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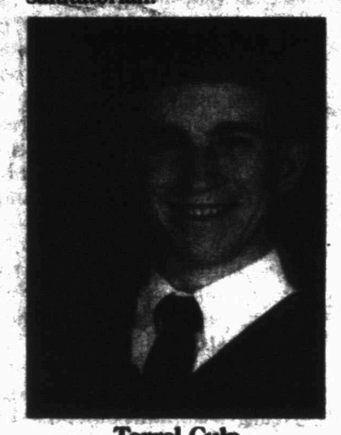
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Home of Wanda Wells

Top graduates named at Hermleigh and Ira

Terrel Culp, Misty McClure lead Cardinals with high GPA

Hermleigh High School's honor students for 2002-2003 include Terrel Culp, valedictorian; and Misty McClure, salutatorian.



Terrel Culp
Hermleigh Valedictorian

Culp, the son of Julie and Alan Culp of Hermleigh, has a grade point average of 95.60.

McClure is the daughter of April and Eddie McClure of Snyderi and her GPA is 89.92.

For the past four years, Culp has excelled in academics and sports and has taken part in numerous school activities.

He was named Mr. HHS last school year and received Hardin Simmons University's Top Junior Award. He is a four-year member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club, serving as an officer for both groups.

Culp was a member of the one-act cast that advanced to the area contest this spring; and he won several acting awards. He is a four-year participant in UIL Academics contests, a member of the KTXS Academic Challenge team for four years and a Future Farmer of America member for two years.

His athletic participation includes football, basketball, baseball and track. He has served as the captain of the varsity football and varsity basketball teams for the past two years.

Culp has been accepted by the West Point Military Academy.

McClure has also been involved in academics and sports throughout high school. As a freshman she played softball and participated in one-act play and drama.

Her sophomore year, she received best supporting actress honors for *The Chalk Circle*. She served as junior class vice president and was ranked second in her class. She also received Miss HHS and homecoming sweetheart honors that year.

As a junior she also received all star cast recognition at the zone and district contests. Also she played basketball, was a member of the Beta Club, participated in UIL and was a member of Hermleigh Relay For Life Team.



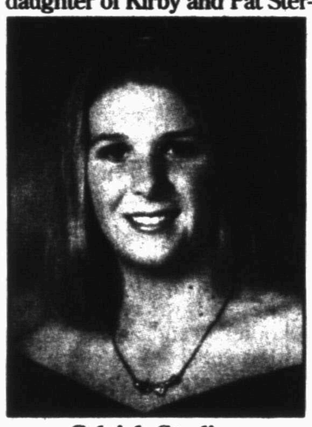
Misty McClure
Hermleigh Salutatorian

She is the senior class and Beta Club secretary, was homecoming sweetheart and a nominee for Miss HHS.

McClure will attend Western Texas College.

Celeigh Sterling, Candace Sanchez tops for Bulldogs

Ira High School has named its top students of the class of 2003. Celeigh Sterling, the daughter of Kirby and Pat Sterling, is the valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.0.



Celeigh Sterling
Ira Valedictorian

Salutatorian is Candace Sanchez. She has a GPA of 3.9231 and is the daughter of Gilbert and Carla Sanchez.

Sterling participates in academics and sports. She has been ranked in the top five of her class and named to the A honor roll throughout high school. She was an honor guard her junior year.

She received recognition in TAAS math, reading and writing. Sterling is active in UIL and FFA winning awards throughout high school.

Sterling participated in cross-country, basketball, track and golf. She received numerous recognitions in basketball and was named Ira's athlete of the year as a junior and senior.

Sterling also kept football statistics her sophomore through senior years.

She served as freshman and sophomore class president and is secretary of the senior class. She received the science departmental award her sophomore year and was also named best all around that year.

Sterling also was a member of several organizations including Student Council, National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Students. She is currently the president of the Student Council.

Sterling plans to attend Western Texas College and then transfer to Texas Tech.

Sanchez has been listed on either the A or AB honor rolls throughout high school. She is a member of Ira's FFA chapter and has won numerous awards during the past four years.

She has received academic recognition including the University of Rochester Humanities and Social Sciences Award.

Sanchez is a member of FCS, NHS and she is the annual staff senior editor. She has won recognition in UIL events including persuasive speaking, accounting and ready writing. She also was active in one-act play.



Candace Sanchez
Ira Salutatorian

Sanchez has been a cheerleader for the past four years, serving as captain for the past two. She was also an All-American nominee her sophomore and junior years.

Sanchez plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, with a major in psychology and minor in music and religion.

SHS students to be honored in ceremony

Snyder High School students will be recognized during the annual awards ceremony beginning at 7 this evening in the Worsham Auditorium.

The A Honor Roll and the Top 10 Percent of each class will be announced. Also students on the A-B Honor Roll will be named as well as the recipients of outstanding awards.

Blood drive begins Tuesday

United Blood Services (UBS) has scheduled blood donations in Snyder for Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

On Tuesday, the community-wide drive will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Wednesday's drive will be from 10:30 until 4:30 p.m. in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital parking lot in the mobile donor coach.

Saturday's blood drive will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot in the mobile coach from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

According to UBS community relations representative Rhonda Teal, each donor will receive a free T-shirt, blood pressure check, and an iron level check.

County approves abatement package

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning gave the final nod to a 10-year, 100-percent tax abatement for a wind turbine farm to-be constructed by Brazos Wind L.P. in northwest section of the county.

Brazos Wind L.P. is a subsidiary of Cielo Wind Power, an Austin-based firm.

The abatement calls for a minimum of 70 turbines, valued at $700,000 each, but company officials expect to complete more than 90 of the 69-meter high towers.

The company will pay the county $800,000 over 10 years with five annual payments of $60,000 and another five payments of $100,000.

County Judge Rod Waller said the abatement is "a fair solution for all of us."

Cielo representative Randy Sowell said this is the fastest the company has ever worked on a project and thanked the court and County Attorney Mike Hartman for their quick actions.

"Mr. Hartman has done a fine job throughout this process," he said. "I will be the contact throughout this project and I look forward to working with Scurry County."

Sowell said the project start date is dependent on financing, but he expects construction to begin June 15.



BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK —United Blood Services representative Rhonda Teal, left, and volunteer Ethel Head display a T-shirt that all blood donors will receive this week. (SDN Staff Photo)

In other business, the court accepted a 10-year contract with Coca-Cola for providing soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages at county facilities.

In exchange, the beverage company will pay an initial lump sum of $70,000, which will be used for lighting and other improvements as the little league and farm league baseball fields in Towle Park.

Also, the county will receive 10 percent commission on all vending machine sales and a $1 credit for every case of soft drinks sold.

The shared services pact with the city also was discussed at length and city councilman Terry Martin was in attendance, but didn't speak.

Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey questioned why the city council is acting as though no contract exists.

"I was under the impression that we were still working under the old contract, which requires a 90-day written notice to do away with," she said.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer concurred, "To my knowledge, no one has asked for an out."

Jerry House, Precinct 2 commissioner, said the city council is worried about liability issues of working together, but pointed out that the current contract includes a hold harmless clause.

House also stated that he has spoken to the county and city attorneys and both agree that the present contract remains legal and binding.

Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey addressed the possibility of changing dispatch services, currently shared by county and city law enforcement.

"I continue to hear rumblings about the city wanting to pull dispatch and make it separate from the county," he said. "This is one of many areas that we can go together and not duplicate services. The fire department and sheriff's department are other areas where we can work together and everyone benefits."

The court listed several county facilities that directly benefit city residents, including the airport, library, museum and boys and girls club.

Also discussed was the annual budget for the county jail, which is heavily used to house city prisoners.

The county spends $774,000 annually on the jail. Sheriff Darren Jackson was present and fielded questions from the court, but said he would have to prepare accurate figures for a future meeting.

Asked about dispatchers, Jackson said 90 percent of calls received pertain to incidents inside the city limits.

Limmer said the purpose of a shared service agreement is to benefit the entities and their constituents.

"I've heard coffee-shop talk about who's going to get the short end of the stick on this deal," he said. "That's not what this is about. We're all in the same business and we all live together. We just need to work toward an agreement where everybody benefits."

In other business, a resolution was accepted urging state legislators to seek a solution for the statewide budget crunch.

Jean McMillon's resignation from the Child Welfare Board was accepted and action to appoint a replacement was tabled for lack of nominees.

The court voted to seek bids on a 7-acre tract on Old Lubbock Road and set the minimum bid at $7,000. The court will retain the mineral rights.

Three budget amendments were approved, including one for $12,240 for electric work at athe coliseum.

Jury selection underway

Jury selection was underway this morning in 132nd District Court for the trial of a Price Daniel inmate charged with assault on a public servant.

He is charged with assaulting a correctional officer on Sept. 1, 2001.

Dewayne Edward Turk, 31, is serving a sentence for murder out of Harris County.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case, while defense attorney is Lendon Ray of Claude.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

DCOS board meets Tuesday

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of managers will meet at 7:30 Tuesday morning at the UCO Spinning offices for its regular monthly meeting.

Agenda items include the monthly financial statements, along with executive director John DeLille's report on business recruitment activities.

ASK US

Q—Did Snyder set a high temperture record Sunday like several other West Texas communities?

A—No. The 100 degrees was short of the 105 recorded in 1927.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Nancy Bowlin...

...is a graduate of Borden County High School, but has lived in Snyder for 23 years. She has one son, Jeff Barrett, who works at the Price Daniel Unit. She and her husband, Gene, like to travel, and hunt big game. Nancy retired from Texaco, while Gene retired from Texas Electric.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there.
—Colonel Harlan Sanders

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hobbs Baptist Church revival

Revival at Hobbs Baptist Church will have a continues with 7 p.m. services through Wednesday. Evangelist is Jerry Vinson and the music is by Lonnie Hines. Both are from Roby.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 tonight with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Prophet Joel," followed by "What Make You and Me Human."

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the high school to elect officers due to the cancellation of last Monday's meeting.

VFW Post 8231 auxiliary

The auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home for the election and installation of officers. Attendance is mandatory in order to keep the auxiliary charter.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Wednesday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B. Registration is from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Retirement reception

A farewell reception will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the East Elementary library for Bobbie Anderson and Betty Richardson, retiring teachers at East.

Parenting With Love & Logic

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

FBC services televised

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

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the center. Veida Gage, ombudsman, will meet and provide counsel.

Memorial Day events

The VFW will conduct a flag ceremony at 8 a.m. next Monday at the VFW and the American Legion and then go to the Snyder Cemeteries. A dinner featuring a brisket with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. at the post home. Auxiliary ladies need to bring a dessert. Cost is by donation.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Dale Hamby, Janeen Patterson, John Richardson and Frances White will be Tuesday, May 27 from 3:45-5 p.m. in the Snyder Junior High library.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, May 27, at the WTC pool.

Car wash

Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders will have a car wash-bake sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Wal-Mart's parking lot.

WIN Women's Conference

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

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will have Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon June 9-13. Theme is "The Great Kingdom Caper – cracking the character code." All children first through sixth grade is invited.

Gateway Family Services raffle

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

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail classof 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

FBC support groups

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

U.S Military promotes safety to troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — In peace and war, off duty and on, a few hundred service members die in accidents each year, and thousands are injured. So promoting everyday safety is a serious military strategy.

But how to sell brash young warriors, primed for bullets and bombs, on the mundane merits of seat belts and safety goggles and look-before-you-leap?

The Navy's safety team has a battle plan: Skip the platitudes in favor of telling sailors' and pilots' true stories about bang-ups and blunders, from the comic to the tragic.

The result is a sort of macho show-and-tell that gives a far more frank, and funky, glimpse of military mistakes than the government typically reveals.

On a Web site designed for sailors and Marines, but open to everyone, the Naval Safety Center presents a photo gallery of screw-ups, both military and civilian: An errant missile scoots across a flight deck while a crewman scrambles away. The bed of a dump truck rises into overhead power lines. A woman drives her sedan into a wide puddle that turns out to be deep, too — and swallows up the whole car.

Occasionally, they throw in something shocking: a close-up of a crewman's scalp scarred by an airplane antenna, a sailor's jaw blown open by a practice bomb, the open hatch where a Marine fell 20 feet to his death. One disturbing article describes how a Marine was crushed and nearly killed by a moving steel door.

"If people hear they're going to a safety lecture, they plan on taking a nap," said Derek Nelson, in charge of the Naval Safety Center's five magazines, Web site and posters. "But everybody likes to hear stories. ... It's a little harder to dodge the reality if it's a true story that happened to your peer."

One reality the Norfolk, Va.-based center wants to drive home: In a typical year more military people are killed or injured in off-duty accidents than on the job.

Last year, 393 members of the Navy, Marines, Army and Air Force were killed in off-duty accidents. Vehicle crashes were the leading killer.

So far this year, more than 175 have died accidentally while off the job — surpassing the 151 reported killed in the Iraq war, as of Sunday.

Most of those lost in Iraq were killed in action, but more than one-third died in helicopter or vehicle crashes or other accidents.

History shows a spike in off-duty accidents as troops come home from long deployments, eager to celebrate. As sailors and Marines return from the war, the safety center is emphasizing warnings about drinking and driving, avoiding fatigue on long drives home, using the buddy system on leave and safe recreation.

"We look at losing a young man to a skiing or boating accident just the way we do at losing him on duty," said Rear Adm. Stephen Turcotte, commander of the center, which is responsible for probing every on-duty accident.

The Army and Air Force also have safety centers to investigate accidents and promote caution, and their own giveaway magazines and Web sites.

But they don't match the naval center's wealth of snapshots and anecdotes, often spiked with sarcasm and self-deprecation. Turcotte credits a long Navy tradition of poking fun at one's own gaffes and aviators' penchant for "hangar flying" — spinning yarns about their close calls once safely on the ground.

The tradition has expanded to first-person accounts of numerous motorcycle crashes, lawnmower accidents (one correspondent included photos of his shredded work boot), and even the smoky, smelly result of leaving popcorn unattended in the microwave one time too many.

The Web site, www.safetycenter.navy.mil, attracts 250,000 visits per month, about half of them from outside the military.

Many are attracted by the "Photo of the Week," where they can see a crewman dragging a snake off the tarmac by its tail, the remains of a frightened deer that jumped off a bridge and crashed through the windshield of a Dodge Durango driving below, and a rat electrocuted when it squeezed into a wall outlet in a Navy building.

Names are sometimes withheld to avoid embarrassing the accident-prone. And Nelson said he tries not to overdo gruesome material, despite its shock value.

One of the center's most-requested posters was a photograph of a finger stripped to the bone, with the missing flesh lying alongside it — a reminder that rings can become caught in machinery.

"I hope it kept people from wearing their wedding rings," Nelson said, "but sometimes people just like to look at gross photos."

Today's chuckle

Bank robbery suspect foils getaway plans

FLORENCE, Ore. (AP) — A man suspected of robbing a bank was arrested after he told the son of the bank manager he had to get out of town quickly and asked him for directions to the bus station, police said.



Police arrested 48-year-old Sandine LaGrand Friday after the bank was held up earlier in the day. It was not immediately clear how much money was taken.

The robber entered Klamath First bank in this coastal town and passed a teller a note demanding money. After the teller handed over the cash, the man left the bank and fled on foot.

A short time later Jared Torgison — whose mother is the manager at the bank — was on the street across from the bank, when a man approached him and asked for directions to the bus station, explaining that he had to get out of town quickly, police said.

Torgison, whose mother had told him about the robbery, thought LaGrande looked like the suspect: a white man with short blond hair, wearing a gray sweat shirt and blue jeans.

Torgison called the bank on his cell phone and told employees to look outside and verify that the man was the one who robbed the bank, police said.

They did.

Officers arrested LaGrande a few blocks from the bank and charged him with second-degree robbery.

Date Book

Monday, May 19, 2003

Today is the 139th day of 2003 and the 61st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1780, near-total darkness descended on most parts of New England in mid-afternoon. The occurrence has never been scientifically explained.

On this day in 1906, the Federated Boys' Club, which later became the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, was founded.

On this day in 1906, the Simplon Tunnel connecting Brig, Switzerland, to Iselle, Italy, officially opened.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Malcolm X (Malcolm Little) (1925-1965); Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965), playwright; James Lehrer (1934-), journalist, is 69; Francis Scobee (1939-1984), astronaut; Grace Jones (1952-), model, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Edmonton Oilers defeated the New York Islanders to win the Stanley Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You're not supposed to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong no matter who does it or who says it." — Malcolm X

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 15) and last quarter (May 22).

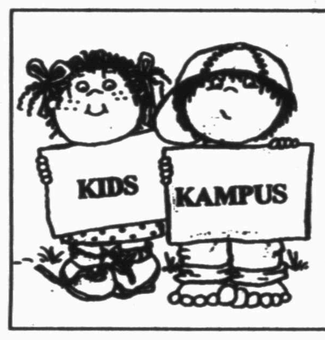
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Rooney not retiring

NEW YORK (AP) — "60 Minutes" curmudgeon Andy Rooney has no plans to retire soon. But he sure managed to scare his fans.

"This is a special moment that I have dreaded," the 84-year-old Rooney said at the end of his commentary on the CBS newsmagazine's 35th anniversary show.

Rooney, whose boss, "60 Minutes" founder Don Hewitt, is stepping down next year as executive producer, said it seemed like a good time to make a personal announcement.



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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

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Bonus Ball: 33

(three, four, nine, thirty-one, forty-two; Bonus Ball, 33)

Estimated jackpot: $17 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

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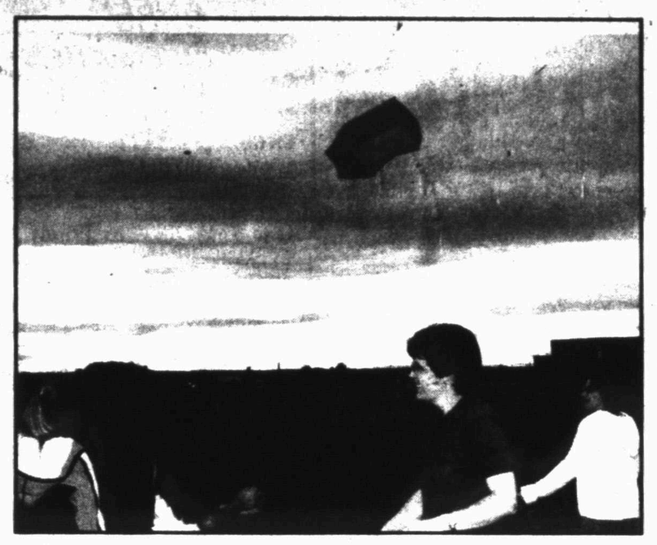
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West balloons — Up! Up! and Away!



Vickie Crawford, far right, helped sixth grade gifted and talented students fill their balloons with hot air before they turned them loose to soar above them. The girls from left, Britney Webb, Alix Reiser and Gina Hermosillo.



Keeping an eye on a balloon that was launched are from left, Kailea Shaw, Rubi Jaimes, Vickie Crawford and Amy Fogleman. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Planning underway for second back-to-school bash

Preparations are underway for the second annual back-to-school bash, and the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection is seeking community input and support in planning the event.

"The Anti-Drug Connection is a community coalition, and we would like to involve the entire community in carrying out our mission, which is to promote quality family time as an anti-drug," Lyn Chaney, office manager for the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, said.

"We realize that there are a lot of worthwhile causes in which citizens are already involved. Our aim is not to steal their time or attention but rather to recruit people who have a heart for combating the destructive forces of alcohol and drug addiction and who have a desire to see our young people make better choices in life."

The first back-to-school bash was held on the square the Friday before school started in 2002. Organizers this year are hoping to hold the event a week or so earlier, possibly Aug. 8, so as not to conflict with those doing a bit of last minute back-to-school shopping.

The Connection plans to approach the Snyder City Council and Scurry County Commissioners Court to secure the location, times and date of the event.

Last year's event was deemed a success, Leslie Cooley, SACADA program coordinator, said, and organizers hope to generate even more interest this year.

"We would like to see more people involved in the planning process. All ideas and suggestions are welcome. We want this to be a community event," Cooley said. "We encourage local youth groups and organizations to contact us regarding how they can participate in the bash. Last year we had a couple of groups set up food booths, so organizations might consider this as a fund-raising opportunity."

Entertainment is also needed for the event, and local talents are encouraged to contact the Connection if they are interested in performing that evening.

"We are hoping to have a wide variety of talent acts this year. We want to cater to a wide audience so we have more people attending the event. It is primarily youth-oriented, but we would like to have a little something for everyone of all ages," Chaney said.

For more information or to assist with the event, call 574-1931 or 573-1141.

Three people reported dead in fiery accident

DALLAS (AP) — An import sedan clipped by another vehicle has spun out of control, collided with a semitrailer truck and burst into flames on Interstate 35 in Red Oak, killing three people and injuring another, authorities said.

The fiery collision occurred about 2 p.m. Sunday on a stretch of Interstate 35 in Ellis County, about 20 miles south of Dallas.

Ellis County Department of Public Safety Sgt. Larry Adams said officials had not been able to identify the victims but had found insurance documents in the wreckage. Two adults and one person thought to be either an adult or teenager died on impact.

A toddler who was strapped in a car seat was taken by helicopter to Children's Medical Center in Dallas, DPS officials said. The extent of the child's injuries were not available.

The driver of the semitrailer truck, Danny Reeves, was not seriously injured, officials said.

Officials said the accident happened when a car moved to the center lane to allow a merging vehicle onto the highway. As the car changed lanes, it clipped a Toyota Camry, causing it to spin.

The vehicle spun from the northbound lanes onto the southbound lanes, and was T-boned by the semitrailer truck, the Dallas Morning News reported. The collision caused both the vehicle and the semitrailer truck to burst into flames.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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Opening lead: ♣ Q

The second option brings success

By Phillip Alder

Author and critic Gail Sheehy wrote, "We hear the haunting presentiment of a dutiful middle age in the current reluctance of young people to select any option except the one they feel will impinge upon them the least."

That applies to some bridge players too. They spot one possible line and go for that without first pausing to see if they have a second string to their yo-yo.

On this deal, you are South, the declarer in four spades. West leads the club queen, which wins the trick. He continues with the club 10, which also wins. After you ruff the third club, how would you continue?

Three no-trump was a game-forcing spade raise, guaranteeing at least four-card support.

You have lost two clubs and have a diamond loser, so it looks as though you need to find East with the heart queen. But impinge a moment!

You draw trumps, starting with an honor from the dummy just in case one opponent has jack-fourth. Then you play three rounds of diamonds. If West wins this trick, he is endplayed, forced either to lead into the king-jack of hearts or to concede a ruff-and-discard. Here, though, East takes the trick and cleverly shifts to a low heart.

You should play low from hand. With this layout, West has to "waste" the queen to drive out dummy's ace, and you are home. However, if West could put in the nine or 10 of hearts, you would still have a finesse of the heart jack available. You make the contract if East has either the heart queen, or the heart 10 and nine.

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Small boat capsizes; two people missing

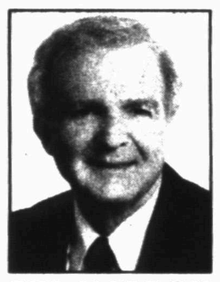
GROSSE POINTE PARK, Mich. (AP) — A small, overloaded fishing boat with five people aboard capsized Sunday morning in the choppy, chilly waters of the Detroit River. Two people were believed to have died, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The 12-foot aluminum rowboat was a few feet off shore from Windmill Point Park in this northern Detroit suburb when it began taking on water, Petty Officer 1st Class Ray Mahannah said. The boat flipped when the passengers began shifting positions, he said.

Other boaters managed to rescue three people from the sinking boat, but were unable to find a 24-year-old man and a 10-year-old boy. Paramedics treated a 7-year-old and two adults at the scene for hypothermia.

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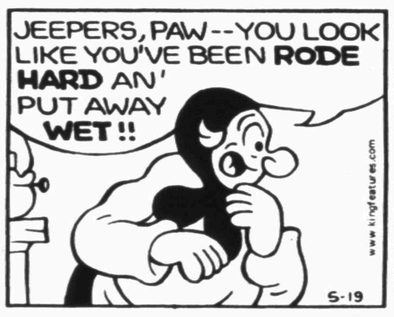
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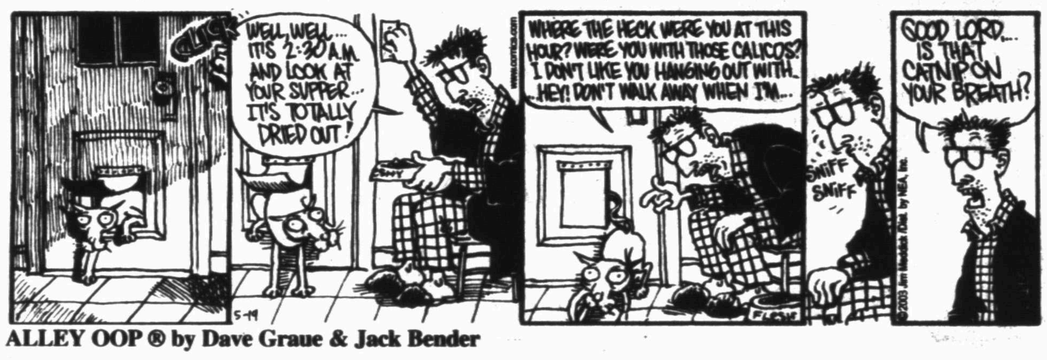


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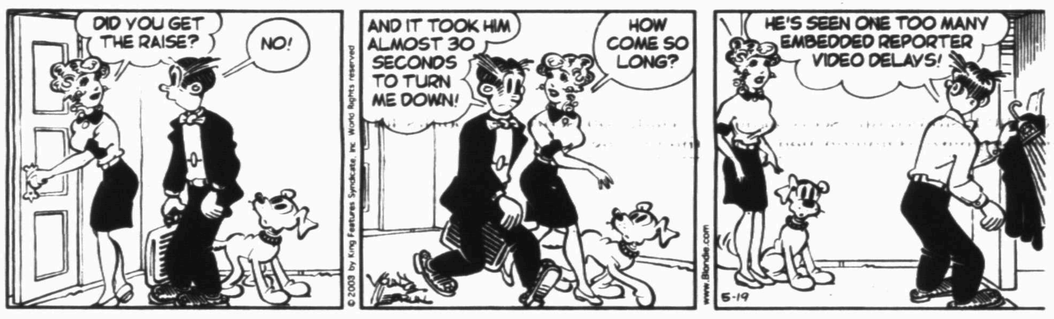




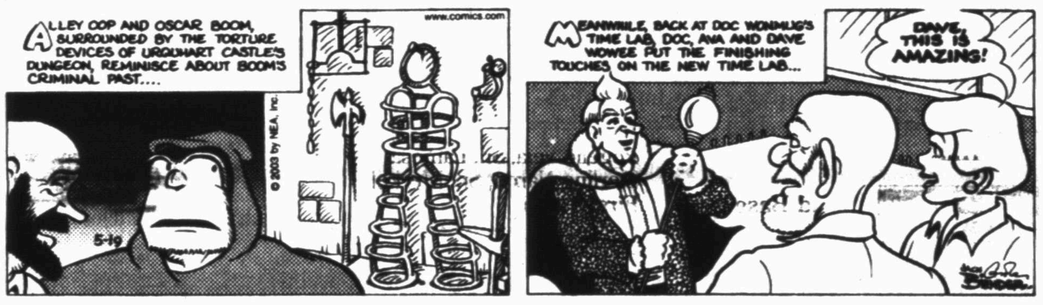
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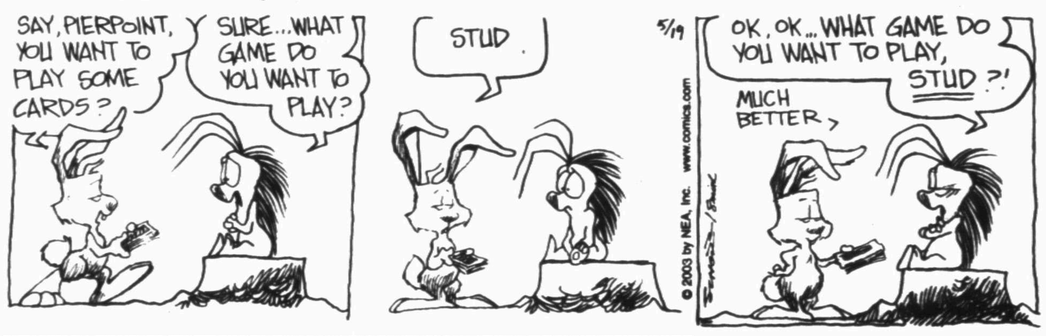
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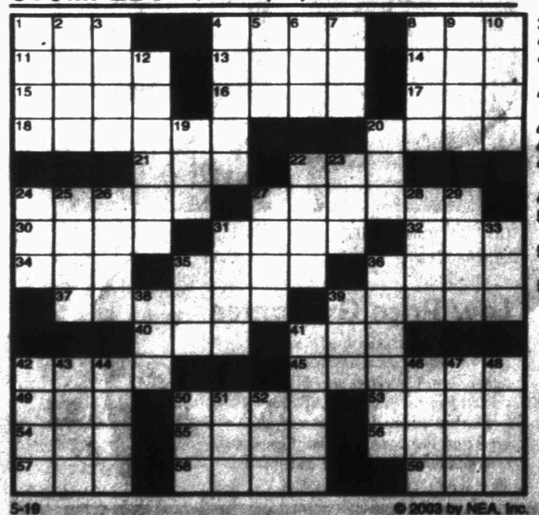
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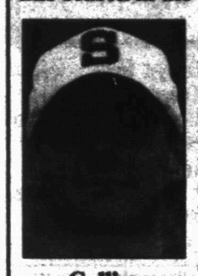
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SPORTS

Tigers grab 11 All-District spots

The Snyder Tigers earned 11 spots on the 3-3A All-District baseball team, including every infield position except third base.

Seniors Chance Greenwood, Shawn Roemisch, Logan Hill and Billy Pena were named to the first team at their respective positions, and Tyler Trout was given an honorable mention nod for his work this season in the outfield.



Collier



Price

Juniors Blake Grimmett, Marcus Villarreal, Bradley Price, Isaac Ramon also earned first team honors, while Marcus Rodriguez was named to the first team as a utility player.

Bradley Price was named to the second-team outfield, and Ty Collier garnered an honorable mention for his work on the mound.

"It shows we had a good team when you get that many on the first team," said head coach Charles Bollinger. "We had a good season, but it ended too soon for us. We didn't click on all cylinders at the end like we wanted to."

Bollinger took over the program before the start of this season, guiding the Tigers to a postseason berth and a bi-district title with a series win over Midland Greenwood. The Tigers were bounced from the playoffs by Canyon, who also knocked Sweetwater from the regional quarterfinal round last weekend, outscoring the Mustangs 31-6 in the final two games.



Greenwood

"It has been a memorable and pleasurable first year as head coach," he said. "We had excellent kids. They were fun to coach, and we got a lot accomplished."

This year, the practice field underwent a major renovation, with roofs placed over the dugouts and windscreens on the outfield fence. Coach Bollinger named the field after Hall of Fame coach Albert Lewis.

He said the parents of the players deserve recognition for their efforts this season.

"I am grateful for the parents' support for me and the program," Bollinger said. "Our dads go out and drag and water the field. Our parents don't just come to the games then leave — they work. I am extremely thankful for them."



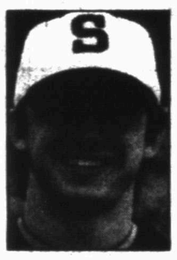
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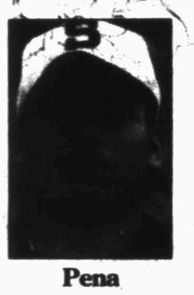
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Trout



Villarreal

All-District 3-3A baseball team

Pitchers —
First Team
Chance Greenwood, Sr., Snyder
Reid Bishop, Jr., Sweetwater
Austin McBee, Sr., Seminole
James Sweatman, Sr., Merkel
Second Team
Steven Reed, Jr., Sweetwater
Pedie Guerra, Jr., Seminole

Catchers —
First Team
Shawn Roemisch, Sr., Snyder
Garrett Ferguson, Sr., Sweetwater
Second Team
Rowdy Warren, So., Denver City

First Base —
First Team
Logan Hill, Sr. Snyder
Jack Squires, Sr., Sweetwater
Second Team
Rogelio Vela, Sr., Lamesa
Sterling Naron, Sr., Merkel

2nd Base —
First Team
Blake Grimmett, Jr., Snyder
Derek Dye, Sr., Merkel
Matt Hawkins, Jr., Seminole
Second Team
Randyn Tenery, Sr., Sweetwater

Third Base —
First Team
Michael Straley, Jr., Sweetwater
Second Team
Adam Garza, Sr., Lamesa

Shortstop —
First Team
Billy Pena, Sr., Snyder
Chris Cobb, Jr., Merkel
Second Team
Tony Gonzales, Jr., Lamesa

Outfield —
First Team
Marcus Villarreal, Jr., Snyder
Drew Caraway, Sr., Merkel
Chris Welcher, Sr. Denver City
Braxton Bates, Sr., Seminole
Second Team
Bradley Price, Jr., Snyder
Robert Ramirez, Jr., Seminole
Mark Garcia, Sr., Sweetwater
Jesse Delgado, Sr., Lamesa

Designated Hitter —
First Team
Isaac Ramon, Jr., Snyder
Evan Stone, Jr., Seminole

Utility Player —
First Team
Marcus Rodriguez, Jr., Snyder
Jeremiah Guerra, So., Lamesa
Second Team
Jerrick May, Sr., Denver City

Honorable Mention —
Outfield
Tyler Trout, Sr., Snyder
Pitcher
Ty Collier, Jr., Snyder

Ira bounced in area round

ABILENE — Miles pulled off a shocking upset Saturday, sweeping the final two games of the area playoff series from Ira, 2-1 and 6-5, to send the Ira Bulldogs home and claim the Region I quartefinal series.

The Bulldogs were one inning away from the regional semifinal, before Miles threw caution to the wind.

With two out in the bottom of the seventh, Miles' Eric Probandt doubled off Eric Dickerhoff and was pushed home by Jared Alexander's single to tie the game at 1-1.

Alexander stole second and then third, scoring the game-winning run on Dickerhoff's wild pitch.

Josh Gutierrez pitched five shut out innings, scattering five hits and one walk before giving way to Dickerhoff in the sixth.

Ira Head Coach Randy Jones said that Dickerhoff relieved in that situation throughout the year.

"Regardless of the game, if I can get two innings from my ace with a one-run lead, I make that call," he said. "We didn't hit well enough to win that game."

Miles' improbable comeback victory forced a deciding game three, and the team rode the wave of momentum to take an early, 5-0, lead over Ira.

The Bulldogs battled back, scoring one in the third and two in the fourth and headed into the bottom of the seventh trailing 6-3.

The team, with a bases-loaded, one-out situation, shaved the deficit to one-run after Josh Gutierrez scored on a fielder's choice, and Jake Barnes crossed the plate on a throwing error.

But Roy Torres struck out to end the game and Ira's season.

"We fought back and played well in both games," Jones said. "We had chances but we couldn't quite get it done. The last two games, they got the big hits at big times and they made plays."

Jones said he considers his first season, in which the Bulldogs won their first 15 games, a success.

"I'm thrilled," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, we had a great year. It is tough to look back and see that you lost a series you should have won."

Jones said the team showed tremendous poise and guts in coming back in the final game.

"I'm really proud of our boys. They showed a lot of class and character," he said. "It was an intense series."

The coach said he will have a tough time replacing his seniors, but said he expects Ira to continue to succeed next season.

"We'll be competitive," he said. "We're in a tough district, but I have no doubt Ira will be in the mix next year."

Kidd's jumper sinks Detroit

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Jason Kidd's 20-foot fadeaway with 1.4 seconds left took a lap around the rim before falling in to give the New Jersey Nets a 76-74 victory Sunday in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We can play pretty basketball when we get up and down the floor, or we can win ugly games," New Jersey coach Byron Scott said. "That's when you have a defensive struggle. We know this series is not going to be a series where there is a lot of up and down, a lot of dunks, a lot of fast breaks, a lot of alley-oops. It's going to be a tough, physical basketball series.

"There's going to be times where it's just ugly basketball."

The Pistons earned the top seed in the conference by using a half-court game, allowing their NBA-leading defense to suffocate opponents.

The Nets had the second-best record in the East because their Kidd-led offense ran past most plodding opponents.

After an initial burst, New Jersey couldn't run and made just 39.7 percent of its shots overall.

But the Pistons shot 35.2 percent and had one too many scoring droughts.

After taking a 63-53 lead with 26.1 seconds left in the third quarter, the Pistons didn't score again until Richard Hamilton tied it at 65 with 7:45 left.

"It's a missed opportunity for us," Detroit coach Rick Carlisle said.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night at The Palace.

Kidd missed 13 of 18 attempts before hitting his rainbow from the right corner over 7-footer Mehmet Okur.

"You just dream about those situations as a kid," Kidd said.

Kidd, who couldn't remember the last time he made a game-winner, was asked if it the biggest shot of his eight-year career.

"Yeah, why not?" he said, shrugging his shoulders.

The Pistons had a chance to tie, or win it with a 3-pointer.

Tayshaun Prince's lobbed inbounds pass was tipped toward the basket by Okur, who grabbed the rebound and missed the put-back.

"We got a clean look at a tip and that's about as much as you can ask for," Carlisle said. "It's just unfortunate we weren't able to finish it."

Kenyon Martin led New Jersey with 16 points, nine rebounds, four steals and three blocks. Kidd had 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and Richard Jefferson added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Hamilton scored 24 points for the Pistons.

Rangers sweep Yankees in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Rangers swept three games at Yankee Stadium for the first time in the franchise's 43-season existence.

"It's a very tough task, something we're very proud of," Alex Rodriguez said Sunday after John Thomson's three-hitter led Texas to a 5-1 victory.

Juan Gonzalez hit his AL-leading 14th homer, a go-ahead, two-run drive in the fourth off Mike Mussina (7-2), who lost his second straight start after winning his first seven.

The Yankees have lost six of seven and are 9-13 following an 18-3 start. New York has lost three straight series for the first time since May 1999 and after leading the AL East since opening day, the Yankees have been tied by the Boston Red Sox heading into a three-game series at Fenway Park.

"I see a team that's flat. We're reeling in all aspects," general manager Brian Cashman said.

Cashman has been in daily contact with owner George Steinbrenner, who likely isn't pleased by the performance of his $150 million payroll.

Sports Briefs

Playoffs at Moffett

Moffett Field will be the site of the 3A Region I semifinal series between District 4-3A champion Monahans and 6-3A winner Abilene Wylie. Game one will be at 7 p.m. Friday, with game two starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. Game three, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the completion of game 2.

Raffle ticket drawing

The raffle ticket drawing for girls softball that was scheduled for today has been changed to May 26.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is point system.

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the film room.

SHS sports banquet

The SHS All-Sports banquet will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the coliseum. Tickets are available for a hamburger supper for $5 and can be bought at the door or the high school. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorial Day scramble

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

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'The Matrix Reloaded' becomes highest-grossing R-rated film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hordes of fans took another trip down the rabbit hole with Neo, Trinity and the other characters of "The Matrix Reloaded," giving the sequel the highest opening weekend gross of any R-rated film on record.

The Warner Bros. sequel to 1999's "The Matrix" took in an estimated $93.3 million from Friday through Sunday, capturing 59.8 percent of the total gross of the weekend's top 12 films, according to studio estimates.

"Matrix Reloaded" made mincemeat out of the previous R-rated weekend record holder, 2001's "Hannibal," which brought in $58 million. "Matrix Reloaded" opened in limited previews Wednesday night, and its total for all five days was estimated at $135.8 million.

"Matrix Reloaded" becomes the second-highest first weekend grossing film of all time, behind last year's PG-13-rated "Spider-Man," which took in $114.8 million its opening weekend. "Matrix Reloaded" was rated R for violence and some sexuality.

Overall, however, Hollywood revenues were down, with the top 12 movies grossing $162.6 million, off 4 percent compared to the same weekend last year.

"Matrix Reloaded" audiences were split almost evenly between those under and over 25, and many theater owners reported a large number of families seeing the film, according to Warner Bros. research.

"You had a whole legion of fans under 17 whose parents were obviously willing to take them to see this movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co. "You can almost call this an R-rated family film."

"This just shows that ratings matter to a point, but if people want to see the movie, they're going to see the movie," Dergarabedian said.

The film is the second of a trilogy, which will wrap up in November with "The Matrix Revolutions."

Warner Bros. held back on a major television ad campaign for the film, relying instead on word of mouth from the releases of the DVD of "The Matrix," of a video game based on the films and of a series of animated shorts.

"The Matrix Reloaded" easily knocked its sci-fi rival, "X2: X-Men United," into third place. "X2" took in $17.1 million for a total three-week take of $174 million.

A surprise was the resilience of the Eddie Murphy family comedy "Daddy Day Care," which only slipped 30 percent at the box office in its second week and retained its second-place showing with a three-day gross of $19.2 million, for a three-week total of $51.4 million.

"To be wedged between these two monsters and hold as well as we did makes it that much better," said Rory Bruer, Sony head of distribution.

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

1. "The Matrix Reloaded," $93.3 million.
2. "Daddy Day Care," $19.2 million.
3. "X2: X-Men United," $17.1 million.
4. "Down With Love." $7.6 million.
5. "The Lizzie McGuire Movie," $4.5 million.
6. "Anger Management," $3.6 million.
7. "Identity," $3.4 million.
8. "Holes," $3 million.
9. "A Mighty Wind," $1.7 million.
10. "Bend It Like Beckham," $1.5 million

Shark finning grows along with taste for very expensive soup

HONOLULU (AP) — With the growth of Asia's economies in the past decade, the demand for shark fin soup — which can fetch more than $100 a bowl — has gone up.

"People want to show their wealth a little more, and one way is to have the soup at your party," said Paul Ortiz, a senior enforcement attorney for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The soup's popularity in Asia has also led to a rise in unappetizing practices by fishermen eager to cash in.

While shark finning itself is legal, it is illegal for U.S. ships to possess shark fins without the accompanying carcass. But fins are more lucrative than the meat, and fishermen have taken to slicing them off and tossing the rest of the shark — sometimes still alive — back in the water, leaving more room for fins on board.

"It's not a ban on shark fin soup, it's a ban on cutting off its fin and throwing away the carcass," Ortiz said.

Companies that buy tons of shark fins from fishing vessels for $20 to $30 per kilogram can sell them in Singapore or Hong Kong for $50 per kilogram, Ortiz said.

"The stuff is worth a lot of money and is relatively easy to move because you don't have to take particular good care of it like fish," he said. "You don't have to freeze it; it dries in the sun."

About 64,700 pounds of shark fins were seized after federal agents boarded the Honolulu-based King Diamond II last summer about 350 miles southwest of Mexico — the largest seizure of shark fins in the United States since the federal law was passed in 2000.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Emphysema is treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just lost a close relative to emphysema, and I'm very hurt and angry. This person never smoked. How come we have space shuttles, space stations, nuclear bombs and men walking on the moon — but no cure for this lung disease? Is it that people just don't care?

DEAR READER: You raise several pertinent questions.

First, the occurrence of emphysema in non-smokers. While tobacco smoke is the leading cause of lung disease in the United States, emphysema is also associated with other factors, such as air pollution (including chemical fumes, hazardous dust, occupational exposure to silica and others), chronic airway hyper-reactivity (such as asthma) and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (an inherited disorder that can be diagnosed by blood tests and treated with a variety of medications and general health measures). Perhaps your relative worked in a high-risk environment or had a genetic disposition to emphysema.

Second, during the grieving period following a loss, people feel hurt, angry and frustrated, which is normal. With time — I hope — you will be able to put your relative's death behind you and accept what happened. In the meantime, trying to place responsibility on society, the government or the medical profession will be counterproductive and lead to more frustration. For example, you don't mention in your letter whether your relative's emphysema was diagnosed early on, how it was treated and why the death occurred. (With modern treatment — including surgery, drugs and oxygen therapy — most emphysema patients can have normal — albeit restrictive — existences.) Perhaps you should question your relative's doctors about these issues. If your concerns can be answered clearly and honestly, your rage and grief may be ameliorated.

Third, the public and our legislators are often more intrigued by "sexy" issues, such as space travel and weapons, than they are by diseases. Nevertheless, there is considerable ongoing research being carried out on pulmonary disorders and their treatment. Sometimes, in medicine, answers to such issues take time and patience. It's not so much a question of "caring" — after all, we all care — as it is a problem of resources and focus. In a sense, despite the extraordinary medical advances in the past few decades, medical professionals are still at a very primitive stage. As I have written before, diseases will eventually be shown to have genetic bases — so effective therapy will undoubtedly involve gene splicing, but that reality is still many years away. A walk on the moon is a simple challenge in comparison to the discovery of a vaccine, for example, that will prevent cancer and heart disease.

Please examine your expectations. Are they realistic and appropriate? And, by all means, attempt to discover the medical details of your relative's disease.

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

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AMR Corp	6.50	6.00	6.24	—.34
AOL TimeWrn	14.30	13.86	13.91	—.33
AT&T Corp rs	17.94	17.61	17.82	—.30
Albertsons	21.35	21.06	21.08	—.38
Alltel	48.60	47.60	47.66	—.88
AmEl Pw	26.51	25.78	26.16	—.69
AndarkPtr	47.96	47.50	47.92	+.13
ATMOS Egy	23.23	22.99	23.19	+.49
Aviall	9.66	9.50	9.64	+.14
BP PLC	40.72	40.40	40.43	—.47
BakerHughes	31.00	30.27	30.46	—.23
Bank of Amer	74.16	72.93	72.98	—1.18
BellSouth	26.35	25.88	26.01	—.44
BurlNoSFe	28.53	28.15	28.35	—.27
Caterpillar	52.70	51.85	52.07	—.90
CenterPoint	9.03	8.74	8.84	—.28
ChevronTex	67.10	66.70	66.78	—.52
Citigroup	39.00	38.33	38.40	—.75
CocaCola	44.09	43.62	43.95	
ColgatePal	58.57	58.10	58.19	—.38
CmclMetals s	17.68	17.37	17.44	—.06
ConocoPhill	52.33	51.79	52.28	+.19
Cooper Inds	38.41	37.88	38.18	—.35
DaimlrChry	31.03	30.44	30.50	—1.01
DeltaAirl	13.83	13.55	13.66	—.55
Dillards Inc	13.89	13.62	13.63	—.53
DowChem	31.95	31.25	31.25	—.70
DuPont	42.19	41.20	41.37	—.82
EastmanChem	30.90	30.51	30.62	—.28
EstKodak	30.23	29.83	29.92	—.33
EDS Corp	18.53	18.15	18.19	—.34
Entergy	49.38	48.56	48.84	—.54
ExxonMobil	35.30	35.08	35.24	—.21
FootLocker	11.70	11.29	11.37	—.23
GenDynam	65.50	62.28	63.23	—1.57
GenElec	27.80	27.49	27.63	—.22
GenMills	45.16	44.79	44.88	+.03
GenMotors	34.41	33.75	33.93	—.48
GePacific	19.20	18.65	18.66	—.54
Goodrich	17.80	17.50	17.54	—.31
Goodyear	7.31	7.05	7.06	—.25
GtAtlPac	6.75	6.47	6.70	+.15
Halliburtn	23.73	23.36	23.44	—.33
Hanson ADS	28.06	27.91	27.91	—.29
HartfdHanks s	18.73	18.40	18.43	—.32
HomeDepot	29.10	27.90	28.07	—1.12
Honeywell Intl	24.75	24.12	24.20	—.70
IBM	88.47	87.27	87.47	—1.52
IntlPaper	37.13	36.43	36.58	—.55
JohnsonJn	55.90	54.60	54.75	—1.29
KinderMorg	47.95	47.70	47.83	—.12
Kroger Co	15.12	14.96	15.08	—.11
LockheedM	48.85	48.13	48.16	—.84
Lowes Cos	43.40	40.90	41.05	—3.25
Lubys	2.60	2.40	2.40	—.16
LucentTech	2.36	2.29	2.33	—.03
MarathonOil	24.36	24.04	24.15	—.30
MayDeptStr	20.63	20.17	20.37	—.26
Medtronic	49.50	48.34	48.47	—.08
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NCR Corp	23.47	23.30	23.45	—.08
Navistar	28.85	28.20	28.40	—.70
PNM Rescs	25.10	24.71	24.80	—.06
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Praxair	57.67	56.77	56.94	—.73
ProctGamb	90.28	89.69	89.96	—.36
RadioShack	23.65	22.73	22.83	—.82
RoyalDut	45.02	44.48	44.55	—.95
SBC Comm	24.70	24.20	24.36	—.59
SaraLee	17.50	17.37	17.45	—.07
Scripps EW	84.08	81.95	82.15	—1.93
SearsRoeb	27.24	26.80	26.95	—.35
SherwinW	27.96	27.60	27.70	—.50
SouthernCo	29.50	29.11	29.41	—.22
SwstAirl	16.05	15.62	15.65	—.40
SprintFON	12.15	11.77	11.82	—.23
SprintPCS	3.78	3.70	3.74	—.06
Sunoco Inc	38.00	37.60	37.83	—.37
TXU Corp	20.59	20.10	20.35	—.55
TempleInland	46.34	45.71	45.81	—.78
TexInd	20.64	19.90	19.95	—.45
TexasInst	19.43	18.91	18.95	—.64
Textron	32.60	32.11	32.12	—.67
TrinityInds	18.07	17.88	17.95	—.11
TylerTech	4.02	4.00	4.00	+.04
UnionPacif	59.92	59.38	59.55	—.42
USSteel	15.40	15.18	15.22	—.16
UnitedTech	67.19	66.58	67.04	—.45
Unocal	29.05	28.85	29.02	—.08
VerizonComm	36.47	35.70	35.90	—.25
WalMart	53.50	52.04	52.43	—.49
WellsFargo	48.39	47.62	47.74	—.65
WstnGasRs	38.90	38.62	38.85	+.05
WinnDixie	13.30	13.09	13.12	—.28
Xerox Cp	10.60	10.49	10.53	—.22
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Polls: Bush strong in states Demos need

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While the nation generally remains closely divided, the balance has shifted at the top of the political ticket, with President Bush showing surprising strength in states Democrats will need in 2004, pollsters say.

Democrats are counting on the public's attention shifting back toward the troubled economy with the war in Iraq over, but it's far from clear that shift automatically will work to their advantage.

Bush's postwar bounce should fade in another six or seven months, said pollster Larry Hugick of Princeton Survey Research Associates. Before the war with Iraq, Bush's standing was returning to levels before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But Hugick acknowledged that new international crises or an easing of economic problems could halt that downward trend.

For now, Bush's position in states crucial to the Democratic support base makes clear the difficulties Democrats face.

"The parties remain pretty balanced," said Robert Shapiro, a public opinion specialist at Columbia University. "We have competitive elections for control of the House and the Senate. Where we find the imbalance is in regard to the presidency."

The presidential race will be fought out state by state, especially so in those key to a Democratic victory. Some state pollsters attending the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research offered their views over the weekend.

—In New York, Bush is very popular and leads the Democratic candidates in head-to-head matchups in the Democratic-leaning state, said Doug Schwartz, director of the Quinnipiac poll. "If the Democrats don't hold onto New York, there's no way they can win the nation," he said.

—In New Jersey, Bush is more popular than Democratic Gov. Jim McGreevey, who is wrestling with budget headaches and other political problems, said Cliff Zukin, director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University and a pollster.

—In Minnesota, a competitive state won by Democrat Al Gore in 2000, Bush is popular overall and his ratings on the war are strong, although he is more vulnerable on the economy, said Robert Daves, a pollster at the Star Tribune newspaper in Minneapolis.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen fears drinking dad will ruin her graduation

DEAR ABBY: My mom divorced my dad two years ago because he's an alcoholic. Dad's a good guy, but when he's drunk he gets mean and hateful — and sometimes violent.

Mom has benefited from the divorce and is much happier. About a year ago, she met a wonderful guy I'll call Dan. I like him a lot and he makes Mom happy.

My dad, on the other hand, hasn't done so well. He blames Mom for everything that's gone wrong with him and even accused her of divorcing him because she was having an affair (which is absolutely not true).

I will be graduating from high school next month. I can't NOT invite either parent, because I know they'd be hurt. I also can't NOT invite Dan because he's like a second father to me. What should I do, Abby? My fear is that my father will arrive drunk at my graduation, cause a scene or start a fight with Dan. Any advice would be appreciated. — **GIRL ABOUT TO GRADUATE**

DEAR ABOUT TO GRADUATE: Talk to your father about your concerns. If he cannot promise faithfully that he will behave like a gentleman, do not invite him. Tell him that this is your day — not his, not your mother's and not Dan's — and you need to be assured it won't be spoiled.

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DEAR ABBY: Whenever I read in one of your columns a reminder about sending messages of encouragement to personnel in the military, I become frustrated. I would like to send a message, but I'm not sure where to send it.

I want to send encouragement, love and heartfelt thanks to all the gay men and women who serve our country whenever and wherever they are needed. In an already stressful situation, they have the added stress of staying in the closet. They not only have to fear the enemies of our country, but also that a homophobic colleague will betray them.

As it was in the Gulf War, their sexual orientation will be ignored because they are needed, but as soon as the action and/or threat is over, they will be tossed aside as many before them have been.

Please, Abby, let them know that we admire, care and think about them and the sacrifices they are making. — **MARTIN IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.**

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DEAR MARTIN: Thank you for pointing out the unfairness of "situational discrimination." A person's sexual orientation has nothing to do with his or her degree of patriotism or ability to successfully defend our country.

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DEAR ABBY: My son is a junior in high school and dating "Lynn," who's a senior. They've been going together for nearly nine months.

Lynn asked my son to go with her to the senior prom. I am unsure about the proper etiquette regarding money. How much of the cost should my son be responsible for?

Keep in mind that it is HER prom. She invited him to be her date. Is it OK for them to split the expenses? My son seems to think he should pay for everything, but I disagree. Please give us some advice, Abby. He's nervous enough as it is! — **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOM**

DEAR MOM: Your son should not pay for everything. Even though he was invited, it would be appropriate for him to offer to pay half the cost. They could do it this way: He buys dinner, her corsage, and provides the transportation. She buys the tickets for the prom, his boutonniere and the photographs.

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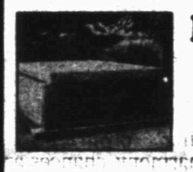
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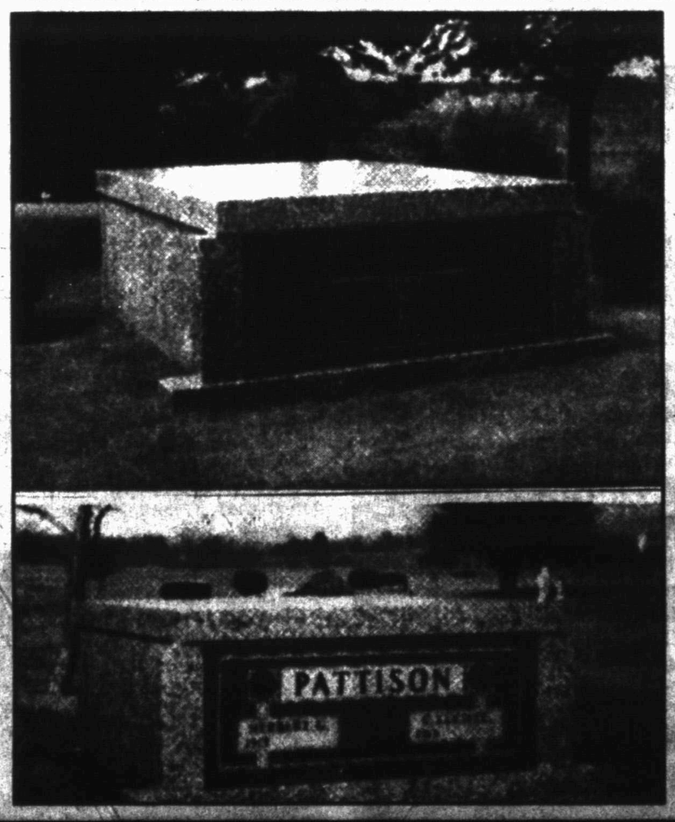
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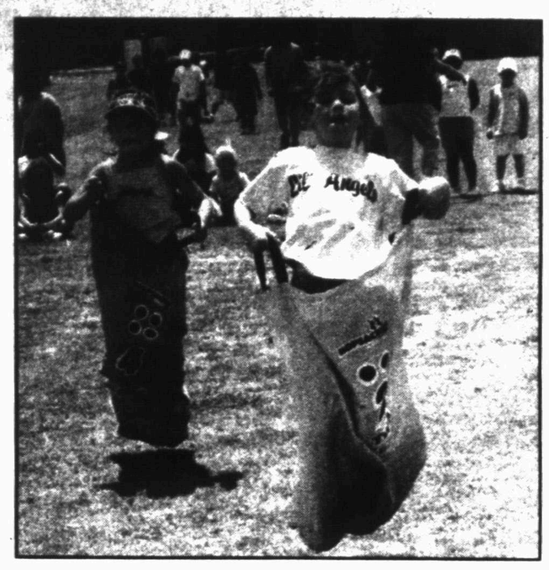
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SACK RACERS — (top left photo) Jay Williams, left, and Miguel Juarez; (bottom left photo) Jansi Hernandez, left and Chelsea Russell; (top photo) Sarah Kaprice, left, and Lauren Floyd.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Alabama installs anti-racial profiling policy

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The new head of Alabama's law enforcement agency has formally banned racial profiling by state troopers and added a new procedure for reviewing motorists' complaints.

The policy, unveiled last week, prohibits troopers from stopping motorists based solely on ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age or cultural group, and mandates annual training.

"This policy clearly states that such actions will not be tolerated," Public Safety Director Mike Coppage said.

Coppage's move, mirroring actions by other states, drew surprise and praise from black legislators who had expressed concerns about racial profiling in the past.

Democratic state Sen. Charles Steele, state president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he was surprised the department didn't have a formal policy earlier. "But I commend them for bringing this to light," he said.

Democratic state Rep. Alvin Holmes said the policy might help erase the tarnished image state troopers have carried since civil rights clashes in Selma in 1965.

"To see a new Public Safety director come in and take a position is refreshing," Holmes said.

Racial profiling by law enforcement gained national attention after a 1998 shooting on the New Jersey Turnpike in which two white troopers fired on a van occupied by four minority men, wounding three. A year after the shooting, the New Jersey attorney general admitted troopers had engaged in racial profiling, and the state agreed to reforms including monitoring the races of motorists stopped by troopers.

Since then, several states have instituted similar laws or reforms aimed at preventing racial profiling, including Texas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Arkansas and California.

Coppage, a former Birmingham police chief who was selected by Gov. Bob Riley in February to head the state law enforcement agency, said he wanted to codify what had previously been an informal policy against biased-based enforcement.

"There is no place in any professional law enforcement organization for any type of bias-based enforcement," Coppage said.

The new policy does not prohibit officers from considering race and other factors when they are part of a suspect's description or "otherwise validly related to an officer's investigation of criminal activity."

Under the new policy, the department's Standards and Integrity Unit will also make an annual review of the department's practices and enforcement activities, including citizens' complaints. In the past, complaints about racial profiling were reviewed by an officer's supervisor.

Any officers who practice profiling and any supervisors who condone it could be punished with anything from a reprimand to dismissal, Coppage said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Involve yourself in the type of work you love best in the year ahead and your chances for success will be enormously enhanced. Ventures that you begin on a rather modest scale could turn into something big.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Watch out for that stubbornness that can come over you from time to time. If you are immoveable about having your own way today and encounter someone equally as resolute, you could lose a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If a favor you do for another today is done with a self-serving motive, it's apt to be perceived and backfire on you. You'll get further with others by being up front about what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A well-meaning friend might encourage you to take a gamble on something today that, in reality, she or he is very ill informed about. Don't let the blind lead the blind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Ambition is a very commendable trait, but only if it is executed in ways that do not step all over others. Be careful today not to be too pushy about going after what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Deviating from the master plan today could cause you to drift off onto unproductive tangents and lead you down a path of unfinished projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When involved in a joint endeavor today, it would be wise to check on one another's progress. Unless you're in harmony, chances are the outcome will turn out looking like hodge-podge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's a strong probability that you and your mate, unbeknownst to each of you, could be pulling in divergent directions today, thereby eradicating what the other does. Get your heads together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be best to politely decline any offers of a helping hand today, especially if it comes from a well-intentioned friend. Things could get gummed up with each blaming the other.

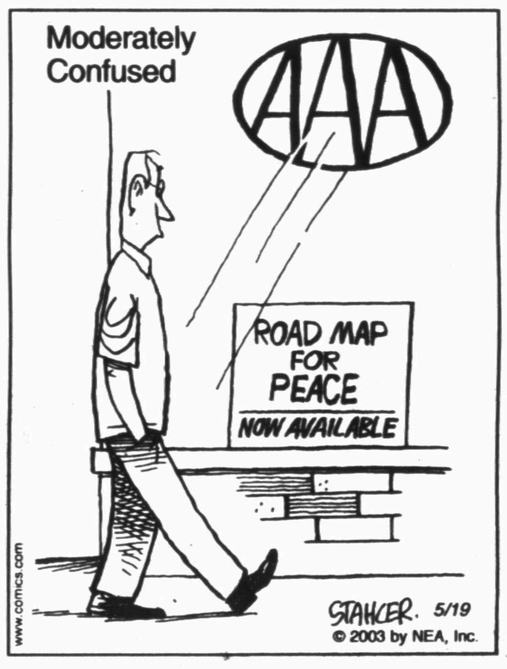
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Stay away from anything that smacks of a business risk today, and don't advise others in their fiscal matters, either. Financial matters are a bit tricky at this time and things could go awry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It won't take much today to unbalance the scales from harmony to hostility on the home front. Sensitivities are running high and the slightest infraction could tip things over.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be careful today, because there's a strong chance your temper might have a hair-trigger and you could let loose on someone who is totally undeserving of your wrath.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sometimes it's a bit difficult for you to keep a tight reign on your finances or material resources when it pertains to job-related situations. Carelessness could lead to losses today.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Permian Resources Inc. has completed the No. 2GL M.A. Boyd in the Diamond M field, eight miles west of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 25 barrels of oil and 33 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,198-268 feet and location is in Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Wild Bill, a 9,000-foot wildcat located two miles southwest of Cuthbert. Location is in Section 3, Block 26, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Threeway Drilling Company will drill the No. 2 Davis in the Koonsman northeast field, nine miles southwest of Justiceburg. Pl[illegible]ed for a depth of 5,040 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Mulloy Operating Inc. has completed the No. 1 Guitar in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. The project was completed to produce 40 barrels of oil and two barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,609-621 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 50-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. The well was completed to produce 46 barrels of oil and seven barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,534-542 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

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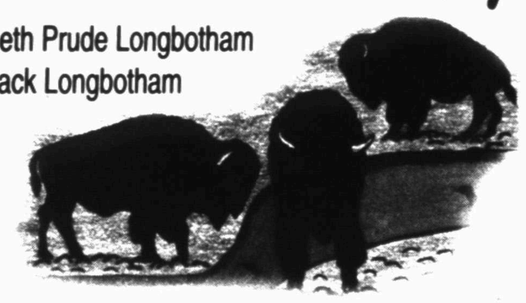
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

White House press secretary resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, the public face of the Bush administration through two wars and a terrorist attack, said today he will resign in July to enter the private sector.

"I love this job," Fleischer told reporters at his informal morning briefing. "I believe deeply about President Bush as a man and I believe deeply in his policies, but it's my time to go."

He would not speculate on who would take his place, but presidential aides said deputy press secretary Scott McClellan was the likely successor, although there are other possibilities.

Fleischer said he wanted to leave the hard-driving job before Bush's re-election campaign geared up.

"I want to do something more relaxing — like dismantle live nuclear weapons," he quipped.

Fleischer clashed at times with the White House press corps and had an uneasy relationship with some senior Bush aides, but he said the departure was his idea. He notified Bush of his decision Friday. The president ended the conversation "by kissing me on the head," the spokesman said.

"I informed him that after 21 years of nothing in my career other than government and politics, after almost four wonderful years with Gov. Bush/President Bush, my time has come to enter the private sector to pursue more relaxing endeavors and see more of my wife," he said.

Fleischer, 42, got married six months ago. He said he wanted to go on the speaking circuit and maybe do some writing.

He said he had not talked with anyone outside the White House about a new job.

Bush has not decided who will replace Fleischer, two senior White House officials said. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Texas native McClellan is the likely replacement but there are other candidates. Republican strategist Ed Gillespie and Pentagon spokesman Victoria Clarke have been mentioned by top Republicans as potential prospects.

A cautious and calibrating press secretary, Fleischer has been the public voice of the presidency through the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the war in Afghanistan and the Iraq war, loyally putting the best spin on events. He frustrated reporters by constantly refusing to answer the toughest questions and sometimes irked his White House colleagues by pushing for access behind the scenes — often without success.

His meatless pronouncements on Bush policy are generally in keeping with a White House that keeps a tight lid on information. Though he is not as close to the president as other top aides, Fleischer has earned Bush's respect by taming what the president considers to be a hostile press corps.

He also has sought to ease tensions between the press at the White House, though he leaves with a mixed record on that score.

"I think he was the right person for the job and for this president," said Joe Lockhart, former White House spokesman for Democratic President Bill Clinton. "The president wanted somebody who was loyal, who was disciplined, someone who needed to keep a secret. I think he was an articulate spokesman in a difficult situation, working for a president who demanded secrecy beyond what was really called for."

Like most press secretaries, Fleischer has had his share of fumbles and dodges in the hothouse atmosphere of the White House briefing room. He acknowledged shooting himself in the foot when he snapped that "one bullet" in Saddam Hussein's head would be cheaper than a war.

More needs to be done about SARS, health agency says

GENEVA (AP) — Governments worldwide must do more to work together in the fight against SARS, the head of the U.N. health agency said today as delegates gathered for the WHO's annual meeting, wearing badges to show they have been screened for the virus.

"It has never been clearer than today that a secure, healthy future for us all depends on cooperation across borders and between institutions," World Health Organization chief Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland told top health officials and medical specialists.

"We can no longer rely on national efforts alone to implement the scaled up system of global alert and response that the world now needs," she said in remarks prepared for delivery at the opening session of the World Health Assembly.

The meeting, gathering officials from the 191 nations who are members of the WHO, is likely to dominated by the issue of SARS. Delegates will be barred from the 10-day meeting if they refuse to complete a questionnaire that asks whether they have been in contact with SARS sufferers or have symptoms of the diseases. Those who are cleared receive a badge allowing them to attend.

SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, is a flu-like virus which first emerged in November in southern China.

China has been criticized for its slow response to the disease and alleged reluctance to reveal the true number of cases.

The global death toll has climbed to 634, with most of the victims in China and Hong Kong.

Births

Amanda Bernal and Donald Gibbs of Snyder announce the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Alexandra, born at 1:07 a.m. May 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Paternal grandmother is Georgia Gibbs of Bryan and maternal grandparents are Licha and Juan Bernal of Snyder.

Senior Menu

TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Spinach
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Carrot/Raisin Salad
Cherry Cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
W/Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Sliced Pineapple w/Cheese Salad
Coconut Pudding

THURSDAY
Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Peas
Tossed Salad
Jell-O w/Topping

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cream Style Corn
Coleslaw
Chocolate Cake W/White Frosting

Possession, DUI arrests reported

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested two male subjects, both 17, at 12:42 a.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of N. Towle Park Rd. for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

DPS troopers advised one male juvenile was taken into custody in the 1800 block of Scott at 3 a.m. Sunday for driving under the influence.

He was transported to the police department, where he was released to his parents. A female juvenile was taken home and released to her parents.

At 9:20 p.m. Sunday, officers took a 20-year-old man into custody in the 200 block of 37th Street on outstanding warrants. He was released after paying fines.

A 17-year-old man was arrested on Hwy. 208 near Dunn at 10:10 p.m. Sunday for driving with an invalid license.

Shots fired

Several 9-1-1 calls were received at 10:55 p.m. Saturday reporting gun shots in the 200 block of 33rd Street. Officers spoke with residents who reported two different vehicles fleeing the scene.

The units checked the area, but were unable to locate any subjects. A close patrol was initiated.

Disturbance

A man requested officers at the Fieldcrest Apartments at 3:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to a domestic dispute.

Officers contacted a man and woman, but advised no assault had occurred. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

Harassment

A woman in the 1800 block of 38th Street reported at noon Sunday that her neighbor was harassing her. Officers intervened and told the neighbor to stay away.

Power outage

A woman in the 3000 block of 38th Street reported hearing a boom and then losing power at 8:25 p.m. Sunday. Officers advised a squirrel had crawled into a transformer box, causing it to blow.

Oncor was contacted and power was restored.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

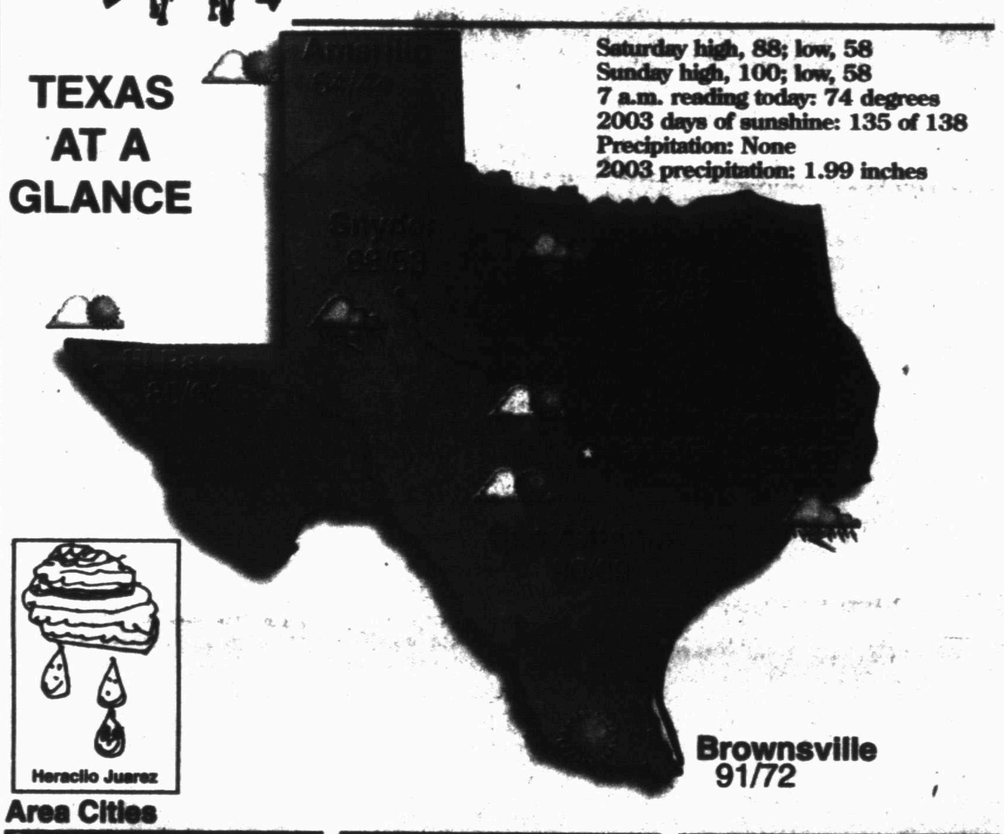
Tue 5/20	Wed 5/21	Thu 5/22
68/53	75/56	75/56
Windy early...partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 68F.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:40 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 88; low, 58
Sunday high, 100; low, 58
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Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	69	57	t-storm
Amarillo	64	44	pt sunny
Austin	86	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	67	t-storm
Brownsville	91	72	sunny
Brownwood	77	59	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	71	pt sunny
Corsicana	74	61	t-storm
Dallas	72	61	t-storm
Del Rio	91	71	pt sunny
El Paso	85	61	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	76	57	pt sunny
Gainesville	71	54	t-storm
Greenville	71	57	t-storm
Houston	86	68	t-storm
Kingsville	91	69	pt sunny
Livingston	82	64	t-storm
Longview	76	61	t-storm
Lubbock	66	50	t-storm
Lufkin	80	66	t-storm
Midland	71	57	pt sunny
Raymondville	92	70	sunny
Rosenberg	86	68	t-storm
San Antonio	90	69	pt sunny
San Marcos	87	66	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	72	58	t-storm
Sweetwater	70	55	t-storm
Tyler	75	64	t-storm
Weatherford	71	56	t-storm
Wichita Falls	71	54	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	67	59	rain
Boston	71	52	sunny
Chicago	60	44	t-storm
Dallas	72	61	t-storm
Denver	62	42	pt sunny
Houston	86	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	58	sunny
Miami	84	74	t-storm
Minneapolis	64	44	sunny
New York	70	52	mst sunny
Phoenix	102	74	mst sunny
San Francisco	69	52	windy
Seattle	66	48	pt sunny
St. Louis	66	50	t-storm
Washington, DC	73	59	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
May 16	May 23	May 31	Jun 7

UV Index

Tue 5/20	Wed 5/21	Thu 5/22
High	High	Very High

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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Obituaries

Martha Davis

1936-2003

Martha Lee Davis, 66, died Saturday, May 17, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Graveside service for Mrs. Davis is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Dorman, pastor of the Veribest Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.


Martha Davis

Born Nov. 6, 1936 in Snead, Ark., she married Austin Davis on Aug. 18, 1952 in Fordyce, Ark. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Davis, a member of the Ira Baptist Church, was a dietitian for Snyder Oaks Care Center for many years.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bobby Davis and Donald and Cynthia Davis, all of Snyder, and Ricky and Julia Davis of Katy; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Deanna McClure of Snyder, Virdell and Nellie McClure of Diboll and Willie and Helen McClure of Marshall; three sisters, Esther Pate of Fordyce, Ark., Dorothy Wilborn of Ruston, La., and Ruth Quick and husband Bill of Rye, Tex.; three grandchildren, Adam and Jennifer Davis of Arkadelphia, Ark., Amanda and Cory Beltz of Moore, Okla., and Rena and Ray Wright of Snyder; three great-grandchildren, Nathan Wright, Shelby Davis and Kaitlyn Beltz.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Jeanne Vaughn

1927-2003

Jeanne Vaughn, a former Scurry County resident, died Sunday, May 18, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Vaughn, 75, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Oct. 30, 1927 in Vivian, La., she was reared in Hermleigh and married E.H. Vaughn on Aug. 11, 1943 in Joplin, Mo.

Mrs. Vaughn was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Survivors include her husband, E.H. Vaughn of Lubbock; two sisters, Elsie Haisten of Grand Saline and Melaine James of Garland; a brother, Don Goolsbye of Mineola; and several nieces and nephews.

Homer Bodine

1918-2003

COLORADO CITY — Homer H. Bodine, co-founder of the Buford store, died Saturday, May 17, in the Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Bodine, 85, was set for 4 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monte Kries officiating. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 21, 1918 in Mitchell County, he was a 1941 graduate of Texas A&M University.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Bodine served in the medical corps and was in one of the first divisions to occupy Japan.

He married Florence Stoeltje on Dec. 23, 1945 in Abilene. He and his brother ran the Buford store and then established the Bodine Brothers Drive Thru Dairy, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Brush and Pallet Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lenn and Stella Bodine; and by a brother, Lenn Bodine Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Bodine of Colorado City; a daughter, Lynda Stokes of Temple; a son, Michael Bodine of Sterling City; one sister, Aleene Monroe of Raton, N.M.; two brothers, Ed Bodine and Truman Bodine, both of Colorado City; and four grandchildren.

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