent an angioplasty Saturday to open a nearly blocked heart artery. "The biggest thing is moving forward from here."

The Lakers won Games 3 and 4 at home — the first an early blowout and the second coming down to the final minute — to even the best-of-seven series at two games each.

The Spurs were betrayed by their defense in both games in Los Angeles, and said their chances in the series depend heavily on how well they contain the three-time defending champion Lakers.

"Our defense let us down in the second half (of Game 4)," coach Gregg Popovich said. "It was below par, and against world champions, you can't be below par defensively, and especially if you expect to win at their place.

"We've got to really focus on that (Tuesday) night," he continued. "I've got to have five people on the court thinking that way for 48 minutes. It's a heck of a team we're playing and we should have to play very well to beat them."

San Antonio played its brand of relentless, rotating defense at home and won the first two games.

But in Sunday's 99-95 loss, those same defenders seemed to be a step slower. They grabbed and groped at Kobe Bryant — who scored 35 points — as he drove past them, and they waved harmlessly at jump shots by Devean George and Derek Fisher, who together scored 26 points and went 5-for-8 on 3-pointers.

Both Tim Duncan and David Robinson got into foul trouble going up against Los Angeles center Shaquille O'Neal (29 points, 17 rebounds) and had to sit down, leaving San Antonio vulnerable inside late in the second half.

"With both me and Tim on the bench, it was really tough," said Robinson, who didn't score and had only three rebounds.

Henley, Texidor sign

Two WTC players are leaving the baseball program and two more scheduled for visits at four-year schools, as third-year students begin to transfer to fsenior college.



Texidor

Tyrrell Henley signed a commitment letter with Eastern New Mexico University in Portales last week.



Henley

The Westerners' designated hitter this season, Henley was named to the all-conference honorable mention team.

Hector Texidor has signed a professional contract with a co-op team sponsored by the Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds in Puerto Rico. Any big league team can pick up the sophomore infielder from the co-op team.

Trey Roberson and Scott Peden are also being considered by ENMU, and Peden has a visit scheduled with UT-Pan American, a Division I school.

The Westerners nabbed five spots on the NJCAC All-Southwest Conference honorable mention team.

Besides Henley, infielders Scott Peden and Tanyon Reeves were were honored, as were outfielders Roberson and Landon Thompson.

Nets complete sweep

BOSTON (AP) — Jason Kidd displayed his all-around magnificence Monday night — 29 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists — to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 110-101 double-overtime victory and a four-game sweep of the Boston Celtics.

Now he can relax and watch the Pistons and 76ers play at least two more games to determine the Nets' opponent in the Eastern Conference finals. The series, tied 2-2, resumes Wednesday night in Detroit.

"We do have some time off to rest," Kidd said. "We've done our job and now we have to get ready, mentally and physically, for whoever it may be. But we have the luxury of our wait."

The Celtics must wait much longer after playing their best game of the Eastern Conference semifinals with a newfound aggressiveness.

"It's going to be a couple of months before I understand I'm not playing anymore," Eric Williams said.

In the Western Conference semifinals Tuesday, Sacramento is at Dallas, and the Los Angeles Lakers are at San Antonio. Both series are tied 2-2.

In the fourth quarter, the Celtics overcame a six-point deficit, and Tony Delk, who scored a career playoff-high 23 points, stole the ball from Kidd with 3 seconds left and the score tied 90-90.

In the first overtime, which ended 97-all, they erased a 3-point deficit and played the last 2:51 after Antoine Walker fouled out.

But in the second overtime — without Walker and injured center Tony Battie — fatigue took over. New Jersey outscored Boston 13-4 with Kidd scoring five.

Houston bullpen slams door

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Since a forgettable stretch of 14 losses in 18 games raised doubts about their ability to contend again in the NL Central, the Houston Astros are right back in the division race after winning nine of 11, including a 9-4 win Monday at Pittsburgh.

Starting pitcher Scott Linebrink lasted only 3 2-3 innings on a chilly, damp evening on which only 9,095 showed up, easily the smallest crowd since PNC Park opened two years ago. But a Houston bullpen that leads the NL in innings pitched (146 2-3) and victories (14) again found a way to get it done as Jeriome Robertson, Stone, Octavio Dotel and Nate Bland pitched the final 5 1-3 innings.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club meeting changed

The SHS volleyball booster club has changed the location of tonight's meeting. The club will meet at 6 p.m. at the high school gym, instead of the College Avenue Dairy Queen.

LGA spring tournament

The Ladies Golf Association will have its spring tournament at Scurry County golf course Saturday and Sunday.

Memorial Day scramble

A Memorial Day scramble will be held May 26 at Scurry County golf course. Tee-off is 10 a.m.

Country Club pool opening

The Snyder Country Club pool will open May 24. Hours are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	11	.703	—
Boston	23	14	.622	3
Baltimore	18	19	.486	8
Toronto	18	20	.474	8½
Tampa Bay	14	23	.378	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	23	13	.639	—
Minnesota	20	17	.541	3½
Chicago	17	20	.459	6½
Cleveland	11	25	.306	12
Detroit	8	27	.229	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	23	14	.622	—
Seattle	23	14	.622	—
Anaheim	17	19	.472	5½
Texas	16	21	.432	7

Monday's Game
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2

Today's Games
Texas (Thomson 2-4) at Boston (Burkett 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 2-2) at Detroit (Maroth 0-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 2-3) at Toronto (Sturtze 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 7-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 2-3) at Cleveland (B.Anderson 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Snyder 0-0) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Daal 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 6-1), 8:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	12	.684	—
Montreal	23	15	.605	3
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	4
Florida	18	22	.450	9
New York	17	21	.447	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	21	16	.568	—
Houston	20	18	.526	1½
St. Louis	18	17	.514	2
Cincinnati	19	19	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	15	23	.395	6½
Milwaukee	13	25	.342	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	25	12	.676	—
Los Angeles	20	19	.513	6
Arizona	17	21	.447	8½
Colorado	17	21	.447	8½
San Diego	12	26	.316	13½

Monday's Games
Houston 9, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 11, Milwaukee 5
N.Y. Mets 9, Colorado 6
Florida 6, San Diego 1
Atlanta 11, Los Angeles 4
Montreal 4, San Francisco 3

Today's Games
Houston (Redding 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Suppan 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 1-1) at Philadelphia (Millwood 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 3-3) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Wilson 1-3) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 4-3) at Colorado (Chacon 4-2), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 2-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 2-4), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 4-2) at Los Angeles (Ishii 3-1), 10:10 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 3-4) at San Francisco (Ainsworth 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 10
Anaheim 1, Minnesota 0, 2OT
Ottawa 3, New Jersey 2, OT, Ottawa leads series 1-0

Monday, May 12
Anaheim 2, Minnesota 0, Anaheim leads series 2-0

Tuesday, May 13
New Jersey at Ottawa, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 15
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 16
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Ottawa at New Jersey, 3 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 11
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 95, series tied 2-2
Philadelphia 95, Detroit 82, series tied 2-2
Sacramento 99, Dallas 83, series tied 2-2

Monday, May 12
New Jersey 110, Boston 101, 2OT, New Jersey wins series 4-0

Tuesday, May 13
Sacramento at Dallas, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14
Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 15
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Cause of death undetermined

FORT WORTH (AP) — An autopsy Monday failed to determine the cause of death of Dallas Cowboys running back Ennis Haywood.

Results of toxicology and tissue tests are expected in six-to-eight weeks, said Linda Anderson, spokesman for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

Haywood died Sunday at Medical Center of Arlington. The 23-year-old player was taken to the hospital early Saturday after he began vomiting in his sleep. He was placed on life support, and his family chose to remove him from life support on Sunday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Haywood participated in the Cowboys' three-day minicamp last week and was expected to compete for a roster spot at halfback.

Haywood, an undrafted free agent out of Iowa State, was on the Cowboys' practice squad last season. He led the team in rushing in the preseason with 120 yards on 31 carries.



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AUSTIN (AP) — State troopers came knocking, but dozens of rebellious Texas Democrats in Ardmore, Okla., weren't going anywhere.

Almost 300 miles away, Republicans released from a lock on the House chamber in Austin, were sleeping soundly.

The Democrats stealthily left Austin on Sunday, after days of strategizing to waylay a contentious GOP-led battle to redraw the state's congressional lines. With 58 Democrats gone, they were able to bust the required quorum of the 150-member House.

"It's totally up to (House Speaker Tom) Craddick and he's been so advised," one of the Democrats told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. "If he'll get redistricting off the calendar, we'll be right there bright and early."

Earlier Monday, Craddick said he was "not interested in negotiating."

The rebel Democrats staying in an Ardmore hotel stood ready to fight when troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety arrived at their doors Monday night.

"They don't have any jurisdiction here unless a warrant is issued by Oklahoma and they're not going to get that here, we've been assured," the source told the AP.

A spokesman for Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry said he was told Monday that Democrats would be in the state, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Our position is that, without a warrant signed by a judge, we have no authority. Even under those circumstances, we are hesitant to get pulled into a Texas political battle. If we're going to do battle with Texas, we prefer that it be on the football field," Henry said through his spokesman.

So, without authority to make an arrest, the troopers could only ask the legislators to board their aircraft and come home. The troopers were "very cordial" and politely accepted the rejection.

Redistricting had been scheduled on the House Calender for Monday. According to House rules, the deadline to preliminarily vote on House bills is midnight Wednesday. After that, it would take a favorable vote by two-thirds of the House to get legislation to the floor for a vote. Missing the deadline will stymie several bills that have been dubbed as emergency legislation, including an insurance reform measure. A budget-balancing government reorganization proposal also has been put on hold.

"We won't be able to do redistricting because we won't have a two-thirds vote, but we'll be able to do all the other bills in the state," the lawmaker said.

Midnight Monday was the deadline for legislation to get out of committee. That deadline came and went without meetings, said Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas.

Craddick pleaded for the Democrats to come back, sarcastically dubbing the group "Chicken D's."

Letter to the Editor

Demos leave town

Dear Editor:

Monday morning, May 12th, 53 members of the Democrat Caucus in the State House sent letters to the House clerk declaring that they would not be present for the legislative session that was to start that morning.

Since state law dictates that there must be 100 members of the House present for a quorum, the Democrats have effectively stalled all business in the House. The Democrats have indicated that they might not return until Friday.

The Democrat members are attempting to keep the House from debating and voting on the redistricting bill. The bill will be killed if it is not heard prior to Thursday. There are also many other bills on the calendar for today that will not be discussed because of the absences of the Democrat members.

The Democrats in Texas are taking lessons from the ones in the U. S. Senate.

Borden County's Texas House Representative, Pete Laney, was one of the 53 members that walked out. I'm reminded of my two year old. When things aren't going to her liking or she's not getting what she wants, she throws a tantrum, cries and runs to her room.

Seems like the Dems are doing the same thing here in Texas with the "walk-out" and in Washington with the filibusters We do live in a democracy don't we? Discussion, debate, vote ...any of these words ringing any bells. I guess these three things are contingent upon "possible outcome".

Please call Mr. Laney's Offices and let him know that he was elected to work for Borden County, not stay at home.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Teen virgin should reconsider

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend "Adam" and I are high school seniors. We have been serious for only three months, but we've been dating for more than a year. He is sexually experienced, but I am not — I'm still the "Big V."

On prom night, I want Adam to be my "first," but because I have been disappointed in the past, I don't want to be left heartbroken. I love Adam with all my heart — he's all I want in a guy. But I feel torn about what to do. Should I go ahead and "seize the day"? Or should I make him wait? Please help! — **TEEN GIRL IN THE GAMBLING STATE**

DEAR TEEN GIRL: Your boyfriend may be a wonderful person, but to lose your virginity simply to celebrate prom night is not a mature decision. Sex carries with it responsibilities — and can result in unplanned "surprises," as the following letter shows. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I was an A student in high school and was accepted into both Cornell and Stanford. I had a brilliant future in front of me on a silver platter — then I had a baby. I did not get pregnant on purpose. I had my son because I could not bring myself to get an abortion or give up my baby. It has not been an easy road.

I married my baby's father, even though he was only one month out of high school, and I dropped out of my first year of college. The first 10 years of our marriage were spent struggling to make ends meet. He worked, making $6.25 an hour as a roofer's apprentice. I waited tables at night, sometimes until 2 or 3 a.m., then I would get up at 6:30 a.m. to feed the baby. There was no money to go out with friends or for new clothes, and we lived in a tiny house in a bad neighborhood. Lack of money caused most of our marital problems.

Abby, as much as I loved my son, I also resented him because all my dreams were put on permanent hold and I had to live the way I did. I spent days, weeks and months crying hours at a time in despair. This was not the life I had envisioned. In the seven years that followed, I had two more sons. My youngest was the only child I was emotionally prepared for.

I am now 32. My oldest is 12, and yes, I am still married to my husband. People think we are the perfect family, but I am not sure it was worth the price we have paid. Our first two sons never quite had their mom or dad during the years when it counted most. Our marriage nearly crumbled. We both had affairs and verbally abused each other. It took more than 100 hours of expensive counseling to fix our family.

Children are the most precious blessings you can have, and they deserve two parents who are ready to treasure them for their entire life — not just when you finally get your life together 10 or 15 years down the road.

I urge all young people reading this to GET AN EDUCATION — not just in college, but life experience as well. Youth doesn't last forever. You will no longer have a chance to be young and free once you have children. Don't try to beat the odds. The pain left in the wake of your mistake lands squarely in your kids' laps. — **TELLING THE TRUTH IN TOLEDO**

DEAR TELLING THE TRUTH: You have made an important point. It takes consistency and emotional maturity to be an effective parent. If the mother or father is still emotionally immature, as well-intended as that person may be, he or she does not have the tools to be the parent that every child deserves.

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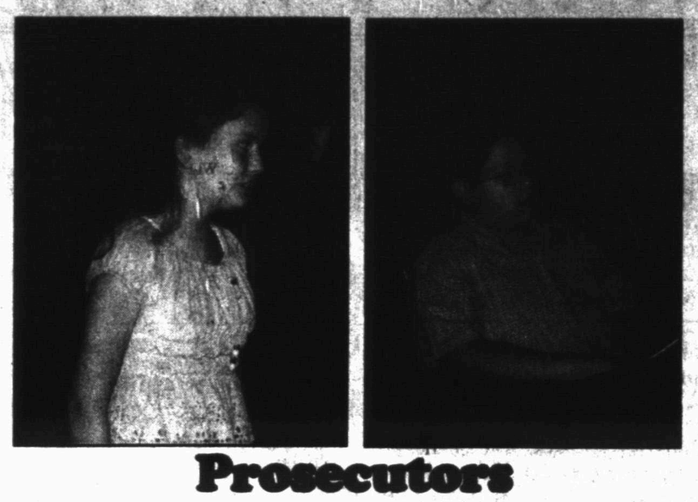
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The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf

Defendant



Freddie Castillo played the Big Bad Wolf.



Prosecutors

Meghan Cooley and Javiel Rowe

First witness



Bailiff Tye Holley swears in Sheriff Raven Luna.

Wolf found innocent in both trials

Defense attorneys were so persuasive last Wednesday, that jurors found the Big Bad Wolf not guilty following two trials held in the 132nd District Court.

As an extension of fifth-graders' study of American history and government, Barbara Owen's students at Northeast presented "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf to all Northeast Elementary students.

District attorney Dana Cooley, presided as judge and Freddie Castillo, known around Northeast as "Mr. C." portrayed the wolf.

Students participating were Tye Holley as the bailiff; Meghan Cooley and Javiel Rowe, prosecutors; Autumn Castillo and Jonathan Kerr, defense attorneys; Raven Luna, sheriff; and Aryn May, Heather Horse.

Others include Eleanor Ashley, Lola Lamb; Stacey Clifton, Georgina Goose; Monica Clanton, Sammie Snake; Rachael Dupree, Cristina Cow.

Others are Kyra Lara, Wilma Wolf; Brance Scott, Dr. Bear; Meagan Downing, Beth Beaver; and Megan Thompson as Penelope Pig.

Other fifth grade students and teachers served as members of the jury.

The two trials were realistically portrayed, complete with official documents such as the Charge of the Court and the verdict of the jury.

The Wolf was charged with "offenses of malicious destruction of the house of Ann Pig and Bob Pig and with the offenses of murder of Ann Pig and Bob Pig.

Had the Wolf been convicted his sentence would have been to serve from one year to life of cafeteria duty at Northeast.

Defense attorney



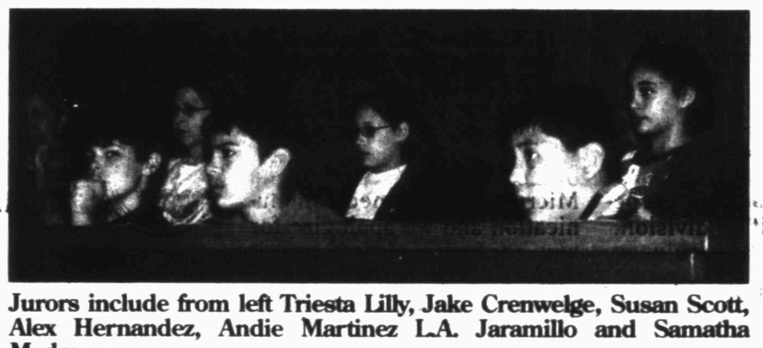
Autumn Castillo addresses the jury. Not pictured is Jonathan Kerr, co-defense attorney. Her dad, Freddie, plays the wolf.

Jury is seated



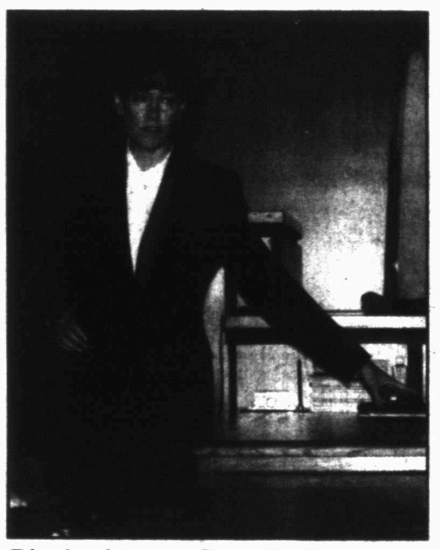
Jurors filing in include Jake Crenwelge, left, and L.A. Jaramillo.

Jury listens attentively



Jurors include from left Triesta Lilly, Jake Crenwelge, Susan Scott, Alex Hernandez, Andie Martinez L.A. Jaramillo and Samatha Medrano.

Presiding judge



District Attorney Dana Cooley was the presiding judge. Her daughter, Meghan, was one of the prosecutors.

Spectators



Spectators from Elizabeth Conger's class are from left Loretta Jaramillo, Mitchell Marcon, Dana Garcia and Gina Guerrero.

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A light to the world...

Jesus told his disciples, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world," John 9:5. He then went on to give sight to a man who had been born blind. It was a clear demonstration of the truth of his claim. He had brought light to the eyes of a blind man, and to those who would let him, he would bring light to the eyes of everyone. Paul would write in Corinthians 4:6 that we have "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." The light that Jesus gives is the light that comes into our life from knowing God.

Jesus also told his disciples that they were to be a light in the world. Many Christians feel like they are anything but a light to other people. Still, Jesus taught His disciples:

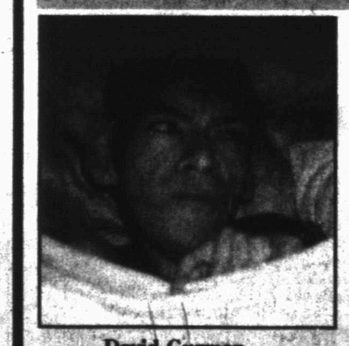
> You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.
> Matthew 5:14-16

Whether we feel like we are or not, if we follow Christ we are to be lights to the world. Our teaching is about Christ and him crucified. Our faith is in Jesus and not in ourselves. But our lives either testify to the power of Christ to change people or they bring Jesus' power into question. If we will truly follow and obey Christ, there will be a light shining in our life.

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Suburban Chicago high school students suspended for hazing

GLENVIEW, Ill. (AP) — Teenage girls caught on videotape brutally hazing their classmates were suspended from their suburban high school for 10 days and could be barred from prom and graduation.

In addition to the suspensions, which began Monday, officials are recommending the girls be expelled from Glenbrook North High School.

"We have never tolerated actions of this nature within our school or by our students within the community, nor will we now or in the future," said the school's principal, Michael Riggle.

The students have three days to begin the appeals process.

Within hours of Monday's disciplinary decision, one of the students filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court seeking a temporary restraining order to keep the school from suspending her, according to her attorney.

"You are entitled to an education so when someone takes that right from you without giving you due process, they have violated (your) due process rights," said Naomi Valas, an attorney representing 18-year-old Marnie Holz. Holz declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Senior girls from the school beat their junior classmates and showered them with mud, feces and garbage on May 4 at a Cook County park. Five girls were injured seriously enough that they needed to go to the hospital.

Although the hazing took place off campus, Riggle said the school district's lawyer advised him that the school had broader powers to discipline students than he had thought.

The 10-day suspensions are the longest the school can give, Riggle said. The district will decide whether to expel the students, which would bar them from the prom and graduation ceremonies.

Expulsion from the school would not prevent seniors from graduating. Those seniors who have not yet earned enough credits to graduate will be sent to "alternative education" to complete their studies, Riggle said.

Video of the incident has been shown on national television, to the embarrassment of the affluent Chicago suburb of Northbrook.

Dave Hales, the superintendent overseeing Glenbrook North, called the effects of the videotapes "devastating." However, he noted that the incident involved just a fraction of the school's nearly 2,100 students.

The principal would not say how many students were suspended, citing the privacy of educational records. He said only senior girls who participated in the hazing were suspended, not other students who watched.

Lawyer may use defense similar to Yates

TYLER (AP) — The case of a woman accused of bludgeoning to death two of her sons and seriously injuring a third bears striking similarities to the case of Andrea Yates and could produce a similar defense, the woman's lawyer said.

Yates, of Houston, claimed insanity after drowning her five children in their family's bathtub in June 2001. Yates called 911 after the drownings and later told police the devil had told her to kill her children.

Deanna LaJune Laney, 38, is charged with two counts of capital murder and one count of aggravated assault in the weekend deaths at the family's home in rural New Chapel Hill.

Laney called 911 and said she had killed her children. Sheriff's deputies who responded to her call early Saturday found the two older boys, Joshua, 8, and Luke, 6, dead in the yard wearing only their underwear. Large rocks were atop their bodies.

Wearing bloodstained pajamas, their mother told the first deputy on the scene, "I had to," according to an arrest affidavit obtained by the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Deputies found her 14-month-old son alive in his crib, bleeding from an open skull fracture with a pillow over his face.

Investigators who interviewed her said she occasionally started singing spiritual hymns or muttering about God.

"Obviously, anyone who looks at Andrea Yates and looks at this case would draw some comparison just at first blush," Laney's lawyer F.R. "Buck" Files said Monday.

Files has discussed Laney's case with Yates' attorney, George Parnham, and will consider using some of Parnham's defense tactics.

"Of course, I've spoken to him," he said. "Did he call and say, 'You're in for a roller coaster ride which you'll never forget and will be terribly unpleasant'? Yes."

Yates was convicted of capital murder for the deaths of three of her children.

Laney appeared in court Monday looking wide-eyed and nodded when Judge Cynthia Kent asked her if she understood her rights.

Files, however, suggested in court that Laney may not understand the charges against her.

"I'm not sure if she can truthfully say she understands what is going on," he told the judge. She is being held in jail on $3 million bail.

Laney's parents and cousins were among a tearful group of relatives who looked on from the first row of the courtroom. Her husband, Keith, was with the youngest child.

The toddler, Aaron, was admitted to a Dallas hospital in critical condition and remained hospitalized early Tuesday. A hospital spokeswoman did not return a call from The Associated Press.

Jay Leno and Katie Couric swap seats on 'Today' and 'Tonight'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He's a little bit journalist, she's a little bit comedian and vamp.

Jay Leno and Katie Couric switched jobs in an NBC ratings stunt Monday, with Leno handling news duties on "Today" and Couric going for flirtatious laughs on "Tonight."

Clad in a low-cut black dress, Couric explained that she had decided to wear something "a little more fun, a little sexier" than her usual "Today" attire.

"For all you people from LA, who have never seen them before, these are actually real," Couric told the Burbank studio audience. Later, tools were brought on stage to slice into Leno's desk and provide a view of Couric's legs.

"Look at you," actor-comedian Mike Myers told her, issuing an Austin Powers-style growl of approval.

If Couric sounded awkward delivering punchlines, Leno showed no hesitancy in tackling a taped interview with Secretary of State Colin Powell and a live one with former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The switch of the country's favorite morning and late-night TV personalities was a ratings "sweeps" gimmick that served as a reminder that the gap between news and entertainment isn't so wide.

Couric is used to celebrity interviews, if not comedy, on "Today." And many Americans get a version of political news from Leno's "Tonight" show monologues.

In New York, Leno asked several serious questions about Powell's latest attempt to broker peace between the Israelis and Palestinians, and whether Saddam Hussein should be tried in the United States if found alive.

Then the comedian took a lighter approach.

"How about you and Rumsfeld? Are you going to play golf anytime soon?" he queried Powell on the secretary's strained relationship with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

An auto enthusiast, Leno challenged Powell to a car race.

"I'll beat you," Powell joked. "You don't know how I can soup up a 1966 Volvo station wagon."

Leno interviewed Giuliani about his new book, a collection of quotes on leadership. He joshed with him about Giuliani's upcoming nuptials.

"Let's hope you kids don't jump the gun before the wedding," said Leno, who worked with "Today" co-host Matt Lauer.

Couric struck an apprehensive note in her opening monologue. "Good evening and welcome to 'The Tonight Show' — or as I call it, 'Extreme Fear Factor,'" she joked.

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Internet-ready toilet a hoax

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said a company news release that it was developing a portable toilet with Internet access, called an "iLoo," was a hoax perpetrated by its British division.

The April 30 release, issued by the company's MSN Internet division in the United Kingdom, said Microsoft was developing a portable toilet with a wireless keyboard and an extending height-adjustable plasma screen in front of the seat. The iLoo was to debut at festivals this summer in Britain.

"This iLoo release came out of the UK office and was not a Microsoft sanctioned communication and we apologize for any confusion or offense it may have caused," Microsoft spokeswoman Bridgitt Arnold said late Monday.

The fake release generated coverage by The Wall Street Journal, The Associated Press and Reuters.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

There will be ample material rewards for being ambitious and industrious in the year ahead. You can accomplish most anything for which you're prepared if you're willing to pay the price and not look for something for nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you need a favor from a pal today, be up front about what you want from him or her. Being cagey or disingenuous about what you're angling for can cause resentment, not support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Usually you're pretty surefooted about yourself and what you expect from your efforts as to the outcome of events, but today any optimism you display might be just a facade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's one thing to offer advice to others, but it's another thing to suggest that which you wouldn't do yourself. If it's only blarney you're handing out, instead of examples, it'll be resented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Generally you're pretty quality oriented when it comes to making any purchases, but today due to impetuousness you might make a purchase that isn't worth what it's wrapped in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may have to take care that you don't visibly place your self-interests far above the needs of others today. You won't win any popularity contests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You could have a knack for creating your own problems today. Take the time to consider what the consequences or penalties are apt to be as a result of poor action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you don't know what to do about a bad financial situation, you may be better off doing nothing today or you could end up putting good money after bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't expect to achieve your career goals today solely on the basis that everybody thinks you're a neat guy or gal. The competition is very keen and you're going to have to compete against the best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Chances are if you have a hunch something in which you're involved isn't good for you, you probably will be right. Don't act in ways contrary to what your inner voice is telling you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's always good to be optimistic, but never to depend solely on wishful thinking, especially if a critical situation is involved. Stay with what you need to do every step of the way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The smartest thing you can do today is not look for anyone on the outside to bail you out. This could be one of those days where everybody is simply tied up with their own affairs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Have some kind of back-up system ready to go if you attempt to experiment with new methods or materials today. Chances are you're going to need to jump in quickly and save the day.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diet probably won't prevent kidney stones

DEAR GOTT: I'm bothered by recurring kidney stones. Can you recommend a diet I should follow?

DEAR READER: Kidney stones vary in their constituents. About 80 percent are composed of calcium oxalate, 5 percent of uric acid, 2 percent of cystine and the remaining of magnesium ammonium phosphate.

Calcium stones are a common consequence of several diseases, including sarcoidosis (an inflammation of lymph glands and other tissues), hyperthyroidism, multiple myeloma (a form of blood cell cancer), too much dietary vitamin D, malignancies of various types and primary hyperoxaluria (a kidney condition marked by excess excretion of oxalate).

Idiopathic hypercalcuria (a hereditary condition marked by high levels of calcium in the urine) is a cause of kidney stones in more than 50 percent of calcium stone-formers.

Prevention consists of treatment for any underlying disease, a high fluid intake (more than a quart of water a day, to dilute the calcium in the urine), and thiazide diuretics (water-eliminating pills that lower urinary calcium).

Uric acid stones are related to gout and are preventable using anti-gout medications, such as allopurinol or probenecid. In addition, the use of bicarbonate of soda pills changes the urine's acidity, making stone formation less likely.

Cystine stones can be prevented by a high fluid intake in combination with bicarb of soda.

Magnesium ammonium phosphate stones are usually secondary to chronic urinary infections. Because the stones themselves also act as a focus of infection, they should be removed. Antibiotic therapy will ordinarily block formation of new stones.

As you can see, the treatment and prevention of kidney stones depends on many factors. Diet is probably not an effective therapy, whereas a high fluid intake and certain medicines are.

Before advising you, your doctor should obtain one of your stones for analysis. This is easiest if, at the time you pass a stone, it is salvaged and later tested in the laboratory. Once the make-up of the stone is identified, treatment is fairly straightforward.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that a person can die from drinking too much water. Is there truth in this?

DEAR READER: Death from water-overload is exceedingly rare and is usually the result of kidney disease.

Water intoxication, however, can cause illness when people ignore the normal stimulus of thirst and drink more water than they require, leading to an upset of the vital balance of minerals in the body. The most common feature of this affliction is low blood sodium (hyponatremia) brought on by excessive dilution. Massive water ingestion (more than six quarts a day on a regular basis) can cause hyponatremia, which, in turn, decreases potassium (a crucial mineral) in the brain, causing lethargy, confusion, convulsions and coma. Treatment is straightforward: reduction of water consumption.

Compulsive water-drinking (psychogenic polydipsia) occurs in some emotionally disturbed patients. In addition to water restriction, such people require counseling and close monitoring.

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Seven Americans killed in Saudi blasts

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Attackers shot their way into three housing compounds in synchronized strikes in the Saudi capital and then set off multiple suicide car bombs, killing 91 people, including seven Americans, officials reported today.

Authorities found nine charred bodies believed to be those of the suicide attackers, a Saudi Interior Ministry official said.

The bombings, which took place about 11:30 p.m. Monday, constituted one of the deadliest terror attacks on Americans since Sept. 11, 2001, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the coordinated strike had "the earmarks of al-Qaida."

"Terrorism strikes anywhere, everyone," Powell said. "It is a threat to the entire civilized world."

President Bush vowed to hunt down the attackers.

"These despicable acts were committed by killers whose only faith is hate, and the United States will find the killers, and they will learn the meaning of American justice," he said during an appearance in Indianapolis.

A U.S. State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 91 people were killed. The official gave no breakdown by nationality. Earlier, the Saudi official said 194 people were wounded, most of them slightly. At least 40 Americans were wounded, U.S. Ambassador Robert Jordan said.

The seven Americans killed lived in a four-story building that was heavily damaged. Seventy Americans employed by the Vinnell Corp., a Virginia company with a contract to train Saudi military and civilian officials, lived in the building. By chance, 50 were away on a training exercise.

Witnesses reported hearing gunfire moments before one of the cars exploded.

One survivor, John Gardiner from Kinghorn, Scotland, told the British Broadcasting Corp. the blasts were "absolutely terrifying."

"All the doors came in, the external doors, the internal doors, all the windows, and the next thing I knew I was lying on my back in shattered glass," he said.

The force of the blast ripped through multi-story apartment buildings and single-family houses. Facades of five- and four- story buildings were sheared off. Heaps of rubble and blocks of upended concrete surrounded twisted steel bars and knocked downed palm trees. Burned-out hulks that had been cars were still in their parking spots; upended furniture and debris littered a pool deck.

There was no claim of responsibility. If the al-Qaida connection is confirmed, it would show that Osama bin Laden's network is still capable of mounting coordinated attacks, even in one of the world's most tightly policed countries.

Ira convenes tonight

Ira school trustees have a number of new items to discuss when they meet at 6:30 this evening.

New business includes the summer migrant program, the adoption of a sick-leave policy, an amended contract with the district's tax collection attorney, and an agreement with Scurry County to collect school taxes.

The school's dropout audit also will be reviewed, as will bids on surplus vehicles and student transfers.

Dr. Larry Devitt, superintendent, will give his monthly report, as will principal Mike Duke and business manager Jan Duke.

Trustees also will elect officers for the coming year and swear in board members Dennis Taylor and Shane Smith.

The meeting will be held in the Ira Community Center on West FM 1606.

SISD trustees meet Monday

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the district could begin serious budget talks.

In other action, the entire slate of board officers was re-elected after Mike Levens and Richard Chambers took their oaths of office.

Mark McCormick will serve another year as president, and Chambers will again serve as vice president. Levens was re-elected secretary.

Trustees also set a called meeting for noon May 22 to open bids for the West Elementary project, and heard a report from Francene Noah on the National School Board Convention. Noah attended the meeting as a representative of the Region 14 board.

McCormick presided and board members present were Levens, Chambers, Luann Burleson, Cathy Peoples and Glenn Clarady. Doug Neff was absent.

Officers respond to two minor accidents without any injuries

Accidents

Snyder police officers responded to two minor accidents without injuries Monday.

The first, reported at 3:42 p.m. in the 1800 block of College Ave., involved a 1998 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Maresha Rivera, 17, of 417 29th Street and a 1995 Ford Explorer driven by Hollie Lammert, 17, of 3603 44th Street.

Another accident was reported at 4:30 p.m. in the 1100 block of College Ave. It involved a 1997 Ford F-250 driven by Orlando Ponce, 37, of 105 Browning and a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Nathan Souder, 24, of Snyder.

Theft

Billy Evans at Circle M Welding reported the theft of a registration sticker Monday morning.

Lonnie Hammit requested an officer in the 300 block of 36th Street at 2:30 p.m. Monday to report the theft of a bicycle and damage to a travel trailer. An offense report for theft was filed and another for criminal mischief.

At 5:20 p.m. Monday, Timothy Milner reported the theft of checks. Offense reports for theft and fraud were filed.

Assault

Several calls were received around 6:25 p.m. Monday reporting a family disturbance at a residence on W. U.S. 180. Deputies advised a report for family violence would be submitted.

Criminal mischief

Librarian Janie Romine reported windows at the library had been shot with a BB gun. Officers submitted an offense report for criminal mischief.

Criminal trespass

A woman reported that her sister continued to harass her and requested a criminal trespass warning be issued to stay away from a residence on FM 1606.

A man requested a criminal trespass warning be issued to another male subject to stay away from a residence in the 3000 block of 39th Street.

WTC awards slated tonight

Western Texas College faculty and staff will convene in the school's cafeteria at 6:30 tonight for the annual service awards dinner.

WTC employees will be recognized for years of service to the college, including one with 30 years.

Joe Carter, science professor, will be honored for three decades at WTC.

Gail Snider, maintenance secretary, is to be recognized for 25 years of service.

Three employees — Sue Freemyer, Dale Smith and Vickie Smith — will be recognized for 15 years.

There are four 10-year employees to be recognized — Marvin Bentle, Linda Englert, Lester McClain and Linda Wright.

Seven employees will be honored for five years — Jennifer Beard, Jim Clifton, Sherrye Cooper, Sandra Hall, Dave Hanes, Marjann Morrow and Kyle Smith.

Associate professor Robert Adams, who is retiring this year, will be recognized as will Mike Thornton who Monday announced his plans to retire.

WTC trustees have session

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education report and offered a demonstration of computer software used to train students in emergency patient care.

In his president's report, Dr. Williams told the board that Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, has announced his retirement.

"Mike is one of the most outstanding people at WTC and we are sorry to lose him," Dr. Williams said. "But he will still be here on a part-time basis."

Dr. Williams also informed the board of changes in how the trustees' insurance will be provided by the state.

Currently, board members with 10 years tenure qualify for state-funded health insurance for the rest of their lives after reaching age 55.

Dr. Williams said because of state budget cuts, the age requirement would be changed to 65. He also said future trustees might not be offered insurance.

Obituaries

Verna Knight

1907-2003

Verna Knight, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, May 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Knight, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Ira Cemetery. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Snyder, will officiate.



Verna Knight

Born May 18, 1907 in Buffalo Gap, she married John Wilson in 1927. He died in 1938. She married T.B. "Bick" Knight in 1941. He died in 1977. She was a homemaker and a member of the Crusaders Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a daughter, Bobbie Rose of Snyder; a brother, R.T. Pippin of Plains; a granddaughter, Sharlot Sparlin of Snyder; two great-grandsons, Marc Sparlin of Snyder and Darin Sparlin of Dallas; a great-granddaughter, Berkley Sparlin of Dallas; a niece, Marilyn Ellison of Plains; and a nephew, John Pippin of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Betty Hatfield

1930-2003

Betty Hatfield of Snyder died Thursday, May 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hatfield, 72, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with Steven Pena, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 16, 1930 in Kaw City, Okla., she married John Hatfield on Jan. 10, 1987 in Snyder. She was a nurse at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa for a number of years and was a member of Snyder's First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Hatfield of Snyder; a daughter, Natosha Lee of Henderson, Ky., a sister, Sadie Cress of Hobbs, N.M.; and three brothers, Jack Robinson of Mexico Beach, Fla., Bill Robinson and Bobby Robinson, both of Newkirk, Okla.

Lloyd Ainsworth

1912-2003

Lloyd Ainsworth, longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, May 11, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Ainsworth, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born May 2, 1912 in Fluvanna, he married Maebelle Tucker in March of 1933 in Hobbs, N.M. Mr. Ainsworth was a retired Fluvanna area farmer.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Keith, on Jan. 13, 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Maebelle Tucker Ainsworth of Snyder; a brother, Pat Ainsworth of Snyder; a sister, Anna Jean Buddock of Wichita, Kan.; two grandchildren, Carrie Keith and Chad Keith, both of Austin.

Myrtle Brannon

1913-2003

MOORE, Okla. — Myrtle Annice Brannon, the sister of Opal Nicks of Snyder, died Saturday, May 10, at her home in Moore.

Graveside service for Mrs. Brannon, 89, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Rosemound Cemetery in Waco.

Survivors also include three sons, Bud Brannon of Midlothian, Jere Brannon of Linden and Bobby Brannon of Bivins; three daughters, Juanita Kellough of Waco, Pat Bolin of Cypress and Gena Smith of Riesel; 22 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Wesley Peters

1958-2003

ODESSA — Wesley Peters, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Saturday, May 10, in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Peters, 44, was set for 2 p.m. today in Sunset Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dewey Blevins officiating.

Born in Hobbs, N.M., Mr. Peters lived in Gardendale and was a former employee of Tuboscope and Cotton's Inspection.

Survivors include two sons, Adam and Jason Peters of Odessa; his mother Pegge Alcorn of Gardendale; a brother, Ronald Randolph of Snyder; a sister, Nelda Randolph of Snyder; and one grandchild.

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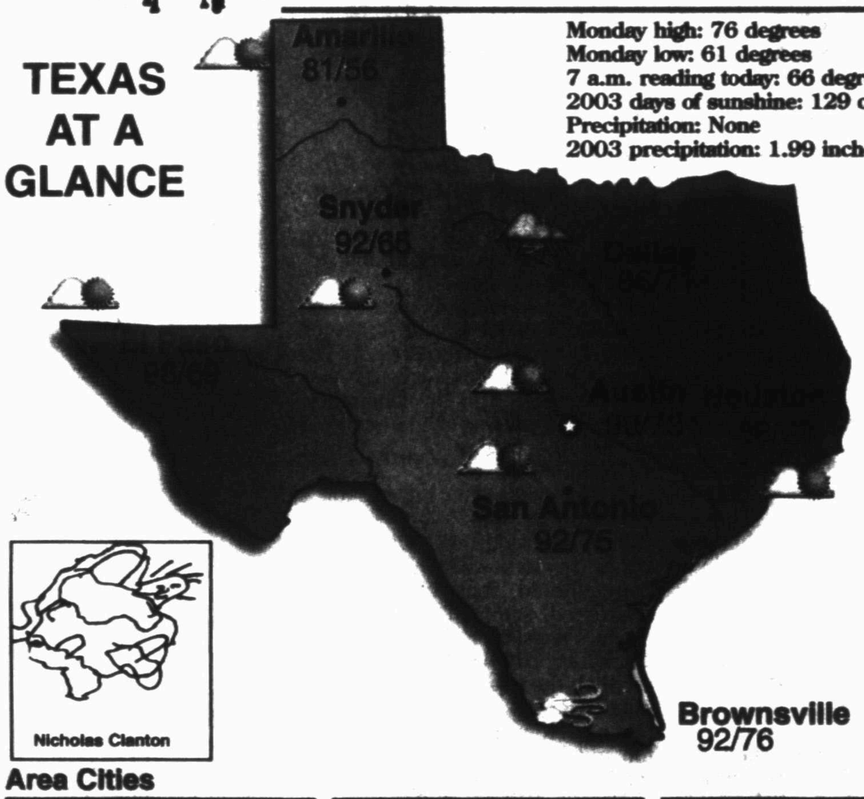
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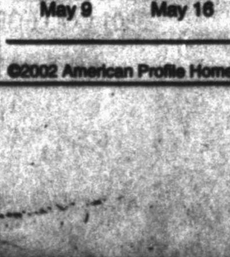
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 76 degrees
Monday low: 61 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 66 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 129 of 132
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches





Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	92	69	pt sunny	El Paso	98	69	pt sunny	Midland	100	68	sunny
Amarillo	81	56	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	101	69	sunny	Raymondville	93	74	windy
Austin	90	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	84	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	72	pt sunny	Greenville	84	66	t-storm	San Antonio	92	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	windy	Houston	88	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	91	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	93	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	66	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	75	pt sunny	Livingston	88	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	94	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	86	69	pt sunny	Longview	85	67	t-storm	Tyler	87	70	t-storm
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	Lubbock	91	61	pt sunny	Weatherford	86	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	98	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	64	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	70	57	rain	Houston	88	73	pt sunny	Phoenix	97	71	cloudy
Boston	59	50	rain	Los Angeles	66	54	rain	San Francisco	68	51	windy
Chicago	62	48	t-storm	Miami	84	75	t-storm	Seattle	58	41	rain
Dallas	86	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	59	48	t-storm	St. Louis	74	57	rain
Denver	70	45	pt sunny	New York	62	50	cloudy	Washington, DC	70	55	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 9	May 16	May 23	May 31

UV Index

Wed 5/14	Thu 5/15	Fri 5/16
Very High	High	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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