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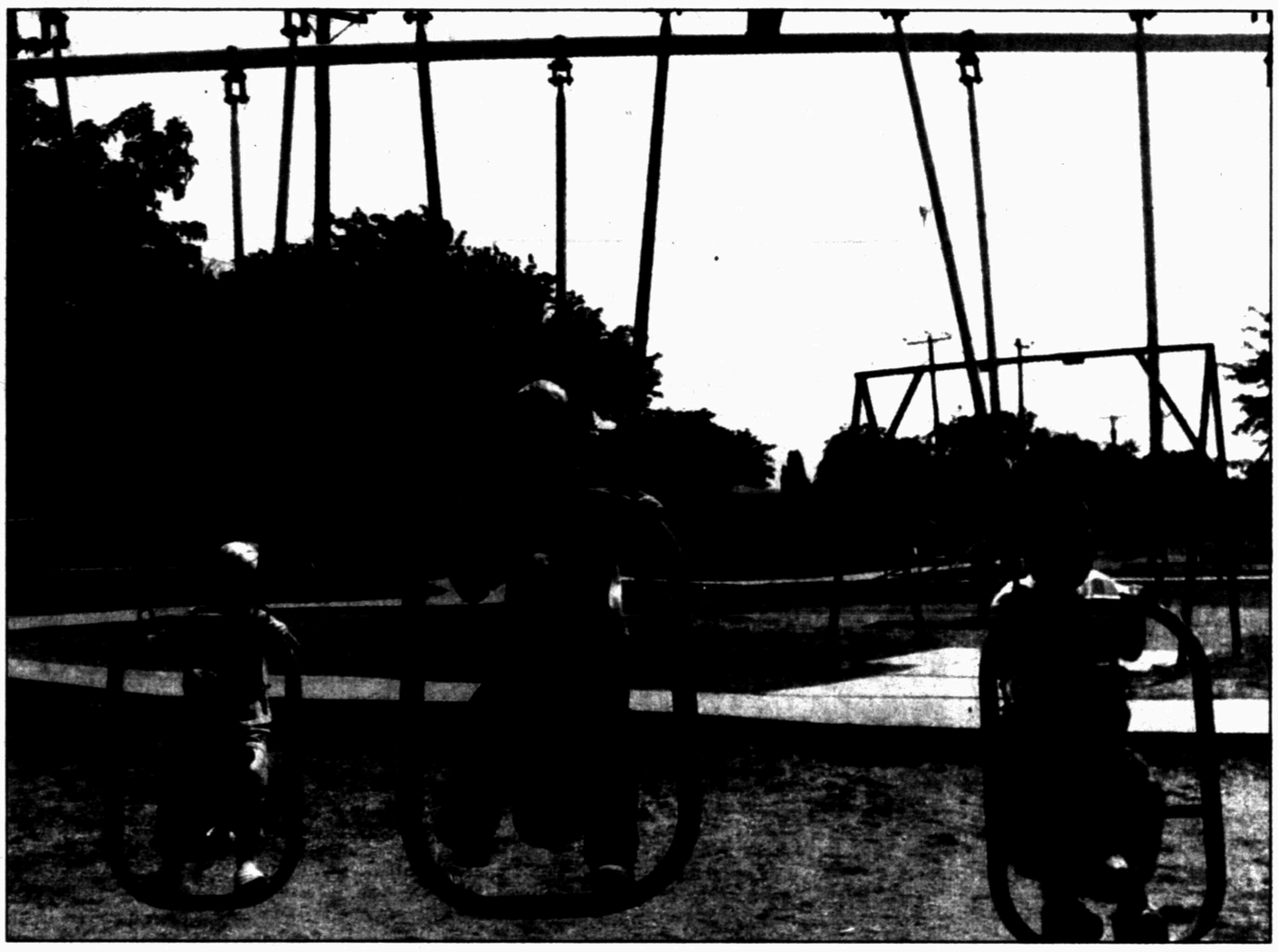
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Home of Bryan Clifton



THREE OF A KIND — Summer is almost here for area students, but these three youngsters didn't have to wait for the final school bell to hit the playground. Kayley and Kabren Wills, 3-year-old twins of Ty and Mindy Wills, and Chris Dickinson, 3-year-old son of Bill and Donna Dickinson, were racing on the horse swings this morning at Kiddie Park. (SDN Staff Photo)

By extension agent...

Split vote by commissioners allows travel to Kansas City

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning waived policy and approved out-of-state travel requested by extension agent Beth Dannheim.

The court split on the decision with commissioners Ralph Trevey, precinct 1; and Chloanne Lindsey, precinct 4; supporting the motion. County Judge Ricky Fritz cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the trip.

Dannheim plans to attend the national extension meeting in Kansas City in October.

Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom voted against the motion and said the county's previous extension agent didn't travel across state lines.

"I know we didn't do this before," he said. "It's my feeling that if you waive policy, you don't have policy."

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer agreed with Idom and voted against the waiver. "I appreciate what Beth does for the county and I've enjoyed her programs and newsletters, but we do have a policy that says we don't allow out-of-state travel."

Trevey moved to allow the waiver citing that Dannheim could "gather information that could benefit the children of Scurry County."

Fritz told the court the trip is within Dannheim's budget for travel and it is "up to her on how to spend it."

In other business, the court unanimously accepted the deed of right of way on Meadowbrook Lane west of Snyder.

Limmer said the roadway in question is 300 feet long and 50 feet wide and is in need of seal coating.

"There are about three residences on this road and I think it's a good idea to help our constituents when we can," he said. "The property owner has agreed to transfer the deed to us."

A line-item transfer was approved at the library to move $200 from postage to travel. Two budget amendments totaling $26,200 also were approved.

County Auditor Charlie Bell told the court the juvenile probation department has already exceeded its yearly budget for housing of juvenile offenders.

Bell said the $25,000 requested should last until September when state funding begins with the start of the state's fiscal year.

A $1,200 amendment was approved for benefit allowance at the airport.

Two letters of appreciation were read during the public comment section of the meeting and the court also approved minutes from a previous meeting and paid bills.

Still no mention of shredding...

Andersen trial starts third week

HOUSTON (AP) — Two weeks into Arthur Andersen LLP's obstruction of justice trial, jurors have yet to hear witnesses describe frenzied shredding of Enron-related documents last year as the Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating the energy company's books.

But the timing may be enough, said Gregory Wallance, a former federal prosecutor who now handles securities fraud and white collar crime cases for New York-based Kaye Scholer LLP.

"The government will try to show that smell factor to establish that this isn't something routine. They were aware of the inquiry by the SEC and they decided at that particular moment, 'Hey, we'd better start complying with this policy,'" he said.

"Why all of a sudden did they start getting rid of things? That's the real question, the circumstances, that the government will want to beef up," Wallance said.

The trial began its third week today with testimony by FBI special agent Barbara Sullivan, head of the agency's securities fraud unit in San Francisco, who was used by prosecutors to submit several pieces of evidence.

Among the documents introduced was an internal Andersen memo in which a partner wrote that Enron "expects to push to the edges of establishing convention and where they can create new convention." She also read aloud transcripts from the U.S. House testimony in January by Andersen executives C.E. Andrews and Dorsey Baskin, which were posted on the firm's Web site.

They testified the head of the Enron audit team appeared to have destroyed documents in advance of a federal investigation.

"David Duncan, Andersen's lead partner on the Enron engagement, called an urgent meeting of the Enron engagement team, at which he organized an expedited effort to shred or otherwise dispose of Enron-related documents. This effort was undertaken without any consultation with others in the firm or, so far as we are aware, with legal counsel," Baskin told Congress.

Andersen has since modified its position, claiming Duncan did nothing wrong.

Duncan, the former Andersen partner largely anticipated to be the government's star witness, wrapped up nearly a week of testimony Friday without dropping any bombshells.

Duncan said that on Oct. 23 he told his staff to comply with the policy — 11 days after receiving an e-mail from in-house Andersen lawyer Nancy Temple. Prosecutors allege Temple's e-mail prompted mass shredding of Enron Corp.-related documents.

Duncan pleaded guilty April 9 to obstruction and agreed to cooperate with the Justice Department in exchange for prosecutor recommendations for mercy when he is sentenced Aug. 26. He said he didn't bluntly tell workers to destroy documents, but rather to comply with Andersen's document retention policy.

Robert Mintz, a former prosecutor under Michael Chertoff, head of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, said Duncan's testimony was shredded," said Mintz, now a partner at McCarter & English in Newark, N.J.

Buckle up or pay up

Beginning today through June 2, the Snyder Police Department and Department of Public Safety will initiate the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, a crackdown on drivers and passengers who fail to buckle up or buckle up children.

Transportation officials hope to raise seat belt usage by nine percent to achieve their goal of 85 percent compliance throughout the state.

"When safety belt usage reaches 85 percent, we estimate that each year 241 lives will be saved and 5,275 nonfatal injuries will be prevented," said Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "The state could also save an estimated $392 million in associated societal costs."

State law requires drivers and passengers in the front seat to wear seat belts. Children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or car seat when riding in the front or the back of a vehicle.

"If the possibility of protecting yourself in a crash isn't enough, law enforcement will give you another reason to buckle up: a citation that costs you from $25 to $200 plus court costs," said DPS Lt. Colonel Frankie Waller. "As Texans plan for their Memorial Day holiday, they need to remember that buckling up can cost them, whether it's a fine, a serious injury or worse."

The campaign is a cooperative project supported by the Texas Department of Health, Texas Dept. of Insurance, the Texas Municipal Police Association, hundreds of law enforcement agencies and scores of community organizations across the state.

Ira trustees will accept resignation

Supt. Jim Rumage moving to Ozona

Ira school trustees are expected to accept the resignation of Supt. Jim Rumage when they meet this evening at 6:30.

Rumage has accepted the post of superintendent of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District in Ozona.

Rumage is expected to start his position in Ozona around July 1.

Trustees also will review the list of transfer requests for the coming school year.

Supt. Rumage said this morning that around 60 requests would be reviewed.

Personnel matters are on the agenda that could include the hiring of at least three people, said Rumage, and these include a math and science teacher, and possibly a coach.

Guidelines for the senior trip will be reviewed, as well as a contract with Snyder ISD for teaching a special education student.

A representative from the board and an alternate for the fall Texas Association of School Boards meeting will be appointed, and the trustees will hear Rumage's monthly report, and that of Principal Mike Duke.

Snyder bands will perform this evening

Snyder bands will present its spring concert this evening at 7 o'clock in Worsham Auditorium.

The bands will play a variety of music and students from the six grade to graduating seniors will perform.

Cheyne says U. S. has to be prepared for attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney says it is difficult for the United States to respond to the latest intelligence hints that al-Qaida may be planning another attack because no specific information is available.

But he said they must be taken seriously.

"I think that the prospects of a future attack on the U.S. are almost a certainty," Cheney said on "Fox News Sunday." "It could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week, it could happen next year, but they will keep trying. And we have to be prepared."

Cheney said he believes the United States has had success in disrupting Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, but it is impossible to prepare a perfect defense. So few people are told of plans that it is difficult to get details, he said.

"You try to read the tea leaves. We look for pieces of information and evidence, but you never get the complete picture," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the latest intelligence was similar to what has been seen. "It was nonspecific, didn't lead to you a particular course of action that you could take, other than a general increase in our level of sensitivity to possible terrorist activities," Graham said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

ASK US

Q—Are there two athletic directors at Snyder High School?

A—No. There is one athletic director and a girls' athletic coordinator.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 76 degrees; low, 50; high Sunday, 80; low, 52; 7 a.m. Monday, 54; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 50s; SE winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy, high mid 80s; S winds 15-25 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low lower 60s.



Demitri Gunderson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:36 p.m.
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6:44 a.m.
Of 139 days in 2002, the sun has shone 132 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When one is estranged from oneself, then one is estranged from others too.
—Anne Lindbergh

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Writing workshops



Randi Whitney, author and CEO of The Writing Academy, conducted workshops for kindergarten and first grade teachers on Tuesday and third and fourth grade teachers on Wednesday at the Region XIV Service Center Satellite office. The Writing Academy is a vertically-aligned writing process. The Writing Academy is based on brain research, which means that it is taught in small chunks that utilize symbols and colors. In her workshops, Whitney teaches that every child can express a VOICE. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bay area's peninsula called the car capital of California

ATHERTON, Calif. (AP) — In this leafy pocket of Silicon Valley, cars outnumber people of driving age.

If the Los Angeles area is California's king of cars, wealthy Atherton is one in a cluster of cities between San Francisco and San Jose that has revved the auto obsession into high gear.

"The problem with having too much money is you can't spend it quick enough," says Del Boscacci, who as owner of Highway One Classic Automobiles sells exotic cars to area collectors. "At least in this area, buying toys, it's too easy."

Atherton has 5,500 residents over age 18 — and at least 5,680 cars, according to new numbers from the Census Bureau.

Alongside the towns of Woodside and Los Altos Hills, Atherton easily tops other would-be California car capitals — including Beverly Hills, Malibu and Carmel.

Credit the collectors, but also the families with a car for every occasion.

"They'll have a family wagon and the personal business sedan," laughs Boscacci, who himself has six cars. "Then they'll have a big SUV to go to Tahoe to tow their boat with, and the kids will have a car, and the maid will have a car."

The local phonebook lists more antique auto outlets like Boscacci's than there are dealers of any ilk in entire California counties.

There's no logical explanation for the plethora of cars, said Gil Gilfix, executive director of the Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance at Stanford. He surveyed attendees at his prestigious show and found 60 percent had at least three.

"Emotion is probably the biggest thing," says Gilfix.

Poverty should decide child aid

EL PASO (AP) — Federal child-care funds should be doled out based primarily on poverty, a state senator from El Paso has complained to the Texas Workforce Commission.

State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, said border communities should be getting an additional $20 million a year for child-care subsidies.

That would happen, he said, if federal money for child-care subsidies were based only on poverty.

Instead, Texas allocates child-care assistance based not only on poverty, but also on the number of children in a particular region.

"That practice is immoral at best, illegal at worst, and needs to stop," Shapleigh told the El Paso Times in Sunday's edition.

Diane Rath, chairwoman of the Texas Workforce Commission, disputes Shapleigh's assertions.

"We strongly deny that funds are being used inappropriately," Rath said. "Only the working poor, regardless of where they live in Texas, get child-care subsidies," she said. Eligible parents must meet strict income caps, she said.

That position was documented in a study earlier this year by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which concluded that families at the bottom end of the economic ladder are receiving the biggest share of child care subsidies. The center tracks issues affecting low-income families.

The funding may be reaching people who need it, but El Paso has more of the neediest in the state, and not enough of them are getting enough of the money despite the fact they are used by the state to obtain much of the allocation in the first place, El Paso leaders say.

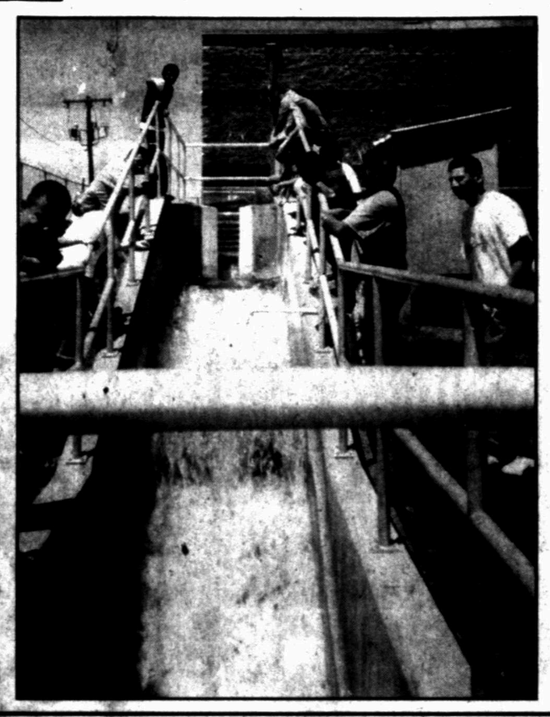
El Paso County Judge Dolores Briones shares Shapleigh's objections.



Tour water plant

Snyder High School students in Melinda Owens' and Thomas Strayhorns' biology classes toured the water pump and filter plant in Snyder May 7-8. Billy Newton conduted the tour. Mayor Francene Noah also attended. In the photo below, students saw the final product. (Contributed Photos)





Ex-parole officer is convicted for trying to arrange a killing

DALLAS (AP) — Former parole office Connie Stone never knew the woman she wanted killed. And she picked the wrong person to try to carry out the hit.

A videotaped payment to an ex-convict led to her arrest, conviction and 40-year prison sentence for trying to arrange the murder of her lover's ex-wife.

Prosecutors said Stone, 40, seemed giddy while hammering out details, describing the would-be victim's car and work habits and handing over $1,500 in cash last August to another of her former parolees whom she hired.

"Well, uh, did you have any preference ... to how you want this done?" the would-be hit man asked on tape. "Do you want me to make it like ... a burglary gone wrong or a drug deal gone wrong or a rape gone wrong?"

Laughing, Stone said: "It doesn't matter. I'm thinking just a drive-by would be the best to me."

Police were secretly watching, and lead prosecutor Fred Burns played that videotape last week for a Dallas County jury that sentenced Stone to 40 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to solicitation of capital murder.

As she left the hit man's house, police arrested her. Her plot died there, foiled by a paranoid parolee on an electronic ankle monitor who feared Stone was setting him up to return to prison — so he called the police for help.

"She explained to me that she was having a relationship with a gentleman, and his former wife was complicating things, and she wanted her out of the picture — killed," testified Stephen Armistead, whose lengthy record includes burglary and theft convictions. "I played along. I was doing this for my protection at the time. I wasn't really sure what was going on, but I knew it wasn't right."

Prosecutors said Stone's lover was a violent man whom she once supervised as his parole officer.

Her attorney, Brad Lollar, said she had become involved in an abusive relationship with parolee Brett Williams, whose record includes convictions for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Lollar said Williams beat and used his former parole officer for sex and money.

At the same time Williams was writing love notes to Stone, he fathered a daughter with Stone's intended target. According to testimony, the woman was unaware that Williams was involved with Stone.

Burns told the jury that Stone chose Armistead as a hit man because he once admitted being a member of a white supremacist prison gain, and the women Stone targeted is black.

Armistead insisted during the trial that he told prison officials he was a gang member to get put in administrative segregation — similar to solitary confinement — for his own safety.

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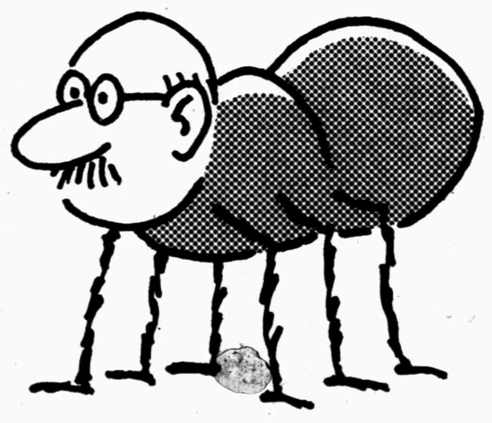
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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 8-23-34-41-46-51.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

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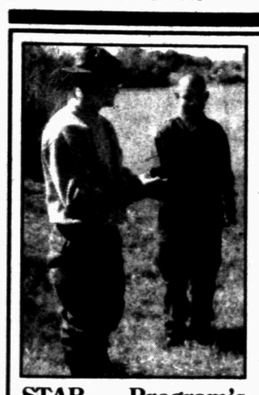
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STAR Program's Eric Ochoa, left, helps Fernando Gutierrez get his fishing pole ready.



David Presley, in back, STAR program, helps Gabriel Sanchez.



Game warden Sam Harris of Littlefield was Megan Griffin's partner.



Capt. Bruce Biederman of Lubbock, a supervisor with the Wildlife, Fish and Game Department, fished with Tanner Hunter.

Fishing day at WTC



Marvin Butler puts bate on his hook.







(top photo) Benjie Smith of Post partnered with Thenny DelaCerda.

(bottom photo) Jay Oyler of Levelland and Cameron Brown were fishing buddies.

Each school year, Snyder ISD resource students get the opportunity to fish at Western Texas College with area game wardens. This year, personnel from the STAR program and the juvenile probation department also helped. Lunch was provided by funds donated by Elkco Wireline Services. (at right) Mark Collins of Plainview fishes with Joanie Porter. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mom carrying full load takes unexpected detour

DEAR ABBY: A few days ago, while walking down our stairs holding my infant son, "Carl," in one arm and a cordless phone in my other hand, I tripped over our cat and fell down 14 hardwood stairs. I dropped the phone and cradled my baby close to my body.

I ended up with a black eye, six stitches, a fat lip, a broken hand, and more bumps and bruises than you can imagine. Miraculously, Carl is fine.

Since that day, my mind has been filled with "what ifs," especially regarding my son. I am haunted by all the horrible possibilities.

It's embarrassing to have fallen down the stairs, Abby, but I know many busy mothers are distracted every day. I'm writing because I hope my experience will help others avoid such an accident. — **BLACK-AND-BLUE MOM**

DEAR MOM: You learned a painful lesson. There is an old saying, "You can't do two things at once." Although many people can safely multitask, when one is carrying a baby or small child, the safest course of action is to remember you are carrying precious cargo and give it your full attention.

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DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my husband and I moved into a lovely neighborhood. We became acquainted with our neighbors across the street, and they seemed like nice people. The problem is they now assume they are our best friends.

We have introduced them to a few of our old friends, and now they think they are part of our "group." They have even followed us when we have been invited to our friends' homes and have shown up uninvited. We don't tell them where we are going — they drive around until they spot our car.

This is very embarrassing. We are afraid our old friends will stop inviting us knowing that these neighbors will show up too.

How do we handle this without hurting their feelings? We have never had a problem like this before. — **ANNA IN ATLANTA**

DEAR ANNA: Your neighbors probably have no friends because they are so needy and possessive. However, following you and intruding on others' get-togethers is rude. Their unacceptable behavior will not stop until someone (how about you?) explains to them that guests who drop in uninvited are not welcome.

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DEAR ABBY: My 21-year-old daughter has been dating a 28-year-old man since last summer. I feel strongly that he's too old for her and have expressed this to both of them.

This guy is very good to my daughter and seems to care a great deal for her. Frankly, the only thing I can fault him for is the fact that he's a little too opinionated. Other than that, he's great. However, I still have a problem with the age difference. What do you think, Abby? — **WORRIED MOM IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR MOM: Unless your daughter is extremely immature for her years, a seven-year age difference should not present a problem. Of greater concern to me is your comment about him being "too opinionated." You wrote, "It's the only thing I can fault him for."

Perhaps the problem is you don't agree with his opinions. As long as he respects yours and you respect his, there should be no problem.

Time will tell whether or not this man has any character flaws, but keep in mind that few people (male or female) are eager to be placed under a microscope. For everyone's sake, please lighten up.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Your leadership and managerial qualities will be more effective in the year ahead, because you have learned how to draw upon past experiences and turn what was once an unpleasant situation into something productive and successful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Set an example generously giving, especially if there is something you desire from another. When you show that you're unselfish, others will do what they can to satisfy your needs. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's all how you look at things. If you perceive challenges as opportunities, then that is exactly what they'll become. This idea is essential for your progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The big "if" will be your consistency in whatever it is you engage yourself in. If you are, favorable conditions can be utilized to gratify your expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Aspects favor balance in all your affairs, except your financial ones. You might run the full gamut between prudence and extravagance and blow everything you gained.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might be difficult for you, but you must realize that pampering those in your charge could establish a precedent. Be careful about how far you carry your generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov. 22) — Take credit for that which you accomplish, but make sure you extend the same courtesy to others. Acknowledge their part when success is accomplished in tandem with them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Give others the benefit of the doubt whenever you need to make a judgment call against them. They will appreciate your easygoing manner, and the relationship will be enhanced.

CAPRICORN (Dec.. 22-Jan. 19) — You have the wherewithal to accomplish that which you set out to do, but you must try to be realistic about the size of the rewards you expect back in return.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Seek out those who can offer you the information that you need. With an open, beneficial exchange, chances are that you will uncover the facts and figures you require.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If there is a materially meaningful matter, and you know it is equally as important to another, team up your forces. However, you should be the one who sets the agenda.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When you want to win support for one of your ideas or opinions, let your audience believe that they were your inspiration. Give them credit, and they'll love your thoughts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It could be a mixed bag for you regarding your financial prospects. So, if you hope to add to your resources, your best chance lies in conservative action.

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Another dies from pedestrian mishap

DALLAS (AP) — Two siblings have died in an accident caused when a minivan careened onto a sidewalk, hitting four pedestrians.

Raul Calderon, 37, died Saturday in Parkland Hospital's emergency room. His sister Juana Calderon, 45, died early Sunday morning; Patricia Calderon, 39, was in good condition; and Enrique Calderon, 39, was treated and released. All four were siblings.

Jose Eliberto Garcia, 44, of Dallas was charged Saturday with one count of intoxication manslaughter in connection with the accident, which occurred in Northwest Dallas. He was being held at Lew Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of $50,000 bail.

Police said Garcia was involved in another accident a few blocks before his minivan veered onto the sidewalk, ran over a fire hydrant and struck the pedestrians. The vehicle came to a rest more than 60 feet from the curb.

Police said Raul Calderon and two of his siblings had recently arrived in Dallas from Mexico.

McNabb to marry

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb is no longer a free agent.

McNabb proposed to longtime girlfriend Raquel Nurse, assistant director of academic support at Villanova University.

The 25-year-old McNabb, a two-time Pro Bowler, has been romantically involved with the 26-year-old Nurse since they attended Syracuse University together.

Nurse was a two-time MVP as a point guard for Syracuse women's basketball team.

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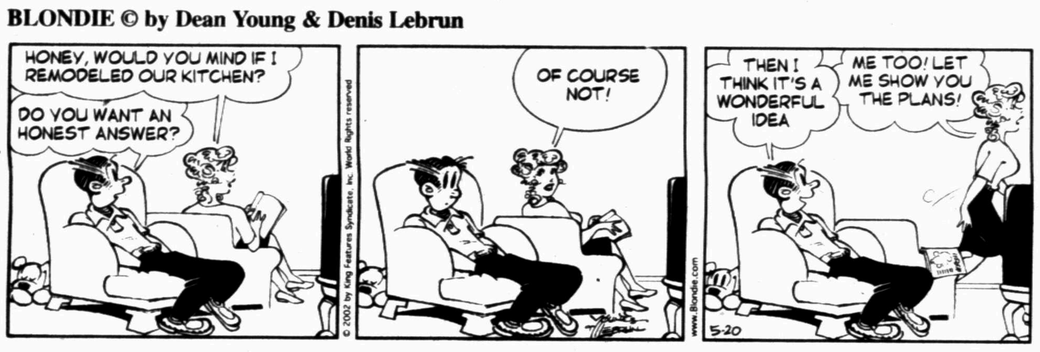
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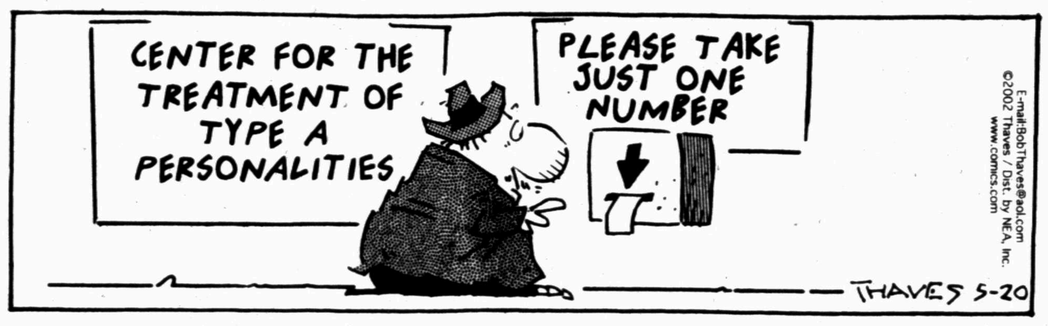
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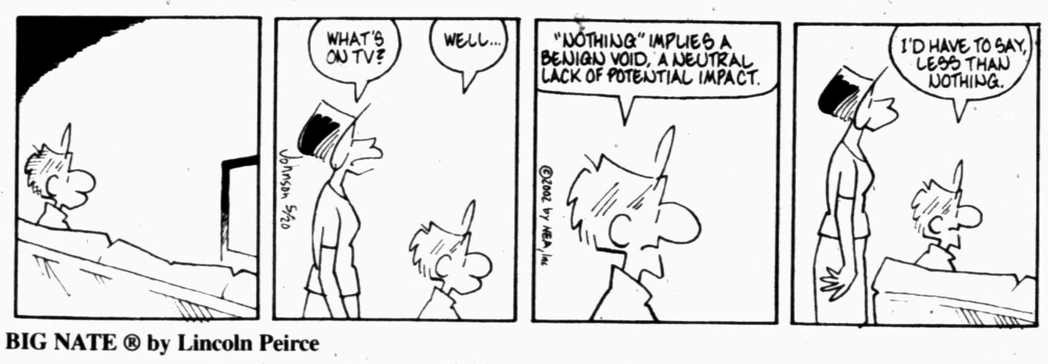
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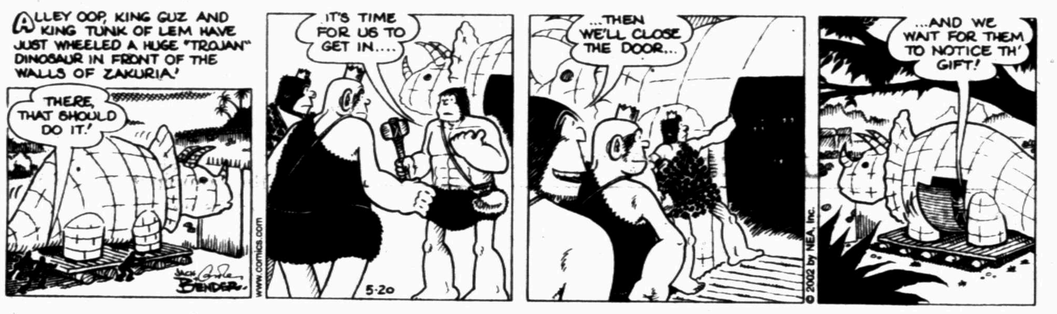
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8 CPR pro
11 Captain's shout
13 Competent
14 — de Janeiro
15 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)
16 Demeanor
17 Actress Lupino
18 Nothing doing! (2 wds.)
20 Vinegar, e.g.
21 Woody's ex
22 Vigor
24 Had
27 Up-to-date
30 Shower
31 Tolstoy et al.
32 Actor Danson
34 Fossil fuel
35 Dread
36 Prefix for half
37 Kind of gas
39 Early moralist
40 Chatter
41 Melmac emigre
42 Gigantic
45 Software theft
49 Pub pint
50 Beach scavenger
53 Lotion additive
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55 Rebekah's son
56 Mongol dwelling
57 "Norma —"
58 Beer-can openers
59 Actress Britt

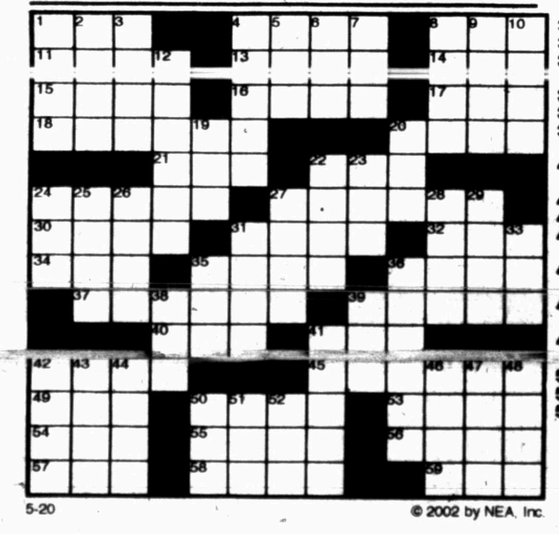
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9 Calf-length
10 Garden denizen
12 Petty officers
19 Lend a hand
20 Orangutan
22 Third-rate
23 Newspaper execs
24 Gonzalez's gold
25 Moan
26 Egypt's river
27 Hoover Dam lake
28 Turnpikes, e.g.
29 Fictional captain
31 Mild onion
33 Ladle
35 Food safety org.
36 Help pay
38 Sailor's "yes"
39 MacGraw of movies
41 Top grade (hyph.)
42 Tresses
43 Arm bone
44 It may be spliced
46 Pickling ingredient
47 Mr. Dithers' wife
48 Big Foot cousin
50 Earn
51 13 now 50
52 Chemist's lair

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SPORTS

Rangers' owner tired of losing games, money

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are not only losing games, they're losing a lot of money for owner Tom Hicks.

The Rangers, again in last place in the AL West despite a $105 million payroll that is the third-largest in the major leagues, lost $31 million last year and projections are that the team could lose more than that this year. Hicks said he has no plans to take another big financial hit after this season.

"I'm not doing it any more. This is my last year of doing it," Hicks told reporters Sunday during the Rangers' 2-1 loss at Detroit that ended a three-game weekend sweep. "We're going to play within our means from now on. At least break even. Breaking even is at least a start, and has got to happen."

Hicks said that means 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who hasn't played since April 14 because of a herniated disk in his back, will likely get to test the free agent market. Hicks has no plans to give the $15 million to $20 million a season the catcher's agent, Jeff Moorad, has indicated he will seek.

"It's not realistic for that position," Hicks said. "We love Pudge, but my guess is Pudge will test the market to see what it is. We all have to. I'm concerned if Pudge will play baseball again this summer."

Texas has made big offseason moves the last two winters.

Alex Rodriguez was signed to a $252 million, 10-year contract — the largest deal in sports history — before the 2000 season. Last winter, the Rangers signed No. 1 starter Chan Ho Park to a $65 million, five-year deal and brought home Juan Gonzalez ($12 million over two years), but both players spent much of the first six weeks of the season hurt.

After losing five-of-six games, the Rangers are 19-24 with six games on the road this week against Minnesota and Kansas City. Before the slide, Texas was within one win of getting to .500 for the first time this season.

The Rangers have finished last in the AL West the past two seasons. That, combined with the poor play this season, has led to an attendance drop of almost 12 percent from the same point last year, at 29,331 per game after 22 home dates.

"I've very disappointed," Hicks said. "We've tried real hard to have a competitive team. We've had great support, probably a lot better support than we deserved."



HEADED NORTH — Snyder senior Andra Lancaster signs a golf scholarship with the University of North Texas. Looking on are her parents, Lyn and Wade Lancaster, SHS principal Larry Scott and Snyder golf coach Matt Glenn. (SDN Staff Photo)

Randall and Rider to meet at Moffett

Moffett Field is set to host a Class 4A regional semifinal series between Canyon Randall and Wichita Falls Rider.

Game 1 gets underway at 8 p.m. Thursday, with the series resuming at 11 a.m. Friday.

The Randall Raiders are 25-6 on the year. The Rider Raiders sport a record of 25-9.

The series winner advances to face the Andrews-Southlake Carroll winner in the regional finals.

Rockets win top pick in NBA draft lottery

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — The first member of the Houston Rockets to know the team won the NBA draft lottery wasn't coach Rudy Tomjanovich or general manager Carroll Dawson.

It wasn't even star point guard Steve Francis, who was decked out in a lavender suit and matching sunglasses to represent the team at the official unveiling of the draft order in an NBA Entertainment TV studio.

Nope, it was Nelson Luis, Houston's director of communications since September.

That's because Luis sat in on the actual pingpong selection process Sunday with 11 other team reps (the Bucks chose not to have anyone there), a handful of NBA types, an accountant and four reporters. All were sequestered for two hours in a conference room two floors above the studio and ordered not to tell anyone what happened until the NBA announced the results at halftime of the Nets-Celtics game.

When the pingpong lottery produced the combination 13-8-11-4, Houston was awarded the No. 1 overall pick for the first time since 1984. That year, the Rockets picked Hakeem Olajuwon, who helped the team win two NBA titles. The third pick was a certain Michael Jordan, who took the Chicago Bulls to six championships.

At the June 26 draft in New York, Houston will have a chance to take another big man from abroad, 7-foot-5 Chinese center Yao Ming. Other possible top-three picks include a couple of early entries from Duke: Jay Williams and Mike Dunleavy.

"Hopefully, we can get a player who can come in and help us right away," Francis said. "What we really have to get is some aggression. We won't be looking for a point guard — anything else, I don't know."

Chicago will pick second and Golden State third. They tied for the league's worst record (21-61) and each had a 22.5 percent chance of winning the lottery. As owner of the NBA's fifth-worst record, Houston had only an 8.9 percent chance. But the team with the best chance of grabbing No. 1 hasn't done so since 1990.

Drawings determined the top three picks, and the rest of the draft order was set by reversing the non-playoff teams' order of finish during the season.

Memphis will pick fourth, followed by Denver, Cleveland, New York, the Clippers, Phoenix, Miami, Washington, the Clippers again, and Milwaukee at No. 13. The Clippers have two choices because they get Atlanta's No. 8, completing a sign-and-trade deal that sent Lorenzen Wright to the Hawks in 1999.

When deputy commissioner Russ Granik announced a little after 7 p.m. on live TV that the Rockets won the lottery, Francis smiled thinly.

The reaction might have been muted, but it wasn't for lack of surprise. He wasn't in that conference room when the drawing took place.

Just after 5 p.m., a black plastic briefcase containing pingpong balls numbered 1-14 was brought into the room. A red plastic band keeping the case sealed was cut, and the balls were put in a hopper.

Sports Briefs

API golf tournament

The Snyder chapter of the American Petroleum Institute hosts its annual scholarship golf tournament June 1 at the country club.

Format is four-person scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50. Cost is $340 per team, and play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Randy Glasscock at 575-6709, or Giles Kemp at 725-1852.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Price wins at Colonial

FORT WORTH (AP) — Making big shots late after looking vulnerable, Nick Price shot a 3-under 67 to run away with the Colonial for his first PGA Tour victory in four years.

The 45-year-old Price finished at 13-under 267 for a five-stroke margin over David Toms and Kenny Perry.

It was the 17th PGA Tour win for Price, but his first since the 1998 FedEx St. Jude Classic. He also won the Colonial in 1994, when he was No. 1 in the world.

High School Baseball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (21-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (24-10)
Game 1: Lubbock Monterey 5, Midland Lee 3
Game 2: Midland Lee 4, Lubbock Monterey 2
Game 3: Lubbock Monterey 7, Midland Lee 6
Arlington Martin (23-8) vs. Carrollton Smith (22-3)
Game 1: Carrollton Smith 2, Arlington Martin 0
Game 2: Carrollton Smith 6, Arlington Martin 2
Amarillo (19-11) vs. Midland (23-7)
Game 1: Amarillo 4, Midland 3
Game 2: Midland 9, Amarillo 5
Game 3: Midland 5, Amarillo 3
Hurst Bell (24-8) vs. Duncanville (21-9)
Game 1: Duncanville 2, Hurst Bell 1
Game 2: Duncanville 2, Hurst Bell 1
Semifinals
Lubbock Monterey (26-11) vs. Carrollton Smith (24-3)
Midland (25-8) vs. Duncanville (23-9)
Region II
Semifinals
Rockwall (29-10) vs. Round Rock Westwood (27-9)
Richardson Lake Highlands (25-11) vs. A&M Consolidated (25-9)
Region III
Semifinals
Fort Bend Elkins (30-1) vs. League City Clear Creek (27-6)
Houston Bellaire (26-5) vs. Humble Kingwood (27-8)
Region IV
Semifinals
SA Reagan (28-3) vs. CC Moody (28-5-1)
Austin Bowie (27-6-1) vs. LA-Joya (25-5-1)
CLASS 4A
Region I Quarterfinals
Andrews (22-4) vs. Frenship (23-8)
Game 1: Andrews 7, Frenship 0
Game 2: Andrews 12, Frenship 11
Crowley (26-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (24-7)
Game 1: Southlake Carroll 2, Crowley 1
Game 2: Southlake Carroll 7, Crowley 2
Canyon Randall (23-5) vs. Pampa (17-17)
Game 1: Canyon Randall 9, Pampa 0
Game 2: Pampa 10, Canyon Randall 0
Game 3: Canyon Randall 10, Pampa 9
FW Western Hills (22-7) vs. WF Rider (23-8)
Game 1: WF Rider 2, FW Western Hills 1
Game 2: FW Western Hills 1, WF Rider 0
Game 3: WF Rider 5, FW Western Hills 3
Semifinals
Andrews (24-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-7)
Canyon Randall (25-6) vs. WF Rider (25-9)
Region II
Semifinals
Hewitt Midway (30-6) vs. Dallas Highland Park (26-10)
Denton Ryan (23-8) vs. Wylie (23-9)
Region III
Semifinals
Belton (25-13) vs. Bay City (23-7)
Jasper (23-8) vs. Houston Forest Brook (27-7)
Region IV
Semifinals
Kerrville Tivy (23-8) vs. Robstown (21-12-1)
Spring Branch Smithson Valley (23-5) vs. CC Calallen (28-6-1)
CLASS 3A
Region I Quarterfinals
Monahans (21-4) vs. Kermit (17-13)
Game 1: Kermit 9, Monahan 3
Game 2: Monahans 19, Kermit 8
Game 3: Monahans 5, Kermit 0
Kennedale (23-2) vs. Alvarado (12-14)
Game 1: Kennedale 7, Alvarado 5
Game 2: Alvarado 5, Kennedale 4
Game 3: Kennedale 5, Alvarado 2
Shallowater (23-5) vs. Perryton (17-5)
Game 1: Perryton 7, Shallowater 2
Game 2: Shallowater 6, Perryton 0
Game 3: Shallowater 12, Perryton 9
Lake Worth (23-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (23-5)
Game 1: Abilene Wylie 10, Lake Worth 9
Game 1: Abilene Wylie 3, Lake Worth 1
Semifinals
Monahans (23-5) vs. Kennedale (25-3)
Shallowater (25-6) vs. Abilene Wylie (25-5)
Region II
Semifinals
Lake Dallas (22-10) vs. Mineola
Forney (24-6) vs. Lindale (25-6)
Region III
Semifinals
Taylor vs. Buna (18-9-1)
Lorena (27-1) vs. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill
Region IV
Semifinals
Bellville (22-6) vs. Sinton (26-4)
La Grange (26-5) vs. Yoakum (26-1)
CLASS 2A
Region I Quarterfinals
Mason (14-8) vs. Wall (20-3)
Game 1: Mason 8, Wall 2
Game 2: Wall 9, Mason 6
Game 3: Mason 6, Wall 4
Abernathy (15-5) vs. Olney (11-9)
Olney 8, Abernathy 0
Sonora (16-5) vs. Tahoka (16-10)
Game 1: Sonora 7, Tahoka 6
Game 2: Tahoka 12, Sonora 7
Game 3: Tahoka 8, Sonora 2
Holliday (18-4) vs. Lockney (21-0)
Game 1: Holliday 7, Lockney 0
Game 2: Holliday 9, Lockney 2
Semifinals
Mason (16-9) vs. Olney (12-9)
Tahoka (18-11) vs. Holliday (20-4)
Region II
Semifinals
Celina (27-4) vs. Cooper (18-11-1)
Bangs (20-4) vs. Crawford (18-8)
Region III
Semifinals
Arp (29-3-1) vs. Buffalo
DeKalb vs. Jewett Leon (25-6)
Region IV
Semifinals
Wallis Brazos vs. Skidmore Tynan (17-6)
Weimar vs. Bloomington (19-10)
CLASS A
Region I
Bi-District
Fort Davis (5-14) vs. Crosbyton (10-8)
Crosbyton 11, Fort Davis 8
Claude (14-1) vs. Shamrock
Claude 14, Shamrock 3
Windthorst (19-2) vs. Knox City (7-8)
Game 1: Windthorst 5, Knox City 4
Game 2: Windthorst 8, Knox City 5
Ira (17-6) vs. Menard
Game 1: Ira 6, Menard 0
Game 2: Ira 7, Menard 5
Marfa vs. Nazareth (12-2)
Nazareth 16, Marfa 0
Boys Ranch (8-5) vs. Follett (14-3)
Follett 8, Boys Ranch 4
Petrolia vs. Aspermont (21-4)
Game 1: Petrolia 3, Aspermont 0
Game 2: Petrolia 6, Aspermont 3
Rotan (12-10) vs. Miles (15-5)
Miles 11, Rotan 1
Area
Crosbyton (11-8) vs. Claude (15-1)
Windthorst (21-2) vs. Ira (19-6)
Nazareth (13-2) vs. Follett (15-3)
Petrolia vs. Miles (16-5)

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	20	.545	—
Florida	23	21	.523	1
Atlanta	23	22	.511	1½
Montreal	21	23	.477	3
Philadelphia	18	26	.409	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	26	17	.605	—
St. Louis	22	21	.512	4
Houston	21	22	.488	5
Pittsburgh	20	22	.476	5½
Chicago	14	27	.341	11
Milwaukee	14	30	.318	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	28	16	.636	—
San Francisco	27	16	.628	½
Los Angeles	25	19	.568	3
San Diego	22	22	.500	6
Colorado	20	24	.455	8

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 3
Colorado 7, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 10, Florida 5
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 2, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 2
Arizona 5, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 3, Los Angeles 1
Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 4, 11 innings
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 2, Colorado 1
Florida 4, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 10, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, Arizona 3
San Diego 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3
Monday's Game
Cincinnati (Haynes 3-4) at St. Louis (W.Williams 0-0), 8:10 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	11	.725	—
New York	29	15	.659	2
Baltimore	19	23	.452	11
Toronto	16	25	.390	13½
Tampa Bay	14	28	.333	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	20	.556	—
Chicago	24	20	.545	½
Cleveland	20	23	.465	4
Kansas City	16	26	.381	7½
Detroit	14	27	.341	9
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	29	14	.674	—
Anaheim	24	17	.585	4
Oakland	19	24	.442	10
Texas	19	24	.442	10

Saturday's Games
Boston 4, Seattle 1
Toronto 6, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2, 1st game
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 1, 2nd game
Detroit 8, Texas 7
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 10, Anaheim 4
Sunday's Games
Boston 3, Seattle 2
Toronto 11, Oakland 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 0
Detroit 2, Texas 1
Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Monday's Games
Cleveland (Colon 5-3) at Detroit (Cornejo 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 3-4) at Boston (Lowe 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lyon 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 0-1) at Anaheim (Appier 4-1), 10:05 p.m.





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Law enforcement kept busy over weekend

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old male just before 11 p.m. Saturday at Brick Plant Road and Eastridge for driving while intoxicated.

A 22-year-old man was arrested at 2:43 a.m. Sunday from the 200 block of 37th for DWI.

Troopers took a 41-year-old man into custody just before 4 a.m. Sunday on Highway 350 for driving while intoxicated. The man was released after passing a breathalyzer test.

At 10:30 Sunday morning deputies arrested a 74-year-old man for misdemeanor theft by check.

A 32-year-old man was arrested just before 1 a.m. Monday from the 2200 block of Ave. O for public intoxication.

Thefts

At 9 a.m. Saturday Maggie Collier reported the theft of a lawnmower from her residence at the 100 block of Browning. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Ruben Olvera reported just before 9 p.m. Saturday that property was stolen from his residence. An offense report for theft was submitted.

At 9 a.m. Sunday Jerry McClain reported the theft of some fishing equipment from the back of his pickup in the 500 block of 32nd. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Criminal Mischief

Just after 2 p.m. Saturday Charlotte Barrett requested officers on FM 1607 regarding juveniles damaging the rear window of her vehicle with a BB gun.

A man reported a fight at 3 p.m. Saturday in the 2000 block of 41st. Officers spoke with subjects and no offense report was filed.

At 12:17 a.m. Sunday officers responded to a call from the Beacon Lodge regarding a party and a broken window in one of the rooms. The subjects were gone when officers arrived, but police contacted the subjects at another location and a man made arrangements to return the room key and pay for damages.

A woman called officers just after midnight Sunday from the 100 block of 37th St. regarding problems with her neighbor. Police served the neighbor with a criminal trespass warning.

A woman requested police in the 2200 block of 44th Street at 2:30 p.m. Sunday concerning juveniles throwing rocks at her vehicle and breaking a window. Police contacted the parents of the juvenile who agreed to pay for the window.

Close patrols

An employee of Cinema 1 & 2 requested a close patrol at 11:10 a.m. Sunday regarding a security light being broken the night before.

An anonymous caller requested a close patrol at 38th and El Paso at 3 p.m. Sunday concerning an out-of-control vehicle. The caller advised several vehicles losing control at the intersection and requested constant patrol of the area.

Just before 10 p.m. Sunday a woman requested a close patrol in the 2100 block of Ave. N in reference to someone banging on her window.

Gas drive offs

An employee at United fuel reported a gas drive off at 1:30 Saturday afternoon in the amount of $27.50.

At 1:47 p.m. Sunday a clerk at Town & Country east reported a gas drive off in the amount of $10.

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported a gas drive off just before 9 p.m. Sunday in the amount of $13.

Fire report

A woman called 911 at 11:30 Saturday from the 3700 block of Sunset after hearing an explosion behind her residence. The fire department, Snyder EMS, TXU and Cox Cable were dispatched and reported a transformer malfunction which caused the traffic lights at 37th Street and College Ave. to go out. An officer was dispatched for traffic control and the Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Update on lasers

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a laser? How has it affected the medical profession?

DEAR READER: Originators of science-fiction comic strips in the 1940s could not have predicted that lasers, popularized as "death rays" in the "Buck Rogers" strip, would achieve such universal acceptance in the 1990s. Today's lasers are used to benefit mankind, not as weapons of mass destruction.

The word "laser" is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. The concept was first defined by Albert Einstein in 1917, but functional lasers were not built until the 1960s.

A laser is fundamentally a tube containing a substance — such as carbon dioxide, precious stones or crystallized metals — that can be energized by electric power. In an electrical field, the molecules of the substance become agitated and vibrate between mirrors at both ends of the tube. This produces an extraordinarily bright light that is released in a beam through the end of the tube. Once this beam strikes a surface, the light is converted into heat, enormous heat — up to 10 million times hotter than the sun.

Laser beams have three special features. They are coherent, meaning that each wave of light closely matches every other. They are monochromatic: Unlike most artificial light, which is composed of a spectrum of many colors, laser light consists of a single wavelength that provides a pure, uniform color. Finally, laser light is collimated: The waves are parallel, and, therefore, form a precise beam that can be focused to a pinpoint.

Most people are familiar with the common commercial uses of lasers, including compact disc players, bar-code scanners, military weapons guidance systems and "light shows" for entertaining large audiences. Lasers can also clean works of art (without disturbing the paint) and are used to obtain fingerprints from material such as silk and Styrofoam.

Medical la[illegible]rovide extraordinary new w[illegible]s of treating diseases. For example, lasers are increasingly used by dermatologists to cure various skin disorders. At present, there are primarily six types of lasers.

— Ruby is the oldest. It emits a red light that is readily absorbed by dark pigments, such as blue and black, making it especially useful in removing tattoos.

— Carbon dioxide produces an invisible light that is absorbed by water. Since skin consists of about 85 percent water, carbon dioxide lasers are particularly effective in removing skin lesions, such as warts, scars and pigmented tumors. When focused, the laser cuts tissue and seals blood vessels simultaneously; when defocused, it vaporizes tissue.

— Neodynium: 4AG is made of Yttrium, aluminum and garnet. It is fitted to a sapphire scalpel and works when touched to tissue, unlike other lasers that must be held about an inch away from the operating field. Because the 4AG laser beam is not attracted to any specific color or surface, it penetrates deeply enough to allow removal of imbedded skin growths.

— Argon produces blue/green light that is preferentially absorbed by red tissue, such as hemoglobin pigment in the blood. Thus, argon lasers are well suited to removing birthmarks, blood blisters, dilated blood vessels and port-wine stains in the skin.

— Tunable dye lasers use different dyes as an energized source, hence can be "tuned" to a specific wavelength. They produce a yellow light that is effective in removing birthmarks.

— Copper vapor, which also produces a yellow beam, is the newest. Its advantages and indications have yet to be defined.

Although laser treatments are more expensive than traditional surgery and take more time, they clearly offer attractive alternatives to standard therapy. Laser procedures may be less painful and cause fewer side effects. However, experts warn that lasers are not without hazard (burning and so forth), so should be employed only by professionals familiar with their use. Clearly, scientists have just begun to appreciate the wonders of these promising devices. As we enter the new millennium, new types of lasers (and increased interest in laser therapy) will surely constitute a revolution in the treatment of a wide variety of medical conditions.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly Winning the Battle of the Bulge) to include my No Flour, No Sugar diet, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

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'Clones' hits $100M in its first four days

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The latest "Star Wars" movie took in $116.3 million in its first four days and became the second-fastest film — behind only "Spider-Man" — to top $100 million.

After grossing $30.1 million on opening day Thursday, "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" collected $86.15 million Friday to Sunday, the third-highest debut ever for a three-day weekend, behind "Spider-Man" and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

"Attack of the Clones" did not approach box-office records set two weeks ago by "Spider-Man," which debuted with $114.8 million in three days. But "Episode II" had a faster start than its 1999 predecessor, "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," which opened on a Wednesday and took five days to reach $105 million.

"We're delighted with this performance," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which releases the "Star Wars" movies. "'Star Wars' opened with 'Spider-Man' in the marketplace, something that's extraordinarily popular. It's another 800-pound gorilla, and we still opened to spectacular numbers."

Playing in 3,161 theaters, "Attack of the Clones" averaged a whopping $27,254. The film opened in about 450 fewer theaters than "Spider-Man" because "Star Wars" creator George Lucas was choosy about locations, insisting on top-of-the-line cinemas with digital sound.

It's the same strategy applied to "Phantom Menace," which did not break opening opening totals.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-20-02
♠ J 3 2
♥ A K 6 5
♦ A K Q 5 4
♣ 9

West
♠ A K 8
♥ J 9 3
♦ J 6
♣ K Q J 8 4

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

South
♠ 10 7 4
♥ Q 8 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ A 6 5 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	2 ♣	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Monday, May 20, 2002

Another flexible rule broken

By Phillip Alder

Karl Kraus, an Austrian satirist, wrote, "A child learns to discard his ideals, whereas a grown-up never wears out his short pants."

That is true, but adult bridge players have to discard their ideals — rules learned as children — when the situation demands. In today's deal, would you prefer to declare in or defend against four hearts?

North's four clubs is a splinter bid. It announces game values with four-card heart support and a singleton or void in clubs.

West should start with the spade ace. After another lead, say the club king, declarer wins, draws trumps, plays off dummy's diamond honors, ruffs a diamond in hand, trumps a club in the dummy, and cashes the diamond five. His 10 tricks are four top hearts, four diamonds, the club ace and that diamond ruff in hand.

Under the spade ace, East signals encouragement with the nine. Then, West cashes the spade king and continues with his third spade to East's queen. What next?

If West held the club ace, he would (should!) have cashed it before leading the third spade. So, the defenders have taken all possible side-suit tricks. To defeat the contract, they need a trump winner. When this is the position, give a ruff-and-discard. If East leads his last spade at trick four, the defense can win the battle. Whether or not South ruffs in hand, West does best to discard a diamond, although a club pitch is also good enough.

Declarer may try to establish a long diamond or to ruff two clubs in the dummy, but West gets that telling trump trick.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		20.24	19.69	19.87—1.01
AOL TimeWrn		19.94	19.30	19.40—.58
AT&T Corp s		12.95	12.74	12.95 + .08
Albertsons		32.90	32.60	32.64—.53
Alltel		51.40	50.69	50.82—.72
AmEl Pw		43.98	42.89	43.93 + .98
AndarkPtr		52.90	52.10	52.78—.01
ATMOS Egy		23.54	23.40	23.54 + .19
Aviall		9.88	9.75	9.88 + .13
BP PLC		51.98	51.53	51.55—.50
BakerHughes		36.06	35.25	36.04 + .40
Bank of Amer		76.72	76.16	76.30—.60
BellSouth		33.00	32.01	32.05—1.14
vjBeth Steel		.40	.39	.40
BurlNoSFe		28.56	28.27	28.39—.45
Caterpillar		54.80	53.85	54.01—.78
ChevronTex		88.80	88.05	88.19—.96
Citigroup		46.60	45.87	45.93—.85
CocaCola		57.00	56.01	56.24—.76
ColgatePal		55.00	54.66	54.97—.07
ComclMetals		46.83	46.62	46.64—.09
CooperIn		43.29	42.57	42.70—.84
DaimlrChry		49.63	48.99	49.24—.27
DeltaAirl		26.71	25.96	25.97—1.24
Dillards Inc		30.40	29.85	29.94—.05
DowChem		34.06	33.50	33.54—.70
DuPont		46.59	45.81	45.94—.65
EastmanChem		46.50	45.71	45.85—.61
EstKodak		34.45	34.00	34.16—.67
EDS Corp		55.31	54.52	55.30 + .78
Entergy		45.18	44.34	45.17 + .81
ExxonMobil s		40.00	39.60	39.72—.48
FootLocker		13.82	13.60	13.65—.03
GenDynam		101.48	100.04	101.00 + .23
GenlElec		33.01	32.48	32.58—.87
GenMills		44.55	44.00	44.23—.27
GenMotors		65.94	65.34	65.36—.63
GaPacific		30.02	29.70	29.93 + .08
Goodrich		34.20	33.35	33.67 + .51
Goodyear		22.65	22.26	22.47 + .01
GtAtlPac		24.15	23.90	24.00—.10
Halliburtn		17.28	16.85	17.16 + .13
Hanson ADS		39.00	38.83	39.00 + .75
HarteHanks		33.71	33.35	33.66 + .27
HomeDepot		49.50	48.30	48.39 + .30
Honeywellntl		39.34	38.84	38.95—.52
IBM		85.46	84.13	84.26—1.43
IntlPaper		44.45	43.86	43.99—.36
JohnsonJn		61.47	60.85	61.05—.42
vjK mart		1.06	1.02	1.05—.01
KinderMorg		44.50	44.00	44.47 + .46
Kroger Co		22.44	22.15	22.39—.01
LockheedM		62.05	61.35	61.47—.23
Lowes Cos s		47.18	46.30	46.75 + 1.99
Lubys		6.80	6.75	6.75—.07
LucentTech		4.95	4.82	4.86—.05
MarathonOil		28.37	28.12	28.23—.19
MayDeptStr		36.90	36.60	36.67 + .05
Medtronic		45.70	45.01	45.28—.02
Motorola		16.79	16.50	16.56—.22
NCR Corp		38.97	37.99	37.99—.88
Navistar		37.85	37.10	37.36—.21
PNM Rescs		26.94	26.24	26.85 + .45
Penney JC		25.10	24.66	24.75—.25
PepBoys		17.60	17.14	17.14—.22
PepsiCo		52.24	51.50	51.69—.45
Pharmacia		42.10	41.62	41.87—.36
PhelpDodge		36.89	36.40	36.41 + .32
PhilipPet		60.06	59.72	59.95—.54
PilgrmPrd B		13.76	13.75	13.75
Praxair		58.99	58.40	58.47—.42
ProctGamb		93.20	92.54	92.92—.70
RadioShack		36.21	35.58	35.92 + .18
ReliantEngy		15.25	14.00	15.13 + .83
RoyalDut		55.10	54.65	54.75—1.06
SBC Comm		34.57	33.85	33.96—.61
SaraLee		20.99	20.64	20.65—.29
Scripps EW		78.51	78.25	78.25—.31
SearsRoeb		57 12	56.45	56.95 + .49
SherwinW		32.95	32.70	32.76—.12
SouthernCo		26.95	26.54	26.81 + .37
SwstAirl		17.35	17.17	17.21—.42
SprintFON		16.90	16.65	16.75—.15
SprintPCS		10.01	9.51	9.54—.47
Sunoco Inc		35.47	34.87	35.37 + .31
TXU Corp		53.09	51.30	53.07 + 1.49
TempleInland		56.20	55.75	55.84—.12
TexInd		39.37	39.14	39.14—.23
TexasInst		32.48	31.52	31.58—.76
Textron		48.51	47.98	48.26—.26
TrinityInds		20.06	19.50	19.76—.37
TylerTech		5.58	5.40	5.45—.13
UnionPacif		60.85	60.48	60.60—.56
USSteel		20.08	19.60	19.61—.62
UnitedTech		70.15	69.12	69.38—.92
Unocal		37.86	37.25	37.41—.45
VerizonComm		43.00	42.45	42.51—.63
WalMart		58.82	57.69	57.73—.60
WellsFargo		52.90	52.24	52.28—.50
WstnGasRs		37.92	37.27	37.84 + .66
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Attacks by terrorists altered landscape of public opinion

ST. PETE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks shook Americans in a dramatic way, just as Pearl Harbor and President Kennedy's assassination affected earlier generations, public-opinion researchers say.

The researchers compared notes over the weekend about the many ways the attacks have sharply altered the landscape of public opinion.

The public's sense of personal security hasn't returned, said Michael Traugott of the University of Michigan, and the continuing terrorist threat is contributing to the sustained anxiety.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday that the chance of more al-Qaida attacks against U.S. targets is "almost a certainty," and he advised Americans to stay vigilant.

The return of the public's sense of personal security is very difficult under such circumstances, Traugott suggested, given the Bush administration's dual chores.

"They're trying to help Americans feel better and they are continually talking about the need for vigilance and staying on alert," he said. "This is a confusing and confounding message for the American people."

Researchers looked at the effects of the attacks from many different angles during the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

"This is a lifetime marker for an entire generation, the same way Pearl Harbor was in the 1940s and the assassination of President Kennedy was in the 1960s," Traugott said.

Almost immediately after the attacks, researcher Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago realized the significance for his field.

"In the first or second hour after the attacks, the thought dawned on me we should do something like the Kennedy assassination study," Smith said.

His research found the public's experience was similar in some respects after Sept. 11 and after the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination, sharply different in others.

Anger and shame were the dominant emotions four decades ago, while anger was most prevalent after the terrorist hijackings, Smith said.

After Sept. 11, people found many ways to channel that anger — donating to charities, giving blood, helping the families of victims and survivors. The military also attacked al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

After Kennedy's assassination, Smith said, "there was an anger that could not be constructively directed. Kennedy was dead. Believe it or not, the assassin was dead."

While some researchers concentrated on the national experience after Sept. 11, others took a closer look at those affected most directly — in New York City.

New Yorkers took an emotional battering after the attack on the World Trade Center, said a study suggesting more than 400,000 city residents have experienced post-traumatic stress disorder.

Researchers announced the findings from the second wave of their surveys in New York during January and February.

The estimate of people experiencing the stress disorder related to the attacks over the last month was 140,000, said the study by Schulman, Ronca and Bucuvalas, Inc.

Storyteller visits NE, Ira

Storyteller Waynetta Ausmus of Sherman weaved her tales for Northeast and Ira students last week.

Her performance was provided through the Applaud the Arts program at Western Texas College.

A Texan for 30 years and an Oklahoman by birth, Ausmus hails from Bartlesville in Osage country, where her Native American grandmother taught her to love and respect all living things.



STORYTELLER — Waynetta Ausmus of Sherman spun her tales for Northeast Elementary students on Tuesday morning. That afternoon she also visited Ira School. Ausmus, a former teacher and principal, tells a variety of stories, some are original and some are adapted. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Since childhood the horse has been her favorite animal, for its beauty and its spirit. Her home is a residence for a variety of "critters." Ausmus earned her BA from Oklahoma Baptist University and her M.Ed from Texas A&M Commerce.

For 20 years, she served as a teacher and a principal.

Ausmus tells stories for all ages, stories that teach character, life skills, and old-fashioned values.

Her stories are also tales of fairness, conflict resolution and justice.

Others are stories that heal, multi-cultural tales, stories that teach pet responsibility.

Some of her stories are original others are adapted.

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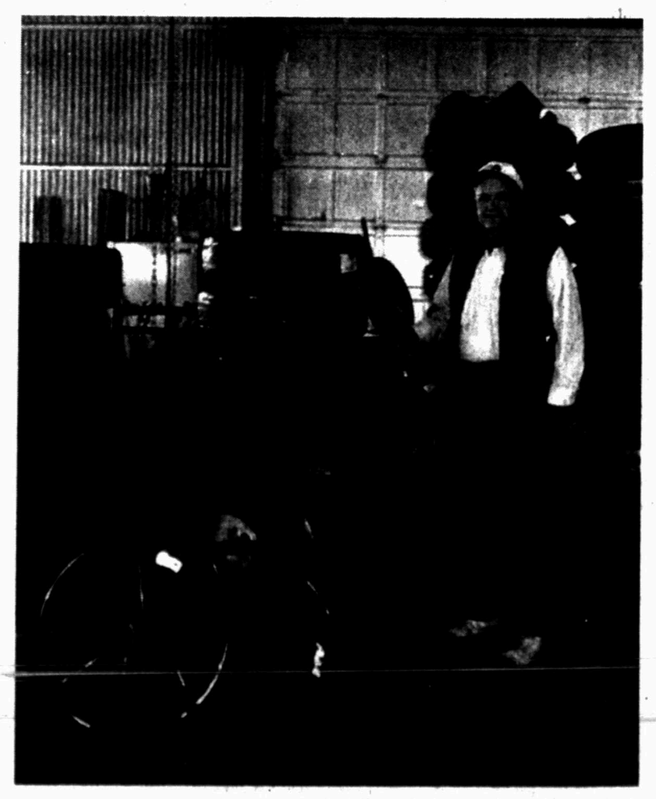
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Mock weddings at Snyder High



Mayra Borrego, Lance Fletcher



Cecilia Lara, Ricky Rios



From left: Veronica Lara, bridesmaid; Jordan Donelson, minister; Anthony Perez, groom; Lindsey Benitez, bride.



Front row, left to right, Kim Walker, Trey Roland, Stacy Garcia, Don King, Erika Tavarez, Vanessa Hernandez, Erica Rodriguez; back row, left to right, Michael Ford, Blanca Hernandez, Ricky Rios, Dawn Thomas, Anthony Medrano, Anthony Perez, Verena von Dressler, and Jade Taggart.



Standing, left to right, Jade Taggart, Anthony Perez, Michael Ford, Anthony Medrano; seated from left, Verena von Dressler, Dawn Thomas, Blanca Hernandez, and Diane Morin.

Snyder High School students in Mrs. Carolyn Derouen's Individual and Family Life classes staged a mock wedding as a final project on May 10.

The students spent the spring semester studying self-esteem, personality development, communication, relationships with family and friends, dating, mate selection, marriage and money management.

Students planned and carried out a mock wedding in the home economics living room under the direction of Mrs. Derouen, family and consumer science teacher. Mrs. Carolyn Limmer and her classes attended as guests. All classes studied proper etiquette for attending and participating in the weddings.

Fifth period participants included Mayra Borrego, bride; Elvia Barrera, Karen Rodriguez, Erika Ynguanzo, bridesmaids; Lance Fletcher, groom; Val Hernandez, Edmond James and John Logan, groomsmen.

Katie Neves and Eric Sickler were the parents of the bride and Crystal Flores and Jeff Neal were the groom's parents. Irasema Gonzales served as the minister and Anabelle Solis provided the music. Vicky Gutierrez registered quests, Janie Hembree furnished the flowers and Bonnie Guzman served as the house party.

The seventh period wedding members included Lindsey Benitez as the bride and Anthony Perez as the groom. Veronica Lara was the bridesmaid and Rudy Deanda was the best man.

Parents of the bride were Stacy Martinez and Michael Deolloz. The groom's parents were Tressie Martin and Robby Simmons. Ushers included Ricky Rios and Nick Gutierrez. Jordan Donelson was the minister; Rosemary Sanchez provided the music and Denise Thomas registered guests.

For the eighth period wedding Cecilia Lara was the bride and Ricky Rios was the groom. Dawn Thomas was the bridesmaid and Anthony Medrano was the best man.

Diane Morin was the mother of the groom and Blanca Hernandez and Michael Ford were the parents of the bride.

Jade Taggart was the minister and Verena von Dressler provided the music.



Back row, left to right, Anabelle Solis, Janie Hembre, Bonnie Guzman, Vicky Gutierrez, Crystal Flores, Ira Gonzales, John Logan, Edmond James, Jeff Neal, Val Hernandez, Eric Sickler; front row, left to right, Katie Neves, Elvia Barrera, Erika Ynguanzo, and Karen Rodriguez.



Left to right, Rudy Deanda, Nick Gutierrez, Ricky Rios, Tressie Martin, Stacy Martinez, Denise Thomas, Michael Ford and Rosemary Sanchez.

SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

New York water system fails to meet security guidelines

NEW YORK (AP) — City water facilities are potentially vulnerable to biological or chemical attacks because security falls considerably short of meeting federal and state guidelines, according to a report that one lawmaker called "very startling."

The findings released Sunday detailed several gaps in security at facilities within New York City's water system, which serves 9 million people.

Fences were vulnerable to intruders, buildings could be accessed with little resistance and detailed maps could easily be gathered.

"I'm not trying to be an alarmist, I'm not trying to create fear. I'm simply saying that something as important as the security of our water system has to be handled in a very, very careful manner," said Assemblyman Jeff Klein, chairman of the New York State Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation.

The report compiled by the panel found that security at the facilities failed more than half of the federal Environmental Protection Agency and state Department of Health guidelines.

The committee's findings were based on several months of analysis using a 21-point security checklist at eight water facilities within the region. The report detailed what was found at the five facilities in the city, but did not disclose their specific locations.

The list included checking windows, doors, fencing and site construction. A general category examined such things as whether restricted access signs were clearly posted with phone numbers, so that suspicious activity could be reported.

"Unfortunately, what we found was very startling," Klein said.

Not one facility was in complete compliance with federal standards regarding fencing, the report said. In some cases, fences had holes or gates were unlocked.

At some sites, doors were found with hinges on the outside, where determined vandals with hammers and screwdrivers could remove them.

At two facilities, members of the team were able to gain access and photograph the interior of buildings without being questioned.

Perhaps most alarming, Klein said, was the ease with which information about the facilities, including detailed maps, could be gathered from public records and on the Internet.

Charles Sturcken, chief of staff of the city's Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the water supply, said the agency has been working with federal and local experts since 1998 to improve security.

"We have strengthened our police forces and are spending $35 million on improving security systems for the water supply and will continue to do so," he said. "In fact the federal EPA has told us we are years ahead of other municipal water systems."

Sturcken said he could not comment on the specifics of the report, because the locations of the facilities were not disclosed, and because a detailed copy had not been delivered to the agency.

He said that on several occasions, the department offered to brief Klein on its security measures.

The report recommends the city make several changes, including supporting neighborhood watch groups to monitor activity around facilities. The report also suggests the city ask Web operators to remove sensitive information.

A call to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office was not immediately returned Sunday, but Ed Skyler, a spokesman for the mayor, said Saturday that the city department of environmental protection takes "every conceivable precaution" to protect the water supply.

Utilities donated $520,000 to Gov. Perry's campaign

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry, who rejects claims by his Democratic rival that Texans are being overcharged on their electric bills, has collected $520,000 in donations from utility companies under investigation for manipulating the market.

A Perry spokesman told The Dallas Morning News in its Saturday editions that there is no connection between the governor's defense of electric rates and his utility contributions.

State regulators have been investigating the trading practices of six companies to determine whether they have inflated electric rates as the state moved toward deregulation.

The Public Utility Commission says the companies collected more than $28 million in unearned revenue by artificially creating congestion on the state's power grid.

Two of the companies, Enron Corp. and Reliant Resources, have acknowledged using such tactics in California.

Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said the fact that the PUC, made up of gubernatorial appointees, is investigating the utilities "shows that public policy and political contributors are in no way connected."

He also said Perry "has more than 22,000 contributors on all sides of every issue. He doesn't always agree with every action or business decision taken by a contributor."

Perry has appointed one of two people on the three-member PUC. The third spot is vacant after another Perry appointee, Max Yzaguirre, resigned.

Bush urges Congress to improve Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged Congress on Saturday to improve Medicare, saying the health care program hasn't kept pace with advances in medicine.

"The Medicare program is costly for seniors and too often does not provide the choices that our seniors need and our seniors want," he said in his weekly radio address.

It was the second day in a row that Bush pressed for changes in Medicare. In a White House speech Friday, he told older Americans they should push lawmakers to approve new prescription benefits and to expand support for managed-care programs.

Democratic and Republican lawmakers are working on plans to provide prescription coverage within Medicare, the government health insurance program directed primarily at the elderly.

Republicans want to spend $350 billion for Medicare, with most of the money for a prescription drug program. Democrats have proposed spending $500 million for a more generous plan.

Bush said he supports prescription coverage.

"Because Medicare does not cover prescription drugs, seniors often pay the highest prices for drugs out of their own pockets, forcing too many of our seniors to choose between paying for pills or paying their bills," he said.

The president said managed-care programs offer potentially lifesaving treatment that wouldn't be available under the traditional Medicare plan.

Under traditional coverage, Medicare pays directly for health care services provided to older people. Under managed care, Medicare pays a fixed amount to private insurers, which are responsible for paying medical expenses. Seniors can choose from a variety of services offered by different companies.

The Republicans want to include more money for managed care, while the Democratic proposal does not. Some Democrats say they have misgivings, fearing the plans are leaving some of the elderly, especially the poor, without adequate care.

Bush said the plans offer more choices and more savings.

"Medicare needs a fair system of competition, a system that encourages additional benefits and options for better care at lower cost," he said.

Date Book

Monday, May 20, 2002

Today is the 140th day of 2002 and the 62nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, North Carolina seceded from the Union.

On this day in 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese troops captured Hamburger Hill after one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

On this day in 1980, Quebec voted against separation from Canada in a referendum.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dolly Madison (1768 - 1849), former first lady; John Stuart Mill (1806 - 1873), economist/philosopher; Sigrid Undset (1882 - 1949), writer; James Stewart (1908 - 1997), actor; Joe Cocker (1944 -), singer, is 58; Cher (1946 -), singer/actress, is 56; Trevor "Busta Rhymes" Smith, Jr. (1972 -), rap artist, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Bill Burke shot a round of 57 on the Normandie Golf Course in St. Louis, Mo.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." - John Stuart Mill, "On Liberty," Chapter 2 (1859)

TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (May 19), and the full moon (May 26).

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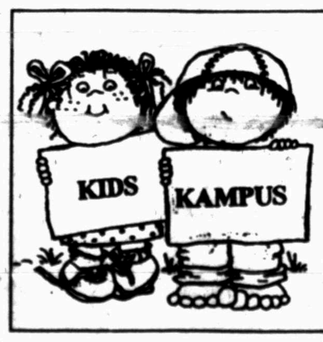
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Court to hear case of sex offender lists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to consider a constitutional challenge to some registries of known sex offenders, the second case the court will hear involving lists meant to keep tabs on potentially dangerous sex criminals.

The court said it will hear an appeal from Connecticut, where a federal judge struck down the state's sex offender registry last year. The judge found that the law violated the constitutional rights of past offenders, because their names were placed on the list without a chance to prove they are no longer dangerous to society.

The New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, and the registry is no longer publicly available.

The case could affect more than 20 states with similar laws requiring community notification based on the offender's record rather than an individual evaluation of his or her current likelihood to repeat the crime.

A high court ruling against Connecticut could force states to hold separate hearings for sex criminals to assess whether their names, addresses or other identifying information will be made public.

All states have laws requiring some kind of list of sex criminals, but some provide the public with names of only those offenders deemed dangerous. Still other states have hybrid laws, making the names public in the cases of serious sex crimes, but taking a case-by-case approach when the crime is considered less egregious.

The registry laws are usually called Megan's law, after Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl raped and killed in 1994 by a neighbor who was a convicted sex offender. Her parents didn't know his history when he moved in across the street.

The registries take conviction records already publicly available through police or court records, and compile them in one place. Information on Connecticut sex offenders is still publicly available on the old piecemeal basis.

The Bush administration backed Connecticut in asking the Supreme Court to step in.

"Megan's laws serve vital government interests by assisting law enforcement and enabling American communities to better protect themselves, and in particular their children," the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer wrote in court papers.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson noted that federal law requires states to have a registry, or face a reduction in federal funding.

Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia also filed a friend-of-the-court brief backing Connecticut.

Embargo on Cuban trade won't be lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today refused to support lifting the Cuban trade embargo unless Fidel Castro releases political prisoners, conducts independently monitored elections and accepts a list of tough new U.S. conditions for a "new government that is fully democratic."

"Freedom sometimes grows step by step, and we will encourage those steps," the president said, outlining his new U.S. policy on Cuban Independence Day.

Seeking to balance his hardline policy with a sensitivity to Cuba's grinding poverty, the president outlined administration actions designed to make life better for the Cuban people. One initiative would resume direct mail service to and from Cuba.

Bush's speech, which aides said has been in the works since January, came a week after former President Carter traveled to Cuba and urged the people to embrace democracy while calling on the United States to lift the 40-year-old trade embargo.

Carter and other critics argue that the restrictions have failed to end Castro's regime while making life tough on ordinary Cubans. Bush also has been accused of shaping his policy to win support of Cuban-Americans, a force in Florida politics and thus a key to his re-election hopes.

Bush was traveling to Miami later in the day to address Cuban-Americans eager to hear his anti-Castro rhetoric.

Speaking in Spanish at times, Bush said Cuba's legacy of freedom "has been insulted by a tyrant who uses brutal methods to enforce a bankrupt vision. That legacy has been debased by a relic from another era who has turned a beautiful island into a prison."

If all his conditions are met, Bush will support lifting the congressionally mandated trade ban said two senior White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. They said Bush does not envision Castro's making the necessary changes, prompting the new policy designed to foment change from within the country.

"If Mr. Castro refuses our offer he will be protecting his cronies at the expense of his people and eventually, despite all his tools of oppression, Fidel Castro will need to answer to his people," Bush said.

Obituaries

Charlie Sumruld

1910-2002

Charlie Wayne Sumruld, a native of Scurry County and retired oilfield worker, died Saturday, May 18, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service for Mr. Sumruld, 91, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Camp Springs Cemetery with the Rev. Vernon Groce, pastor of the Church of God, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 20, 1910 in Snyder, he married Evelyn Moffett on Jan. 31, 1941 in Colorado City. She died Jan. 20, 1996.

A longtime member of Bethel Baptist Church in Snyder, he worked as a tool pusher for many years and later worked for Sizemore Oilfield Service Co. for 16 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Kay Sumruld and Chrystal Dawn Sumruld, both of Snyder; two sons, Richard Sumruld of Snyder and Roy Glen Sumruld of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Connie Tutt

1901-2002

HOBBS — Connie Aline Tutt, 100, died Sunday, May 19, at her home in the Hobbs Community.

Funeral service for Mrs. Tutt is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Rotan. The Revs. Rich Jones, Walter McCall and Jeff McDonald will officiate. Interment will follow in the Hobbs Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 26, 1901, she lived all but 15 years of her life on a ranch started by her parents, James Charles and Cora Bryan Hayter.

She attended the Hobbs School, Rotan High School, Meridian College and graduated from the University of Texas in 1924.

She taught at Hobbs until 1927 when she married Fehrlin E. Tutt on June 24, 1927. He died May 21, 1951 and Mrs. Tutt continued to manage the ranch until her retirement in 1988.

A life-long Methodist, she taught Sunday school and played the piano for many years at the Camp Springs Methodist Church. Later, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rotan.

Mrs. Tutt was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonists, Jamestown Society, Magna Carta Dames, National Society Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century and the Fisher County Historical Society.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Clara Womack,

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Helene Tutt of Hermleigh; a son, Dr. Fehrlin E. Tutt Jr. of Sugar Land; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg St. in Big Spring, 79720, or to the Memorial Fund of Rotan Methodist Church, Box 377, Rotan, 79546.

Melvin Smith

1928-2002

GAIL — Melvin Smith, longtime area rancher, died Saturday, May 18, in San Angelo.

Graveside service for Mr. Smith, 73, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Gail Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Hardeman, pastor of the Gail Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Born Oct. 10, 1928 in Dawson County, he married Iona J. Moore on Nov. 15, 1991 in Lamesa. Mr. Smith was a longtime rancher in Dawson County before moving to San Angelo eight years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Iona Smith of San Angelo; two daughters, Shirley Bennett of Gail and Kay Smith of Big Spring; three sons, Stan Smith of Ackerly, David Smith of Venus and Roger Moore of Seattle; a brother, Wayne Smith of Tyler; six grandchildren, Brande Wells of Snyder, Amanda and Jason Nelson and Clint Moore, all of Seattle, Shelly and Yancy Simmons of San Angelo, Vance Smith and Clayton Smith, both of Ackerly; and two great-granddaughters, Katelyn Simmons and Ashley Nelson.

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Jamie Rodriguez

1963-2002

PECOS — Jamie Rodriguez, the brother of Juan Rodriguez Jr. of Snyder, died Thursday, May 16, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Rodriguez, 38, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Santa Rosa Catholic Church. Burial was to follow in the Mt. Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Rodriguez of Pecos; a son, Jayme Lee Rodriguez of Pecos; a daughter, Jessica Rodriguez of Pecos; his mother, Eva Rodriguez of Pecos; two other brothers, Jenaro Rodriguez of San Angelo and Joel Rodriguez of Midland; six sisters, Elisa Rodriguez, Irma Martinez and Eva Lyles of Pecos, Roselinda Chavarria of Fort Stockton, Esmeralda Valenzuela of Odessa and Emelda Arredondo of San Angelo.

Billy Shrum

1929-2002

ODESSA — Billy Jack Shrum, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, May 17, in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Shrum, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Sunset Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dewey Bevins of Zion Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born May 27, 1929 in Snyder, Mr. Shrum was a self-employed mechanic for 50 years, retiring in 1996. He moved to Odessa from Waco in 1997.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Hall Shrum; his parents, John Edgar and Molly Louise Shrum; and a son, Billy E. Shrum.

Survivors include a son, John Shrum of Odessa; a daughter, Dollie Riggs Boddie of Odessa; a brother, John Shrum of San Bernardino, Calif.; three sisters, Ida B. Thorneberry, Mary Dempsey and Byrdie Nesbit, all of Waco; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Little People of America.

Name omitted

In Sunday's SDN, Logan West should have been listed as not pictured in the caption underneath the photo of the top 10 freshmen at Snyder High School.

Births

B.J. and Michelle Thompson of Snyder and big sister, Kennedy, announce the birth of Brody James Thompson. Brody was born at 10:25 a.m., weighing seven pounds, nine ounces, on May 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Charlie and Pam Hicks Taylor of Mesquite and Bobby and Kay Thompson of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Terry Arnold of Plainview and Ann Arnold of Gatesville. Great-grandparents are Patsy Williams and Mariatta Arnold, both of Snyder and Billy Wayne Williams of Abilene.

Senior Menu

Tuesday

Pepper steak, spinach, cauliflower w/cheese sauce, carrot/raisin salad, cherry cobbler

Wednesday

Oven fried chicken w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, sliced pineapple w/cheese salad, coconut pudding

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A spaghetti dinner, followed by a free spring concert, will be held starting at 5 p.m. today. Tickets, $5 for adults and $3 for children under junior high age, are available from any band student or at the door.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Sovereignty of God," followed by "A Prayer, Plea & Plan for Unity."

Ira project graduation

Planning for Ira ISD's project graduation will be at 7 tonight in the First Church of God Church annex. All eighth grade through senior parents are invited.

Presswood retirement

A retirement reception for Lee Presswood, principal, will be from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Wolf retirement reception

A retirement reception for Rita Wolf, kindergarten teacher at Stanfield, will be from 4-5:30 Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will have a fun night starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the rodeo grounds.

Family Literacy Program

Fifty-seven adults participated in Snyder ISD's Family Literacy Program during the 2001-2002 school year. Students will be honored at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Region 14 Education Service Center satellite office. Honored will be students who participated and completed the Laubach and Challenger Reading Programs, GED, and various technology programs. Classes resume in August.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Colorado City's Calvary Baptist Church at 1025 E. 15th St.

Technology booster club

SHS Technology Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the shop classroom to elect officers. Parents of 8th graders are welcome.

SHS baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room at the high school.

Lions hamburger supper

In place of the regular noon meeting Tuesday, Snyder Lions and their families will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn for a hamburger supper.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is pre-reregistering for the next fall. The school, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children from two to five years old before Sept. 1. Registration fee is $30 and the monthly tuition is $45. Parents are encouraged to pre-register in order to assure a space. The school observes the same schedule as Snyder ISD. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday in the GED testing center, Building 7B on the WTC campus. The testing will be at 8 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call Molly Kates, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for SHS teachers Kay Kennedy and Patsy Williams will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SHS library.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Judy Barkowsky, Judy Grimmett and Betty Thompson will be from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Harley-Davidson items sought

The Scurry County Museum is looking for loans of Harley-Davidson items such as collectibles, clothing and mementos to complete the display of motorcycles. The small items are needed by Thursday and will be displayed in locked cases during the "Ready To Roll" exhibition. The museum will also feature Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and Cushman scooters from June 6 to Aug. 22.

FBC services televised

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

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

Colonial Hill VBS

Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Amazon Outfitters for Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 3-7. Call 573-8596 for registration and transportation.