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On Snyder ISD facilities...

Citizens to make recommendations

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Two meetings have been held by a recently-appointed committee to study the findings of a facilities study for the Snyder Independent School District.

"Our goal is to have the committee study and learn the information that was discovered during the course of our study," said Bill Branum of Total Program Management (TPS).

Branum and the staff of TPM began the study of the district's facilities last November, and reported its findings to the board in February and March.

At that time, Branum told the board that it would take $30 million to bring all the district's buildings up to standard. However, he presented several other options — such as closing some campuses, or going as far as to close all present campuses and building two new elementary schools.

"What we've done so far is study the options to see if one is even applicable to the community and district, or see if a combination, or just part of one might be the way to go," said Branum.

"We're trying to give the committee all the background it needs to evaluate and make recommendations."

"The committee will meet again Thursday and at that point, I am going to be doing more listening than talking and getting feedback on the initial planning options," said Branum.

Branum said such information as enrollment, grade alignments, and campus capacities will be considered before any recommendations are made to the school board or administration.

Branum said there is no definite timeline set to present the committee's recommendations to the board, but hope to have the information ready for the June trustee meeting.

Branum said a bond issue is not the targeted end for the study.

"We, the committee, are trying to figure out the highest priority of what is needed to improve the educational opportunities for the students and the staff. "And at the same time, we're looking how to save money on the facilities," said Branum.

"We're just trying to come up with a plan that will hopefully benefit the community and the district. We didn't go into this with a mindset on a bond issue. I don't know if that will be the end result or not."

Branum said the key words in the study and of the meetings has been how to operate more efficiently.

"There are various ways and means to come up with solutions and what they are right now, I don't know," emphasized Branum.

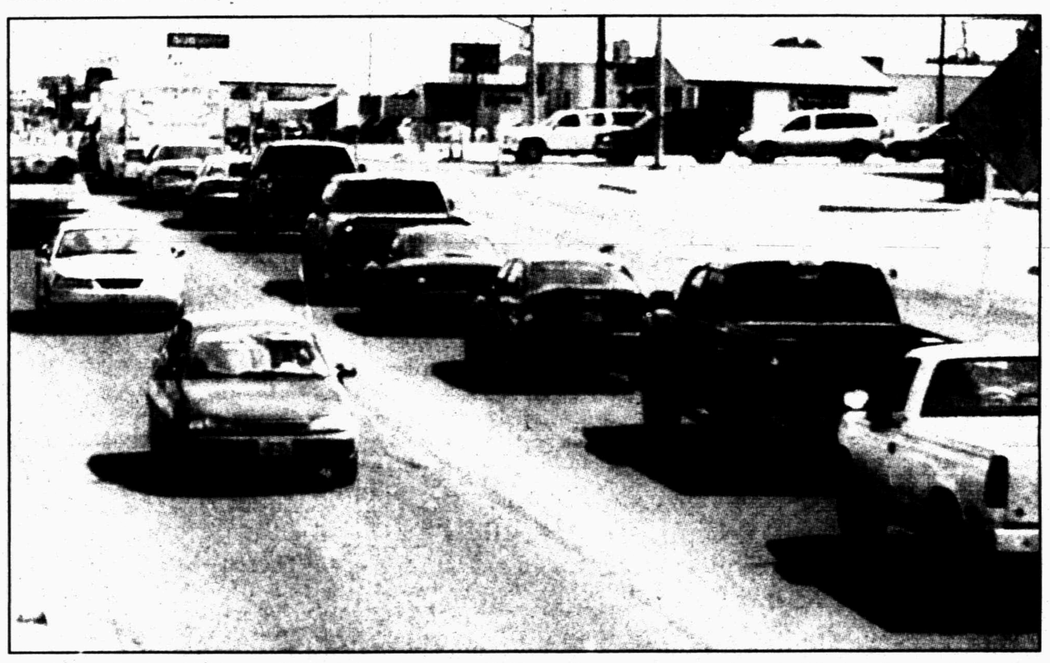
"The committee is charged to evaluate and come up with a recommendation for the board to consider. The bottom line right now is that I don't know what the committee's recommendation will be.

"If it is determined that capital improvements are needed, we'll certainly look at how that can be accomplished," he added.

Members of the committee are Anastacio Alvarez, Staci Bollinger, Darryl Calley, Elliott Cox, Ken Craig, Malcom Crawford, Lana Crenwelge, Vanessa Day, Albert DeLoera, Mike Dennis, Trent Driggers, Richard and Donna Dupree, Kathie Gamble and Neoma Harlin.

Others are Dale Huff, James and Michelle Jenkins, Kim Krueger, Lynn Lancaster, Mary Ann Leal, Terry Luecke, Keith Matthies, Mike and Terri McWilliams, Francene Noah, Sherry Patterson, Eddie Peterson, Shawn Ragland and Dayton Robertson.

Others are Miller Robinson, Rick Schwertner, Paige Shaw, Cloyce Talbott, Barney Tate, Rod Waller, Jerry Webb, Tammy Wesson and Tony Wofford.



DRIVE CAREFULLY — While the work on College Avenue is causing traffic backups, it is also contributing to an increasing number of accidents. Snyder police urge motorists to be especially alert in the construction zone. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Use caution on College Avenue

Traffic accidents in May could be double any other month this year and driver inattention in the College Avenue construction area is to blame, according to local law enforcement officials.

February was the busiest month for accidents in Snyder this year with 21 reported. With several days remaining in May, 20 mishaps already have been worked by officers, nine of them in the three-to-four block construction zone south of 37th on College Ave.

Many of the wrecks are vehicles getting "rear-ended" with drivers telling police they just didn't realize that traffic was backing up and slowing down.

Snyder police suggest motorists avoid the construction area if at all possible, or leave early. If that is impossible, pay attention to the traffic flow.

Motorists should pay special attention to cars stopping suddenly in the construction zone or vehicles making quick turns.

SHS reveals top senior scholars

Josh Kemp is the valedictorian and Andra Dunham the salutatorian for the Snyder High School class of 2004.

Kemp, who was top of his class all four years in SHS, is the son of Giles and Dee Kemp. Dunham, National Honor Society president, is the daughter of Drs. Michael and Judith Dunham.

Kemp played football and was all-district his senior year. He won state UIL championship in accounting the last two years and was UIL math and numbers sense district champ two years. He was a member of Who's Who and was recipient of the Bill J. Hood academic athletic award.

In addition to excelling in the classroom, Dunham was the tennis team captain and won all-district, regional and state tennis honors. A member of Who's Who, Dunham also served as Lions Club sweetheart.



SHS TOP STUDENTS – Josh Kemp is Snyder High School valedictorian with a 98.6 grade point average. Andra Dunham earned salutatorian honors with a 97.4 GPA. (SDN Staff Photo)

Baccalaureate service at SHS slated Sunday

Tony Wofford, minister of Word of Life Deliverance Church, will speak at Sunday's 3 p.m. baccalaureate service at Snyder High School.

The invocation will be given by by senior Josh Payne, followed by the welcome from Misha Wofford, class president.

Beth Clements will read a scripture and a senior ensemble composed of Nadia Chaidez, Alexis Dupree, Ashley Jenkins, Andra Dunham, Molly Haire, Anna Henson, Ashley Stroud, Amanda Whisenhunt and Melissa Jerome will perform "For Just a Little While."

"Oh, The Places You'll Go," by Dr. Seuss, will be read by senior Erin Burleson

Benediction will be given by senior Ashlye Amox.

Production continues upward at SACROC

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Production at the Kinder Morgan SACROC unit is steadily increasing and is expected to peak at 35,000 barrels per day by the middle of next year.

This was the news that 12 owners of the unit heard during a yearly report given at the unit this week by Kinder Morgan staffers.

Pete Hagist, unit manager, said current production is at 28,000 barrels per day. "Our production continues to climb," said Hagist. "We hope to hold the 35,000-barrel rate for a number of years."

Hagist added that the company expects that after the 35,000-barrel mark is reached, it should remain at that level for about five years before it starts to decline.

The SACROC unit has been a hotbed of activity for the last couple of years with Kinder Morgan increasing its CO2 injection into the field.

And the work has not come cheap.

Hagist said the company has spent upwards of $240 million on field and well work, plus adding new infrastructure.

"We're looking to spend another $100 million over the next year and a half."

Hagist said the work that has been visible from the public roadways has tapered off some, but added there is still a healthy workforce of contractors on the project.

"Our total contractor level is around 300 right now."

Hagist added that 9,100 acres of the field has been developed and there is another 15,000 acres to develop.

"We've drilled approximately 160 wells and re-activated another 450."

Presently, there are 80 Kinder Morgan employees at the Snyder field office, and 14 in Midland.

At Thursday's meeting of the owners that included representatives from Duncan Oil Properties of Oklahoma City, O'Neill Properties and Crosby Trusts of Midland, HCI and Emerett Miles Trust of Dallas, DF Ventures of Denton, Moncrief Trust of Ft. Worth, Rutherford Oil of Houston and the Adele Epstein estate of Las Vegas, Hagist said they discussed the financial performance of the unit, plus they took a tour of the field.

Hagist said, not surprisingly, oil prices were discussed.

"The price of oil is a pleasant surprise for us, especially for those who were with us when it was $15 a barrel. This might not be such a pleasant surprise for the general public.

"We always have to keep that in perspective."

Hagist also announced that a 110 megawatt power plant will be built on the unit and will come on line next year to provide an internal source of electricity.

"This plant should provide about 60 percent of our power requirements," noting that said the power plant is being built to reduce overhead as gas from the field will power the unit.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Not everything is as they appear. Yep, they can be worse, but they can also be better."

There is no way to explain the prison abuse in Iraq, but sometimes the negative news gets the spotlight while the positive is bypassed.

This letter, from Lt. Col. Terry Butler (retired) caught our eye because it listed his hometown as Post. We called and talked to Rebecca Simonovich, his sister-in-law, who was at his home in Post with husband, Jerry, while Terry's wife, Kendra, met him while on leave.

"Please forgive my tardiness in responding. It has been a bit hectic. As I prepare this response I am back in the USA for a few days of R&R with family, although I will not make it to Post during this trip.

"You asked several penetrating questions and I will attempt to respond frankly. Obviously, the language is mine alone, and does not represent the approved position of any agency of the U.S. or of a coalition partner.

"Medial outlets continue to frame their reports in a context that will attract viewers. Nothing new in that...The major networks seem to be missing the mark considerably.

"The overall situation in Iraq has become much more intense than it was when I arrived last September. The terrorist are working hard to disrupt the move toward a free society. As we draw closer to the date for Iraq to formally accept its sovereignty, I believe that the terrorist are more fervent in their commitment to derail that process. They want the dictatorial leadership of their religious fervor, and they seem to genuinely believe that they are the only ones who are correct.

"The people of Iraq are more and more appreciative of the U.S. and coalition involvement in freeing their country from the incredible tyranny of the previous regime. I see testimonials to that everyday from the local Iraqis with whom we work. The terrorists, however, are overwhelmingly not Iraqis. They are almost exclusively Arabs from other countries, yet they are routinely portrayed as representing the people of Iraq. I am convinced that the terrorists do not represent the people of Iraq at all.

"The people of Iraq have endured horrendous suffering over their lifetime, and they know nothing else. They want to embrace this concept of freedom. It is taking them some time to do that. Historically speaking, how long has it taken US citizens to figure out and accept the great responsibilities that are attendant to living is a free country? This is all very new to Iraqis. They need help to comprehend it all.

"In many cases June 30 is coming too fast. But how many years did it take the U.S. to grow into its current government? How long did it take us to quit passing Amendments to our Constitution? How long did it take the U.S. to establish dependable public services, build a reliable infrastructure, open channels of communications, etc.?

"Why are we surprised if it is taking the Iraqis a long time to totally change their lifelong thought processes? All their lives, they have been told what to do and they paid tremendously and horribly if they failed to do so. Now we are asking them to think independently, to think globally, and to respond to the burden of national leadership virtually over-

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ASK US

Q—How many gallons of gasoline can be refined out of a barrel of oil?

A—Depending on the type of oil, and the facility, about 19½ gallons of gasoline are produced.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Janet Halbert...

...has lived in Snyder for 33 years. She is retired from Western Texas College where she taught English for 31 years. She is married to Bill who still teaches at WTC. They have a son, Chris, who lives in Dallas. She enjoys reading, gardening, travel, crafts and sewing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing makes a man as mad as the truth.

—Mark Twain

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Chicken fried steak lunch

First United Methodist Church will host a chicken fried steak or chicken strips lunch from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are $7 and tickets for kids under 10 is $4. Tickets are available from church members or at the door.

Cub scout ceremony

An Arrow of Light Ceremony for Weblos II Pack 61 will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Ira Baptist Church fellowship hall. Family and friends are invited.

Football moms tea

There will be a tea at the Dragon China at 3 p.m. Sunday for all football moms. All Tiger football moms from the freshman to the varsity are invited.

West parent council

West Elementary Parent Council will host a sign-up meeting for all incoming and returning parents at 7 p.m. Monday in the auditorium. For more information call Barbara Leatherwood at 573-5088.

Bible study tapes

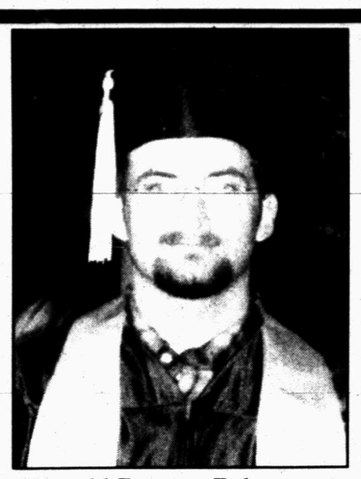
Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken through the Prophets," followed by "In His Steps."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Memorial Day dinner

The Memorial Day dinner for all veterans and their families begins at 6 p.m. Monday at the VFW. Ladies are asked to bring dessert. Flag raising ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. Monday at the VFW, then proceeding to the American Legion, Snyder Cemetery and Hillside Memorial Gardens. Boy Scouts will put flags on graves on May 31.



Donald Dwayne Robertson

Robertson graduates

Donald Dwayne Robertson graduated from Western Texas College May 7 with an associate in applied science degree.

Robertson's accomplishments include being nominated for WTC male student of the year for 2004, being named outstanding GLT student and serving as secretary of the student chapter of GCSAA.

In addition, he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor fraternity for junior colleges; and he was listed on the president's list with a 4.0 GPA while enrolled at WTC.

Robertson also received the Ty Rucker Memorial Scholarship and the Bayer Environment Science Undergraduate Scholarship for achievement and scholastic accomplishments.

After graduation, Robertson, his wife, Sallie, and daughter, Sadie, moved to League City near Houston where he is the first assistant superintendent of Magnolia Creek Golf Course.

Robertson is the son of Donny and Debbie Robertson of Snyder.



DISCOVERY SCHOOL GRADUATES — Children graduating from Discovery School are back row from left, Austin Bates, Avery Price, Alex Luecke, Paige Pollard, Logan Allison, Hannah Downing, Kellen Parks; front row, Lainey Kiker, Hayley Gray, Kimberly Aguilar, Jessica Short, Hayleigh Hernandez and Josh Owens. (Contributed Photo)

Stewart lawyers call for retrial after witness charged with perjury

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart's lawyers said they would seek a retrial for the convicted media maven after a government witness who testified at her trial was charged with lying repeatedly during his testimony.

Prosecutors insisted the charges against Larry F. Stewart, a Secret Service ink expert, did not undermine the convictions of Martha Stewart or her ex-stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic.

Lawyers for Martha Stewart and Bacanovic quickly issued statements saying the perjury charges called into question the validity of the convictions.

"We believe that the perjury of a key government witness undermines any integrity there was in the jury's verdict and will require a new trial, and we will pursue one," Bacanovic lawyer Richard Strassberg said.

The judge in the case previously rejected defense calls for a new trial based on allegations that one juror lied about a past arrest on assault charges to get on the jury. In that ruling, earlier this month, the judge said the defendants had not offered sufficient proof that the juror lied.

Federal prosecutors disclosed the perjury charges in a complaint filed in Manhattan federal court and in a letter to U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, who presided over the Martha Stewart trial.

"The discovery that Mr. Stewart testified falsely in no way compromises the validity of the guilty verdicts returned in this case against either defendant," the prosecutors wrote to the judge.

Larry Stewart, 46, of Bethesda, Md., appeared briefly in court Friday but did not enter a plea. He was released on $50,000 bail, and a judge set a preliminary hearing for June 10.

His lawyer, Lawrence Feld, said he hadn't had a chance to study or discuss the complaint with his client.

Larry Stewart, the laboratory director at the Secret Service, was called as an expert witness by the government to discuss ink used on a worksheet prepared by Bacanovic listing stocks in Martha Stewart's portfolio.

Prosecutors had accused Bacanovic of doctoring the worksheet to back up a cover story for why Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock. Bacanovic was cleared on that charge, but convicted on four other counts.

Larry Stewart testified he had worked on two ink-analysis examinations of the worksheet, in August 2002 and January 2004. Prosecutors said the Secret Service informed them last week that Stewart did not work on those tests.

Today's chuckle

Dogs and cats visit owners in hospital

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Feeling sick as a dog? Patients at some Michigan hospitals may get comfort and a speedier recovery with a visit from their own pooch.



"We had a patient who kept saying she missed her pet so much," said Gail Daly, director of the Clinical Ethics Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center. "So we arranged for her dog to visit. It was a wonderful thing."

The suburban Detroit hospital last year conducted a test program allowing patients to be visited by their dogs and cats.

The program has been expanded to Oakwood Healthcare System's four hospitals, and will run until April 2005.

The visits are meant to make patients feel at home with the comfort of their dog or cat at their side. Oakwood staffers say pets have proven medical benefits for patients, including decreasing blood pressure, anxiety and pain.

"We look for reaction on the patient, and we've seen a patient cry — happily crying," Rustom said. "You can see the vital signs have been improved."

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RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $33 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $26 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were seven second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 14 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 4, 20, 27, 38, and 49. The Mega Ball number was 31.

Texas Two Steps

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 19-22-23-33. Bonus ball 11. Estimated jackpot: $225,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 2-4-6-8-10

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Soldier gets year in jail and bad conduct discharge for desertion

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — A U.S. soldier who said he left his unit in Iraq to protest an "oil-driven" war was convicted of desertion Friday and sentenced to a year in jail and a bad conduct discharge.

A military jury met for about 20 minutes before giving the maximum sentence to Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, an infantry squad leader with the Florida National Guard.

"I have no regrets. Not one," Mejia said before his sentencing.

In his comments to the jury of four officers and four enlisted soldiers, Mejia said he was not afraid of going to jail. "I will take it because I will go there with my honor, knowing I have done the right thing," he said.

Mejia, 28, says he refused to return to his unit after a two-week furlough in October because he believes the war in Iraq is unjust. He turned himself in to the Army in March and sought status as a conscientious objector.

Military prosecutors argued that Mejia abandoned his troops and didn't fulfill his duty.

"He enjoyed all the benefits of the military, just not the duty," Capt. A.J. Balbo, the lead prosecutor, said in his closing argument. "The defense says he accomplished all his missions. Except the most important one — showing up."

Mejia's commander in Iraq, Capt. Tad Warfel, said the verdict would send a message that "deserters are punished, regardless of what their arguments are or their excuses."

Mejia told jurors that one of the turning points for him was an ambush his unit faced in Ramadi, when he said four soldiers were wounded by shrapnel and he saw an Iraqi civilian decapitated by U.S. machine gun fire.

"So things change, perceptions change," Mejia said. "You lose perspective of the value of human life. It happens."

Mejia was led out of the courthouse by military police with his hands cuffed behind his back to a waiting patrol car. Some civilian supporters shouted words of encouragement, including "Bravo, Camilo!"

Defense lawyer Louis Font said in his closing argument that Mejia made "an honest mistake of fact."

"This case clearly is about what was in the accused's mind," Font said.



DELIVERING THE GOODS — Snyder mail carriers collected 3,800 pounds of food during their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive recently. Among those carriers that helped were Adelpha Sauceda, James Sheehan, Delbert Jenkins, James Powell, Elizabeth Smith, Joe Thacker, Chuck Colvin and Thomas Hestand. The carriers wanted to thank their customers who left the donated food for them to pick up. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kerry may delay party nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Boston this July can look forward to plenty of speeches, schmoozing, balloons and confetti. What they may not be able to count on is choosing their presidential nominee.

John Kerry's campaign said Friday he is considering delaying his nomination to gain more time to capitalize on his record-breaking fund raising and reduce President Bush's multi-million-dollar financial advantage.

The proposal would allow the Massachusetts senator to hold off spending his $75 million general-election budget by an extra month. Democrats would still hold their convention July 26-29, five weeks before the Republican National Convention in New York.

Kerry and President Bush are each expected to accept $75 million in full federal funding for their general election campaigns. Once nominated, the candidates will be limited to spending that money and can no longer raise or spend private contributions.

The Kerry campaign "won't fight with one hand behind our back," spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said Friday.

"Democrats are fighting more aggressively and in a more unified way this year than ever before," she said, adding that "we have the resources do it."

Kerry's campaign and the Democratic National Committee are considering the specifics of such a plan. Cutter said the nomination officially occurs after the delegate roll-call vote, so Democrats may have to find a way to recreate that or change party rules to delay the vote's effect for a month.

A Democratic official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one possibility is changing the rules to provide that the nomination will take place Sept. 1.

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night. The Iraqis are struggling to lead themselves, but it is definitely an uphill climb.

"I am most familiar with the Iraqi Corrections Service (ICS), their national prison system. I am very optimistic that we have chosen the right man to lead this fledgling organization. I am able to associate with him daily. He possesses the raw talent and insights to lead this organization and we hope to assist him in reducing the natural learning curve of this challenge.

"We are struggling to find competent personnel to assist him as virtually everyone who had any experience at executive levels gained that experience under Sadaam Hussein. We are essentially developing new leaders, and that requires time. The ICS is still many months away from being able to stand on its own as a functioning agency for a new nation.

"Iraq is a war zone, with all the attendant hazards. It is not safe anywhere in Iraq. We do all that is practical to mitigate the risks. Our focus is on returning home safely to our families once that time comes. Wrong has to be confronted. I think we understand that it is better to confront it in Iraq and elsewhere in the world rather than having to confront it on our own lawns in the USA.

"If we fail to confront it in Iraq, then I understand that we will see it in our own neighborhoods in the not so distant future. To me that is a clear picture. If that means I have to go to Iraq to meet the enemy, then so be it. My family is spared the grief I see daily among the people of Iraq, and that makes me being there worthwhile.

"Our team of corrections advisors has grown from the initial team of three to a team of sixty, and we are building to a team of more than one hundred. Of that, four (including me) are from Post and one is from Lubbock. It is truly encouraging to see people in whom I can trust standing up and being counted. My daily prayer is that we will all return home safely.

"It is incredibly distasteful to know about the abuses perpetrated by soldiers at the Abu Ghraib prison. I know many of those soldiers who had positions of responsibility at the time of these incidents, and it is both personally disgusting and professionally disappointing to learn of these incidents. The team of contracted civilian prison advisors with whom I am associated had no involvement with these matters.

"The alleged abuse took place in a portion of the prison into which we had no access; the abuse occurred prior to our even having sufficient personnel in-country to establish a presence at the Abu Ghraib Prison Complex; and, the ICS had not responsibility for those prisoners and still does not have any contact with them today.

" This was solely a function of the military units assigned there. Our team has absolutely no access to them, we have no contact with them, and we have no knowledge of what they do there. I wish I could be more helpful in describing what goes on in that highly restricted portion of the prison, but I simply have no first-hand knowledge of activities there.

"One of our former translators, a young Iraqi attorney that worked with our team of advisors for several months, was recently hired by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. He came to see me last week to express his appreciation for assisting him in getting his new job. He had just returned from two weeks of training in Washington, D.C.

" He told me, with tears in his eyes, that he was awestruck that any American would willingly leave such a grand country to come to Iraq and suffer with him and his family in order to help them attain what we already enjoy as Americans. He is but one of the hundreds of Iraqis we see daily.

"I hope this helps you communicate to your readers what we are about in Iraq. We have a historical opportunity to help spread democracy to a part of the world that has suffered without it for generations. In all our noble ideals, and yes, with all our human frailties, we are simply called to do that which is right in the sight of Almighty God. Helping the people of Iraq is right.

Thanks.
J. Terry Bartlett



INDUCTED — Ashlei Lopez, a student at Bonham Junior High School, has been inducted into the school's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, citizenship and character. Members must also maintain a 3.5 GPA on regular classes or 4.0 in GT classes and complete two community service hours each semester. Ashlei, a former Snyder student, is the daughter of Lori Lopez of Odessa and the granddaughter of Lupe and Hope Lopez of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

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Parents turn to court to stop bullying

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — He was just 12 years old when the taunts began. Though straight, his classmates called him gay and teased the girls who befriended him.

His parents talked to officials in the small, rural school district, but the derision continued until their son dropped out of high school last fall at the age of 16 and earned his GED.

In years past, that might have been the end of the story. But education groups say more and more parents are taking school officials to court for failing to stop other youngsters from bullying their children.

That's what the teen's parents did earlier this month when they sued school and district officials in Tonganoxie, Kan., about 30 miles west of Kansas City. The suit alleges the school enforced its sexual harassment policy when it involved male students harassing female students but did nothing when classmates began calling the boy offensive names.

The family, who asked that their name not be used, is seeking unspecified damages. The suit alleges that before their son dropped out of school, his grades began to suffer and his family doctor prescribed anti-depressant medication and recommended counseling.

"I called everyone I thought could help me, and I just couldn't get it stopped," said the father of the 6-foot tall, 190-pound, second-degree black belt. "It's like my son didn't matter."

Messages left by The Associated Press for the school district's attorney, Steven Pigg, were not returned.

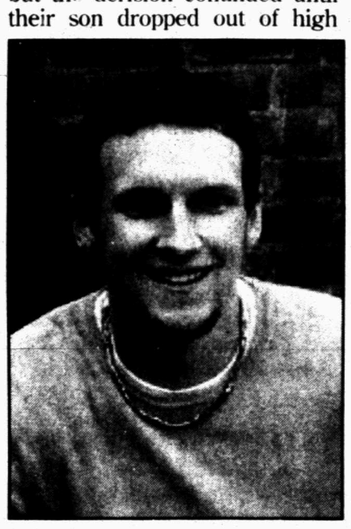
Though it's hard to quantify the prevalence of such suits — a spokesman for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America said they aren't tracked — some say this type of litigation appears to be on the rise.

The Anchorage School District settled a lawsuit out of court earlier this year with a family that said their 14-year-old son tried to kill himself and was left permanently brain-damaged because of relentless bullying that school staffers knew about but didn't stop.

In January, the Eugene, Ore., School District agreed to pay $10,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of a boy who was bullied and later attacked on a school bus. Local and national news programs aired footage of the October 2002 attack, which was taped on a bus camera.

Similar lawsuits also have been filed in Canada, Australia and England.

"I wish school systems would protect students from harassment and bullying because it is the right thing to do. But if they are doing it because they are afraid of being hit with lawsuits, bring on the lawsuits," said Kevin Jennings.



GRADUATE — Joshua Evans Heaton graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington on May 15, majoring in history. Heaton is the son of Evans and Hope Heaton of Snyder. He is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School. (Contributed Photo)

Receive degrees

LEVELLAND — Students from Snyder were among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises.

Snyder recipient of the associate of applied science degree is Holly Weaver, computer aided drafting and design.

Snyder recipients of the certificate of proficiency are Kali Clements, Amanda French and Afton Sutter, with highest honors, cosmetology.

Michael Gibson gets music scholarship

CANYON — More than 30 students in the department of music and dance at West Texas A&M University have received scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year for their outstanding musical achievement.

Michael Gibson, senior music composition major, received the Ruth and George Eason Piano/Double Reeds Scholarship.

He is the son of John and Denise Gibson of Snyder.

Whatever happened to...

Tammy O'Day Neves, daughter of Bob and Monette O'Day of Snyder, now lives in San Antonio.

She is a 1980 graduate of Snyder High School where she was active in choir and Industrial Cooperative Training. While attending Western Texas College she was golf sweetheart, campus favorite, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She graduated from West Texas State University in 1984 earning a BSN degree. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.



Tammy O'Day 1980



Tammy Neves 2004

Tammy has been an obstetrical nurse in labor and delivery for 12 years at SWT Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Now engaged to Gannon Green of Sulphur, La., she works part time as a nurse educator for Eli Lilly.

She enjoys gardening and watching the San Antonio Spurs' games.

Tammy has two children, Tiffany Neves, 15, and Tanner Neves, 13.

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Jimmy Huff elected leader of Harding Student Association

SEARCY, Ark. — Jimmy Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder, was elected president of the Harding University Student Association for the 2004-2005 school year.

Huff and two other students presented their election speeches to the student body during the university's daily chapel service last month. Two days later, he was elected president with a majority vote.

Huff, a senior computer engineering and vocational ministry major, is excited about the opportunity to lead the student body.

"I want our focus next school year to be on building bridges," Huff says. "I want to build bridges between students and administration, students and students, and students and local churches."

Huff also hopes to boost support for various teams and organizations through events that encourage student participation. "I hope students will come to all kinds of events, not limited to sports," he said. "If the band has a concert or some other organization is doing something, I want students there supporting them."

Finally, Huff wants to create a relationship with the students and community churches through coordinated campus and local service projects. " A lot of students come from a great church family and they need to be supported by a church when they are here at Harding," he said.

Huff is determined to accomplish his goals while in office. "The thought to run came to me about a year and a half ago," Huff recalls. "I wanted to make sure I wasn't running just to be running — I wanted to make a difference for the student body."

Gets scholarship

Holly Weaver of Snyder received a scholarship from the South Plains chapter of the American Petroleum Institute.

API representatives and scholarships recipients were honored at a luncheon hosted by South Plains College.

Receive scholarship

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Pickens College of Business recognized outstanding students recently. Yuriela Vela, a freshman accounting major was awarded the Pickens College of Business Scholarship.

Starnes, Judah on LCC honor list

LUBBOCK — Jacinda Judah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, and Leslye Starnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Starnes, all of Snyder, have been named to the president's list at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester.

In order to be considered a part of the president's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Surfing added to high school sports

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — Surf's up for Hawaii's high schools.

Riding the waves was made an official high school sport Thursday by the state Board of Education, convening on Maui. The decision whether to have a surfing team will be up to each school.

Before voting 9-0, board members heard about an hour of testimony mostly in favor of sanctioning the sport.

Despite its history as the birthplace of surfing, Hawaii had never allowed recognized interscholastic high school surfing teams because of concerns over safety, cost and liability.

"I want my 16-year-old son to have the chance to surf at home for his high school," said longtime Maui surfer Snake Ah Hee.

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Financial Focus

Walk Through Finances Before Strolling Down the Aisle

Soon, it will be June — a popular month for weddings. If you are planning to exchange vows then, you've obviously got a lot to think about beforehand. But, in the midst of going over wedding plans, don't neglect a topic that will be important during your entire married life — your finances.

Open and honest communication is the key to a successful marriage — and communicating about money is essential. That's why you will want to get off on the right foot by learning now how you and your partner's finances and financial attitudes fit together.

Of course, you may be thinking that talking about money during the pre-wedding rush can add to the stress of what may already be a hectic time. But if you just block off a few hours on a day when you have no other plans, you should be able to make a lot of progress. In any case, you'll certainly need to revisit your financial situation and attitudes on a regular basis throughout your marriage.

For starters, though, here are a few questions to ask of each other:

• *What are your financial assets?* — You'll want to find out the scope of each other's assets: savings, investments, retirement plans, etc. This information will serve as a foundation from which you can base your short- and long-term financial goals — such as buying a house and saving for retirement.

• *What are your debts?* — Here's the flip side of the asset question. You might find it hard to ask about each other's financial obligations, but it's vitally important that you share this information — because, whether you realize it or not, you may end up sharing some of these debts. Find out about student loans, car loans, mortgages, credit card bills - everything. While going over these debts, you may even get some ideas about how you can consolidate them.

• *What expenses shall we share?* — Sooner or later, most married couples face the "two checkbook or one" question - but there's no one "right" answer. How you handle the payment of your living expenses is really a personal matter. Many couples have found a workable solution by paying major expenses — mortgage, car payment, utilities, etc. - out of a joint checking account, while still maintaining separate accounts to handle incidentals, gifts and other costs incurred by just one partner.

• *What type of investor are you?* - At first glance, you might think that having a different investment personality than your partner would not be such a big deal. And yet, a substantial number of couples do experience tension when one partner wants to invest much more aggressively than the other. While there's nothing stopping you and your spouse from maintaining separate investment accounts, you may find that, in many cases, you may actually do better by pooling your resources into joint investments. And so, you each may have to compromise to accommodate each other's preferences; the aggressive partner must be willing to play it a bit safer to reduce volatility, and the conservative partner needs to accept a bit more risk in exchange for potential higher returns. As you shape your investment portfolio, you may want to work with a financial professional — someone who knows your collective needs and goals, and who can recommend a course of action that's suitable for your common interests. Going over your finances this way may not be as much fun as planning a honeymoon - but it can definitely help you build a harmonious life together.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How hygenic is the communion cup?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give your opinion about the practice of people drinking wine from a common chalice in church. Is the small wipe with a white linen cloth enough to kill all the germs that must inhabit the lip of the vessel? Could the alcohol in the wine kill all the microorganisms? I shudder to think of the multitude of diseases that can be spread in this holy (or unholy) tradition in the church.

DEAR READER: Drinking from a communion cup, as is common in many church services, is certainly unhygienic — at least in theory. Many types of viruses can be spread in this manner, as can a variety of bacteria. Wiping the lip of the chalice pays little more than lip service in terms of eradicating harmful microorganisms.

Although I am unaware of any definitive medical studies showing that a common communion cup has been the cause of infections, some clergy are concerned enough about the practice to alter the tradition and use small individual cups, much as some congregations employ.

Your question is a good one and your concerns are reasonable.

The common cold virus could certainly be spread by a common cup, as could a host of other viruses.

I want to remind my readers that I am not addressing this issue on theological grounds. Rather, I choose to emphasize the potential physical hazards of a tradition that predated, by hundreds of years, the discovery of infectious microorganisms. Given today's medical knowledge, churches would be prudent, responsible and reasonable to revise this ancient tradition to protect the health of their congregations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm in my late 40s, two years after a hysterectomy, and have begun suffering debilitating once-a-month cramps that last as long as two hours per session. Could this be a hormone imbalance?

DEAR READER: I doubt it. A hormone imbalance could certainly lead to symptoms of menopause (moodiness, hot flashes and so forth), but not to abdominal cramps. Such monthly cramps in menstruating women are ordinarily the result of uterine spasms. Inasmuch as your uterus was removed, such contractions are impossible.

You may be experiencing pain from muscle contractions in other organs, such as the intestine. Ask your family physician and your gynecologist to put their heads together and suggest a strategy whereby your problem can be diagnosed and treated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was sickened by your blatant bigotry and stupidity when you answered a reader and said that fat people harbor bacteria on their bodies that lead to body odor. You should accept the fact that overweight people have no monopoly on body odor. Have you ever smelled an athlete at the end of a workout? Perhaps the reader was using the wrong kind of soap or needed to change her deodorant.

Fat people are not inferior to thin individuals. This is a stereotype, much like others: Jews are tightwads, women are helpless, Germans are cold-hearted, Native Americans are savages, doctors are self-righteous money-grubbers, etc.

Fat people, who may be extremely creative and intelligent, are often denied jobs and other opportunities. Most of us spend our entire lives trying to lose weight; when we do, we usually regain it plus more. When we stay stout, we are the objects of contempt, abuse, shame, insults and discrimination. We are often unfairly berated and scolded by doctors.

Dr. Gott, you have a problem. It smells of bigotry and stinks of ignorance. You need a few new brain cells. Clean up your act!

DEAR READER: Whew! Are you ticked off! And I'll bet you that I am not the cause of your rage.

In my answer to the original question, I noted that bacteria and yeasts are easily harbored in the nooks and crannies of obese people's skins. These microorganisms can, without a doubt, cause body odor because they chemically react with perspiration.

Of course, identical reactions occur in thin people, too — but not to the same degree because such people have fewer pockets in the skin in which the microorganisms can thrive.

As you pointed out, a change of soap or deodorant may solve the difficulty.

I have no problem with overweight individuals, about whom I am careful of making cosmetic judgments. However, from a purely medical standpoint, I would be abdicating my responsibility if I failed to emphasize that obesity is increasing in the United States and consistently leads to serious health consequences, such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, among other complications.

Therefore, it makes sense for stout people to address these potential problems by losing unwanted adipose tissue. Although some obese folks are absolutely unable to shed pounds by following diets, the vast majority can. Thus, I recommend that they learn to accept appropriate dietary restrictions, such as low-fat, no sugar, modest portions, no alcohol or junk food. This change in eating habits almost always works, and — if adhered to regularly — will not lead to the weight-loss/weight-gain "yo-yo" effect that poses more risk than simply being fat and staying that way.

I am aware that obese people experience discrimination in our society. This is unjust and I abhor it. Nonetheless, obesity clearly increases the risk of illness, so shifting it to a social (rather than a health) issue isn't going to make it disappear.

Perhaps you could more constructively channel your rage by seeking medical attention, in hopes that you will choose to alter your diet and lose weight. Even if your weight loss on the diet were short of spectacular, you would experience the conviction and confidence that you are no longer a "victim" of your weight; in a sense, even a modest improvement would alter how you feel about yourself. You would, at long last, be in control of a portion of your life.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can one spouse contract cancer from the other? My husband has prostate cancer and I have breast cancer. Should we be careful about letting anyone drink from our glasses? Can we safely kiss each other?

DEAR READER: Cancer is not contagious. It is not spread like infection from one person to another. Therefore, you and your husband can safely continue to enjoy intimacy. In addition, you needn't be concerned that you will "infect" friends in a normal social context.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Citizen's Center is a non-profit organization that serves the senior citizens of the community. It is located at 2603 Ave. M and the phone number is 573-4035.

All new retirees and newcomers are invited the to visit the facility and join in the activities and the noon meal. The center's goal is to add quality to the lives of all seniors through services and nutrition.

Those who are interested in serving others, or require assistance, may call or visit the site. There is no membership fee but a $2.50 donation is requested for meals. Guests are welcome, though guests under 60 must pay $4 per meal.

The noon meals, offered Monday-Friday, offer one third of the recommended daily allowance of nutrients for an individual. The center has contracted with the federal nutrition program and receives funding for each meal they serve.

Financial support is also provided by Scurry County, the city of Snyder, Western Texas College, the memorial fund and by private donations.

On May 24-28 a basic Internet course will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon and introduction to Microsoft Office from 1-3 p.m. The cost for each class is $20. For more information call 573-4035.

Volunteers are always needed for the Meals-On-Wheels program, to serve lunch, register meal participants and quilting. Ask for Glenda Hollingsworth if you can help with the program.

This week's schedule is:

Monday — Party bridge begins at 9 a.m. and Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. Both groups play through the morning. Dominoes, pool and quilting take place each weekday.

Tuesday — Volunteers will be needed to help with May Day crafts at 9:30 a.m. The senior center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and a dance at 7 p.m. The Prowlers will perform. The cost of the dance is $4, with no charge for the games.

Wednesday — Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m., Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. and pinochle at 1 p.m. Both the Skip-Bo and pinochle groups meet in the bridge room.

Thursday — Bingo begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 11:30 a.m.

Friday — Bridge and 88 begins at 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure reading will be taken from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will conduct a Memorial Day program at 11 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
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Pinto Beans
Cherry Cutie Pie

TUESDAY
Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Green Beans
Peaches & Cottage Cheese
Peanut Butter Cookies
Garlic Toast

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Salad
Sliced Tomato/Lettuce Leaf
Tater Tots
Banana Pudding
Assorted Crackers

THURSDAY
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Mashed Potatoes
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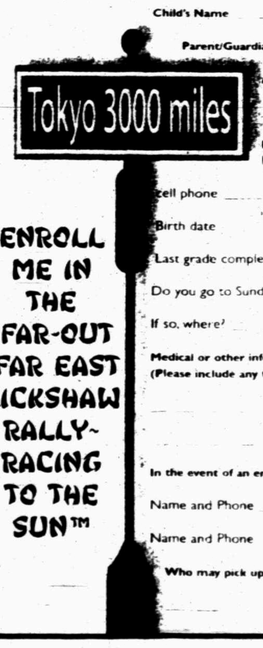




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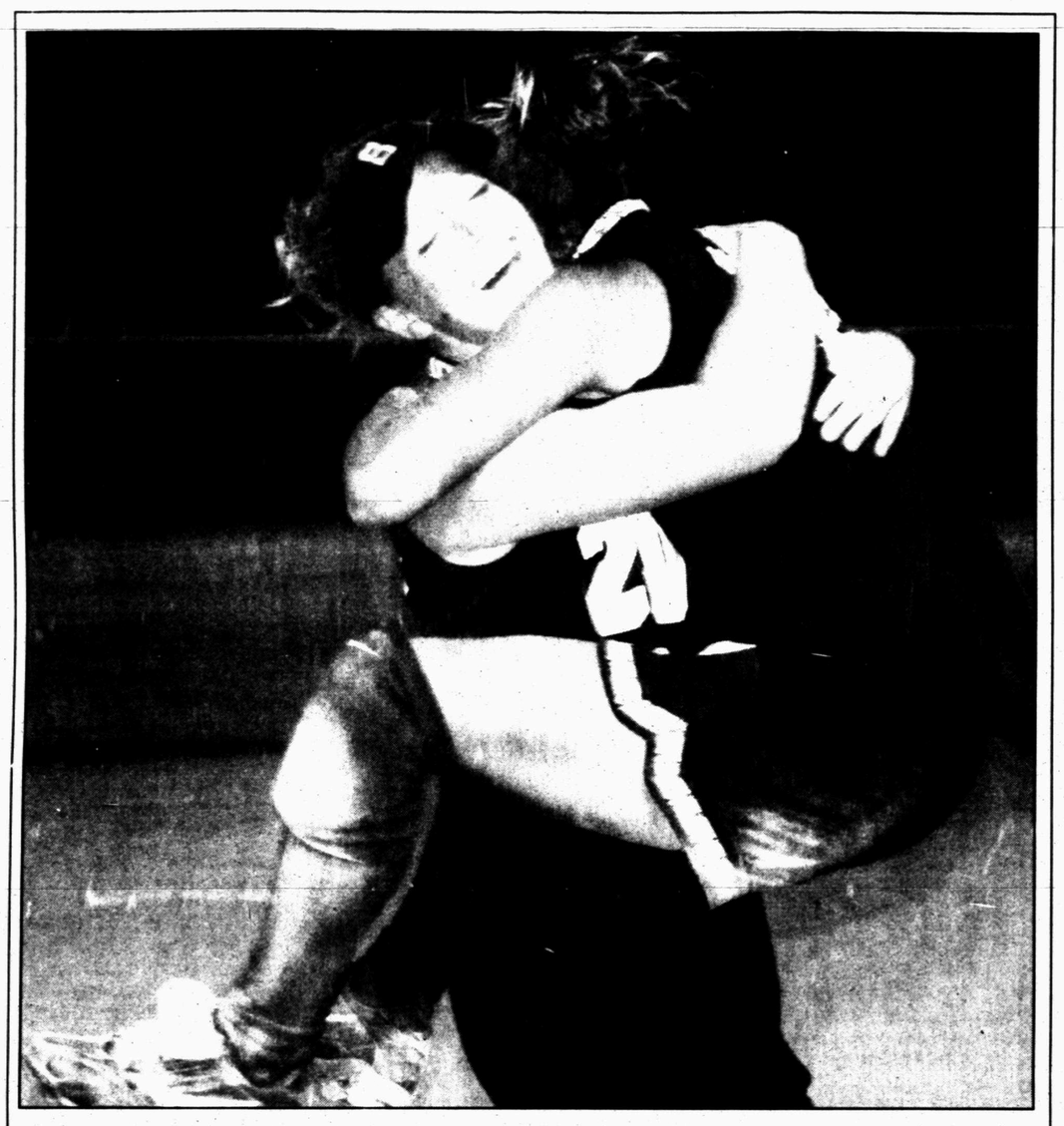
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UP IN ARMS — Shalea Thompson, above, catches Missy Vasquez for a mid-air hug after the latter scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning in Friday's regional quarterfinal game against Decatur. The Lady Tigers move on to the Region I finals against Monahans and a shot at a state tournament berth with the win. At left, winning pitcher Ashley Martinez gets an emotional embrace from Kelsi Johnson's mom, Vicki. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

REGIONAL FINALISTS!

Lady Tigers top Decatur in classic pitchers' duel

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

BROWNWOOD — The Lady Tigers just keep going and going.

And one more go around and they are going to the state tournament.

Snyder (24-10) advanced to the Region I finals on Friday, breaking a 2-2 tie with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to stun District 7 champion Decatur, 3-2, and set up a battle with District 4 champ Monahans next weekend.

Missy Vasquez, who had three of Snyder's six hits and scored two of their runs, cracked a single with one out in the seventh, then stole second to move into scoring position. After Laura Clanton struck out against Decatur fireballer Kosi Dobbs — who fanned 13 in the game — Ashley Martinez stepped to the plate as the Lady Tigers' last shot before extra innings.

Head coach Darren Pool started Vasquez from second as Martinez laced a rope up the middle for the game-winning RBI, setting off bedlam on the Snyder bench and in the standing-room-only bleachers.

Vasquez said she knew she would score once she stole second, and was thinking just one thing after the ball left Martinez' bat.

"Run hard, run hard, we're going to win," she said, shouting above the din of the on-field celebration.

"This one was special," Pool said. "They handled everything. They have learned to fight. There's not much give up in these girls."

Snyder fell behind, 2-0, in the third inning on a single and a triple. They were the only hits allowed by Martinez, who struck out two and did not issue a walk.

The team battled back to tie it in the fifth. Clanton drew a leadoff walk, and was driven home on a double by Vasquez. Vasquez came around with the tying run on an error.

Martinez, the team's pitching stalwart all year, came through with another masterful performance from the circle. She did not allow a base runner over the final three innings to nail down the win.

"They were more aggressive swinging at the first pitch, so that told me to be more aggressive," she said.

On the final swing of the game, Martinez said she was just looking to put the ball in a hole.

"When I saw it go through I was about five feet in the air," she said. "It's one of the greatest feelings I've ever had."

Martinez said she knew the team had a chance to make a deep playoff run.

"I knew that if we played hard, we could do it," said Martinez, who has allowed three runs in 35 innings pitched in the playoffs.

Others were still in a state of disbelief after the victory.

"It doesn't seem real," said second baseman Kelsi Johnson. "I knew it was our time. All you can do is yell."

The win sets up a date with Monahans, which stopped Iowa Park, 3-1, on Friday, with a site and time to be determined.



THAT'S A WINNER! — Head coach Darren Pool coaxes Missy Vasquez home for the game-winning run while Laura Clanton races out of the dugout in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday. It is the first berth in the regional finals for the Snyder softball program. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Rangers spoil A-Rod's return

ARLINGTON (AP) — With his first swing, Alex Rodriguez silenced the booing fans who greeted his return to Texas.

A few innings later, the sellout crowd had plenty to cheer about — mostly from the kids A-Rod was so glad to leave behind.

Laynce Nix hit a pair of two-run homers, Mark Teixeira doubled twice and scored three runs and rookie Frankie Francisco struck out Rodriguez, helping the Texas Rangers rally from a three-run deficit to beat the New York Yankees 9-7 Friday night.

In his first game against Texas since being traded in February, Rodriguez got off to a dramatic start by hitting a two-run homer in his first at-bat. Rodriguez celebrated briefly while rounding third, cocking his right fist and softly pumping his arm.

The Yankees stretched their lead to 4-1 in the fourth, then Rodriguez saw the players he mocked as "24 kids" go ahead with four runs in the bottom of the inning off Kevin Brown (5-1), who allowed five runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Texas led 9-4 going into the ninth and Rodriguez helped New York made it close by drilling a one-out single off the glove of Alfonso Soriano, the player he was traded for. He scored on a single by Gary Sheffield.

Rodriguez finished 2-for-5. He grounded out to Soriano and nearly hit into a double play in his other at-bats.

Most of the crowd celebrated Rodriguez's mistakes, although he drew mild applause for his homer and several nice defensive plays at third base.

Joaquin Benoit (2-1) pitched five innings for the win. Francisco struck out four in two scoreless innings, then Francisco Cordero struck out the final two batters for his 14th save in as many chances. Cordero allowed two inherited runners score.

The sellout crowd of 49,195 began jeering A-Rod as soon as his No. 13 was visible at the top of the visitors' dugout about 20 minutes before the first pitch. He won over some fans by signing autographs soon after, but the boos were back when he was announced for the first time.

A-Rod has learned quickly that he and the Yankees are scorned wherever they go. This trip was unique because in February he was traded by Texas three years into a record $252 million, 10-year deal that left fans dreaming of reaching the World Series for the first time.

Even though Rodriguez expected a bitter reception, he said before the game that he didn't deserve it.

"I won an MVP, two Gold Gloves and three player of the year (awards)," he said. "The way I played between the lines was special."

Despite his personal success, the Rangers flopped, finishing last all three years. Owner Tom Hicks decided to slash the payroll and he got his highest-paid player's permission to be traded.

Canyon bats, arms too much for Tigers Friday

WOLFFORTH — The Tigers now have a hill to climb.

Canyon's Billy Jordan hit a three-run homer and the Rangers chased Snyder starter Ty Collier after 2 2/3 innings, taking a 1-0 lead in the regional quarterfinal series with a 10-2 victory Friday night.

The Tigers needed to win both games Saturday to keep their playoff run on track.

"We just have to forget it and come out (Saturday) and start fresh," head coach Charles Bollinger said.

Collier retired the first two batters he faced in the game, before plunking the next two to set up Jordan's home run.

Collier left in the second with the Tigers trailing 6-0.

"We just have to get ahead of hitters and not serve up meatballs," Bollinger said. "Ty pitched pretty well, he just got behind and made a couple of mistakes."

The Tigers used four pitchers in the tilt, with Williams relieving Collier in the second. Ryan Mitchell and Lico Castillo also got in some work, and Bollinger said any of the four would be available to start game two Saturday.

Canyon smacked 12 hits in the game and kept the pressure on the Tigers, scoring their final four runs in the sixth.

Blake Grimmett put the Tigers on the board in the third inning with a solo home run, and Snyder (23-5) added a run in the seventh.

The 3-0 deficit put Snyder on the defensive at the plate, forcing them to press against Canyon's ace lefthander Lance Dougherty, who went five innings.

"We need to take the lead early (Saturday) and play from in front," Bollinger said.

Jordan was slated to start for Canyon (21-8) in game two, which was scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The starter for Snyder was to be a game-time decision, according to Bollinger.

Shaq's maid murdered at his Sugar Land home

SUGAR LAND (AP) — A housekeeper was stabbed to death Friday at a suburban Houston home owned by Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal, and the woman's son was charged with murder.

Alice Williams, 37, and her son were cleaning the home when they began fighting, police said. Tristan Williams, 18, stabbed his mother several times with kitchen knives, investigators said.

Arnetta Yardbourgh, who lives at the home, saw the stabbing and called authorities, said police spokeswoman Pat Whitty.

Yardbourgh and O'Neal have a 7-year-old daughter from a previous relationship. O'Neal's agent, Michael Parris, said the girl wasn't at the home.

O'Neal was in Minneapolis, where Los Angeles beat the Timberwolves 97-88 on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

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Diver, 61, to swim Yucatan Channel

AUSTIN (AP) — As a scuba diver, Paul Ellis has explored coral reefs the world over. Brimming with color and marine life, they are his passion.

Saving them is his mission.

At 61, Ellis is training for the swim of a lifetime. On Aug. 5, he'll splash through a 35-mile endurance quest from Cozumel to Cancun across Mexico's Yucatan Channel. The goal is to raise awareness of the peril facing the world's coral reefs.

The swim is 14 miles longer than crossing the English Channel, but distance is only one challenge.

Darkness, currents, tiger sharks and jellyfish promise to make it one of the toughest tests this former Marine has faced. He'll jump in about 1 a.m. and won't come out for 12 hours.

"I'm no superswimmer," Ellis said after a recent training session at Austin's Barton Springs pool. "I'd better be ready. It's a long black way from Cozumel to Cancun."

Ellis' doesn't look like an extreme athlete begging for a risk and a shot of adrenaline. His calm conversation and Average Joe appearance — he stands about 5-foot-10, 195 pounds with graying hair — hides a confident, free-spirit attitude.

A helicopter pilot in Vietnam, he once rode cross-country on a motorcycle. The founder and chairman of Austin Business College, he's been a local education activist, helping spearhead a literacy campaign in the city.

I'm not a daredevil," he said. "I'm an educator."

The environment is his most recent crusade, son Tres Ellis said.

"That's kind of a new twist," he said. "As a diving family, we've always been environmentally conscious but that wasn't a driving thing for him."

Ellis said he's been saddened by what he's seen in 30 years of scuba diving.

"I have seen through my own mask the astonishing deterioration of the coral reefs of the world," Ellis said.

Scientists say most of the world's coral reefs are in decline because over overfishing and pollution. Ellis hopes his swim will help change that.

A public relations firm is promoting his quest, a film crew is shooting a documentary and local television stations featured a recent seven-mile practice swim on the Colorado River.

He has spent more than $30,000 of his own money on the effort. His ultimate goal is to get 1 million people to donate time and money to marine conservation.

A 2002 report by the Institute of the Environment's Reef Check program at the University of California, Los Angeles found that virtually all of the world's reefs showed signs of declining health, with much of the damage done over the last 20 years.

O'Neal, Lakers crush Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota's basketball-loving populace waited 45 years for a playoff game with this much importance — since the 1959 Minneapolis Lakers won the old West Division.

The Timberwolves would have loved to wait a few more days.

Shaquille O'Neal had 27 points, 18 rebounds and a superb performance at the free-throw line, and Kobe Bryant added 23 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 97-88 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals Friday night.

The Lakers were nearly flawless in the second half, making just two turnovers and running their offensive sets to perfection. They finished the game on a 9-2 run, with Derek Fisher hitting his third 3-pointer with 58 seconds left to clinch it.

But just 48 hours after wrapping up a grueling seven-game victory over the Sacramento Kings, the Timberwolves seemed to run out of energy late in the opener of the franchise's first trip to the conference finals. Kevin Garnett played with little of his usual spark, and Sam Cassell was bedeviled by his aching back.

"We caught this team on a night they didn't have great energy," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's key for us to get home court tilted in our direction."

Game 2 is Sunday night, and the series moves to Los Angeles on Tuesday night. Detroit and Indiana will open the Eastern Conference finals Saturday night in Indianapolis.

When Minnesota fouled O'Neal, the 38-percent playoff foul shooter went 9-for-11. He credited his sudden proficiency to an article given to him by Jackson — about an 80-year-old man who made more than 3,000 straight free throws.

"I've just really been focusing on my routine," O'Neal said. "The article said that if you focus too much on the result, you fail."

Playoff excellence also is routine for the Lakers, who moved to Los Angeles in 1960 after winning five championships in Minneapolis. In a workmanlike victory that ended with a 9-2 run, they showed why they're playing for their fourth conference championship in five years.

Garnett had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, and Latrell Sprewell scored 23 points. Though the Lakers pointed out the Timberwolves' apparent weariness, particularly down the stretch, Garnett and Sprewell rejected that excuse.

"Fatigue is not an issue here," Garnett said. "This is the Western Conference finals. Either you suck it up, or you go home. This is not the time to be tired. Fatigue is not a word I'm going to use, ever."

But Cassell limped back out to the court at halftime, then sat out the final 13 minutes when his back tightened up. The Wolves missed his offensive creativity — and his defense on Fisher, who scored eight straight points late in the third quarter to give Los Angeles its first big lead, then hit the clinching 3-pointer.

Karl Malone had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who seemed unaffected by the Timberwolves or their deafening Target Center crowd. Los Angeles won its fifth straight game.

"We really didn't do anything special tonight," Bryant said. "We stuck to our basic defensive principles. ... Now, a good opportunity is here to go back with two wins, and we need to try hard to seize it."

Neither team took a significant lead until late in the third quarter, when Fisher's back-to-back 3-pointers were followed by another from Kareem Rush. Fisher added a jumper with 2.1 seconds left, and the Lakers went into the fourth up 78-67 while holding Minnesota without a field goal in the final 3:41.

The Timberwolves got to 88-86 on Sprewell's jumper with 4:04 left, but the Lakers rolled to the finish, starting with Devean George's electrifying one-handed dunk.

"Most of the game, we had good energy," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said.

Mulder no-hits Royals through 6

By The Associated Press

Athletics 7, Royals 0

At Oakland, Calif., Mark Mulder carried a no-hitter into the seventh and pitched his third straight complete game, and Bobby Crosby homered twice for the Athletics.

Mulder (5-2) pitched a three-hitter for his eighth career shutout, and struck out six and walked none. Mike Sweeney lined a single to left leading off the seventh for Kansas City's first hit.

Crosby and Marco Scutaro homered in back-to-back at-bats in the third off Brian Anderson (1-6).

Tigers 5, Mariners 0

At Seattle, Nate Robertson (3-3) allowed six hits in seven innings, Carlos Pena hit a two-run homer and Eric Munson added a solo shot in Detroit's second shutout this season.

Ichiro Suzuki's three singles gave him 2,001 hits in nine seasons in Japan's Pacific League and four in the major leagues. Gil Meche (1-4) struck out a career-high 11 but Seattle was shut out for the fifth time.

White Sox 8, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Mark Buehrle pitched seven solid innings, and Timo Perez and Jose Valentin each hit two-run homers for Chicago.

Buehrle (4-1) gave up two runs on seven hits and tied his season high with eight strikeouts.

Carlos Silva (5-2) lost his second consecutive start — both to the White Sox — after winning his first five decisions.

Angels 5, Orioles 3

At Anaheim, Calif., Jose Guillen drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with a single off Darwin Cubillan during a four-run eighth and threw out a runner at the plate from left field.

Scot Shields (4-0) allowed one hit over 1 1-3 innings for Anaheim, which is a major league-best 27-15.

Mike DeJean (0-4) relieved Eric DuBose after seven innings and gave up three straight hits on five pitches.

Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 5

At Boston, Manny Ramirez's solo homer broke an eighth-inning tie and Pokey Reese drove in three runs for the Red Sox.

Simon Pond hit his first major league homer for Toronto, a solo shot that tied it at 5 in the seventh. But Boston sent 11 batters to the plate in the eighth, scoring six runs.

Mike Timlin (3-1) threw two perfect innings in relief. Micheal Nakamura (0-3) took the loss.

Devil Rays 5, Indians 3

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Jose Cruz Jr. went 4-for-4 with a homer and three doubles, and Tampa Bay won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Relievers Trever Miller (1-1), Lance Carter and Danys Baez combined for six scoreless innings for the Devil Rays, who needed 40 games to record back-to-back victories.

C.C. Sabathia (2-2) allowed four runs and nine hits in seven innings.

Major League Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	23	17	.575	—
Florida	23	18	.561	½
New York	20	22	.476	4
Atlanta	19	21	.475	4
Montreal	14	28	.333	10
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	24	17	.585	—
Chicago	23	18	.561	1
Cincinnati	23	18	.561	1
St. Louis	23	19	.548	1½
Milwaukee	21	19	.525	2½
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	4½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	—
San Diego	23	19	.548	—
San Francisco	18	24	.429	5
Colorado	17	24	.415	5½
Arizona	16	25	.390	6½

Friday's Games

St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 6
San Francisco 6, Montreal 5
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4
N.Y. Mets 9, Colorado 7
Cincinnati 7, Houston 4
Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 0
Florida 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles (Weaver 2-5) at Atlanta (Wright 2-4), 12:20 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Rusch 1-0), 12:20 p.m.
Arizona (Sparks 2-3) at Florida (Penny 4-2), 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 3-3) vs. Montreal (Vargas 3-2) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Germano 0-0) at Philadelphia (Hancock 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Cook 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Yates 1-4), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Clemens 7-0) at Cincinnati (Harang 4-1), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 2-0) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-5), 12:05 p.m.
Colorado (Estes 6-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 5-2), 12:10 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-3) at Cincinnati (Lidle 2-4), 12:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 4-2) vs. Montreal (Day 3-4) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D.Davis 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 6-2) at Philadelphia (Padilla 3-4), 12:35 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 4-4) at Florida (Willis 4-2), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-3), 7:05 p.m.

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	17	.595	—
New York	24	17	.585	½
Baltimore	20	18	.526	3
Toronto	17	25	.405	8
Tampa Bay	12	28	.300	12
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	24	17	.585	—
Minnesota	24	17	.585	—
Detroit	20	21	.488	4
Cleveland	18	22	.450	5½
Kansas City	13	26	.333	10
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Anaheim	27	15	.643	—
Texas	24	17	.585	2½
Oakland	23	18	.561	3½
Seattle	14	27	.341	12½

Friday's Games

Boston 11, Toronto 5
Tampa Bay 5, Cleveland 3
Texas 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 2
Oakland 7, Kansas City 0
Detroit 5, Seattle 0
Anaheim 5, Baltimore 3

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 1-2) at Texas (Drese 2-1), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Greinke 0-0) at Oakland (Zito 3-3), 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Waechter 1-4), 5:15 p.m.
Toronto (Lilly 2-2) at Boston (P.Martinez 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Cotts 0-1) at Minnesota (Radke 3-2), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Johnson 2-5) at Seattle (Pineiro 1-5), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 3-3) at Anaheim (Escobar 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland (C.Lee 5-0) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 2-4), 12:15 p.m.
Toronto (Batista 2-3) at Boston (Wakefield 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 3-4) at Texas (Dickey 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 3-2) at Minnesota (Santana 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 4-2) at Seattle (Garcia 1-3), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Cabrera 2-0) at Anaheim (Sele 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 0-3) at Oakland (Harden 2-3), 3:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ex-Stanford coach to guide Golden State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mike Montgomery left Stanford to take the coaching job with the Golden State Warriors. Montgomery replaces Eric Musselman, who was fired Wednesday night after two seasons.

It was the first major hire by Chris Mullin, who became the Warriors' executive vice president of basketball operations a month ago. The announcement came a day after Mullin announced Rod Higgins would be the team's new general manager.

Volleyball booster club

There will be a mandatory volleyball booster club meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the main gym. Call coach Laura Moses at 436-9067 for more information.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth-graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

NBA Playoffs

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Tuesday, May 25
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27
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Calgary at Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner, 7 p.m.
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Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner at Calgary, 7 p.m.
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Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 3
Calgary at Tampa Bay-Philadelphia winner, 7 p.m., if necessary
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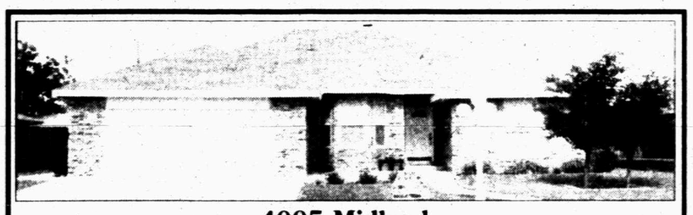
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2317 42nd 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1cg $37.5T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 ..$31.5T
3726 Ave. U 3-1-1cp $29.5T
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Saturday, May 22, 2004
Today is the 143rd day of 2004 and the 64th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1807, Aaron Burr, was indicted for treason.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the Truman Doctrine, intended to combat the spread of Communism.

In 2002, ex-Ku Klux Klan member Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted and sentenced to life for his role in a 1963 Alabama church bombing that killed four African-American girls.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner (1813-1883), composer; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), writer; Sir Laurence Olivier (1907-1989), actor/director; Morrissey (1959-), singer, is 45; Naomi Campbell (1970-), model, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1977, Janet Guthrie became the first woman driver to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." — Harry S. Truman

TODAY'S FACT: The Ku Klux Klan was first formed in 1866 in order to terrorize blacks who voted.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 13 — number of operas composed by Richard Wagner.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 19) and first quarter (May 27).

Sunday, May 23, 2004
Today is the 144th day of 2004 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1846, Mexico declared war on the United States.

In 1900, Sgt. William Harvey Carney was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for an act of heroism during the American Civil War — the first action by an African-American to merit the award.

In 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany was established.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), writer; Rosemary Clooney (1928-2002), singer; Joan Collins (1933-), actress, is 71; Drew Carey (1958-), comedian/actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1922, Gene Tunney suffered his only boxing career loss to Harry Greb, who, along with the win, collected the vacant American light-heavyweight championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I now know all the people worth knowing in America, and I find no intellect comparable to my own." — Margaret Fuller

TODAY'S FACT: Germany was reunified into one country in 1990.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,459 — number of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 19) and first quarter (May 27).

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Man gets year in jail for perjury

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who admitted to conspiring to mislead authorities investigating the yogurt shop murders of four teenagers in 1991 has been sentenced to a year in federal prison.

Patric Norris Davidson, 38, was the best friend of Michael Scott, a convicted killer in the case who is serving a life sentence.

Davidson, who was sentenced Friday, pleaded guilty in March to telling varying stories to investigators about his role in disposing of a gun that Scott may have used in the murders.

It is unclear if he ever received a gun from Scott and if so, what happened to it.

Eliza Thomas, 17, sisters Sarah and Jennifer Harbison, 15 and 17, and Amy Ayers, 13, were stripped, bound and shot in the back of the head during a robbery at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt in Austin.

The case stymied Austin police until 1999, when Scott, Robert Springsteen IV and two other men were arrested.

Scott and Springsteen were convicted, and Springsteen was sentenced to death. A grand jury failed to indict one of the other men arrested, and charges were dropped against the fourth.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks called Davidson's sentence, which was part of a plea agreement, "troublesome."

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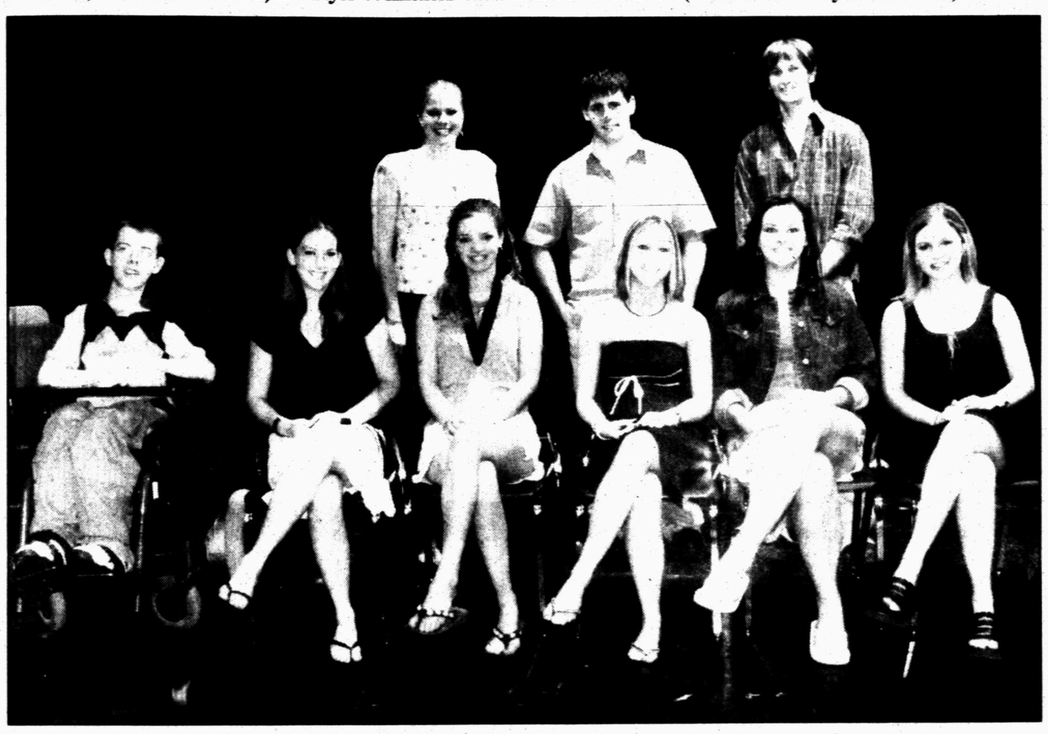
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TENTH GRADE A HONOR ROLL — These Snyder High School sophomores are included on the A honor roll for 2003-2004. They are also listed in the top 10 percent of their class. Standing from left are Seth Cooper, Jason Cave, John Birks, Will Floyd, Bryan Clifton, Chase Ashworth and Austin Lyle. Seated from left are Christi Williams, Glyn Wright, Megan McCormick, Emily Jones and Ashly Pavlovsky. Not pictured are Barrett Bowlin, Fran Leighton, Amber Luecke, Garrett Pinson, Dustyn Williams and Aaron Winder. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



TENTH A-B HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School 10th graders listed on the A-B honor roll for 2003-2004 are standing from left, Morgan Bilderback, Blake Scott and Cade Simpson; seated are Tanner Hunter, Kayla Hartzog, Jessica Calvert, Dondi Brock, Teddi Crenwelge and Temi Thompson. Not pictured are Yuliana Arellano, Starla Bruton, Tara Kubena, Cale Lancaster, Annette Martinez, Sirena Medrano, Lindsey Morin, Calvin Nobles, Joel Tarin, Jessica Taylor, Shaela Vineyard and Kiki Wofford. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



NINTH A HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School ninth graders named to the A honor roll and listed in the top 10 percent of their class are back row from left, Jada Bilano, Starla Early, Krista Dorsett, Terann Ragland, Corbin Smith; front row, Claire Morris, Cinthia Arellano, Courtney Tyrrell, Megan DeLoera and Kendra Birks. Not pictured: Hollie Berryhill, Brett Bowlin, Sarah Covington, Ashley Luecke, Amanda Rivera, Jeremy Rodriguez, Jordan Stansell, John Whitworth, Sydney Wright and Shannon Mangis. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Health ministers tentatively agree on landmark plan for fighting obesity

GENEVA (AP) — In a decision seen as a triumph of public health over the sugar industry, the world's health ministers tentatively agreed Friday on a landmark plan to fight a growing trend of obesity and diseases caused by poor diet and exercise habits.

The nonbinding agreement, expected to be formally approved Saturday by the governing body of the World Health Organization, is a blueprint for countries trying to develop policies that make it easier for people to eat healthier and exercise more.

It offers a comprehensive menu of options for heading off a worldwide explosion in obesity and other diseases linked to diet and physical activity, including diabetes, heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis, malnutrition and tooth decay.

The plan's recommendation to limit sugar intake became the focus of controversy early on as health advocates feared that objections by sugar-producing countries were going to derail it.

"It is a victory for public health that this went through without the sugar industry destroying it," said Dr. Kaare Norum, a Norwegian obesity expert who advised WHO on the development of the plan.

Brazil, a major sugar producer, said agreement was reached after language was inserted to ensure the plan could not be interpreted as "a tool for any kind of trade distorting measures such as subsidies."

"It's not only a health document. It's a political document which contains guidelines. Countries have to feel comfortable," a senior Brazilian delegate said on condition of anonymity.

Independent health advocates said the changes did not compromise the strength of the diet plan.

The global strategy sets out recommendations such as the reduction of sugar, fat and salt in processed food; the control of food marketing to children; as well as more comprehensive nutrition labeling and health education.

It also provides ideas on ways to make healthier choices easier at school, work and home.



NINTH A-B HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School ninth graders named to the A-B honor roll for this school year are back row from left, Tyler Driggers, Michael Mann, Heather Derington and Staci Lee; front row, Beth Witte, Laura Culwell and Ramsey Herrera. Not pictured are Brianna Bernal, Rebekah Brown, Tyler Clifton, Katy Crenwelge and Whitley Fulford. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 23, 2004

Benefits will develop for you in the year ahead by maintaining an optimistic, positive attitude about life. Opportunities will be all about you — all you have to do is take an active role in making things happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Those you are close to are the ones who you should turn to today if you now need assistance in fulfilling an ambition. Lay all your cards out on the table and they'll come through for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Display an optimistic and positive attitude concerning that which you are promoting today. With an upbeat disposition you can ignite genuine enthusiasm and an eagerness to jump on board.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're extremely adept today in helping yourself and associates achieve important objectives. Lady Luck will be in your corner the minute you set the agenda and remain until completion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It's a good day to dissect a problem that has been annoying you. By taking it apart you'll find the perfect solution that will be great for all concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Follow your instincts today involving any financial situation you might be faced with. You won't need to take any needless risks, yet be bold when necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Disengage yourself promptly from any negative thinkers today. Associate only with people who believe they are lucky and their optimism and good fortune will rub off on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Beneficial conditions are surrounding you today concerning any large goal or ambition you may have. Expectancy and alertness will help you spot your advantages as they occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lady Luck is looking exceptionally kindly upon any endeavor you choose to engage in today. This is especially true in areas where you express yourself artistically or creatively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your material prospects are extremely encouraging today and although this may be a day of rest, you can further increase your financial position by developing what you have at hand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a strong possibility that some good news is on its way today pertaining to one of your larger personal interests. Respond promptly and proceed forward with optimism.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is an excellent day to explore all the options at your disposal that could further your goals in life. Your mind is sharper than usual and it can even subliminally figure out the best routes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An optimistic spirit draws a plethora of friends around you today who will be more than willing to do what they can to make your life happier. Mingle with a couple of influential pals.

Monday, May 24, 2004

You may have to work harder in the year ahead, but increased earnings are in the offing because you could be amply motivated to further your material base. That which you acquire now could be substantial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your nose to the grindstone today and place business matters that involve your financial affairs above all other issues. First and foremost, you must protect your personal interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Fortitude and determination will prove to be your two best weapons for challenging developments that you may find yourself confronted with today. Do your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you may have to keep it under your belt for the moment, today you can make a vital contribution to a project another person has going on. You'll be rewarded for your effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An old valued friendship that has needed work for some time can be resurrected today. You'll have to give it some of that valuable time you can't spare, but it'll be worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Conditions are ripe today for accomplishing something you've wanted to get your hands on for some time but have thus far been hampered from being able to. Strike while the iron is hot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Putting your heads together today with associates who have know-how and talent to mull over a serious situation should work out quite well. Collectively, you can solve a difficult problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A source of [illegible] you've been worried about can be protected and perhaps even expanded a bit today by taking the bull by the horns and doing what you have to do to secure it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're smart enough to work with even those you may not like too well in order to accomplish an important goal today. You'll put up with most anything in order to advance your interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It might seem to you that certain coworkers may be trying to get your goat today, but if you keep your head and not let it get to you, you'll be the one who'll come out on top.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Everybody could be a bit unnerved today and take things out on others, including you. But with your natural ability for tolerance, they'll secretly be thanking you for your kindness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Putting personal business aside for the moment may be called for today in order to take care of an important family matter, but there will be nothing more important to you than those you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you'll be diplomatic and polite, no one is apt to be mistaken as to where you stand on any issue of importance that arises today. You'll not mince words nor stand on ceremony.

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Honduran man gets death for killing girl

HOUSTON (AP) — A Honduran immigrant convicted of capital murder in the death of a 15-year-old during a spree of killings, robberies and sexual attacks in Houston in 2002 has been sentenced to death.

Edgardo Rafael Cubas, 25, was convicted May 10 of capital murder in the death of Esmeralda Alvarado — a Lamar High School sophomore who made good grades, took part in ROTC, danced ballet and wanted to be a lawyer.

Cubas showed little expression Friday as state District Judge Jan Krocker said he would die by lethal injection, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Saturday editions. No execution date is set, and an appeal is automatic.

Walking to the elevator, Cubas' father, Fernando Cubas, who now lives in Houston, said in Spanish that the trial was unfair and that his son was incapable of the killings but had confessed after two days of interrogation.

Defense attorney Gilbert Villarreal said the appeal, by another lawyer to be appointed, will likely focus on the confession.

"By the time the last officer finished his interrogation, he was exhausted and he finally admitted what they wanted him to say," Villarreal said.

Juror John Lestock described detectives' taking of Cubas' videotaped confession — screened for jurors, with printed translations into English — as "very by the book."

Villarreal said his client has lived an "exemplary" life in Honduras and during most of two years in Houston, working two jobs — installing insulation and cleaning offices — until police arrested him.

Villarreal told jurors Cubas fell under the influence of ex-convict Walter Alexander Sorto, 26, who received a death sentence in November for two of the other murders.

Prosecutor Troy Cotton told jurors that Cubas was the instigator in many of the attacks and was involved in five slayings and four robberies or attempted abductions — some of them without Sorto.

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SBC, striking union resume negotiations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Talks continued Saturday between SBC Communications Inc. and a union representing striking workers.

Three days had passed with no formal talks when negotiations between SBC and the Communications Workers of America resumed Friday afternoon in Chicago, New Haven, Conn., and Pleasanton, Calif., and Austin.

"We've been saying all along that we wanted to meet with the company as soon as possible," said CWA spokeswoman Candice Johnson, whose union represents about 100,000 SBC employees.

Workers began picketing early Friday in the 13 states where San Antonio-based SBC is the dominant local phone provider. Their jobs as telephone operators, clerical workers, linemen and service representatives were being filled by 40,000 SBC managers and retirees.

The company said its highly automated communications network was running at "its normal 99.99 percent reliability," though there were some reports of difficulties.

In Detroit, several calls by a reporter to directory assistance were answered with a recording that they could not be completed due to heavy call volume. In Los Angeles, another reporter received a similar message.

SBC spokesman Walt Sharp quipped the heavy volume may be due to "all the media people calling to check."

While union members picketed Friday, John Kerry, the likely Democratic nominee for president, sent a letter to SBC Chairman and Chief Executive Edward Whitacre.

Kerry questioned SBC's use of lower-paid contract workers, some of them overseas, in its high-speed Internet, wireless data and other sectors. Access to jobs in new technologies is one of the CWA's key issues.

The Massachusetts senator said he realizes that telecom competition is sharp, but "given the strength of SBC's financial performance, I am troubled that SBC has not responded more favorably to the union goals of providing job opportunities in future technologies and maintaining hometown employment."

Photos, testimony detail more abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison were ridden like animals, fondled by female soldiers, forced to curse their religion and required to retrieve their food from toilets, according to a published report Friday.

The Washington Post, in its Friday editions, also published new photographs and shots from a video of the alleged abuse and sexual humiliation of Iraq prisoners by U.S. soldiers. The newspaper said the material, including secret sworn statements from prisoners, came from evidence being assembled from investigations into possible criminal charges against U.S. soldiers.

The photographs depict a U.S. soldier apparently preparing to strike a shackled detainee, a hooded inmate collapsed with his wrists handcuffed to the railing and a baton-wielding soldier appearing to order a naked detainee covered in a brown substance to walk a straight line, though his ankles are shackled.

Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick is the soldier in the photo of a naked man covered with a brown substance standing with his arms outstretched and his ankles shackled, Frederick's uncle, William W. Lawson, said. Frederick is also shown in a video clip on the Post Web site, watching while another soldier apparently hits a detainee in the face and then forces a second detainee to take a position on all fours.

Frederick's civilian lawyer, Gary Myers, said he hadn't seen the pictures but the fact that Frederick appears in some images from Abu Ghraib "is not necessarily news to us." Myers declined to comment on Frederick's role in the alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

The Post said it obtained hundreds more pictures and several digital videos of the abuse. In one photo, a cornered inmate is cowering as a soldier tries to restrain a large black dog with both hands. In another, a soldier appears to be kneeling on naked detainees.

In secret testimony to military investigators in mid-January, detainees said they were beaten and humiliated by American soldiers working the night shift at Tier 1A in Abu Ghraib during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, according to the Post.

The Post also said detainees told investigators they were forced to denounce Islam or force-fed pork or liquor, required to masturbate in front of female soldiers, threatened with rape, and made to walk on all their hands and knees and bark like dogs.

Eating pork, drinking alcohol, and masturbation are forbidden in Islam.

"They said we will make you wish to die and it will not happen," the newspaper quoted one detainee, identified as Ameen Saeed Al-Sheik, as saying.

Blood drives slated Tuesday, Wednesday

United Blood Services will hold its quarterly blood drive in Snyder beginning Tuesday and continuing on Wednesday.

Tuesday's drive will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host Wednesday's drive in the donor coach from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

All blood donors will receive a T-shirt and a mini-physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

Tornado hits small Iowa towns

BRADGATE, Iowa (AP) — A tornado cut a path through northwestern Iowa on Friday night, causing heavy damage in two small towns. A state officials said 15 people were injured.

Rolfe, population 721, and Bradgate, population 124, suffered some of the worst damage from storms that unleashed rain, lighting, high wind and hail across the Midwest.

Flooding was blamed for at least one traffic death in Ohio, and three people died when trees crashed onto cars in Michigan.

In Iowa, Pocahontas County sheriff's officers said the tornado moved through the golf course and cemetery areas in Rolfe before ripping through Bradgate in neighboring Humboldt County.

"I was out at the farm and listened to the scanner and they reported tornadoes going toward Bradgate," Mayor Martin Brown said. "I heard the Humboldt County sheriff calling for an ambulance. He said his leg was broke and the town was destroyed. We got here and he was right. It was destroyed."

Ambulances from surrounding counties were sent to the scene, but a statement issued by Humboldt County sheriff's officials said most of the injuries were cuts and bruises and broken bones.

Ellen Gordman, state director of homeland security, estimated 90 percent of the 50 or so homes in Bradgate were destroyed or suffered major damage.

About 15 people were injured in the two towns, and thousands of people across the state lost power, Gordman said.

The state, Gordman said, is helping at Bradgate with lighting for security and would be working through the night.

"Temporary sanitary facilities for the community, plenty of bottled water, that type of thing," she said.

Gordman said the biggest challenge through the night would be flooding that was starting in northern Iowa.

"Every house has been damaged. It's just awful," Bradgate resident Sue Wallace said in a telephone interview.

"All the windows on one side of the house have been blown out," Wallace said. "Our dog kennel is gone. The dog's OK."

She said a 1-year-old girl initially thought to have been missing was found.

Iraqi deputy minister wounded in car bomb blast outside home

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded outside the home of a deputy interior minister Saturday, wounding him and killing at least five people, including four police. The blast hurled two cars onto the front lawn of the house, and police fired shots to disperse distraught bystanders who scuffled with them.

Abdul-Jabbar Youssef al-Sheikhli, the deputy minister in charge of security, was slightly injured in the forehead and right arm, said Hassan Hadi, a Health Ministry official. "I expect he will leave the hospital in a short time," Hadi said.

Al-Sheikhli is a member of the Shiite Muslim Dawa party, which lost a prominent member this week in another fatal car bombing. On Monday, the president of the Iraqi Governing Council, Dawa member Izzadine Saleem, was killed along with at least six other people near the headquarters of the U.S.-run coalition in the capital.

Also Saturday, the military said a U.S. soldier was killed and three others from the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division were wounded in an attack on their vehicle south of Baghdad, and a Marine died in a non-hostile incident. It said the soldiers' vehicle was "ambushed by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device" in Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad. The statement did not say when the attack occurred.

The military said the Marine, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, died Friday near Camp Fallujah, west of Baghdad, while "conducting security and stability operations."

In Najaf, south of Baghdad, fighting broke out Saturday between U.S. forces and the militia of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr near the city's police directorate and the governor's office. In combat there Friday, a mortar round fell 10 yards from the house of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq's most prominent Shiite cleric. It wasn't clear who fired it.

In Karbala, another holy city where the two adversaries have engaged in intense battles in recent days, officials of al-Sadr and al-Sistani said separately that militiamen and U.S. forces had agreed to stop fighting there.

Obituaries

Adam Grove

1981-2004

Adam Lyle Grove of Corpus Christi died Saturday, May 15, in Memorial Regional Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Graveside service for Mr. Grove, 23, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Rocky Alexander, minister of the Ira Church of God, officiating.

Born March 16, 1981 in Snyder, Mr. Grove was a Monahans High School graduate and had moved from Snyder to Corpus Christi about two months ago.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Alvis Leon and Debbie Grove of Lubbock; his mother and stepfather, June and John Stewart of Snyder; two brothers, Andy and Alvis Grove, both of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Sharon and Kimberly Grove, both of Snyder; and his grandmother, Nette Grove of Idalou.

Two arrested Friday

• ***Arrests***

A 51-year-old male was arrested at 11:35 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of 35th Street on warrants for a parent contributing to non-attendance at school and failure to appear.

Police responded to a disturbance call in the 4600 block of Ave. R at 10:18 p.m. Friday. A 32-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

• ***Disturbance***

A call from Central Elementary at 4:01 p.m. Friday reported that a woman was refusing to leave the campus after being asked. The subject left when police arrived.

• ***Unauthorized use of vehicle***

A 14-year-old boy reportedly took his father's vehicle without permission from the 1800 block of U.S. 180 at 5:57 p.m. Friday. Police recovered the vehicle and released the boy to his father.

• ***Gas drive off***

Police responded to the Allsup's on College Ave. at 11:56 p.m. Friday to a report of a Chevrolet pickup driving off without paying for $11.94 worth of fuel.

• ***Suspicious male***

A suspicious male was reported in the 1900 block of College Ave. sneaking behind the bushes at 11:26 p.m. Friday. Officers were unable to locate anyone.

• ***Motorist assists***

Officers assisted six motorists Friday.

• ***Livestock on highway***

A bull and several cows were reported on the roadway two miles west of Hermleigh at 11:50 a.m. Friday.

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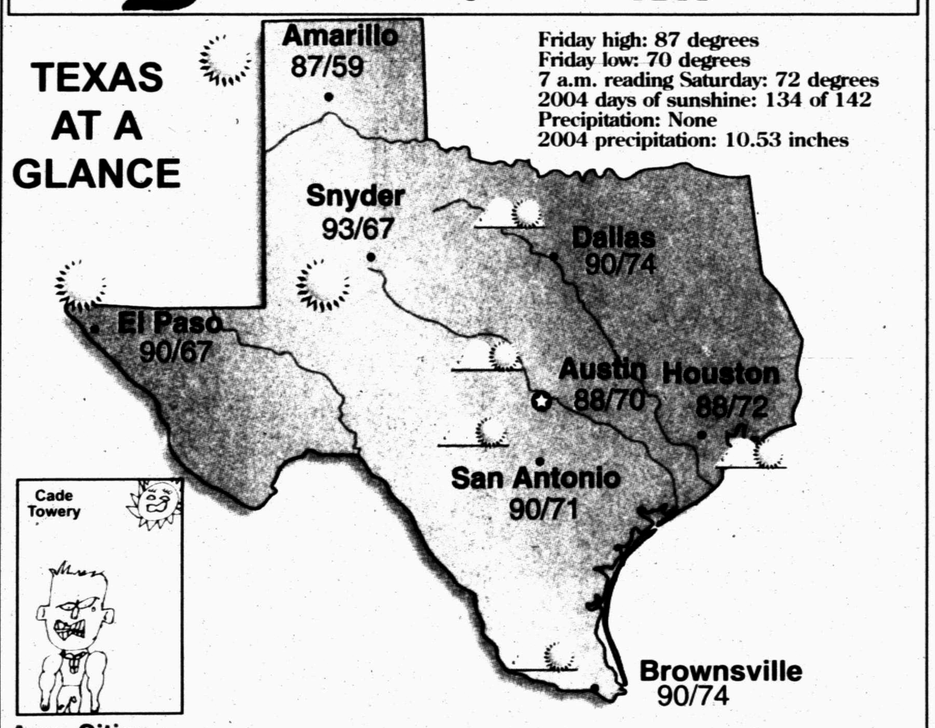
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 5/23	Mon 5/24	Tue 5/25
93/67	97/69	98/70
Abundant sunshine. Hot. High 93F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Friday high: 87 degrees
Friday low: 70 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 72 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 134 of 142
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.53 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	70	mst sunny	El Paso	90	67	sunny	Midland	95	66	sunny
Amarillo	87	59	sunny	Fort Stockton	95	66	sunny	Raymondville	91	72	pt sunny
Austin	88	70	pt sunny	Gainesville	89	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	88	71	pt sunny	Greenville	88	70	pt sunny	San Antonio	90	71	pt sunny
Brownsville	90	74	pt sunny	Houston	88	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	89	70	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	69	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	72	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	87	74	pt sunny	Livingston	88	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	94	68	mst sunny
Corsicana	88	70	pt sunny	Longview	89	69	pt sunny	Tyler	90	69	pt sunny
Dallas	90	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	91	62	sunny	Weatherford	89	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	92	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	93	69	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	65	mst sunny	Houston	88	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	93	69	sunny
Boston	68	57	t-storm	Los Angeles	68	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	51	pt sunny
Chicago	79	62	t-storm	Miami	86	76	pt sunny	Seattle	64	50	rain
Dallas	90	74	pt sunny	Minneapolis	62	47	rain	St. Louis	87	70	t-storm
Denver	78	49	t-storm	New York	85	70	t-storm	Washington, DC	91	72	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
May 19	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 9

UV Index

Sun 5/23	Mon 5/24	Tue 5/25
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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Even good things end someday

Six people are retiring at Stanfield Elementary, including four teachers

(Editor's Note: SDN distributed questionnaires to retiring SISD personnel. Stories will be written about those who respond.)

Six people are retiring at Stanfield Elementary including three teachers, a secretary and an aide. Teachers are Linda Cozart, Sherry Patterson and Carolyn Martin. Barbara Gowin is the school secretary and Donna Wilson is an aide.

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LINDA COZART

Resource teacher Linda Cozart has taught in Snyder for the last 30 years. "Most of that time has been at Stanfield although I have taught at North, Northeast and Central. I also taught in Abilene and Copperas Cove schools. I have taught nearly all elementary grades."

Cozart earned a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. In 1976, she earned a master's in education at Sul Ross University.

Cozart said she has loved teaching in Snyder. "It has made it possible for me to be involved with the families of students I have taught."

She noted that she has taught several students from one family and has even taught the second generation several times.

That's why she sometimes calls herself a "grandteacher."

Cozart comes from a family of teachers, including her mother, Nell, who was a school nurse for SISD. Her husband, Stanley, is also a retired teacher.

She added that her sister and her husband, Georgia and Marvin Lee, have taught and are retired from Rockwall schools.

Brooke Mackey, her daughter, teaches kindergarten at East Elementary.

Cozart's retirement plans include "being more involved with my family, including a granddaughter, Bethany Mackey, daughter of Chris and Brooke Mackey and another child is due this summer.

"I hope to keep them a lot," Cozart said.

She also wants to travel to see her other grandchild, Matthew Cozart, son of David and Lori Cozart. David will graduate this month from Truett Seminary of Baylor in Waco with a master's of divinity degree.

"Stanley and I love to travel and spend time with the family so it (retirement) will be fun."

Her mother, Nell Spence, lives in Snyder.

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SHERRY PATTERSON

Sherry Patterson, second grade teacher, has taught 27 years in Snyder, including 11 at Stanfield. Her first teaching assignment was kindergarten at Central Elementary. Then she taught 15 years at West Elementary — including kindergarten, second grade, Distar, third grade and fourth grade.

Patterson earned her bachelor of science in education from Angelo State University.

Patterson loves teaching. "I will always have the wonderful memories of the children I had in class," she said. "The ways I have been touched by them will stay with me forever."

Though she is retiring, Patterson will remain active. She plans to read, improve her computer skills, play with grandchildren and "work on my golf game so I can play with my husband, Alton."

Children include one daughter and one son. Hayley and Clint Wilson live in Abilene with their two children, Pierce and Cash. Page and Tessa live in San Angelo.



Carolyn Martin



Neoma Harlin



Linda Cozart

Sherry Patterson

Barbara Gowin

Donna Wilson

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CAROLYN MARTIN

Carolyn Martin has taught 31 years in Snyder at four different campuses — Central, East, North and Stanfield. Assignments ranged from grades 1-4 and resource (formerly called the language lab).

She earned her bachelor of science degree in education from Texas Tech University.

Martin's favorite memories are seeing former students "mature and become productive citizens and having them come back to visit me. It has been especially interesting to see the way technology has affected education for both the student and the teacher."

Martin added, "I will always hold fond memories of all the wonderful people I have had the privilege of working along side of in the Snyder schools."

Retirement plans include helping her son, Trent, in the family business — contract oilfield pumping — and to spend more time with her family.

Martin also wants to travel especially with her grandson, Tanner, whom she calls "the joy of my life;" and her sister Gwen Henry of Pensacola, Fla. who is also retiring from teaching this year.

Martin's husband, Stanley, passed away in March 2003. Her children include two sons. Trent and wife Annette and their son, Tanner live in Ira. Reese and his wife Adrienne live in Abilene. He is stationed at Dyess AF Base.

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NEOMA HARLIN

Neoma Harlin, second grade teacher, has taught for 41 years including first grade in Fort Worth, first and second at Central Elementary, first grade at East Elementary, second and third at West Elementary, and kindergarten through second grade at Stanfield. She also taught at a privately owned kindergarten for five years.

"I have loved teaching school," Harlin said. I taught my own children (Kim and Trey) and their friends in kindergarten I have taught my friends children many of their grandchildren so that's been fun."

Just to name a few, she noted that she taught Carrie Crenwelge and her daughter, Carrie; Dale and Mary Ann Sands and their son Bobby; Brad Floyd and his son Raymond; Kenny Robinson and his son, John Miller.

Harlin earned her bachelor of

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By Shirley A. Gorman

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Gretchen Hollis
(Snaps by Staci)

Hollis to perform senior piano recital at MAWC

Mrs. Barbara Tune will present Gretchen Hollis in her senior piano recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Gretchen, daughter of Dawn Hollis and granddaughter of Wanda Grable of Clyde, began piano lessons in 1996. Since that time, she has entered all Lubbock contests and Abilene festivals. In addition, she is a member of the National Fraternity of Student Musicians.

During the eight years she auditioned for guild, she entered a national program of 10 pieces each year, receiving superior and superior plus ratings.

Tune presented Gretchen with Performance, Advanced, Outstanding Student of the Year, and Promising Beginner awards.

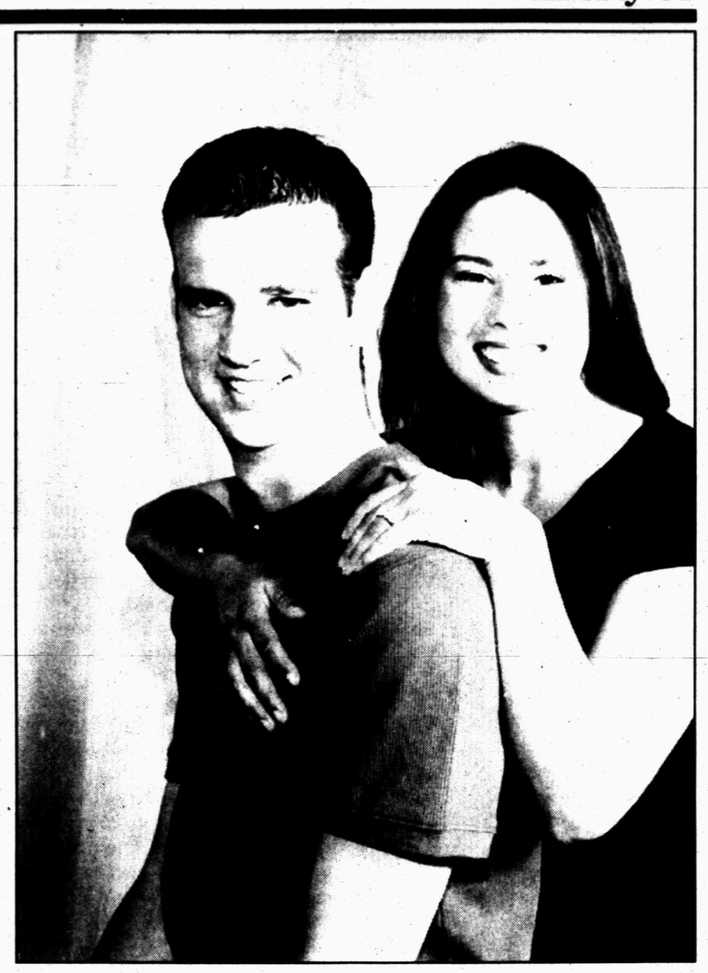
She plans to enter TCU in Fort Worth, majoring in broadcast journalism.

At Snyder High School, Gretchen is assistant sports editor of the Tiger's Tale. She has been in the top 10 percent of her class her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and was a member of the band her freshman and sophomore years. She participated in basketball as a freshman.

Selections for her recital are works of Beethoven, Albeniz, Mozart, Chopin, Bach, Debussy, Ecksteen, Gillock and Eckstein.



MARTIN-LEVENS ENGAGED — Mike and Marsha Levens of Snyder, parents of prospective groom Jeffrey Levens, announce his engagement to Courtney Martin. She is the daughter of Kevin Martin of Lamesa and the late Cynthia Martin. The couple will marry at 2 p.m. on June 26 in the First Church of the Nazarene in Lamesa. (Contributed Photo)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Roland Herrera of Corpus Christi, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Herrera, to Chad Furr. Chad is the son of Lawrence Furr and Charlotte Furr of Dallas. The wedding is set for 6 p.m. in Solomon P. Ortiz Center in Corpus Christi. (Contributed Photo)

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Pyron committee sets homecoming on September 4

A committee that has begun planning the Pyron homecoming for Sept. 4 at the Hermleigh Community Center needs addresses. They have homecoming every four years and some addresses have changed.

The event is not only for those who attended Pyron School, but for the community as well.

The committee asks for addresses to be sent to Viola Stirl at 13652 FM 644, Loraine, TX 79532 or call 766-3728; or to Mable Glass at 11681 Co. Rd. 4164 at Hermleigh, 79526 or call 863-2303 as soon as possible.

Truth that has merely been learned is like an artificial limb; it adheres to us only because it is put on. But truth acquired by thought of our own is like a natural limb; it alone really belongs to us.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

—Walter Bagehot

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-22-04
♠ A K 5 2
♥ Q 10 6
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 7 6 4

West
♠ 6 3
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 8 3 2
♣ K Q 8 5 2

East
♠ 9 4
♥ 9 7 5 4
♦ A K J 5
♣ A 10 3

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

If you know the way, take the wheel

By Phillip Alder

George Burns, who was a keen bridge player, said, "Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."

Defenders usually have to drive in tandem, like a learner and his instructor in a dual-control vehicle. But occasionally, one defender will see how to defeat the contract, and will be aware that his partner might not or cannot work it out. Whenever this is the case, the one "in the know" should grab the steering wheel and take control. So, if you are a cabby or a barber, you should have no trouble with today's deal.

Look at only two hands: North's (the dummy's) and East's (yours). Defending against three spades, your partner leads the club king. How would you plan to enter the garage with five tricks in the trunk?

North made a limit raise, showing 10-12 support points with at least four trumps. It is unappealing with 4-3-3-3 distribution and four points in "quacks," but a two-spade raise, an underbid, would be a bigger lie.

East can hope for three diamonds and two clubs. However, if East plays the club 10 at trick one and the club three at trick two (assuming partner continues with the queen, not a low club), West will have a guess. Should he shift to a heart, or a diamond?

East can steer his partner in the right direction. He should overtake the club king with his ace, cash the diamond king, then return the club three. If West doesn't win with the club queen and return a diamond, East will be cruising the room, looking for a new partner for the next deal.

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Bridge Scores

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club was directed by Monte West on Friday, and Jane Hinton on Tuesday.

Friday, May 14.
A Group
1. Bette Byrd — Dorothy King.
2. Linda West — Monte West.
3. Gwen Riggs — Carol Williams.
4. Margaret Birdwell — Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group
1. Gwen Riggs — Carol Williams.
2. Elizabeth Hall — Mary Lois Wilson.
3. Peggy Hardin — Pat Floyd.
4. Margaret Dillaha — Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, May 18
NORTH-SOUTH
A Group
1. Bette Byrd — Coleen-Palmer.
2. Betty Gibson — John Gibson.
3. Linda West — Monte West.
4. Gracie Craig — Dorothy King.

B Group
1. Betty Gibson — John Gibson.
2. Linda West — Monte West.
3. Gracie Craig — Dorothy King.
4. Dorothy Rosson — Margaret Dillaha.

EAST-WEST
A Group
1. Margaret Birdwell — Durelle Gorman.
2. Dora Blakey — Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Margaret Dillaha — Paula Gilbert.
4. Pat Floyd — Robbie Floyd.

B Group
1. Margaret Birdwell — Durelle Gorman.
2. Dora Blakey — Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Margaret Dillaha — Paula Gilbert.
4. Pat Floyd — Robbie Floyd.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch; breakfast offers a choice of juice and cereal and toast.

All Schools
BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Mixed Fruit
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast & Cereal
Wednesday
Spikes Choice
Thursday
Spikes Choice
Friday
No School

Elementaries
Junior High
High School
LUNCH
Monday
Manager's Choice
Tuesday
Manager's Choice
Wednesday
Sack Lunches
Early Release
Thursday
Sack Lunches
Early Release

Tuesday
Barbecue Sandwiches
Pickles/Onions
French Fries
Pineapple
Wednesday
Assorted Sandwiches
Lettuce/Tomatoes
Assorted Chips
Fruit
Thursday
Manager's Choice
(All entries subject to change)

Hermleigh

All meals include milk and a choice of juice for breakfast.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Assorted Muffins
Tuesday
Fried Pies
Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito
Thursday
Manager's Choice
Friday
Out of School

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Noodle Soup
Cheese Sandwiches
Pickles
Vanilla Pudding

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cinnamon Rolls
Sausage
Tuesday
Homemade Burritos
Wednesday
French Toast Stick
Bacon
Juice
Thursday
Biscuits & Gravy
Friday
No School

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fajita Burritos
Spanish Rice
Salad
Apple Crisp
Tuesday
Pizza
Mixed Vegetables
Bread Sticks
Fruit
Wednesday
Crispy Chicken Strips/Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pudding
Thursday
Hamburgers
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chips
Watermelon

Dawson gives advice for long marriage

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP) — Archie Dawson has some advice for any man wanting a marriage as long and successful as his.

"Just say 'Yes, ma'am' and 'No, ma'am,' and stay your distance," he joked.

He must know what he's talking about. Archie, 90, and his 86-year-old wife, Mary, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Wednesday.

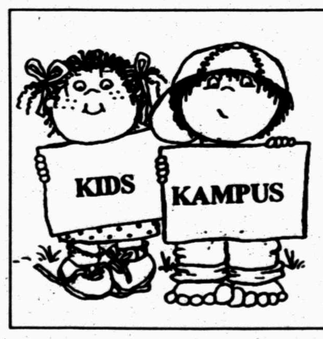
The two were wed May 12, 1934, at the York County Courthouse after Archie paid a magistrate $3 for the service. Archie considers it a bargain. The couple will have a reception to celebrate their milestone Sunday.

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CMH AWARDS RECEIVED — Lucille Clinkinbeard and Diane Braziel each received a 25-year award at the annual Cogdell Memorial Hospital's recent dinner at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. In the top photo (from left) are Laverne Holloway, OB, 15 years; Betty Woodard, HIM manager, 15 years; Clinkinbeard, OR; and Braziel, LVN. In the middle photo are Lori Baldwin, RN, supervisor; Kathy Eaton, central supply; Jana Helms, patient accounting; Kathy Huff, PDU; Laurie Sharp, lab; and Lyn Small, accounts payable and payroll; all received 10-year awards. In the bottom photo are Vicky Bell, specialty clinic; Sandy Smith, med/surg; Mary Perez, central supply; and Tracey Williamson, SS/assisted living all five-year awards. Not pictured are Marilyn Lockhart, surgery, 15 years; Valerie Crisp, med/surg; Nancy Messenger and Nina Sutton, Price Daniel Unit clinic, all five-year awards. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



SHS CLASS REUNION — The Snyder High School Class of 1954 met April 30-May 1 at the Grimmett Ranch. They also had a brunch and dinner at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Attending were from left, bottom row, Janeen Smith Kerley, Doris Sterling Spikes, Lanell Sutton Bomar, Roland Chadwell, Jacky Grimmett, Jeanine Simpson Watson, Jane Voss Simpson, C. Dwayne James, Mary Alice Richardson Dunn; second row, Lanell McCright Gannaway, Audralene Head Denny, Danna Floyd Hardisty, Donna Bills Sullenger, Jo Ann Henderson Prince, Willie Breedlove, Delona Key Blalock, Mary Fawvor Hale, Sandra Comer Graves, Juanita Cranfill Farquhar; third row, Clarence Hough, Keith Pitner, Myrna Walker Terrel, Janell McCright Bearden, Barbara Boydstun Scott, Mary Jon Angel Machart, Barbara Johnson Burney, Pat Dever Faver, Shirley Lilly Pate, Ray Gordon, Louise Crook Devenport, Joe Devenport, Charlotte Colley Smith; fourth row, Ray Courtney, Reagan White, Don McGregor; fifth row, Dan McGregor, Jim Massingill, Tommy Pate, Maxey Davis, Garland Newman, Richard Evans, Ralph Price, Bobby Glass, Ronald Neighbors, Chili Childress, Jerry Smith, Kenneth Lawrence and Jerry Franklin, not pictured.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, director

Did you know that May is National Barbecue Month? Drag out those grills and start the barbecue for Memorial Day.

Do you need some ideas? Then come to the Scurry County Library and check out our great resources.

Our newest barbecue cookbook is *Paul Kirk's Championship Barbecue*. In this cookbook, you will find the basics of barbecuing, marinades and rubs, and cooking with different types of meats.

As more look to healthier cooking, consider George Foreman's *Knock-out-the-fat Barbecue and Grilling Cookbook*. You will find how to cook everything from burgers to sweet potatoes on the grill.

Barbecuing Around Texas takes you away from the grill and directs you to the best barbecue spots in Texas. The locations are arranged by different sections of Texas.

Many in West Texas think of barbecue as being a beef-only meal or perhaps chicken, but with supermarkets carrying more and more fish, start thinking of grilling fish. If you have no ideas on how to proceed, consider the book, *Seafood Grilling Twice a Week*. Not only does this cookbook instruct you on the grilling of fish and shellfish, it even shows you in nice pictures how to fillet fish, how to cut fish steaks, how to clean a clam, and how to dress a crab.

Enjoy your upcoming holiday weekend with your family. The library will be closed Saturday, May 29, through Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day holiday. Until then, come visit the Scurry County Library and pick out a favorite cookbook.

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5. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dial)
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7. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket Star)
8. "Nighttime is My Time" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
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10. "Therapy" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)

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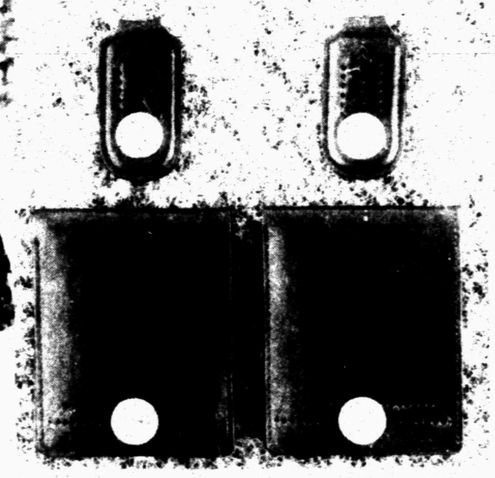
1. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston (Rodale Press)
2. "Big Russ and Me: Father and Son — Lessons of Life" by Tim Russert (Miramax)
3. "Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation" by Lynne Truss (Gotham)
4. "The South Beach Diet Cookbook" by Arthur Agatston (Rodale Press)
5. "Plan of Attack" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster)
6. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
7. "The Proper Care & Feeding of Husbands" by Laura Schlessinger (HarperCollins)
8. "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow (Penguin Press)
9. "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation" by Cokie Roberts. (Morrow)
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ATHENEUM OFFICERS — Dorothy Rosson, right, installed officers of the Atheneum Study Club last Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are Dorothy Kayser, treasurer; Margaret Glass, recording secretary; Carol Roark, corresponding secretary; Margaret Roach, second vice president; Wanda Falls, first vice president; and Burnell Hargrove, president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



4TH WEDNESDAY LUNCH-GAME DAY — Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly luncheon and game day Wednesday. Reservations are needed by calling 573-3427 by Tuesday evening. The cost is $8.50. Serving starts at 11:30 for those who work and cannot star for games. Enjoying a luncheon and game day were, from left, Christine Stuard, James Beaver, Wortham Loyd and Ouida Bruner. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30, games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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



EMMAUS GROUP MAKES MONETARY GIFT — Mesquite Country Emmaus members donated $1,000 to Gateway Family Services. From left are Trina Rodgers, secretary; Melissa Petty, lay director of MCE; and Pearlene Stewart, chairman of Gateway Services and spiritual director of MCE; Lyndia Allen, Gateway director. Not pictured is Jackie Hackfeld, MCE treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bill to ban low-slung pants draws catcalls

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A Louisiana state representative's idea to ban low-slung pants is making him the butt of colleagues' jokes.

When the bill came up for debate earlier this week, Rep. Derrick Shepherd, a Democrat, was met with catcalls on the House floor.

The bill would make it a crime to wear clothing in public that "intentionally exposes undergarments or intentionally exposes any portion of the pubic hair, cleft of the buttocks or genitals."

Launching a fiery speech in support of the bill, Shepherd said, "There comes a time in every society where we must draw a line of decency, where we must speak to a group of individuals who would flaunt the laws of our state, who would flaunt the morals of our community."

The result: laughter from some and a facetious chant of "No more crack!" from a fellow Democrat, Rep. Tommy Wright.

Shepherd asked for a delay of a vote and the measure awaits action.

Despite the jokes, some opponents have serious concerns. During a May 6 committee hearing, Heather Hall of the American Civil Liberties Union said Shepherd's bill would institute a literal "fashion police" and a "really invasive violation of the fundamental right to public expression."

House Criminal Justice Committee Chairman Danny Martiny, a Republican, said he agreed with the spirit of the measure but said the law would be impossible to enforce.

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science degree from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. She also did graduate work at Sul Ross University, West Texas State University at Canyon (now West Texas A&M), TCU and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Harlin's future plans include spending more time with family, especially grandchildren, and friends. She plans to read and go "antiquing" as well.

Harlin's family includes husband David, who works in the oilfield; a daughter and her family, Kim Kuehler, a school teacher who lives in Munday with husband, David, and their children, Will and Kristen. A son, Trey, lives in Fort Worth with wife, Melody, and their daughter, Mackenzie.

Harlin added that her husband and children all graduated from Snyder High School.

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BARBARA GOWIN

Barbara Gowin has worked as the Stanfield secretary for 20 years noting that she has "enjoyed almost everyday of it."

She has worked for four principals Jean McMillion, current principal, Lois Boles, Bob Travis and Wayne Kennedy.

"It has been a real challenge to become accustomed to each of their different personalities and needs but I eventually learned to love and respect each one of their differences." Gowin said.

She noted that she was so afraid of the computer when she first started using it that she considered getting another job.

However, once she learned how computers work she didn't know "what I did without them." She recalls many times having to retype an entire page or more and now "I can delete a word or two so easily."

Gowin said she applied for the secretarial position because her children were in school and "I wanted to have a job so I could be with them on holidays and after school. Little did I know it would become a life-long career."

Gowin said she wants to keep on working somewhere because "I believe I still have a lot of knowledge and skills and I would really like to keep busy in the future. I do plan to spend more time with my grandson before he starts school."

Barbara added, "I have made a lot of friends and some enemies, but I loved each child that has passed through these doors as if they were my own."

Gowin's husband, Bill, works for Cudd. Her daughter, Shae Gowin, lives in Abilene and works for MHMR Early Childhood Development. Another daughter, Kara Gowin, works for United and a grandson, Ethan Fuentes attends Kids Under Construction.

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DONNA WILSON

Donna Wilson is a veteran teacher's assistant who has worked for Snyder ISD for 14 years, including 10 years in PPCD and four years as a one-on-one aide.

She said her favorite memories are of helping children achieve some goal that was difficult for them and just working with children in general.

She said she has also taught children's Bible Study for 36 years, noting "I just love kids."

Wilson said, "I plan to continue working to help children learn and make a difference in their lives."

She also plans to do painting crafts and some traveling with her husband, Billy Jack. June 1 will mark their 47th wedding anniversary.

They have a son, Billie Jack Jr. of Lubbock who is married to Melissa Trull.



RECEPTION — Honored at a recent reception at Stanfield are from left, Carolyn Martin, Sherry Patterson, Barbara Gowin, Linda Cozart, Neoma Harlin and Donna Wilson. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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HIST	1302	0227	US HIST 1865-	M-TH	2:40-6:00	3	2C-102 SMITH, N	
MATH	1325	0143	MATH/BUS/ECON II	M-TH	8:00-11:10	3	2C-101 DUCHENEAUX, S	

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ARTS	1301	0068	ART APPR (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	7A-118 SUM, B	
ARTS	2313	0069	PRINT MAKING	T	6:00-10:10	3	FA-117 SUM, B	$24
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GOVT	2305	0229	US/ST/LC GV (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	7A-111 SMITH, K	
GOVT	2306	0230	US/ST/LC GV (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	7A-111 SMITH, K	
HIST	1301	0231	US HIST- 1865 (ITV)	W	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106 RATLIFF, W	
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MATH	1314	0148	COLLEGE ALG (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101 RUSSELL, A	$8
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PSYC	2314	0234	LIFESPAN (ITV)	TH	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106 MCDANIEL, R	
PSYC	2315	0235	PSYC/ADJ (INT)	INT	INTERNET	3	INT OSBORN, C cosborn@wtc.edu	

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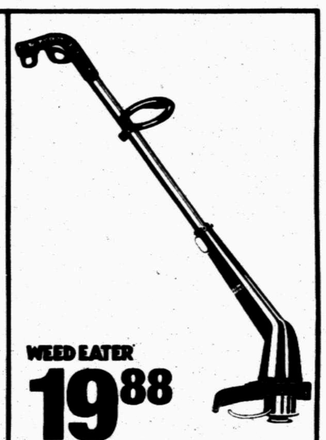
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TCTA OFFICIAL VISITS SNYDER — Alice Liles of Muleshoe, the state president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, visited Snyder teachers and administrators last week. From left are Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins; Liles and Charlotte Clifton, local TCTA representative. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



AWARDED GRANT — Snyder ISD has been awarded a loss prevention grant of $2,000 from the Texas Association of School Board Risk Management Fund. Grant monies will help implement loss prevention and safety initiatives to reduce the potential for property losses and on-the-job injuries and to raise loss prevention awareness. A total of 148 school districts and education entities received $447,900 in grant funds this year. SISD representatives are from left, Mary Burton, receptionist; Karen Waller, executive director business and finance; and Caron Perkins, payroll and insurance. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Republican infighting rises as poll standings begin to fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — One lawmaker lectures a second about the need for sacrifice in time of war. A third accuses still others of preening for television cameras rather than working on Iraq.

And that's just the Republicans, scuffling out of the Capitol for a 10-day break, legislative accomplishments hard to come by and their own election-year poll ratings in a slump that rivals President Bush's.

"They have no new ideas and no new answers for the American people," jabbed New Jersey Rep. Robert Menendez, third-ranking Democrat in the House.

Republicans disagree strongly. And the Democrats have been fractious, too. Fifty-eight of them parted company with their party leaders on Thursday to support legislation making the federal child tax credit permanent.

The vote occurred a few hours after Bush visited the Capitol to deliver a pep talk designed to boost the spirits of lawmakers of his own party. "We are asking the world to do hard things," he told them, according to one Republican in attendance. He drew repeated ovations when he defended his policies on Iraq, the economy and more and proclaimed an eagerness to fight for a second term.

"To the last person in there, we are all behind him," said Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, a member of the leadership.

There are several months left for Republicans to enact more of their legislative agenda, and there were indications this week that gridlock may yield to progress on some.

Senate Democrats reached a compromise with the White House to allow confirmation of 25 of the president's judicial nominees, and they agreed to allow formal House-Senate compromise talks on a highway bill.

But Democratic maneuvering is only one of the obstacles confronting the GOP.

The highway bill, which would send money and construction jobs to every corner of the country, has been stalled for months in a three-cornered dispute.



Fundraiser at Stanfield helps protect rainforests

After studying about conservation and protecting the rainforest, students at Stanfield Elementary organized a craft sale to raise money to protect an acre of rainforest land.

Students bought the crafts to make Mother's Day gifts.

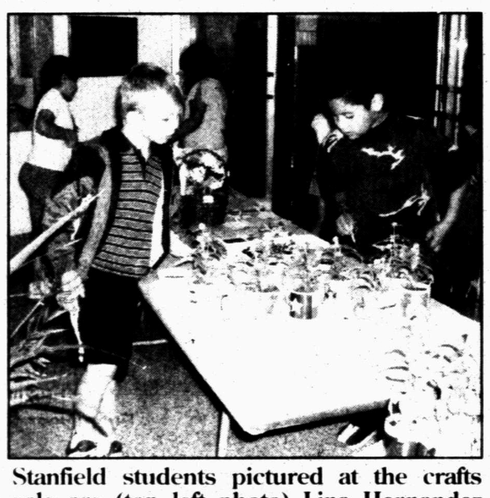
The rainforests are one of the most amazing places on Earth. They provide a home for over half of all the kinds of plants and animals on the planet. Rainforests are also called the lungs of the planet.

This program is special because it protects the rainforests while helping the indigenous peoples that live in the rainforest.

Sadly, the rainforests are being destroyed very quickly. An area of rainforests the size of a football field is destroyed every second of every day. The students learned the importance of helping to protect the rainforest.

Students, classrooms, schools and individuals that care about the rainforests and want to raise money to save them fund the Protect-an-Acre program. Classrooms that participated in the fundraiser included Mrs. Carolyn Torres, Mrs. Carolyn Martinez, Mrs. Elvira Gonzales, Mrs. Suzanne Doolittle, Ms. Laura Hamby, Mrs. Wendy Hunter, Mrs. Kim Kruger and Mrs. Yvette Perez.

The students made the crafts from recycled items brought from home.



Stanfield students pictured at the crafts sale are (top left photo) Lina Hernandez and Julie Segura. Kodi Maxfield, Alyssa Sturdivant and Tessa Holladay are pictured in the bottom left photo. Above are Kodi Maxfield and Mario Garcia. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder FFA hosts annual animal day



Gabriel Perez and Alejandra Hinojosa pet the turkey Isaac Ramon is holding. Perez and Hinojosa are Central third graders in Michael Velasquez' class.

Below, Max Westlund and Brandon Stansell pet the horse Eddie Thompson brought to the FFA animal day.



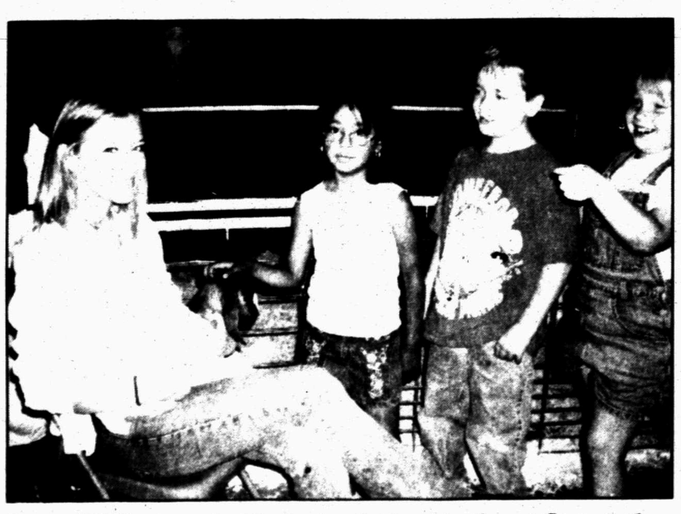


Children visiting the FFA animals could not resist the kittens in a barrel.

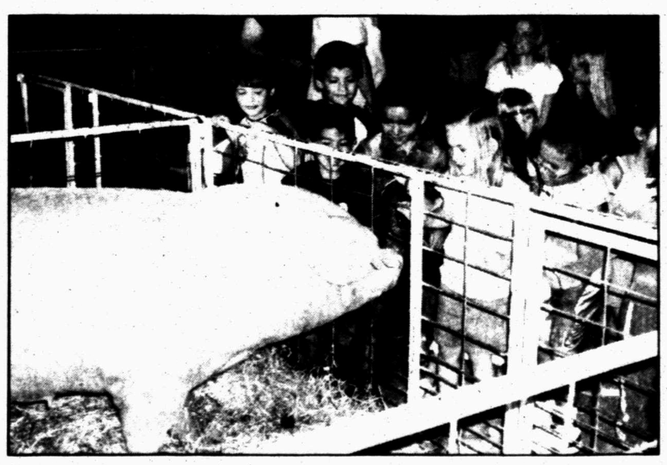


Holding kittens are Rylee Whitaker, left, and Cynthia Gallegos, first graders in Sandy Baker's class at Northeast.





Stacey Williamson holds the lamb that Northeast first graders Cynthia Gallegos, Charles Underwood and Rylee Whitaker stopped to visit. They are in Sandra Baker's class.



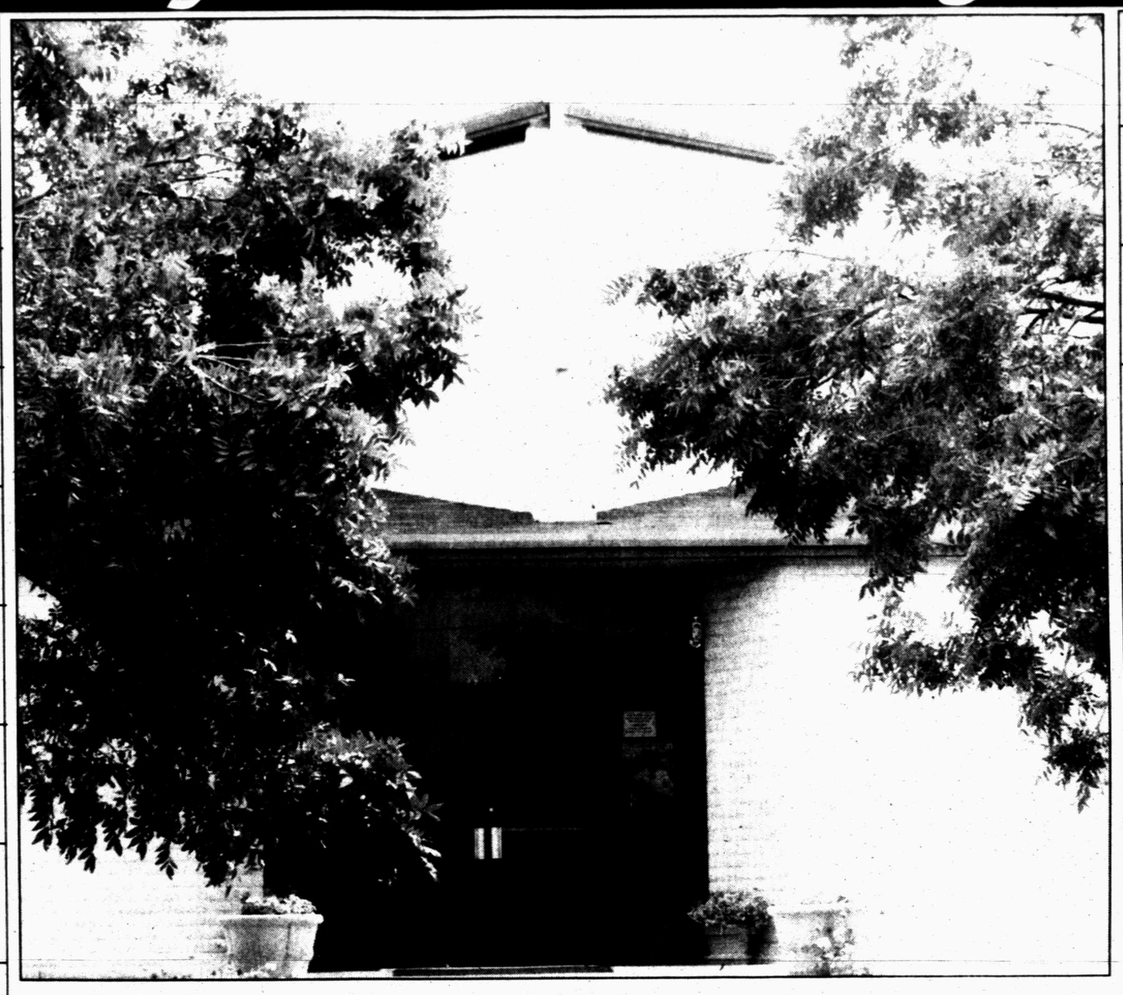
Children from Head Start liked the big hog.



Sarah Carpenter talks to students about animals and food.

Snyder Devotional Page

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalm 18:2



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Letters to the editor

Thanks

Dear Editor:

I want to publicly thank the employees who work at the landfill. Since I live on a farm, I have never been to the landfill.

Whenever a water heater, washing machine, TV, etc. goes out, it gets piled behind the house with the old cars, pickups and tires that went out.

Well all the cleaning-up going on in Snyder, I realized my place was a bit messy. Although I may end up digging a really deep hole and burying everything just to keep an archeologist busy in the future, I decided to visit the landfill.

The friendly body at the weigh-in station at the landfill took the time to patiently go through a list of things and questions I had about the landfill and what they accepted and the cost. I was impressed with the professionalism and efficiency at the landfill. They are an important part of the workings of our community, although they are mostly unseen.

I also want to thank Cogdell Memorial Hospital for putting on the health fair. They had a lot of good information available at the different tables.

I also want to thank the exhibitors for their time and the prizes they donated. I won a glucose meter from Home Health Care.

Ellis Fox

Snyder pride

Dear Editor:

Charles Anderson, an acquaintance at church and fairly new Abilene resident, gave me your address.

Incidentally, we are very honored to have the Andersons here. The purpose of the letter is to enclose a short one that should make Snyder proud of its young people.

Last Wednesday my husband and I drove through Snyder as we returned home to Abilene from a day trip to Brownfield to visit a brother and his wife.

A bit nostalgic, because in years past I had had cousins living in Snyder on both parents sides of the family. Mythal and Milton Callaway (Ketchersid side) and Pat and Speedy Moffett (Coats side).

I suggested we look for a nursery that might have a Carolina Jasmine ... almost impossible to find this year. Just as we were giving up and heading down a main street, I spotted Snyder Nursery. No Carolina Jasmine, but I bought a Petite Pink Oleander and also borrowed the bathroom, where I left my billfold, driver's license, credit card and small amount of cash.

It was 10:30 p.m. when I discovered the loss. Promptly at 9 a.m. Thursday the phone rang. It was the young man, sole worker at the nursery, who had helped me. He mailed the billfold, which arrived the next day. Although I didn't get his name, this service proves that Snyder can be proud of its young people. Also, the new flowering shrub will always remind me of your town.

Sincerely,
Peggy Conrad
Abilene

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.



Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

They're cleaning up, painting up, fixing up, praying up and opening up the Lyric Theater, a 90-year-old structure in Brownwood.

It's a community effort by the Lyric Performing Arts Company, really just ordinary folks from throughout the county and Howard Payne University.

It opened as an opera house in 1914, and its 20-foot neon sign lit up Center Avenue for about 50 years. Thousands of youngsters from a couple of generations recall "Lyric stories," some of which are R-rated. These are not to be confused with film ratings that came along later; mostly the stories concern balcony shenanigans.

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Suggestions to resurrect the Lyric for its original purpose — live theater - have grown louder in recent years. It was done in, of course, by television — the medium that darkened thousands of theaters across the U.S.

Dr. Nancy Jo Humfeld, Eric Evans and dozens of others rolled up their sleeves to the task at hand. Tin cups are being passed and contributions are coming in. The project is off the ground! They've got a cavernous building, proscenium stage, orchestra pit, lobby and balcony to work with.

In the clean-up, they've found campaign buttons, a petrified pacifier, 12-cent ticket stubs, snuff cans, and — of all things— a tiny glass slipper. It is the very kind that would have slipped right on Cinderella's foot. And wouldn't you know it, the Lyric's first production is "Cinderella."

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Well and good, laughed Waco's James Loudermilk, whose memories of the Lyric would fill a second act. What he most wants to know is: Have they found his boots?

The year was 1956. He had a "red-hot" bowling series to win the top prize — his very first pair of new boots. He and fellow Brownwood High sophomores Dwayne Grooms, Leonard Underwood and Jerry DeHay ponied up 25 cents each for a Friday night movie. They took seats on the front row of the balcony.

Loudermilk could hardly wait to get the boots off. In just a few days, one had caused a corn that plagues him to this day. He placed the boots on the rail of the balcony. They theorize that as a movie-goer scrunched past, the boots tumbled into the lap of an unsuspecting patron below. The foursome raced downstairs, but, as Archie Bunker would have said on his TV show, "Everybody dummied up."

They waited outside the theater at feature's end, figuring someone would exit wearing new boots, or perhaps carrying a pair. Alas, they went home, Loudermilk in stocking feet.

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Many outstanding people — long of tooth but sharp of memory — had "starting out" jobs at the Lyric. Several were students at Howard Payne and Daniel Baker College. The list includes longtime educator William A. Fishback, missionary Britt Towery, businessman J. Fred Perry and university professor Joe Swan. They wore brass-buttoned uniforms, and they took their ushering seriously —sometimes.

At other times (out of uniform, of course) they'd jump over the balcony rail when scenes were at their scariest, screaming during the 15-foot drop to the ground floor. (Swan clearly took teaching seriously. Several of his San Jose State University students won Pulitzer Prizes in photography. He was also my first journalism teacher; alas, I won no prizes.

Fishback's genius was bigger than women's hats that were forever blocking the screen. He came up with a lobby sign to solve the problem: "Women Over 40 Need Not Remove Their Hats."

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It has all the makings of a barn-raising, quilting bee and county fair, this theater resurrection. It is drawing a community together. Don't bet against them.

They were tuckered out a while back, what with trying to get the old house in shape and all the lines memorized. With the some 700 seats long gone, they hauled in folding chairs. They are "making do" in many makeshifts. A local funeral home furnished old-timey fans as it likely would be hot for the May opener.

Well what do you know! On opening night, a norther blew in. It was a good wind that blew no ill.

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More than 200 residents gathered, most of them telling Lyric do-you-remember-when stories of growing up years.

The production will be offered throughout the month, with a children's play planned for the summer.

The arts company will continue the renovation, always "on the look-out" for memorabilia. They figure someone, somewhere, has that big neon sign, and maybe even the marquee. They'd so like to put them back in place to announce that the Lyric is back in business. Everything will be G-rated — unless they open the balcony.

And if they find Loudermilk's boots, that ought to be good for a donation.

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Cogdell Hospital	8
Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	3
City of Snyder	3
Ira ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
WTC	1
Scurry County	0



The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

Not-so-normal disasters

Animals can sense it coming long before the humans. The cats run and hide, the cows in fields stop chewing and turn their heads, flocks of crows fly out of the trees, the deer eating Sue's garden bolt. They know something very bad is about to happen: an earthquake, a tornado, a tsunami. We humans miss the signs, we sit here until it is almost upon us, but even we can hear it before we see it. Then suddenly it appears. It makes the turn right onto our dirt road and heads straight at us. The concussion waves are so powerful dishes start to shake and the plaster rattles. It is a 1990 blue Chevy compact driven by Spike, the 19-year-old son of one of the neighbors. To call it a car is silly. It's a giant speaker on wheels.

Spikes head smacks the back of the headrest over and over as he drives past us. The only sound that escapes the car is a body-shaking bass. What must it sound like inside that tiny car? The sound may be so powerful in such an enclosed space that his chromosomes may actually split apart making it impossible for him to father children. So there could be an upside.

We are 80 miles in any direction from what anyone could properly call a city. We live on a dead-end road, there are only five houses on the road past ours and the space is so vast you can't see one house from the other. How could you possibly get more peace and quiet?

By living on a NASCAR track, that's how.

Spike listens to gangsta rap. There are very few gangstas in our little town of 2,500 people. There is the guy who got arrested for stealing the large capstones off old stone fences and using them to make a patio for his back yard. And there was the obstetrician that left his wife and ran off with a nurse. And Monday's paper always lists a few DUI violations but I'm pretty sure that's not the kind of crime that gives you the street cred that Jay Z and 50 Cent are rapping about. Besides, Sue and I know Spike, we know he's not a problem kid. He calls me "sir" and her "ma'am." He's about as scary as a Muppet. You couldn't meet a nicer, more polite young man.

That's why we feel so bad about wanting to have him killed. We have long discussions on our front porch about how to make it look like an accident. A gun seems so, well, traceable. Poison mushrooms, too imprecise. What if the rest of the family eats them? What if the rest of his family eats them and he doesn't? Tamper with his brakes? He might hit our house. Tie him up in the basement and make him watch "The Sound of Music" over and over? Please, we're not that inhuman. Still, we watch "CSI" now hoping against hope to find a murder that even they can't solve.

And it's not just Spike, the other neighbors are just as irksome in their own way. The town center, the gas station, the diner, the grocery store and the tractor dealer are only two minutes away by car — a little too far to walk so every errand becomes a car trip past our front door.

Mr. Burke owns a garage in town. He comes home for lunch. Four trips a day. Mrs. Burke has three children who go to three different schools. She makes at least four trips a day. Throw in soccer practice, horseback riding, hockey, donkey basketball and a few other extracurricular activities and that one family uses the car more in one day than we do in a week.

Multiply that by four other houses, the FedEx guy, the UPS guy, the school bus and the mailman and we get an odd amount of traffic for a tiny little dirt road. But no one tops Spike. He makes 10 or 20 trips a day, spreading his musical message. But today we saw a new car make a trip up and down the road. It was the Army recruiter Sue called to give Spike's name and address.

Jim Mullen's latest book, "My First Wedding: A Primer for Modern Couples," was just published by Simon & Schuster. He also contributes regularly to Entertainment Weekly, where he can be reached at jim_mullen@ew.com

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

EPA rule lets us breathe easier

Sometimes it rains in Big Bend National Park. Sometimes the city of Dallas properly repairs a pothole. And sometimes Nicole Kidman makes a bad movie. All of which is to say that sometimes the unexpected happens. And it causes you to notice, because it's unusual — a real case of man bites dog.

So we noticed when U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt signed a new rule on Tuesday that will drastically reduce unhealthful emissions from off-road diesel-powered vehicles, such as bulldozers and tractors.

The Bush administration isn't known for being kind and gentle to the environment. In fact, environmentalists and public health advocates will tell you that the list of its affronts is quite long. But Mr. Leavitt made the right call last month when he included Ellis County in this region's "nonattainment area" requiring stiffer pollution controls. And this week's diesel rule is good, too. It will reduce health care costs and save lives and at little cost to industry.

We say to the administration: bravo!

The rule will address what Mr. Leavitt calls the "bursts of black smoke" that erupt from the diesel-powered vehicles. It will make them "a thing of the past," he says. Hooray! The bursts are far from benign. They contain infinitesimal bits of soot, which lodge in people's lungs and cause respiratory diseases.

Removing 99 percent of the fuel's sulfur will prevent up to 12,000 premature deaths, a million lost workdays, 15,000 heart attacks and 6,000 children's asthma-related emergency room visits, Mr. Leavitt estimates.

The net cost to consumers would be about 4 cents per gallon but the health savings would exceed the higher fuel cost by a whopping 40 to 1.

Please let this ruling be the start of something big.

Victoria Advocate

Patriot Act goes too far

The American Civil Liberties Union is challenging the constitutionality of a key provision of the USA Patriot Act. Congress passed the antiterrorism law in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the Pentagon and New York City's World Trade Center. Some members had not actually read the measure's full text and may not have understood all of its implications.

Now, the public cannot read the full text of the ACLU's lawsuit because releasing that could well violate the law the civil liberties organization is challenging in court.

"The ACLU is contesting a provision of the law that allows the Federal Bureau of Investigation to require telephone, Internet and other communications companies to provide basic information about their customers, including addresses and call records," The New York Times reported.

The lawyers had to file their lawsuit under seal for fear of being prosecuted by the U.S. Justice Department for violating the Patriot Act. The ACLU asked U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero of New York City to unseal the filing.

Marrero refused to unseal the case, but he did rule that the case documents could be edited to allow the public release of "nonsensitive information."

For the nation's justice system to be accountable to the people it serves and who fund it, it has to be open and transparent in all but the most unusual and compelling instances.

Consider how the Justice Department is trying to block that kind of openness and transparency.

The ACLU on April 28 posted a press release about the lawsuit on its Web site. One paragraph outlined the case's court schedule and identified the name of the judge hearing it.

Another paragraph stated, "The provision under challenge allows an FBI agent to write a letter demanding the disclosure of the name, screen names, addresses, e-mail header information, and other sensitive information held by 'electronic communication service providers.'"

"Justice lawyers said that both paragraphs violated a secrecy order," The Washington Post reported.

The Beaumont Enterprise

Turtle nests hamper work

Most coastal dwellers enthusiastically support growing efforts by the state to build up beaches to fight the threat of erosion. Most of those same residents also support efforts to protect endangered turtles that lay their eggs on Texas beaches.

Those two goals shouldn't conflict. Unfortunately, because of bad timing and some bureaucratic problems, they are.

State officials had planned to cover up eight-foot-diameter "sand socks" on the Bolivar Peninsula with more sand by June 1, the start of the hurricane season. The sand socks, which have the right blend of strength and flexibility, have proved remarkably effective in preserving beaches during tropical storms.

That work has been postponed, however, because of the nesting season for the Kemp's ridley turtle. Last Tuesday, several beachgoers noticed one of the rare turtles laying eggs on Crystal Beach — the first in decades.

The local, state and federal agencies involved in this impasse should keep working on a solution. One idea that has been proposed is having trained monitors watch the beaches for new nests.

If the sand socks aren't repaired and covered by the time a storm hits, they will not hold up. Should that happen, area beaches won't be preserved for either humans or turtles.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle

Desegregation anniversary

Linda Brown was in third grade in 1951, forced to walk a mile through a railroad switchyard in Topeka, Kan., to get to her all-black elementary school, even though a white school was only a few blocks from her home. That didn't seem right to her father, Oliver Brown, so he tried to enroll his daughter in the nearby white school, only to be refused.

So Oliver Brown asked the Topeka chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to help. The NAACP filed suit against the Topeka school board on Browns behalf, challenging the legality of the 1896 Supreme Court ruling in Plessy v. Ferguson that said separate but equal public accommodations for whites and blacks were permissible. Soon Browns case was combined with others from South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware into Brown v. Board of Education, first argued before the nations highest court in 1952.

In a brave and wise ruling May 17, 1954, all nine Supreme Court justices voted to overturn Plessy, ordering the nations public schools to be integrated.

Writing the courts opinion, Chief Justice Earl Warren said, "We conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of separate but equal has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

Further, Warren wrote, "Segregation of white and colored children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the colored children. The impact is greater when it has the sanction of the law, for the policy of separating the races is usually interpreted as denoting the inferiority of the negro group.

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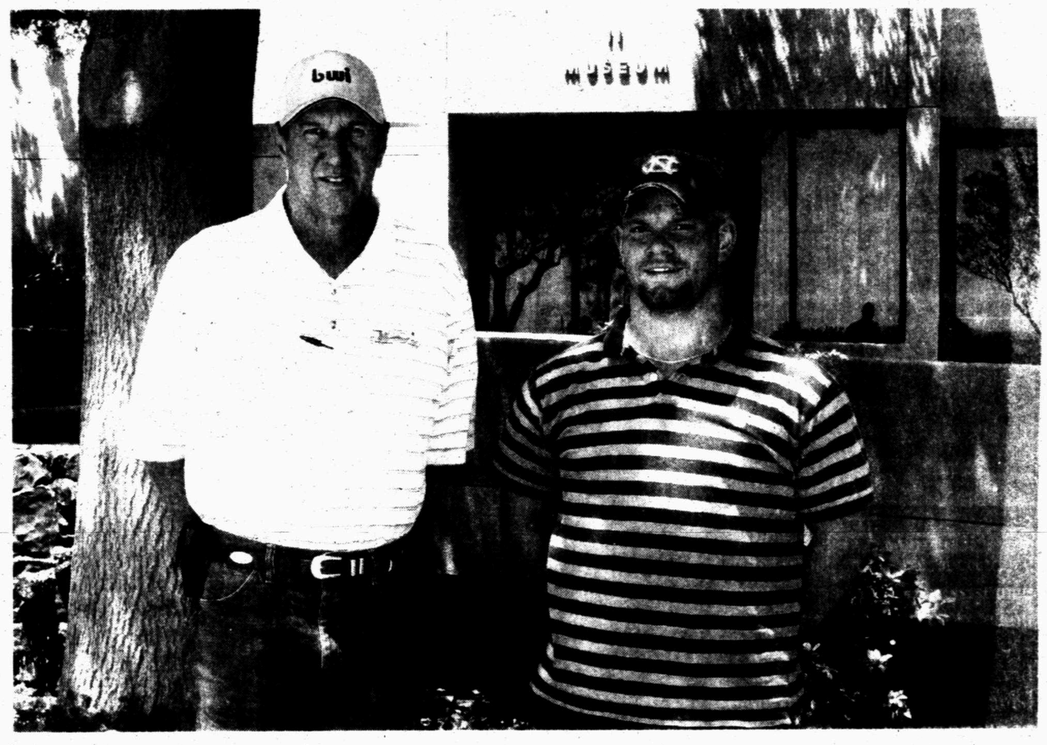
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GLT Program Graduates Awarded Scholarships



Dwayne Robertson (far left) and William Tinkler (far right) both received a $500 Scholarship from Bayer Environmental Science. Gary Brooks, an entomologist for Bayer Environmental Science, is a Snyder native who was very instrumental in getting the scholarships for the program. Both recipients are 2004 graduates of the Western Texas College Golf and Landscape Technology Program and are Snyder natives. Shown with the recipients is Randy Weaver, instructor in the Golf and Landscape Technology program.



Six Golf and Landscape Technology 2004 graduates were the recipients of the Ty Rucker Memorial Scholarship. Each received $750 from Joy Rucker of Kingsland, Texas. Both Ty and Joy attended Western Texas College and graduated from the Golf and Landscape Technology program. Ty passed away in April of 2003 and Joy is the owner of Packsaddle Country Club in Kingsland, Texas. All scholarship recipients had moved from Snyder following graduation except William Tinkler, employed by Western Texas College, shown with Randy Weaver, Instructor in the Golf and Landscape Technology program. Other recipients of the scholarship are Dwayne Robertson of Snyder, Samuel Calvo of Spain, Matt Meyers of Wichita Falls, Matt Graves of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Daniel Fish of Snyder.

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

A message from Dr. Jim Clifton, Dean of Student Services

A headline like this ought to draw attention to anyone who is thinking about education beyond high school. There are two sources of money for college I want to bring to your attention. One source, the Grades Earned for Tuition Dollars (GET$) has been in place for two years now.



The other source is new, and is called the B-On-Time Loan. I want to get the word out to as many people as possible about these two programs, so let me offer a brief description of how you can get your hands on this money.

To begin with, the GET$ program was initiated two years ago here at WTC and is designed to afford district graduates tuition credit for grades earned while in high school.

Our financial aid department has awarded several thousand dollars worth of tuition money to those who have taken the trouble to apply for money they have already earned.

A very short description of how this works is that you can receive pro-rated dollar amounts based on the junior and senior grades on your high school transcript, such as an "A" being worth $60, a "B" worth $40, and a "C" worth $10.

This scholarship opportunity is available for Scurry County residents who come to WTC within a year of graduation and who will be full-time students. Counselors at the high schools have the forms you will need to fill out. This is money you earned for good grades and is available for the asking on a first-come/first-served basis, along with a few other qualifications. No other school is going to offer this to you but Western Texas College!

The other resource I wanted to mention to you is the State of Texas "B-On-Time" Loan. I know. No one gets excited about the idea of taking out a loan to go to college. The thing you have to know about this is that *you may not have to pay it back at all*!

This year WTC has been notified that the State has set aside a little over $42,000 for students to attend our college. Annual loan amounts for a 2-year college are up to $1270, and $3140 for a 4-year college. The financial aid department of the college will determine if you are eligible.

The best part of this loan actually explains why it is important to *Be On Time* for your graduation. Although there are some other guidelines that have to be followed, basically, if you graduate from an accredited 2-year school within two years after you enroll, maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA, and with a total of no more than 6 hours beyond what is required to complete a degree or certificate, then your loan will be forgiven.

You have to be a Texas resident, have graduated from a recommended high school program, have not earned a Bachelor's degree, be enrolled full-time, and have completed a federal FAFSA application.

These programs may not approach the amount needed to pay for your whole education, but they will go a long way here at WTC.

Don't pass this up! Make an appointment to come visit with the financial aid office at the college (573-8511x309) get your FAFSA done, and make the combination of these resources help you come to Western Texas College.

This is one of the few institutions where you can finish two years of transferable college work with the possibility of owing no money when you are done.

Upward Bound Students Attend Saturday Academy

by Sandra Hall, Upward Bound Director







Students with the WTC Upward Bound program attended a Saturday Academy on campus last week in preparation for the program's 6-week summer session. High school students from Snyder, Rotan, Sweetwater, and Colorado City participated in the event, along with many of their parents and instructors for summer classes.

The day began with an opening session with WTC President, Dr. Greg Williams, who spoke with the students about setting and achieving goals while overcoming adversity. "You have WTC and the Upward Bound staff here to help you in ways that most high school students don't have access to," he said. "It's up to you to take advantage of this opportunity and make a difference in your life."

Following the opening session, the students paired off and introduced one another, then they had a little bit of fun with a "Water Balloon Volleyball" competition. Lunch was served in the WTC cafeteria, followed by a tour of the campus and the dorms where the students will be spending the summer.

In the afternoon, a meeting was held with the UB staff, summer instructors, students and parents to outline the summer program and answer questions.

Upward Bound participants make a big commitment when they enter the program by giving up six weeks of their summer and spending several Saturdays during the school year at academies on the campus of WTC and other colleges. Even with all this work there is still time for fun, with students participating in cultural field trips and visits to theme parks, sporting events, and other attractions.

Upward Bound is an academic enrichment program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of three original Title IV (TRIO) programs which were implemented following the Higher Education Act of 1965. There are now seven programs, all of which assist students in enrolling in and completing a college education.

The Upward Bound staff works closely with students and school administrators and staff to help participants achieve their highest potential in high school so that they will be better prepared when they enter college. The program provides instruction in math, laboratory science, composition, literature and foreign language.

Other services include:

Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school;

Academic, financial, or personal counseling; exposure to academic programs and cultural events; tutorial services;

Mentoring programs;

Information on postsecondary education opportunities; assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications;

Assistance in preparing and paying for college entrance exams.

And, work-study positions to expose participants to careers requiring a postsecondary degree.

For more information about the WTC Upward Bound Program call 573-8511 ext. 394 or visit our website at www.wtc.edu

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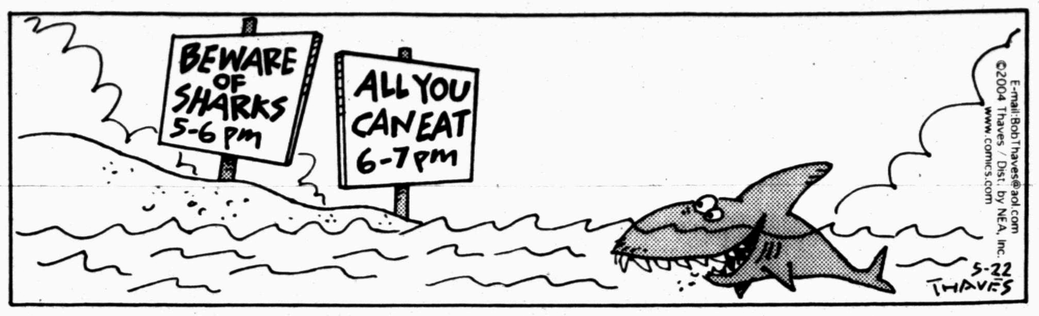
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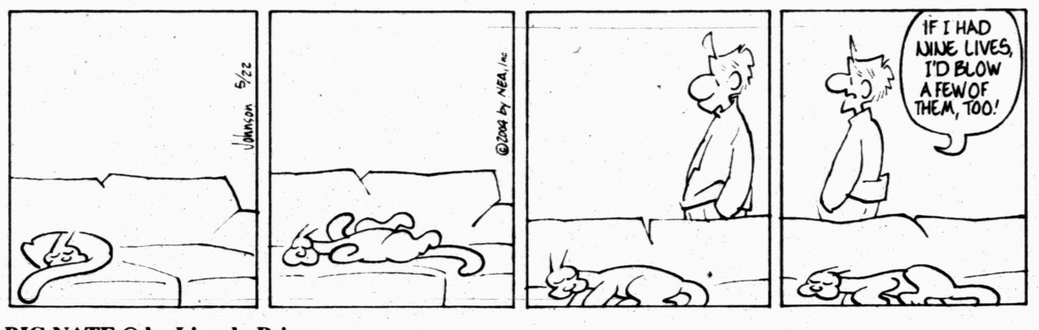
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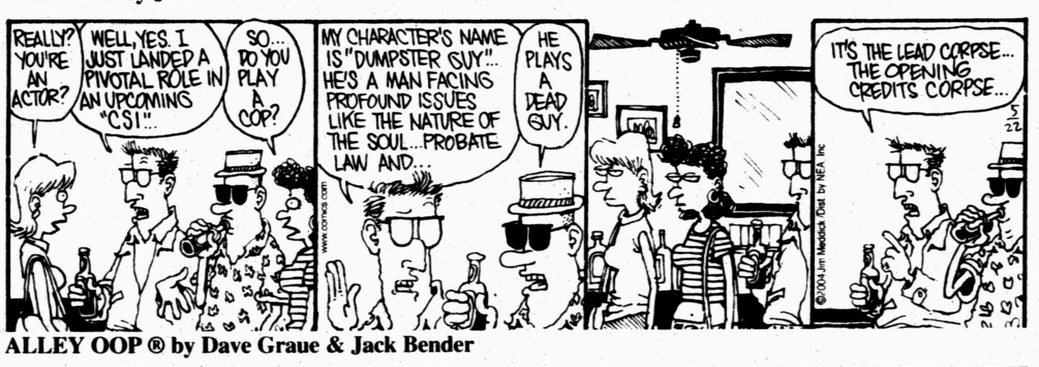
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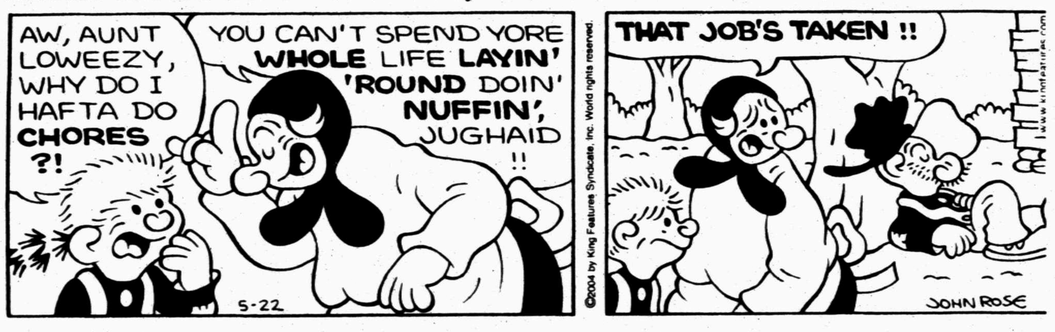
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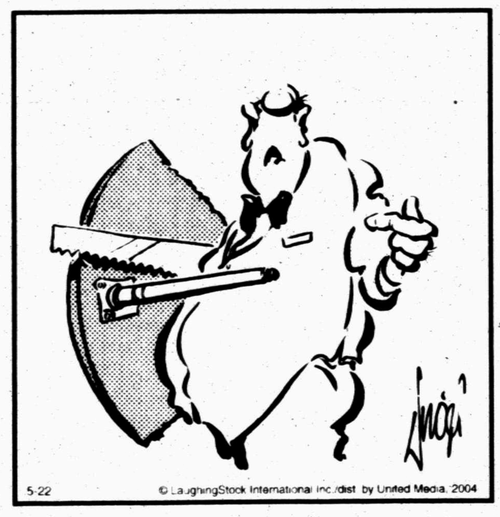
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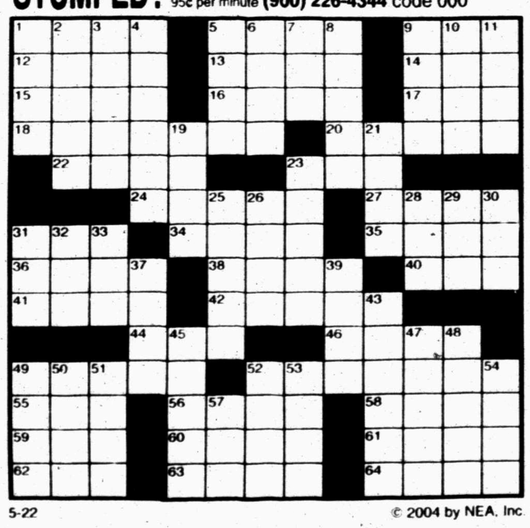
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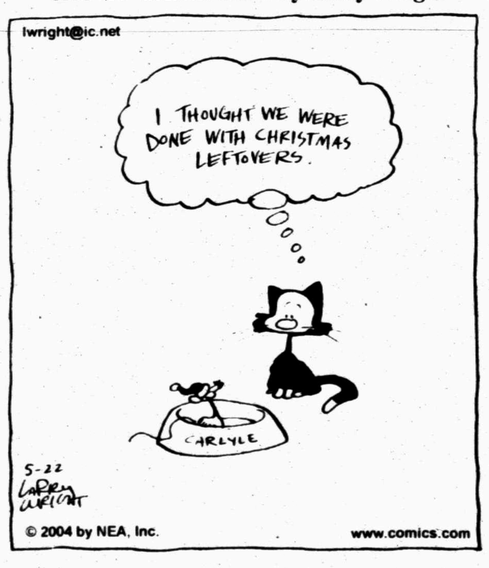
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"I'M SURE GLAD YOU MARRIED MOM INSTEAD OF SOME STRANGER, DAD."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



Interent helps raise $117 million for Kerry

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry raised roughly $1 million a day last month, building his presidential campaign total to a Democratic record $117 million but still trailing President Bush's cash reserves.

Kerry began May with $28 million in the bank after devoting millions to his first major ad buys since the Democratic primaries. In all, Kerry spent $35 million last month and at least $89 million since January 2003, says a campaign finance report filed late Thursday.

Bush opened the month with nearly $72 million on hand. The Republican spent $31 million in April — much of it on ads — and has used up a presidential record of $126 million since officially starting his re-election effort last May, according to his new finance report to the Federal Election Commission.

Bush raised $15 million last month, pushing his campaign total past $200 million.

The two candidates each spent roughly $22 million on ads in April, the single biggest expense.

Other major campaign costs included at least $1.5 million to $1.6 million each on staff salaries, consultants and related costs and at least $295,000 on voter contact and phone banks for Kerry and $555,000 on phone banks for Bush. Kerry spent $1 million on delivery services and an additional $900,000 on direct mail and printing costs, while Bush had at least $4 million in mailing costs last month.

Kerry raised more than a third of his money from just three states. Californians were the most prolific donors, giving him more than $16 million, followed by his home state of Massachusetts, at least $14 million, and New Yorkers, roughly $11 million.

More than one-fourth of Bush's money has come from four states. Donors in his home state of Texas have chipped in the most — roughly $19 million — followed by Californians with $16 million; contributors in Florida, where brother Jeb Bush is governor, about $14 million; and New Yorkers, about $10 million.

Kerry and Bush have each set records for fund raising and spending: Kerry for his party, and Bush overall.

They can do so in part because each skipped public financing for the primary-election season, enabling them to spend as much as they wish until their parties officially nominate them at conventions this summer.

Last month, Kerry raised $31 million. The Massachusetts senator's total of $117 million through April includes a loan of roughly $6 million.

Internet fund-raising has been a big part of Kerry's financial surge since he won the Democratic primaries. His campaign has taken in more than $35 million online this year and has been trying for $10 million in May alone.

Kerry and Bush are expected to accept full government funding for the general-election phase of their campaigns. That means each will receive a taxpayer-financed check for about $75 million when they are nominated at their parties' conventions: Kerry in Boston in late July and Bush in New York in early September.

National party committees also filed fund-raising reports Thursday with the FEC. Among them:

— The Republican National Committee reported raising $179 million from January 2003 through last month. It spent $120 million and started May with $64 million on hand.

— The Democratic National Committee raised $91 million during the period, spent $50 million and finished April with $42 million in the bank.

— The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, raising money for House races, collected at least $42 million this election cycle and spent $31.7 million, with $11 million on hand as the month began.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Step-grandchildren deserve to be on family gift list

DEAR ABBY: What is proper etiquette for buying a step-grandchild gifts for Christmas, Easter, birthdays, etc.? My daughter recently remarried, and I don't even know her stepdaughter. Am I expected to buy her gifts just like my own grandchildren? — **STEP-GRANNY IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR STEP-GRANNY: To skimp on gifts for the new addition to your family would be a false economy. Welcome her, get to know her, and treat her like family because that is what she is now. If you discriminate on special occasions, the child will be hurt, her father will feel resentful, and you will put your daughter into an awkward situation. I strongly advise against it.

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DEAR ABBY: Although I'm a junior in high school, I'm not old enough to handle all the problems in my family. I think a counselor might help me feel better, but Mother won't hear of it. When I find the courage to try to talk to her, she just says, "Later, honey, I'm busy now!" She doesn't really hear what I'm saying. She's always on the computer and looks like she's hypnotized or something. I would call my dad, but we don't have the money for long-distance calls.

I used to be able to talk to my uncle, but he's in jail now, and I'm not even allowed to mention his name. My friends dismiss my problems when I try to talk to them, so I stopped telling them. My aunt and my grandma hate each other, so I can't talk to them. My aunt has even threatened to kill Grandma.

Last week, I went to the home of a new friend, but it made me very sad. They aren't like my family at all. They were eating together and laughing. I started to cry because I know my family will never be like that.

I had a dream that I reached out my hand, but no one was there. Please help me. — **LOST AND ALONE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR LOST AND ALONE: Before I answer your question, let me point out that you are an intelligent and sensitive girl. You may think you are alone in having this problem, but I have received letters from many other girls in exactly your situation — with mothers who are preoccupied or absent entirely.

It's time to put on your thinking cap. Is there any adult in your life whom you can confide in — a teacher, a neighbor, a school counselor, the mother of one of your friends? Are there activities you can join (school clubs, Girl Scouts, etc.) that will put you in contact with nurturing female role models? Perhaps one of them could e-mail your mother to shut down her computer and live up to the responsibility she assumed when she gave birth to you.

Whatever you do, DON'T GIVE UP. Although your mother, aunt and grandmother may not be the picture-perfect family you wish for, that doesn't mean you will never have one. The lessons you are learning today can one day make you a much more effective parent than the one you have, and you can create the family you yearn for.

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DEAR ABBY: Ever since my last report card, my relationship with my mother has deteriorated. I got all A's and B's and have a 3.78 GPA. However, this isn't good enough for Mom.

My mother went to Harvard and doesn't understand why I can't get a 4.0. She has started telling me what a failure I am, that I am worthless and have ruined her life. I know she's probably saying these things without thinking, but it still hurts. She doesn't apologize after her temper dies down — she just acts like everything is OK.

I don't think I deserve to be treated this way. When I try to talk to her about it, she turns it around and says I deserve this treatment because I am a failure. I'm really hurting and don't know what to do. — **SAD DAUGHTER IN MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR SAD DAUGHTER: I disagree with your mother. Although she may think she is motivating you to do better, telling a child that she is worthless, a failure, and that she has "ruined her life" is verbal abuse. Please talk to an adult relative or counselor at school about interceding on your behalf with your mother, because her standards are unrealistic, and her method is destructive.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 20 years to my high school sweetheart. He's a great father and a hard worker. He has always been good to me — until a year ago when he came to me and confessed that he'd cheated on me with my best friend. I was devastated. The friendship was over, and I made my husband leave.

After things calmed down, we decided to try and work things out because we still loved each other and wanted to try — not just for us — but for our children.

I'm trying to pick up the pieces and trust him again, but there's a problem. His job takes him out of town for days at a time, and when he comes home, I'm always checking his cell phone and credit card bills for any sign that he's been unfaithful again. It's been more than a year, but I still don't trust him — or anyone, for that matter. When he's home, we argue a lot.

The other day, he said, "Let's get the kids, take off for the weekend and renew our vows, because I want to spend the rest of my life with you." Our anniversary is coming up, but I thought it was an odd suggestion, given all our problems. I'm confused and deeply hurt and don't know what I should do. Can you help me? — **NO LONGER TRUSTING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NO LONGER TRUSTING: Your husband suggested renewing your vows because he loves you and wants to make a fresh start. It's his way of trying to heal your marriage. However, what's ailing your marriage is the fact you no longer trust him and really haven't forgiven him for straying. Marriage counseling could help you both get past this. Once you have truly forgiven and are ready to make a fresh start, then renewing your vows is a wonderful idea.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and a cutter. I see a counselor and I used to be suicidal. I want to take medication so I can stop cutting, but I don't know how to tell my mom. What should I do? — **TROUBLED TEEN IN TEXAS**

DEAR TROUBLED TEEN: Since you feel unable to discuss the subject with your mother, the next time you see your counselor, ask the counselor to help you talk to her. If medication is indicated for your problem, I'm sure the counselor will be happy to facilitate the conversation — or even talk to your mother for you.

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American attorney linked to terror attacks in Spain released

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An American attorney arrested two weeks ago in connection with the deadly train bombings in Spain was set free after fingerprints found on a bag of detonators were linked to another man.

Brandon Mayfield, 37, was released Thursday, soon after Spanish officials said fingerprints on a bag left near the bombing site were that of an Algerian. U.S. authorities had previously said the prints were Mayfield's. The bag contained detonators similar to those used in the March 11 blasts, which killed 191 people and injured 2,000 others.

"I want to thank my family and friends who were supporting me through what I will call a harrowing ordeal," Mayfield, a convert to Islam, said as he walked out the federal courthouse in Portland, grasping his wife's hand and holding a Quran and a Muslim prayer rug.

In Arabic and then in English, Mayfield recited the Muslim prayer: "God is great. There is no God but God."

His three children, ages 10, 12 and 15, rushed up behind him, and his wife's eyes filled with tears. The family has insisted Mayfield is innocent, saying he has not been out of the country for at least a decade.

His mother, Avnell Mayfield, said she hugged her son when he arrived at his suburban Portland home. "I'm just elated," she said in a telephone interview. "He's much taller than I remember him being."

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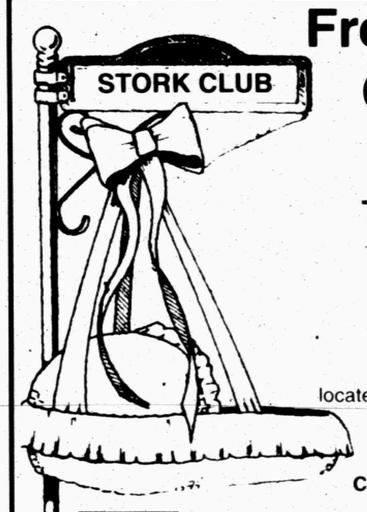
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In Louisiana, Bush defends efforts in Iraq

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Trying to counter the attention that Democratic rival John Kerry is paying to Louisiana, President Bush on Friday defended his administration's efforts in Iraq as he combined a commencement address with fund-raising in a state he won comfortably in 2000.

Stressing the need to serve society in remarks aimed at projecting the image of strong leadership, Bush received an enthusiastic welcome from the faculty and 3,200-member graduating class of Louisiana State University. Several members of the audience sat in silent protest as everyone else stood and applauded as Bush was introduced.

"One of the ways to honor freedom is to serve freedom," Bush declared, saying his goal is "a free and democratic Iraq." Tying Iraq's stability to U.S. security, Bush said, "We will ... defend the freedom and security of this nation."

Bush was awarded an honorary doctorate in science and cited by the university for having led the nation at "one of the most perilous times in its history."

After his appearance on the LSU campus, Bush was heading to the New Orleans suburb of Metairie to speak to Republican Party donors.

The Kerry campaign has unexpectedly put conservative-leaning Louisiana in play, and Bush's re-election campaign is responding in kind. The state is one of 19 targeted by Kerry with a $25 million TV advertising buy, and he has visited three times in the past two months. Bush has responded with advertising, too.

Kerry's advisers think Louisiana and its nine electoral votes have become more attractive to Democrats in recent years, particularly because of manufacturing job losses there under Bush's administration.

"Bush is not a slam-dunk" to win Louisiana, despite a lead of 10 percentage points to 15 percentage points in state polls, said LSU political science professor Wayne Parent.

Both of the state's U.S. senators — John Breaux and Mary Landrieu — are Democrats, as is Gov. Kathleen Blanco. The state went for Bill Clinton in the 1992 and 1996 presidential elections.

After a meeting Thursday in Washington with Kerry, Breaux said he advised the presumptive Democratic nominee to strike a moderate tone as he seeks support from Louisiana's uncommitted voters.

"Breaux is an incredibly effective Democrat down here and if he decides to put a lot of effort into the Kerry campaign, that would be something," Parent said.

Blacks, a key Democratic constituency, could account for more than 30 percent of the votes cast on Election Day in Louisiana and "Kerry could easily get 98 percent of those votes," said Elliott Stonecipher, a Louisiana political analyst and demographer.

"Bush wants the South solid and Kerry sees that he really has a shot in Louisiana," Stonecipher said.

In 2000, Bush won Louisiana — which has gone with the winning presidential candidate in the past seven elections — with a combination of conservative Democrats, independents and a majority of white women and Republicans.

Federal rail security directive issued

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security officials on Thursday announced the first federal security directive to protect rail passengers from terrorism, especially explosives that could go off in bags left behind or in trash cans.

Many railways are already meeting the requirements, the officials said.

Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson said railway operators will be required to designate security coordinators, remove trash cans in some places, conduct inspections and ask passengers and employees to report unattended property or suspicious behavior. More will be expected if the threat level is raised.

"For the first time in the history of mass transit, the federal government has taken a lead role in setting security standards for passenger rail and mass transit systems," Hutchinson said.

Greg Hall, operations director for the American Public Transit Association, said transit operators are committed to security but concerned they'll have to spend more money to comply with the directive.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, transit authorities spent more than $1.7 billion from their own budgets on security, according to a transit association survey. Hall said the industry needs to spend $6 billion more for upgrading radio systems, closed circuit television, testing for chemical and biological agents, fencing, more staff, overtime and training.

Ed Wytkind, president of the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Department, said the Bush administration's approach to rail security has been "press releases and vague warnings."

"Workers say they can parade in and out of rail yards with very little scrutiny or surveillance," Wytkind said. Rail employees aren't briefed when there's a heightened alert, receive little terrorism training and don't know whom to call if there's an explosion, he said.

Public Records

Marriage License

James Thomas and Karla Tippitt, both of Hobbs, N.M.

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Carl Edward Scott and Brandy Lee Burleson, both of Snyder.

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Robert Wade Walker and Julia Elizabeth Wood, both of Snyder.

David Wayne Holley and Lora Dawn Lord, both of Snyder.

Jackie Dewayne Batchelor and Lori Dawn George, both of Snyder.

Corey Bert Chester and Sephanie Dann Buchanan, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Leroy and Angela Tavarez vs. Complete Well Service Inc., Key Energy Services Inc., Key Energy Drilling Inc., Key Energy Group and Freddy Martinez, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jeremy Shannon Hegedus and Donna Rose Hegedus, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Herschel A. Cross, et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. American Tower Corporation, et al, order of non-suit.

Deed Records

Louroy Stewart to Tommy Lynn and Doloras Kay Watts, the south 70 feet of Lot 13 and the north 15 feet of Lot 14, both in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson 2nd Section.

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Wall Addition.

Rodney E. and Diana L. Bomar to Billy J. and Jamie L. Digby, 4.0 acres in the north part of Section 39, Block Y, T&P survey.

Wayne Tate, attorney-in-fact for Kenneth Wayne Tate, to Kenneth Wayne Tate, Lewis Tate and Judy Leatherwood, the west 20 acres of the east one-half of the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 121, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Marinan Kalka, individually and as successor trustees of the Elaine Rosser Lambert Trust, to the Scurry County Museum Association Inc., Lot 2 and the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 23 of the Blankenship Addition.

Julie Stephenson Sentell, independent executrix of the estate of Marvin Forest Sentell, to Julie Stephenson Sentell, 712.49 acres in Sections 22 and 26, J.P. Smith survey.

Julie Stephenson Sentell, independent executrix of the estate of Marvin Forest Sentell, to Julie Stephenson Sentell, Lot 1 and 2 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Manuel and Celia Barrera to Don M. Drum, the north 50 feet of Lot 12 in Block 53 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Walter Dean and Sheila Marie Floyd to Tommy and Shelia Allison, the east 34 feet of Lot 20 and the west 39 feet of Lot 21, Block 1, Forrest Addition.

Clinta Barbara Ingraham to Thomas D. and Tanya J. Hestand, the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 22 of the Blankenship Addition.

Copal Investments to Robert Dale Turnbo, Lot 28 of the 2nd Replat of Block 3, Parkway Additions, 1st Section.

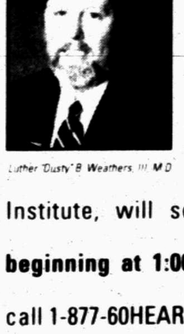
Mike Costillo, Robert Costillo and Chona Costillo to Juan Ramons Jr., the north 10.94 acres in Block 10 of the Cody Addition.

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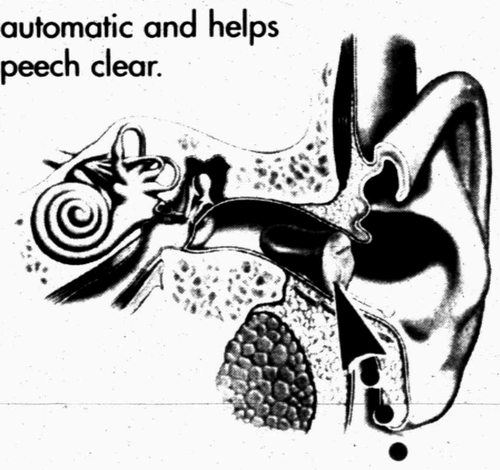
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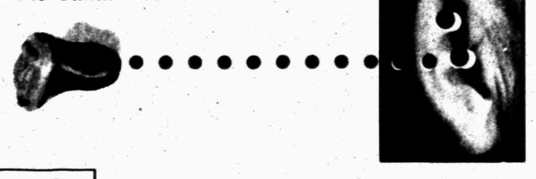
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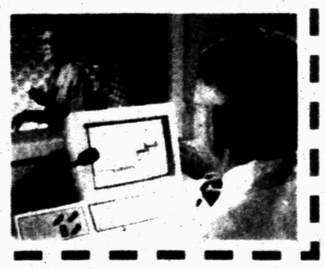
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