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THURSDAY

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Home of Blake Alan Hancock

SISD to honor 50 employees

Three have 30 years of service

Lillian Durst, Carolyn Limmer and Sally Rios each will be honored for 30 years of service to Snyder Independent School District at a noon luncheon Friday.

These three, plus 47 other employees, will be recognized at the annual luncheon that will be held this year in the high school student activities building.

Recognized for 25 years of service will be Barbara Bowen, Dale Byrd, Mary Ann Caldwell, Kay Hensley, Armanda Herrera, Sherry Patterson, Karen Pevehouse, Jim Rosson, Melissa Rosson, Barbara Shipp and Patsy Williams.

Twenty-year awardees are Angel Duncan, Roland Herrera, Julia Juarez, Joe Lopez, Nancy Peterson, Kellye Starnes and Betty Thompson.

Those with 15 years of service are Judy Doty, Nancy Doyle, Elvira Gonzales, June Holcomb, Sherry Kidd, Kim Krueger, Steve Krueger, Betty Morgan and Judy Moss.

Others are Vicki Rinehart, Yolanda Rosas, Rebekah Thornton and Ronnie Williamson.

Service awards for 10-years of employment will go to Chris Bane, Jean Burns, Carmen Carpenter, Delana Grant, Becky Hale, Olga Hernandez, Richard Hester, Nancy Higgins and Nancy Jones.

Others with 10 years employment are Robert Neblett, Lu Owen, Chris Porter, Ralph Ramon, Sylvia Sapsky, Kathy Spoor and Michael Velasquez.

At 8 p.m. Friday...

Seven seniors will graduate from HHS

For seven Hermleigh seniors, 12 years of hard work will pay off Friday with commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Ten eighth graders will also graduate.

The guest speaker will be Bob Curtis of Lubbock. Curtis, who has spoken at banquets in Hermleigh, owns Bob's Woodworks Inc.

Valedictories will be given by senior Sabrina Terry and Alana Culp, eighth grader.

Salutatory speakers will be senior Julie Rodriguez and eighth grader Johnathon McClure.

Supt. Jerry Church will present diplomas and Clarence Spieker, principal, will present awards.

Honor students serving as ushers will be Reecie Sauceda, Terrel Culp, Alicia Culp and Tyler Ethridge.

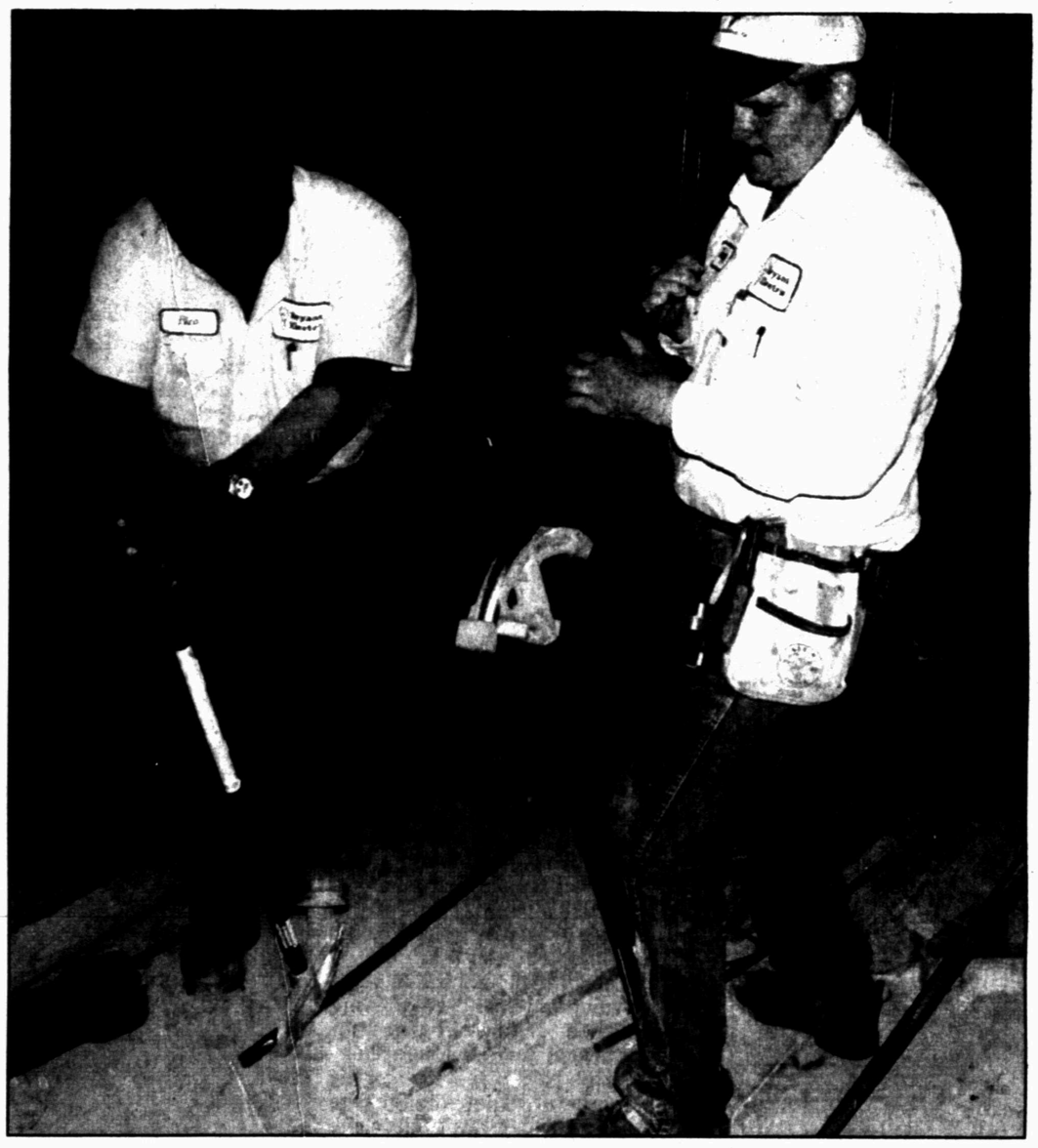
Senior Kendra Nachlinger will give the invocation and Jeremy Roemisch will give the benediction.

Seniors will conduct the red rose ceremony and Susan Rosson is in charge of the tassel ceremony.

Kelly Murphy will play the processional and the junior high recessional.

Other graduating seniors include Kally Berkley, Rocky Glover, Jeremy Roemisch, and Mary Spruill.

Other eighth graders graduating are Robert Anderson, Samantha Berry, David Duck, Courtney Ethridge, Gabrielle Ivey, Frank Smith, Georgianna Smith and Danni Webb.



HARD AT WORK — Renovation continues at Cogdell Memorial Hospital as workers were busy in the new emergency area and also outside constructing a new entrance for the facility. Rico Valdez, left, and Skippy Cortez, both of San Angelo were cutting conduit this morning for electric works inside. (SDN Staff Photo)

Memorial Day holiday prompts Monday closings

A number of businesses and government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

All financial institutions will be closed, including West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, Snyder National Bank, First American Bank and Texas Savings Bank.

The Scurry County Library will close at 6 p.m. Friday and will not re-open until normal business hours Tuesday.

The Scurry County Museum also will be closed on Monday. City Hall and the courthouse will observe the holiday and not conduct business on Monday.

Mail will not be delivered to homes Monday, but will be placed in post office boxes.

All public schools will be closed as will Western Texas College, but the WTC golf course will be open from 7:30 a.m. until dark.

The city landfill will observe Memorial Day on Saturday and will be open during normal business hours Monday.

Intern's body discovered in D.C. park

WASHINGTON (AP) — As forensic experts work to determine how Chandra Levy died, Police Chief Charles Ramsey said today that investigators may again question Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif.

Ramsey, making the rounds of the morning talk shows, said now that Levy's remains have been found police will seek to talk to more people who may have information about her movements prior to her disappearance on May 1, 2001.

Condit, who already has been interviewed four times, may again be sought for questioning, Ramsey said.

"Perhaps we'll need to talk again. I don't know. Those decisions have not been made," he said on NBC's "Today."

Condit has acknowledged an affair with Levy, a police source says, but denies any involvement in her disappearance. Police repeatedly have said he is not a suspect.

The remains of Levy, 24, of Modesto, Calif., were found Wednesday morning in Rock Creek Park, a sprawling area in northwest Washington where Levy often jogged. Police say her skull and other bones were recovered, as were a jogging bra, tennis shoes and other clothing.



Chandra Levy

Investigators resumed their search of the area this morning, painstakingly sifting through dirt and leaves looking for hairs, clothing fibers and other evidence that could help determine when and how Levy died.

Terrance W. Gainer, Washington's deputy police chief, would not say whether any evidence of foul play had been found. However, he said it's reasonable to assume she was killed based on all the evidence gathered to date.

After months of hope that their daughter still might be alive, Levy's parents were left to cope with the tragic news: The long search for the intern had ended with confirmation of her death.

"Two parents have just received the most horrifying news that any parent could ever get," family spokeswoman Judy Smith said Wednesday outside Dr. Robert and Susan Levy's home. "Certainly no parent ever thinks that they would bury their child."

The Levys grieved in private with their son, Adam, and a few friends who arrived to console them in their one-story brick ranch house. Sheriff's deputies provided security.

Only a short distance from the front door, scores of reporters lined the sidewalk of the shady cul-de-sac. Ribbons that lined neighborhood trees and lamp posts a year ago were tattered and faded.

Neighbor Joanne Tittle's eyes were red and puffy from crying.

"My gut instinct was hopeful," she said. "I hoped she was in a foreign country or something."

Area students to be released for summer

Seniors at Snyder High School were to be released following a 2:30 assembly this afternoon.

All other Snyder students will close out the school year at 11:35 a.m. Friday.

Ira students were to be released today following a morning awards ceremony and hamburger cookout.

Hermleigh schools were to be released following a 12:30 assembly today.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Grads, congratulations and best wishes."

They usually want somebody like Dan Rather or Tom Brokaw, so we don't expect to be called on to deliver a commencement speech.

If we did, however, we would hope it could carry the same message delivered by Ann Quindlen at Villanova this year.

"It's a great honor to be the third member of my family to receive an honorary doctorate from this great university.

"I have no specialized field of expertise, which puts me at a disadvantage talking to you. I'm a novelist.

"My work is human nature. Real life is all I know. Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. The second is only part of the first.

"Don't ever forget what a friend once wrote Sen. Paul Tsongas when the senator decided not to run for re-election because he had been diagnosed with cancer: 'No man ever said on his death bed that he had wished he had spent more time at the office.'

"Don't forget the words my father sent me on a postcard last year: 'If you win the rat race, you're still a rat.'

"Or what John Lennon wrote before he was gunned down: "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.'

"You will walk out of here with only one thing that no one else has. There will be thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person who has sole custody of your life...not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account but your soul.

"People don't talk about the soul very much. It's easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit.

"Here is my resume:

"I am a good mother to three children. I no longer consider myself the center of the universe. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I am a good friend to my husband. I have tried to make marriage vows mean what they say.

"I am a good friend to my friends. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today because I would be a cardboard cutout. I call them on the phone and I meet them for lunch.

"I would be rotten, or at best mediocre, at my job if those other things were not true. Here's what I want to tell you today.

"Get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, bigger paycheck, the larger house. Do you think you'd care much about those things if you blew an aneurysm or found a lump in your breast?

"Get a life in which you notice the smell of saltwater, a life in which you stop and watch a red-tailed hawk circle, or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tried to pick up a Cheerio with a thumb and first finger.

"Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love and who love you. Love is not leisure, it is work. Pick up the phone, send an e-mail. Write a letter.

"Get a life in which you are generous, a life that is not taken for granted. Take money you would have spent on beers and give it to charity. Work in a soup kitchen. Be a big brother or sister. All of you want to do well. But if you do not do good, too, then doing well will never be enough...

"Learn to be happy. Think of life as a terminal illness, because if you do, you will live it with joy and passion as it ought to be lived."

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ASK US

Q—Is the new English teacher at Ira High School certified to teach that subject?

A—The new English teacher, Kaci Duke, has a bachelor's degree in sports and exercise science and qualifies for emergency certification.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 85 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Thursday, 67; no precipitation; total for 2002, 7.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 60s; S winds 15-25 mph; then 20-30 mph by midnight. Friday, partly cloudy, high near 90; S winds 15-25 mph.



Daniel Ramirez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:43 a.m.

Of 142 days in 2002, the sun has shone 135 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In its truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed, it must be achieved.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Longview teacher given 35 years for assaulting student

LONGVIEW (AP) — A fifth-grade teacher at a Catholic school has been sentenced to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting two of his female students and to a child pornography charge.

Mark David Ladish, 41, who had taught at St. Mary's School in Longview for the past six years, was sentenced Wednesday by state District Judge David Brabham to 35 years for aggravated sexual assault of a child, 10 years for indecency with a child and 5 years for possession of child pornography, with the prison time to run concurrently.

Under an arrangement with prosecutors to plead guilty, Ladish waived any appeals. He must serve 17 years, or about half the sentence, before he will be eligible for parole.

Authorities were first alerted to Ladish after one of the girls' parents found e-mail love letters from the teacher while checking the family computer in February. The parents told the school, and Ladish was fired. The school notified police, who arrested Ladish five days after his dismissal.

Investigators learned of the second victim and other possible victims after Ladish turned over his computer to police, according to court documents released on Wednesday.

The two girls that Ladish admitted to assaulting were in his fifth grade class and were about 10 or 11 at the time the offenses occurred.

Ladish had sex at the school with one of the girls on numerous occasions and had fondled the other one, officials said. Investigators said the improper conduct went on for at least two years before it was discovered.

Police took framed photographs of two female students from Ladish's residence on Feb. 12, including a picture of one of the victims, and also collected letters from students.

Pale, unshaven, shackled and wearing a black-and-white jail uniform, Ladish spoke quietly during Wednesday's 30-minute hearing, telling the judge that steroids he had been taking are a possible explanation for his behavior. The steroids, he said, increased his desire for sex.

"They gave me muscle mass rather quickly," he told the judge. "It did increase my sexual appetite also."

Under oath, Ladish testified Wednesday that he had not victimized any other children, but police continue to suspect that he had at least one other victim.

"He was cultivating at least five girls all at the same time," Longview police Sgt. Don Jeter said Wednesday. "They thought he loved them."

Gregg County District Attorney Bill Jennings said he wanted to put Ladish away for life, but agreed to allow the guilty plea so Ladish's victims would be spared the trauma of having to testify about their experiences. The girls' parents also approved the plea bargain.

Ladish's six years at St. Mary's was his first and only teaching job Jeter said.

Ladish exploited the feelings of vulnerable children, preying on their childish crushes for his sexual desires, Jeter said.

"This guy was so highly thought of. They thought he was Mr. Wonderful," Jeter said. "He used that trust and love and turned it into something perverted."



OFFICERS — Snyder FFA officers for 2001-2002 include front row from left, Cliff Beights, vice president (chapter activities); Corey Longorio, treasurer; Chance Tatum, vice president (booster club activities.) Middle row from left, Shannon Chambers, president; Morgan Miller, secretary; Kamie Drain, sentinel; Jennifer Williamson, vice president (community service); Shana Blackard, vice president (Greenhands); Cindy Nachlinger, vice president (scholarships). Back row from left, Jacinda Judah, first vice president; Kasey Wemken, vice president (member development); Amanda Greenwood, historian; Emily Long, vice president (communications); Jenna Neff, vice president (SAEPs); Beth Parsley, reporter. Wemken was also named the best fundraiser and Judah received the scholastic medal of achievement for the junior class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



GREENHAND OFFICERS — Snyder FFA Greenhand officers for 2001-2002 include back row from left, Sara Carpenter, secretary; Michael Parsley, vice president; Ricky Early, treasurer; Paige Anderson, student advisor; front row from left, Tyler Thompson, reporter; Logan West, president; Brandon Bragg, sentinel. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately $9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

events LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

13-19-28-33-47-48

(thirteen, nineteen, twenty-eight, thirty-three, forty-seven, forty-eight)

Pick 3

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

0-3-8

More than 230 eight-liners seized in raids

HENDERSON (AP) — Executing 16 of 37 arrest warrants, Rusk County authorities raided businesses with eight-liners, confiscating 236 machines and more than $300,000 in cash, officials said.

Rusk County chief deputy Don Morrison said the machines seized in the Wednesday raids are valued at about $3,000 each.

"It's been real exciting around here today," Morrison told the Longview News-Journal today.

Some of those arrested face felony organized crime charges along with misdemeanor gambling counts, he said.

Similar to slot machines, eight-liners pay prizes when fruit or other symbols line up. Their status on the state gambling code, however, has proven to be uncertain. During three jury trials in Gregg County after a November 1999 roundup, prosecutors won two guilty verdicts and lost the third.

The attorney who won his case convinced jurors that a paragraph in the gambling code exempts machines used strictly for amusement from the definition of a gambling device.

Similar mixed outcomes across the state prompted Texas House Speaker Pete Laney to ask the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence to review the law and recommend ways to clarify it regarding eight-liners.

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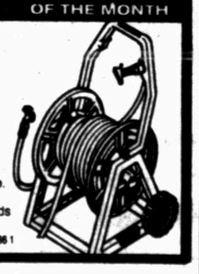
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HONOR RECEIVED — During the Beta Sigma Phi Exemplar Ritual, Niki Glasscock was presented the Exemplar pin. Show with her is BSP president Carolyn Greene, 'right. (SDN Staff Photo)

For something different try goulash

If you're stewing over what to make for a potluck or buffet supper, a classic European concoction may be just the dish you desire.

Rich, savory and simple to make-it takes a single pot to cook-Hungarian Goulash is a traditional stew of beef or veal and vegetables, with paprika and other seasoning.

This variation on the original dish uses Coca-Cola as a flavoring agent, adding a touch of sweetness to temper the hearty tastes of paprika and caraway seeds. It's a delightfully different contribution to the buffet table that's sure to have diners saying "*koszonom*" (thank you).

HUNGARIAN GOULASH

Makes 8 servings
3 lbs. lean beef chuck
2 Tbsp. margarine
2 cups chopped onions
1 clove garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. paprika
2½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. caraway seeds
½ cup Coca-Cola
¼ cup dry red wine
4 ripe tomatoes
3 Tbsp. flour
Hot cooked noodles

Cut beef into 1-inch cubes, discarding bone and fat. In a Dutch oven, melt margarine and add meat, stirring to brown on all sides. Remove meat cubes as they brown. Saute onions and garlic in the drippings until they are soft. Stir in paprika, salt and caraway seeds; cook 1 minute. Stir in meat, Coca-Cola, wine and peeled, cut-up tomatoes. Cover tightly; simmer about 1¼ hours or until meat is fork-tender. Blend flour with a little water to make a smooth paste; stir into goulash. Stir and cook 3 to 5 minutes until gravy is thickened. Serve with hot noodles.

Five former Enron employees posing for 'Playgirl'

HOUSTON (AP) — They've already lost their shirts to Enron Corp. Now they're doing the same for Playgirl Magazine.

Five former Enron employees went before Playgirl's cameras Sunday for a daylong photo shoot for an issue due in stores in October.

The issue will feature profiles of the men and their experiences with the former energy giant, which filed for bankruptcy in December after questions about the company's accounting practices surfaced.

"Enron made me bare it all," said Mark Zebrowitz, who worked as a production manager for Enron Oil & Gas in India. "That's all they left me with."

In return for the men's willingness to show off what normally stays under wraps, Playgirl offered "more money than they made on their stock options," magazine editor Michele Zipp said.

Playgirl's offer came April 1, a week after Playboy Magazine invited current and former female workers to pose for a "Women of Enron" issue.



OFFICERS INSTALLED — Officers for Beta Sigma Phi sorority were installed May 7 at the Snyder Country Club. From left are Dena Ellis, first vice president; Brenda Billingsley, treasurer; Jacalyn Lowrance, corresponding secretary; Marie Boone, second vice president; Beth Bowen, extension officer; Janine Schoolcraft, president; and Lois Cave, recording secretary.



SCHOLARSHIP — Carolyn Limmer, service chairman for Beta Sigma Phi, right, presented two Pam Fowler Memorial scholarships to Kallie Billingsley, left, and Jeff Neal.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 05-23-02		
	♠ A 10 5 2		
	♥ Q 10 8 4 3		
	♦ 10 6 5		
	♣ 7		
West		East	
♠ Q 6 4		♠ 9 7 3	
♥ K 7		♥ 6	
♦ 9 3 2		♦ A K Q J 7	
♣ Q 6 5 4 2		♣ K 9 8 3	
	South		
	♠ K J 8		
	♥ A J 9 5 2		
	♦ 8 4		
	♣ A J 10		

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♥	1 NT	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Another elementary overbid in the play

By Phillip Alder

Virginia Wolff wrote the following at the age of 17, but it wasn't published until 1990, 49 years after her death: "Methinks the human method of expression by sound of tongue is very elementary, & ought to be substituted for some ingenious invention which should be able to give vent to at least six coherent sentences at once."

There's nothing like youthful naivete. Most cannot listen to two people talking simultaneously, let alone six.

Yesterday, I gave a deal that was labeled as intermediate, but I considered it advanced. This one was labeled ambiguously with what one could argue is an oxymoron: elementary elimination.

The problem-setter said that the contract was four hearts by North, but I couldn't find any way to achieve that aim. Even this auction wouldn't meet with universal approval. But, as is usually the case, the play's the thing.

West leads the diamond two, low from a tripleton in partner's unsupported suit. East takes two tricks, then shifts to a low club. What now?

You could try to guess who holds the spade queen, but it is much easier to let the opponents do your dirty work for you.

After winning with the club ace, cash the heart ace, being relieved to see both opponents follow. Next, eliminate the minors: Ruff a club in the dummy, a diamond in hand, and a club in the dummy. With your preparations complete, exit with a trump to West's king.

Now West must either lead a spade, finding the queen for you, or return a club, which you would ruff in the dummy while discarding a spade from hand.

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Dance recital is set Saturday

Tamara's Dance on Broadway will present their annual recital "Opening Night" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

This will be "Opening Night" for the new studio as it will be the first recital. The recital will recall many special opening nights for various Broadway musicals and will feature dance routines choreographed to popular songs such as *Do Re Mi* from *The Sound of Music*, *It's a Hard Knock Life*, from *Annie*, and *Greased Lightning*, from *Grease*.

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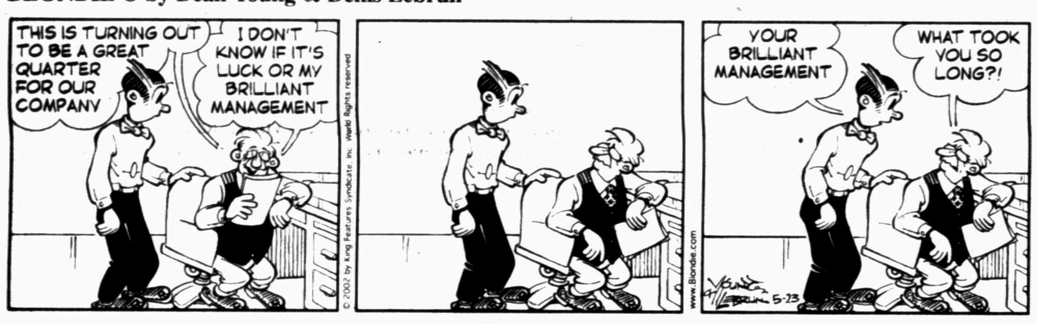
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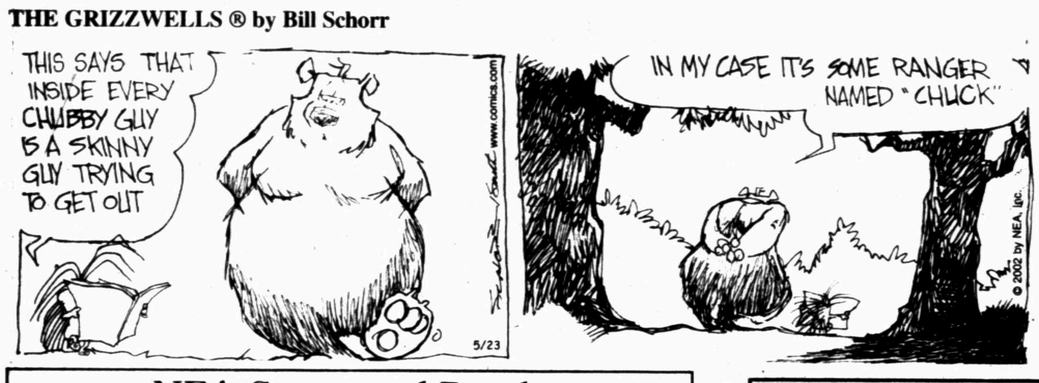
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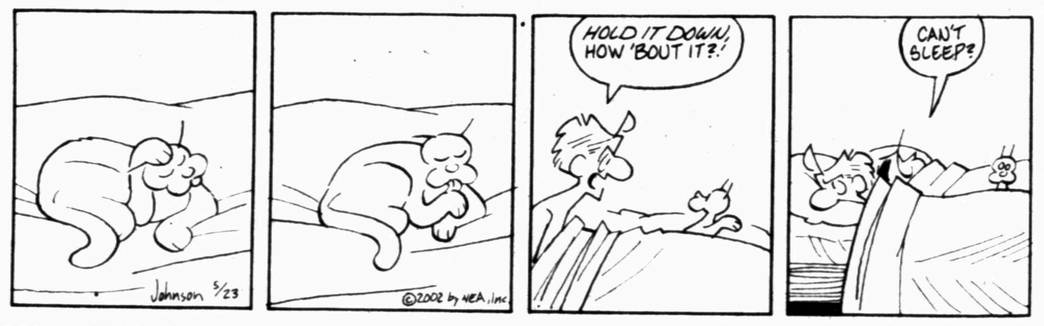
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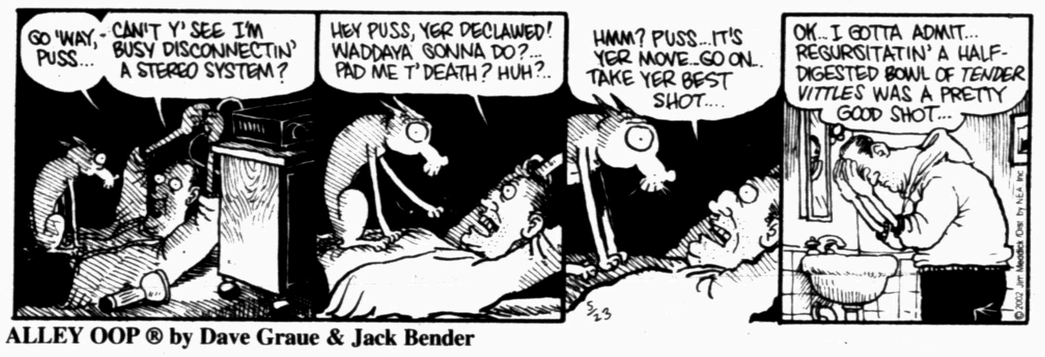
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6 Antelope feature
10 Cheered
12 Pesto and marinara
14 Seinfeld pal
15 Muppet drummer
16 Experts
18 Be nosy
19 Start all over
21 Movie spool
23 Boathouse item
24 Prefix for "recent"
26 Droopy
29 Eggs, to Ovid
30 Goofy
32 MGM mascot
34 100 centavos
36 Wimple wearer
37 Downhiller Tommy
38 Page of a book
40 Taxi
42 Sorbet
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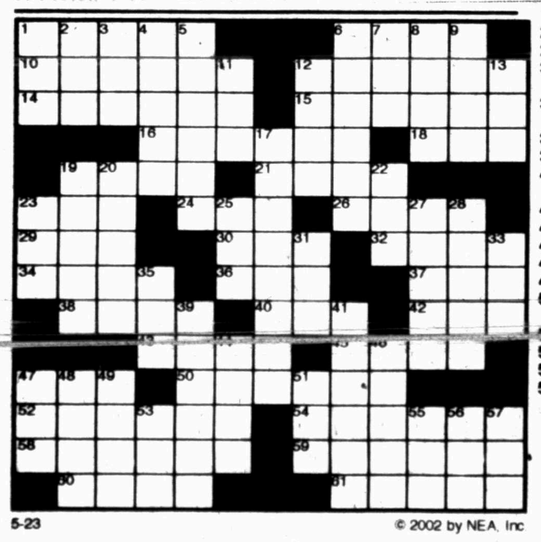
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2 Ocean dweller
3 Gator Bowl site
4 Homer's tale
5 Sinew
6 Grimm youngster
7 Yes, to Yvette
8 Mounties' org.
9 Get closer
11 Fiddle-dee- —
12 Satisfy fully
13 Foxy
17 Factory output
19 "Bolero" composer
20 Remove chalk
22 Small, in Dogpatch
23 Comics caveman period
27 Ape
28 Doggy
31 Double helix
33 Before marriage
35 Klutz
39 Ensue
41 Coffee maker
44 Expel
46 Steamed
47 Streetwise
48 Major Hoople
49 Hies
51 Urie novel "The —"
53 Previous to
55 Feverish
56 "— -Pan"
57 Cpl.'s superior

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Bulldogs reaching new heights

By Eric Drennan
Spots Editor

They still wear orange and black, but these aren't the same Ira Bulldogs.

In a span of four years, Ira has evolved from district doormat to league leader, capping the climb this year with district championships in football, basketball and baseball.

While the meteoric rise may have surprised some of their opponents, this year's success didn't come as a shock to those associated with the athletic program.

"Before the school year started, we thought we had a pretty good chance to accomplish something great," said head football coach Toby Goodwin, now in his fifth year at Ira and fourth as a head coach. "We set our goals pretty high, and we believed all along that we would accomplish them."

The Bulldogs' run through district competition was near perfect. Ira followed up a flawless 5-0 football campaign with an unbeaten 8-0 effort in basketball. In fact, the only setback during district play was a 6-5 loss to Rotan in baseball, giving the Bulldogs an overall 18-1 league record.

"Winning the district title in basketball might have been the biggest surprise, if there was one," said basketball and baseball coach Bubba Edwards. "There were some pretty talented teams in our basketball district, but the kids believed all along that they would win it."

Ira's success this year hasn't been limited to district play as the Bulldogs have captured three bi-district titles along the way and compiled an overall record of 53-11 heading into today's area round of the baseball playoffs.

"I don't think we're that much more athletic than the teams in the past," said senior Nathan Smith who's been an anchor for the Bulldogs since his freshman year. "This senior class is the first one to have Coach Goodwin and Coach Edwards for all four years. I think that's the biggest reason for our success."

The coaching duo has instilled a winning tradition at Ira, and the Bulldogs are reaping the benefits.

"These kids expect to win every time they step on the field, no matter who the opponent is," said Goodwin.

"These kids are very coachable and they absolutely hate to lose," added Edwards.

Even with all of their success, the Bulldogs' football and basketball seasons came to an end in the second round of the playoffs. That's where the baseball team hopes to change things.

"We don't want to go out in the second round again," said Smith. "As seniors, we want to accomplish a little more and end it on a winning note. We want to end it by playing in the state tournament."

Ira hopes to take another step toward the state tourney when they open their area series against Windthorst at 5:30 today at Albany. The series resumes at 5 p.m. Friday.

Cards edge Astros with late homer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Drew hit a leadoff home run in the ninth inning as the St. Louis Cardinals won for the 11th time in 13 games, beating the Houston Astros 3-2 Wednesday night.

Drew struck out as a pinch hitter in the seventh against Roy Oswalt, but didn't let it bother him when he stayed in the game as the right fielder. In the ninth, he hit a 3-2 pitch from Ricky Stone (2-2) over the right-field wall, a 438-feet drive for his seventh homer of the year.

The Cardinals are 8-1 on the homestand with one game to go, the series finale Thursday.

The Astros left the bases loaded in the top of the ninth against Veres, who kicked a Brian Hunter dribbler twice before realizing where the ball was and threw him out.

Rangers end skid with 6-5 victory over Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kenny Rogers has been the one pitcher this season the Texas Rangers could rely on for a streak-stopping start.

Rogers pitched seven strong innings and Mike Lamb hit a three-run homer Wednesday to lead the Rangers to a 6-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins, ending their five-game skid.

"We needed this win pretty bad," said Rogers, now 5-2 with a 3.10 ERA. "You want to be the guy who can go out there and stop it."

Rogers gave up six hits, three runs, two walks and struck out two for Texas, which lost six of its first seven on a 12-game roadtrip.

Twins first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, who returned after a six-game absence because of a badly sore wrist, had trouble keeping up.

"He looked like he was throwing 250 mph," Mientkiewicz said.

After giving up a two-run single to Denny Hocking that pulled the Twins to 4-3, Rogers retired 10 of the last 11 batters he faced.

"Kenny Rogers is a good pitcher," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He's tough on anybody. He can make a lot of people have some tough at-bats."

Minnesota starter Kyle Lohse (3-3) completed six innings, allowing seven hits, four runs and a walk while striking out five.

Herbert Perry led off the Texas ninth with a single against Eddie Guardado, who picked up Lamb's bunt and tried to get Perry at second base. The throw went into center field, and Bill Haselman was walked intentionally one out later to load the bases for Rusty Greer, who drove in a pair of runs with a single to make it 6-3.

Hideki Irabu struggled to get his 11th save in 12 chances and had a 12-inning scoreless streak stopped.

Region I Baseball Playoffs

(Game 3 is if necessary)
CLASS 5A
Region I Semifinals
Lubbock Monterey (27-10) vs. Carrollton Smith (26-4)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Midland (26-8) vs. Duncanville (22-9)
Game 1: 8 p.m. today, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later
CLASS 4A
Region I Semifinals
Andrews (24-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-7)
Game 1: Southlake Carroll 3, Andrews 0
Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Canyon Randall (25-6) vs. WF Rider (25-9)
Game 1: 8 p.m. today, Moffett Field
Game 2: 11 a.m. Friday, Moffett Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later
CLASS 3A
Region I Semifinals
Monahans (23-5) vs. Kennedale (25-3)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Shallowater (25-6) vs. Abilene Wylie (25-5)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Moffett Field
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Moffett Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later
CLASS 2A
Region I Semifinals
Mason (16-9) vs. Olney (12-9)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. today, Brownwood
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Albany
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Tahoka (18-11) vs. Holliday (20-4)
Game 1: 5 p.m. today, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 3: 30 minutes later
CLASS A
Region I Area
Crosbyton (11-8) vs. Claude (15-1)
Game 1: 5 p.m. today, Wilder Field, Plainview
Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Wilder Field, Plainview
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Windthorst (21-2) vs. Ira (19-6)
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. today, Albany
Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday, Albany
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Nazareth (13-2) vs. Follett (15-3)
Game 1: Today, time and site TBD
Game 2: Saturday, time and site TBD
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Petrolia (15-5) vs. Miles (16-5)
Game 1: 6 p.m. today, Mineral Wells
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Mineral Wells
Game 3: 30 minutes later

Aggies stun Longhorns in opening round

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas A&M got a little bit of revenge on Texas, and ruined Justin Simmons' perfect season.

The Aggies scored five runs on seven hits, chasing Simmons (14-1) in just 2 2-3 innings as they beat the top-seeded Longhorns 8-4 in a first-round Big 12 tournament game that went into the early hours of Thursday.

Simmons, a sophomore, won all 14 of his starts during the regular season, including a 5-1 complete game victory over the Aggies (35-22) last weekend. Texas (43-15) went on to sweep A&M for the first time in eight years and wrapped up the regular-season Big 12 title.

In other first-round games Wednesday, Texas Tech beat Kansas State 5-4 in 12 innings to extend its record conference winning streak to 16 games, Nebraska won its ninth straight game with an 11-9 win over Baylor, and Oklahoma defeated Oklahoma State 11-3.

Baylor plays Kansas State in an elimination game today, and Texas Tech takes on Nebraska in the winner's game of one of the brackets. In the other bracket, top-seeded Texas faces an elimination game against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma plays Texas A&M.

Kyle Parcus (5-4) got the victory for Texas A&M over Texas, striking out a career-high 10 batters in his complete-game victory.

Texas Tech 5, Kansas St. 4, 12 innings

Bryon Smith hit game-tying homer in the 11th inning and won the game with a sacrifice fly in the 12th as Texas Tech came from behind three times to beat Kansas State.

Texas Tech loaded the bases with one out in the 12th against Mitch Walter (3-3) on two singles and a hit batter before Smith's fly ball to left field.

The Red Raiders (41-16) broke the conference winning streak of 15 in a row they had shared with the 2000 Nebraska team. Kansas State (28-24) had won five in a row.

Steve Rowe (9-2), the fourth Tech pitcher, allowed one run and five hits over 3 2-3 innings for the victory.

Kansas State took a 4-3 lead in the 11th when Jeremy Rogers scored from third on Rowe's wild pitch. But Smith homered in the bottom of the inning to force another inning.

Ty Soto's two-run single in the eighth gave Kansas State a 3-1 lead, but Texas Tech rallied to tie the game at three on Brown's two-run double in the bottom of the inning.

Nebraska 11, Baylor 9

Matt Hopper went 4-for-5 with a homer and Daniel Bruce drove in three runs for the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska (40-17) had a pair of four-run innings, and never trailed after the four-run second when Bruce had a two-run single. Baylor (34-23) has lost six straight games to damage its NCAA tournament hopes.

Aaron Marsden (8-1) won his seventh straight decision despite giving up six runs and five hits over six innings. Steve Hale worked the final 2 1-3 innings, allowing just one hit, for his second save.

Oklahoma 11, Oklahoma State 3

Spencer Wyman and Reggie Willits each hit homers to lead the Sooners.

Oklahoma (34-23) trailed 3-2 in the sixth inning when Wyman hit a two-run homer that put the Sooners ahead to stay. Willits' three-run homer keyed a six-run seventh.

Oklahoma State (37-20) took an early 2-1 lead over Oklahoma on Daylon Monette's RBI double in the third, followed by Rob Watson's score on a passed ball.

After Charlie Frasier's RBI single in the bottom of the fifth tied the game at 2-2, Monette hit a solo homer in the sixth for a 3-2 Cowboys lead.

David Purcey (5-4) pitched six innings to pick up the win for Oklahoma. Scott Baker (6-3) was the loser.

Big 12 Baseball Tournament

Big 12 Tournament
At The Ballpark in Arlington
All Times CDT
Double Elimination
Wednesday
Game 1: Texas Tech 5, Kansas St. 4 (12)
Game 2: Nebraska 11, Baylor 9
Game 3: Oklahoma 11, Oklahoma State 4
Game 4: Texas A&M 8, Texas 4
Thursday
Game 5: Kansas St. vs. Baylor, 10 a.m.
Game 6: Oklahoma State vs. Texas, 1 p.m.
Game 7: Texas Tech vs. Nebraska, 5 p.m.
Game 8: Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
Friday
Game 9: Game 7 loser vs. Game 5 winner, 4 p.m.
Game 10: Game 8 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 10 a.m.
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 13: Game 11 winner vs. Game 11 loser, if necessary, 5 p.m.
Game 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 12 loser, if necessary, 8 p.m.
Sunday
Championship: Saturday's winners, 1 p.m.

Note: Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If only two teams remain after Game 12, then Game 13 will be the championship.

NBA Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 18
L.A. Lakers 106, Sacramento 99
Sunday, May 19
New Jersey 104, Boston 97
Monday, May 20
Sacramento 96, L.A. Lakers 90, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, May 21
Boston 93, New Jersey 86, series tied 1-1
Friday, May 24
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 25
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 26
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 31
New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 2
Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Sports Briefs

API golf tournament

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

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

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

Memorial Day scramble

A four-man Memorial Day scramble will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the country club. Cost is $20 per player for Scurry County Golf Association members and $40 for non-members.

For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

Softball drawing

Snyder Girls Softball Association has postponed its drawing for a computer and other gifts until 6 p.m. Tuesday. This is to ensure that all tickets have been turned in.

Men's softball meeting

Snyder Men's Softball League will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the chamber of commerce. Coaches and players are urged to attend. For more information, call Manny at 573-0311 or Hank at 573-8842.

Golf clinics scheduled at WTC

A junior golf clinic for ages 7-15 will be held at the Western Texas College golf course. Dates for the clinic are June 25-28. A women's clinic is also scheduled for the same dates.

Instruction will be provided by Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn, Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox. Full swing, chipping and putting will be covered. Cost is $50 per session, and space is limited. Call the WTC pro shop at 572-0901 to register.

Softball tournament

The Daniel Unit Softball Tournament to benefit Special Olympics is scheduled for June 15-16 at Winston Field.

Top teams receive trophies and T-shirts. A homerun derby will also be held. Entry fee is $110 per team. For more information, call Sal Gonzalez at 573-0696.

Friday swingers

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

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

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for Tuesday through Friday at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	22	.522	—
Atlanta	24	23	.511	½
Florida	23	23	.500	1
Montreal	22	24	.478	2
Philadelphia	20	26	.435	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	28	18	.609	—
St. Louis	25	21	.543	3
Houston	21	24	.467	6½
Pittsburgh	21	24	.467	6½
Chicago	16	28	.364	11
Milwaukee	15	31	.326	13
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	29	17	.630	—
San Francisco	28	17	.622	½
Los Angeles	26	20	.565	3
Colorado	22	24	.478	7
San Diego	22	24	.478	7

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 2, Montreal 0
Cincinnati 6, Florida 2
Los Angeles 1, Milwaukee 0
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 3, Houston 2
Colorado 5, San Diego 3
San Francisco 12, Arizona 5
Thursday's Games
Florida (Tavarez 1-3) at Cincinnati (Rijo 4-1), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 6-1) at Milwaukee (Rusch 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 3-3) at St. Louis (Morris 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-3), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 3-3) at Colorado (Thomson 5-3), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-4) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-3), 3:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Philadelphia (Wolf 3-2) at Montreal (Ohka 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 1-2) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hamilton 2-1) at Atlanta (Millwood 2-5), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3) at Houston (Redding 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 1-4) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 4-2) at Colorado (Stark 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-2) at Arizona (Schilling 8-1), 10:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	13	.698	—
New York	31	16	.660	1
Baltimore	20	24	.455	10½
Toronto	17	27	.386	13½
Tampa Bay	16	28	.364	14½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	21	.553	—
Minnesota	26	21	.553	—
Cleveland	20	26	.435	5½
Detroit	17	27	.386	7½
Kansas City	16	29	.356	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	29	16	.644	—
Anaheim	27	17	.614	1½
Oakland	20	25	.444	9
Texas	20	25	.444	9

Wednesday's Games
Texas 6, Minnesota 5
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oakland 7, Baltimore 6
Detroit 2, Cleveland 0
Chicago White Sox 2, Boston 0
Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 2
Anaheim 7, Kansas City 6
Thursday's Games
Baltimore (Ponson 2-3) at Oakland (Mulder 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-4) at Seattle (Baldwin 3-4), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Burba 3-1) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Cleveland (Drese 4-3) at Toronto (Miller 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-2) at Boston (Burkett 5-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Park 1-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-3) at Oakland (Hudson 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 4-2) at Anaheim (Ortiz 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-4) at Seattle (Garcia 4-4), 10:05 p.m.

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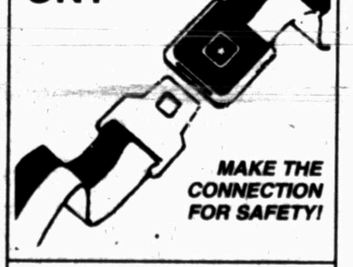
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FBI agents indicted for securities fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — Two FBI agents were among five people charged with securities fraud for allegedly participating in a scheme to feed confidential information to an Internet stock analyst.

Federal prosecutors charged FBI agent Lynn Wingate of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jeffrey Royer, a former Oklahoma City agent who resigned last year, in an indictment unsealed Wednesday.

Analyst Amr "Tony" Elgindy, who allegedly used the inside FBI information to make money on the market, was also among those charged.

In exchange for money, the agents used FBI databases to provide their co-conspirators information on publicly traded companies, the indictment said. In 2000 and 2001, an associate of Elgindy, Derrick Cleveland, wired Royer $30,000 while he was still an FBI agent, court papers said.

Elgindy allegedly spread negative information on the companies on his Web site and to subscribers of his e-mail newsletter, InsideTruth.com, while betting that that the companies' stock would go down.

The defendants "sometimes reported negative information about the targeted companies to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI in order to initiate or hasten regulatory and law enforcement action, which they knew would cause the stock prices to fall sharply once such action became public," court papers said.

In one case, Royer searched the FBI's confidential National Crime Information Center database and discovered the criminal history of a top executive for a company called Nuclear Solutions, the papers said. The same day, Elgindy began sending e-mails calling the executive "a convicted felon," then sold the company's stock short, the papers added.

Elgindy and Cleveland, who is among those charged, also extorted cheap or free shares of stock in exchange for agreeing to stop their smear campaign, authorities said.

After they became the focus of a grand jury investigation, Wingate allegedly fed Royer — by then an employee of Elgindy — secret information, including descriptions of subpoenaed documents.

The charges "reveal a shocking partnership between an experienced stock manipulator and law enforcement agents, undertaken for their illicit personal financial gain," said U.S. Attorney Alan Vinegrad.

Royer and Wingate were released Wednesday and ordered to appear in court Tuesday. The other three suspects were being held pending court appearances.

Wingate's attorney, Steve McCue, said of his client, "She's been a solid line FBI agent for three years, and she intends to plead not guilty and fight the case."

Attorneys for the other defendants could not immediately be located for comment.

If convicted of all counts, Royer and Elgindy could receive 65 years in prison. Wingate faced up to 45 years in prison if convicted, and the other defendants, Cleveland and Troy Peters, each could be given 40-year prison terms.

New e-mail scam traced to fake soldier

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new e-mail scam from a purported American "Special Forces Commando" in Afghanistan who needs help getting terrorist drug money out of the country is making the rounds on the Internet.

The Secret Service says it is the latest incarnation of a fraud scheme that targets hundreds of people each day.

The e-mail starts simply — a request to respond to the e-mail to get a phone number — but authorities say it is the first step of a long con that takes in victims looking for easy cash. Other versions of the con involve wiring funds overseas or even traveling to an African nation to claim the nonexistent money.

"The [illegible]common link remains with all these letters — they are always a fraud attempt to steal your money," Secret Service Special Agent Brian Deck said Wednesday.

The scam is best known as the "Nigerian e-mail scam" or "419 scam," a reference to Nigerian penal code against fraud. Authorities now call it "advance fee fraud."

According to an FBI report, about 2,600 Americans said they were victims of the scams in 2001. Sixteen reported losses totaling $345,000; two individuals lost over $70,000 each.

The original scam takes the form of a plea from a government official or some other person overseas who wants help moving money — anything from an inheritance to overpayment on a government contract. The victim is promised a cut of the total, which is in the millions of dollars.

Soon, the perpetrators claim there are problems that require the victim to pay lawyers' fees, shipping costs, taxes or bribes.

"Then they'll probably tell you to wait for this package, and then it's never going to show," Deck said.

The Afghanistan e-mail, claiming to be from special forces soldier "Bradon Curtis," says he found $36 million in drug money during a patrol. The e-mail asks the recipient for help moving the cash, kept in a suitcase, out of Afghanistan.

"We will thus send you the shipment waybill, so that you can help claim this luggage on behalf of me and my colleagues," the e-mail reads. "Needless to say the trust (placed) in you at this junction is enormous. We are willing to offer you an agreeable percentage of (these) funds."

Deck said the newest e-mail is the first his office has seen that claims to be from a soldier in Afghanistan, but the scam evolves with technology and current events.

"The letters used to be mailed. Then faxing became the choice of the scammers. Now we are increasingly seeing e-mail being used," Deck said.

More recent scam letters refer to deaths from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, including unclaimed cash found in the rubble of the World Trade Center or the inheritance of a fallen serviceman at the Pentagon.

Convenience store clerk killer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Johnny Joe Martinez went to his death with an apology, but bitter and resigned to his fate.

Martinez, 29, convicted of fatally stabbing a Corpus Christi convenience store clerk nine years ago, criticized his state-appointed lawyers in a final statement while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney for lethal injection Wednesday evening.

"I know I'm fixing to die, not for my mistakes, but for the mistakes of my ... lawyers," he said. "They're the ones who are killing me,"

Martinez long had complained of state-appointed attorneys who defended him at trial and state-named appeal lawyers who initially represented him on appeals. Some of his appeals that were denied this week, including appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court, focused on the issue. Those actions had been taken by lawyers who more recently had taken up his case.

Martinez also apologized to the family of his victim, Clay Peterson, a 20-year-old 7-Eleven store clerk who died almost nine years ago. Peterson's mother, Lana Norris, wrote the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, joining Martinez in seeking clemency. The board, in an unusually close 9-8 vote compiled Monday, refused to recommend the governor commute his sentence to life.

"I want to thank you," he said, referring to Norris. "It meant a lot to me."

Neither she nor Martinez's mother attended the execution.

"Tell my mother I love her too," he said, his voice shaking. "I didn't call her because I just couldn't."

After expressing love and thanks to friends, he declared he was fine and happy.

"See you on the other side," he said.

Twelve minutes later, he was pronounced dead, becoming the 13th Texas prison to be executed this year. Two more prisoners are set to die next week.

Martinez, while not violent, was reluctant to cooperate with officers earlier in the day.

"I'm not going to walk," Martinez, of Kingsville, told prison guards taking him from his death row cell to a prison van that transported him the 45 miles to the death house in Huntsville. "You're going to have to carry me."

They did.

When the time arrived to go to the chamber, however, he walked voluntarily, prison officials said.

Martinez, who worked as a medical care technician at a home for the mentally retarded, said he was drunk and had smoked marijuana at a party when he walked into the store where Peterson was working alone about 3 a.m. July 15, 1993.

The robbery of $25.65 from the cash register and the gruesome killing of the 20-year-old Peterson were caught on videotape by the store's security camera.

As shown on the video, Martinez put a knife to Peterson's throat, got money from the cash register, then attacked him, stabbing him repeatedly in the neck, then in the back when the fallen wounded clerk tried to get up.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Not all weight-reduction diets are healthful

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend, 72, who is on a popular diet that restricts carbohydrates, but has a high fat content. He eats steak and french fries everyday for dinner. He eats all fats, as much as a half-gallon of mayo a month, consumes bacon and 12 ounces of liquor a day. He has lost 30 pounds.

He seems to be in good shape except for having had coronary artery surgery six years ago. However, his doctor told me that our mutual friend will drop dead some day. Is the physician correct?

DEAR READER: Although we will all drop dead some day, I share the doctor's concern that a high-fat diet is not appropriate for a person with coronary artery disease. If your friend has a high serum cholesterol level and continues to follow this diet, he is going to get into trouble sooner rather than later. A healthful diet should, for most people, contain limited fat, especially the saturated variety that is present in red meat, egg yolks and dairy products. If I were your friend, I'd listen to the doctor, reduce fat intake and moderate my alcohol consumption. Alcohol, as you know, has a deleterious effect on cardiac muscle, as well on many of the body's vital organs, including the brain, liver and pancreas.

Perhaps your friend could continue to lose weight — and reduce his dietary fat — by following my "no sugar, no flour" diet, which insures balanced nutrition without unwanted, "empty" calories. Therefore, I'm sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which I hope you will share with him.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from irritable bowel syndrome for which I was prescribed a drug that was subsequently withdrawn from the market. Prior to this action, my gastroenterologist downplayed the drug's hazards, even though I had read up on its dangers and discussed them with my physician. Do doctors have a system in place by which they can contact their patients and alert them of a medicine's bad side effects?

DEAR READER: In most instances, doctors should be familiar with the potential drawbacks of the medications they prescribe. I say "in most instances" because with new drugs, physicians may not be able to obtain up-to-date information about risks.

Take, for example, the Lyme disease vaccine. When it was released, I had some concerns about its effectiveness and consequences, so I discouraged its use. The first I heard of its withdrawal from the market was on the evening news. In short, there was no system in place to enable the drug company to alert practitioners of the vaccine's dangers.

I believe that you made a valid observation. Fortunately, physicians (working with pharmacists and pharmaceutical companies) are usually able to inform their patients of potentially harmful side effects — but not in 100 percent of cases.

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AT&T Corp s	12.97	12.86	12.89	— .06
Albertsons	34.40	34.12	34.23	+ .17
Alltel	51.48	51.09	51.26	+ .06
AmEl Pw	45.43	44.50	44.84	— .24
AndarkPtr	53.18	52.36	52.72	— .15
ATMOS Egy	23.10	22.73	22.90	— .14
Aviall	9.71	9.45	9.48	— .08
BP PLC	51.07	50.69	51.04	— .43
BakerHughes	37.18	36.30	37.14	+ .95
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ColgatePal	54.20	53.49	53.58	— .50
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IntlPaper	43.95	43.50	43.89	— .06
JohnsonJn	62.40	61.75	62.23	+ .23
vjK mart	1.18	1.12	1.17	+ .03
KinderMorg	45.71	45.10	45.27	— .52
Kroger Co	22.66	22.50	22.50	— .08
LockheedM	63.50	62.63	63.18	+ .28
Lowes Cos s	47.58	47.25	47.37	+ .39
Lubys	6.84	6.70	6.71	
LucentTech	4.84	4.66	4.69	— .12
MarathonOil	28.65	28.33	28.63	+ .03
MayDeptStr	35.60	35.20	35.36	+ .16
Medtronic	47.40	46.61	47.15	+ 1.11
Motorola	16.90	16.68	16.82	+ .32
NCR Corp	37.82	37.08	37.30	+ .02
Navistar	37.47	36.50	36.67	— .37
PNM Rescs	26.96	26.56	26.70	— .26
Penney JC	24.39	23.84	24.35	+ .59
PepBoys	16.35	15.70	15.78	— .62
PepsiCo	51.82	50.94	51.28	— .25
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PhelpDodge	42.72	42.17	42.39	— .30
PhilipPet	37.20	36.40	36.86	+ .14
PilgrmPrd B	60.78	60.05	60.27	— .25
Praxair	13.35	13.05	13.35	
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RadioShack	35.39	34.89	35.32	+ .69
ReliantEngy	16.78	15.94	16.60	+ .68
RoyalDut	55.62	55.02	55.52	+ .22
SBC Comm	35.09	34.75	34.95	+ .02
SaraLee	20.70	20.56	20.63	— .05
Scripps EW	75.94	75.65	75.86	— .04
SearsRoeb	56.49	55.70	56.44	+ .58
SherwinW	32.63	32.50	32.52	— .07
SouthernCo	28.25	27.85	28.23	+ .31
SwstAirl	17.01	16.56	16.90	+ .22
SprintFON	17.20	17.05	17.11	+ .06
SprintPCS	10.42	10.05	10.41	+ .31
Sunoco Inc	35.87	35.35	35.69	— .01
TXU Corp	55.00	54.71	54.87	+ .25
TempleInland	56.10	55.50	55.97	+ .59
Texlnd	37.70	37.40	37.64	+ .11
TexasInst	30.81	29.98	30.19	— .47
Textron	47.37	46.35	47.36	+ .81
TrinityInds	19.20	19.10	19.11	+ .16
TylerTech	5.70	5.36	5.54	+ .19
UnionPacif	61.15	60.33	61.15	+ 1.10
USSteel	20.20	20.10	20.11	— .15
UnitedTech	69.24	68.00	68.12	— .16
Unocal	38.17	37.52	38.03	+ .07
VerizonComm	43.25	42.65	42.88	— .48
WalMart	56.76	56.27	56.54	— .26
WellsFargo	52.93	52.11	52.80	+ .70
WstnGasRs	38.92	38.55	38.84	+ .06
WinnDixie	19.20	19.04	19.05	— .06
Xerox Cp	8.94	8.82	8.92	+ .06
YumBrands	65.10	64.37	65.02	+ .54

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Building water projects still on agenda

VICTORIA (AP) — The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority has applied to state regulators for the first of several permits needed for a proposal to divert water from the Guadalupe River to pipe it to San Antonio.

The Lower Guadalupe River Diversions project would take groundwater from areas near Refugio, Victoria, Goliad and Calhoun counties and mix it with Guadalupe River water from near Tivoli before pumping it to San Antonio.

Two San Antonio water suppliers and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority are working on the $600 million project.

Bill West, general manager of the river authority, said Wednesday he expects problems in getting the first permit and in gaining state and local approval for other permits.

Opponents of the project in Victoria have continually said they will fight the project, concerned about the export of groundwater and the diversion of river water. They say tapping into the groundwater supply could dry up well water now used for homes, ranches and farm. They worry that diverting river water would reduce fresh water for the river's bays and estuaries.

West said in a story in The Victoria Advocate's Wednesday editions that if opponents in the Lower Guadalupe area successfully fight off the diversions, the authority would have to re-examine the possibility of construction of two large water-supply reservoirs, called Cuero I and Cuero II.

DeWitt and Gonzales residents fought the reservoir proposal for their counties and it was left out of the state water plan.

West said if the diversions are stopped, "that'll force us into going back and looking at Cuero I and II. If we can't go down there, we'll have to build a reservoir."

West said the authority's application for unclaimed flows from the Guadalupe River would allow the water to be taken only when the river is running high.

"For the protection of the bays and estuaries, when the flow drops down to a low point, we wouldn't be able to divert," he said.

The authority will seek permits for groundwater development from groundwater conservation districts in Goliad and Refugio counties, West said. The diversion would need as much as 41,400 acre-feet per year from groundwater supplies.

The authority is asking the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to amend a half-dozen existing water-rights permits under which it is entitled to draw a total of 172,500 acre-feet of river water each year in Calhoun County.

Now, 66,500 acre-feet must be used for irrigation and industrial use and 106,000 acre-feet must be used for municipal and domestic use. An acre-foot is approximately 325,850 gallons, or the amount necessary to cover one acre of land with one foot of water.

The authority wants to reclassify the permits as multi-use, which would allow the use of about 70,000 acre-feet for the diversions project.

A second amendment would be needed to allow the river water to be used in Bexar County. West said it now can only be used in Calhoun County and some other areas served by the authority.

Automated phone call changes date

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Please don't hang up! This is an urgent message."

The automated phone call from the Garfield High School senior class president alerted classmates last week that the prom was not happening Saturday night.

It's being held June 1 instead.

The mix-up sent hundreds of students at the East Los Angeles school scrambling to reschedule hair appointments and tuxedo and limo rentals.

Nearly 300 angry students showed up at a meeting of senior class officers after learning about the problem.

"It was like a pleasant uprising," said senior Sylvia Torres, 17. "They were all talking at the same time."

It seems the confusion about the biggest social event of the year was the result of miscommunication between school administrators and the Long Beach Hilton.

Assistant Principal Peter Luevano said he thought a signed contract with the hotel stating the prom would be held June 1 had been changed to May 18 after he made the request over the phone last fall.

Date Book

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Today is the 143rd day of 2002 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1701, William Kidd was executed as a pirate. Despite the legend surrounding him, he only took one ship, and he gave himself in with the intention of proving that it was a lawful capture.

On this day in 1785, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter describing his newest invention - bifocals.

On this day in 1934, Louisiana police gunned down Bonnie Parker and Clyde Darrow in an ambush.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carolus Linnaeus (1707 - 1778), botanist; Franz Mesmer (1734 - 1815), physician; Margaret Fuller (1810 - 1850), writer/educator; Douglas Fairbanks (1883 - 1939), actor; Helen O'Connell (1920 - 1993), singer; Rosemary Clooney (1928 -), singer, is 74; Joan Collins (1933 -), actress, is 69; John Newcombe (1943 -), tennis star, is 59; Anatoli Karpov (1951 -), chess grand master, is 51; "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler (1954 -), boxer, is 48; Drew Carey (1958 -), actor/comedian, is 44; Jewel Kilcher (1974 -), singer, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, the Cleveland Indians performed one of the greatest comebacks in sports history - they scored nine runs with two out in the bottom of the ninth to defeat Washington 14-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nature does not proceed by leaps." Carolus Linneaus, "Philosophia Botanica" (1750), sec. 77

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, May 24, 2002

Dame Fortune wants to be your associate in the year ahead, but it is important that you let her. Maintain a positive attitude in all your undertakings, and you will open the door for her to do her stuff.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may not have all the answers yourself nor know exactly how to accomplish your goals. But, fortunately for you, you will have access to those who are willing to fill in the missing pieces. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Obstructions won't impede your progress, because you will know how to put your imagination to work for you. You'll come up with ways to sidetrack them on your way to success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Anyone who has you as an associate will be lucky. Your exhilarating mannerisms will set an example that will encourage them to utilize their assets and enable them to garner success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Offer your suggestions to another's complicated business problems when asked. You will be clever and effective in your thought processes, and you'll come up with a solution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The basis for a financial agreement with another begins with the development of a trustful and friendly relationship. Take the time to make a good impression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you are experiencing artistic urges, it won't be by accident. The aspects are bringing out the best in you. Direct those abilities toward the beautification of your surroundings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The conversational buzz that is humming about you wherever you go will be others extolling your virtues, not your imperfections. You won't do anything special, but being yourself will suffice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A way may be shown to you to get something you've wanted, but didn't think you could afford. Someone could offer a clever way to move your resources around to make this possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Sincerity is the secret ingredient that brings you good luck. If you are in sales and are eager to gain new customers or open up new markets, a belief in what you are selling will go a long way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you think something can better your position, don't be afraid to make concessions to do so. Even if you don't get everything you want, what you receive will prove to be valuable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In a difficult problem you may have, a lucky development may occur through the efforts of someone who is willing to help you. They could solve your dilemma.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There is an old saying that says, "Nice guys finish last." However, you will dispel this axiom by showing that those who display fairness come out the winners.

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Suspect convicted in church bombing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A racially mixed jury has closed the book on a deadly 1963 church bombing that galvanized the civil rights movement, offering a measure of vindication for this Southern city long tarred by racial violence.

Bobby Frank Cherry, 71, was found guilty Wednesday of helping set the bomb, which killed four black girls at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The crime shocked the nation and came just months after police in Birmingham used dogs and firehoses to drive back black marchers.

"I didn't think I would ever see this day," said Kelly Fikes, 79, who went to the scarred church on the day of the bombing and returned with his grandchildren after the verdict Wednesday night.

The echoes of the blast rippled through four decades of race relations and haunted those who despaired of ever bringing the girls' killers to justice. Cherry will be the last suspect tried in the case: Two other ex-Klansmen were convicted earlier and sent to prison, and a fourth suspect died without being charged.

Eunice Davis, sister of victim Cynthia Wesley, rocked in her seat and wept as Cherry was led out of the crowded courtroom in handcuffs. "It's time. It's time," she said.

The jury deliberated for less than seven hours before finding Cherry guilty of first-degree murder.

Cherry was automatically sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison. Asked by the judge if he had any comment, he stood and pointed directly at prosecutors.

"This whole bunch lied all the way through this thing," he said, his Southern drawl steady and clear in the courtroom. "I told the truth. I don't know why I'm going to jail for nothing."

The case is the latest from the turbulent civil rights era to be revived by prosecutors. Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in 1994 of assassinating civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and former Klan imperial wizard Sam Bowers was convicted four years ago of the 1966 firebomb-killing of an NAACP leader.

But the church bombing was a galvanizing moment of the civil rights movement. Moderates could no longer remain silent, and the fight to topple segregation laws gained new momentum.

The explosion on Sept. 15, 1963, demolished an outside wall of the church and killed Wesley, 14; Denise McNair, 11; Carole Robertson, 14; and Addie Mae Collins, also 14.

In the years following the bombing, many in Birmingham thought the crime would go unpunished.

"I am moved that this trial ever happened at all," said Diane McWhorter, a Birmingham native and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning account of the civil rights movement "Carry Me Home." "I thought it would never happen. For years that thought was absorbed in the bloodstream."

Relatives of the girls cried and expressed relief after hearing the verdict.

"We feel like we can go on with our lives now," said Junie Collins Peavy, sister of Addie Mae.

Cherry's relatives huddled in the courtroom after the verdict, several with tears in their eyes. His lawyers left the courthouse without commenting on any possible appeal.

Cherry always denied involvement in the bombing, but prosecutors reopened the case in 1995 and found five estranged family members and acquaintances who said Cherry boasted of his involvement in the crime.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Safety takes back seat in car ads aimed at teens

DEAR ABBY: I am a pediatric nurse-practitioner. In the past few years, I have seen more and more car advertisements featuring teenagers not wearing seat belts. The most blatant was one with four prom-goers standing with their upper bodies sticking out above the sunroof of a limo. I should think the insurance industry would be having a fit that the media could be so irresponsible about a serious safety issue.

Teens do not comprehend their own vulnerability. This makes it almost impossible for parents to get them to wear seat belts when ads like these make it seem glamorous not to. Many parents believe their children "always" wear seat belts, only to discover the truth after a tragic accident.

Motor vehicle accidents are the No. 1 killer of adolescents — not drugs, not suicide or homicide. With spring here, and proms fast approaching, we need to keep stressing the importance of wearing seat belts.

No parent I talked to had seen the prom ad. Public opinion stopped the oversexualizing of underwear ads a few years back. I'd like the same thing to happen with ads that glamorize the non-use of seat belts. — JOAN BUCHANAN

DEAR JOAN: Yours is a timely letter. Prom and grad nights are again upon us — and it takes only a second to buckle up.

The souvenirs of prom night should consist of dried corsages and boutonnieres — not physical scars, broken bones and shattered lives. And while we're on the subject of responsible advertising, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am appalled at the number of commercials depicting four-wheel-drive vehicles conquering dangerous terrain — "going where no other car has gone before." The commercials convey the message that you can cross streams, fly through blizzards, dodge carnivorous animals or climb ominous mountain peaks. Some commercials are downright ridiculous.

I have lived in snow country all my life. I am presently the owner of an SUV and have owned other makes depicted in the advertising. They are necessary to my lifestyle. My concern is the message they send to young or inexperienced drivers. This includes the adult driver who is chemically impaired.

The statistics reveal that a high percentage of accidents — many fatal — are caused by the misuse of these four-wheel-drive vehicles. Drivers mistakenly believe they are invincible — driving too fast for the conditions, trying to maneuver in places they shouldn't be, and in general, abandoning common sense.

My son (an experienced teen-age driver) attempted to cross a stream in his Jeep. The commercial presented it as an easily accomplished feat. His vehicle became stuck, creating a dam of water that entered the air filter and destroyed the engine. He was, however, one of the lucky ones. Only the vehicle sustained major damage.

Perhaps the automakers should follow their commercials with a list of the deceased or badly injured who attempt these feats and fail. I believe they need to rethink their enticing invitation to test the limits behind the wheel. — **LIZZIE IN MONTROSE, COLO.**

DEAR LIZZIE: I agree. Such ads create a false impression and should be toned down in the interest of public safety.

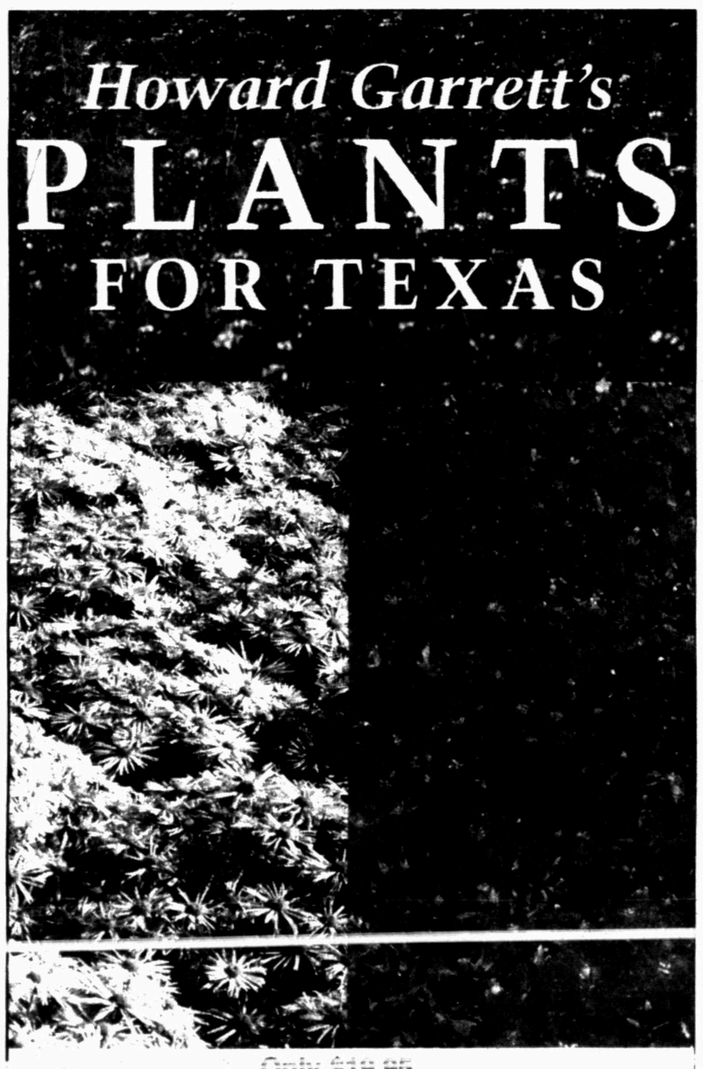
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Husband of slain nurse charged

McKINNEY (AP) — A firefighter has confessed to fatally shooting his wife in a hospital parking lot and was charged with murder today, hours after charges were dropped against a man who had been held in the shooting, police said.

Raymond Wingfield of Celina was arrested Wednesday after reporting to the Collin County Sheriff's Department that people he did not know had shot at him near the Cottage Hill Cemetery, where his wife of eight years was buried Monday. Deputies "determined that the incident was staged," according to a statement from the McKinney Police Department.

McKinney detectives then interviewed Wingfield, who gave a written statement about his involvement in the fatal shooting of Amy Wingfield, 31, and the wounding of another nurse.

"Wingfield also led investigators to a remote area where the weapon, believed to be used in the offenses, was recovered," the statement says.

Wingfield, 30, was booked into the Collin County Jail about 6:30 a.m. today, said Lt. John Norton of the Collin County sheriff's department. Wingfield is a fireman in nearby Allen, where fire department spokeswoman Amanda Carroll said she could not comment.

Charges were dropped earlier today against Paul E. Wooley, 46, and he was released from custody about 3:30 a.m. He had been charged with Amy Wingfield's slaying.

The mother of a 7-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy was shot in the head May 16 after returning from lunch. Alisa Stewart, 40, of Plano, was shot in the back and remained in stable condition today at the North Central Medical Center in McKinney, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Both women were nurses at a doctor's office in a nearby building.

Wooley became a suspect after police received reports that he quit his job the day of the shooting as an engineer at an Allen company after screaming profanities at his co-workers and promising to do something rash.

The same day, emergency personnel responded to a suicide call at Wooley's home but found no one.

About an hour later, the nurses were shot in a McKinney hospital parking lot near Wooley's home.

Trial centers on document destruction

HOUSTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP's suggestion that former lead Enron auditor David Duncan didn't consult with superiors before advising his staff to comply with the firm's document retention policy last October is misleading, an FBI agent testified today.

Agent Barbara Sullivan bristled at Andersen lawyer Rusty Hardin's suggestion that Duncan didn't consult with anyone before holding the Oct. 23 meeting.

Duncan had received a copy of an e-mail by in-house Andersen lawyer Nancy Temple on Oct. 12 that said it "might be helpful" to remind the Enron team of the policy. That policy also was among several items discussed by Andersen partners in Houston and its Chicago headquarters Oct. 20.

"It's misleading," Sullivan said. "That interprets to read that, out of the blue without ever hearing anything about the policy, Dave Duncan all of a sudden decides to bring it up."

On Tuesday, Sullivan acknowledged under Hardin's questioning that Temple's e-mail didn't say "order," "destroy," "get rid of" or "discard." Duncan testified last week he didn't ask Temple to explain her e-mail.

Andersen is charged with obstruction for destroying Enron-related documents and computer records after the Securities and Exchange Commission began its probe of the energy company. Document destruction stopped when the auditing firm received its first subpoena on Nov. 9.

An Andersen accountant testified Tuesday that shredding documents related to Enron Corp. audits was common because of the energy company's sensitivity to keeping its finances confidential.

"We were all required to keep a shred box at our desk because of all the information related to Enron," said Patricia Grutzmacher, 32. "

Bush presses for wider war on terrorism

BERLIN (AP) — President Bush today called Iraq's Saddam Hussein and his destructive weapons a threat to all civilization, and said it would be naive to "play like it's not there." Bush appealed to skeptical German leaders and lawmakers for help in waging a wider war on terrorism.

"We do not know where the next threat will come from, we don't know what form it might take, but we must be ready," Bush said in a speech to the Bundestag, Germany's parliament.

Bush then flew on to Russia, arriving in Moscow to a brief, evening ceremony. He left the plane holding hands with first lady Laura Bush, walked down red-carpeted stairs and reviewed Russian troops with Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Kudrin while a band played the U.S. and Russian anthems.

Bush's speech to German lawmakers drew some minor heckling but otherwise was generally well received.

While acknowledging doubts in Germany about a wider terror war, Bush stood his ground, and said ignoring the terrorist threat will not make it go away.

"Wishful thinking will bring comfort, but not security," he asserted.

Earlier, in a news conference with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Bush issued a warning to Russian leaders, urging a cessation of nuclear assistance to Iran.

"If you arm Iran, you're liable to have the weapons pointed at you," Bush said he would tell Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday when they sign a landmark nuclear arms reduction treaty.

Iran's potential of someday arming deadly missiles is "going to be a problem for all of us, including Russia," Bush said.

In his Bundestag speech, Bush described the new U.S.-Russian arms agreement — slashing each side's nuclear arsenal by two-thirds over 10 years — as the most dramatic of its kind.

"Old arms agreements sought to manage hostility and to maintain a balance of terror. This new agreement recognizes that Russia and the West are no longer enemies," he said.

He said terrorism "cannot be appeased, and it cannot be ignored."

Many European leaders have expressed reservations — at best — about a wider war against terrorism, especially if it would mean an attack on Iraq. As many as 20,000 street protesters demonstrated against his policies as he arrived in Berlin on Wednesday evening.

Schroeder sidestepped a question over whether he would back a US-led assault on Baghdad to topple Saddam, despite expressing past reservations about such a course.

New data indicates White House may have been target

WASHINGTON (AP) — New information suggests the hijackers of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, intended to smash the plane into the White House, government sources said.

Abu Zubaydah, the senior al-Qaida terrorist leader now in U.S. custody, is believed to be the source of the information. He is being interrogated by U.S. officials at an undisclosed location.

United Flight 93 took off from Newark, N.J., and crashed in Somerset County, Pa., after passengers apparently battled the hijackers. The San Francisco-bound flight had turned toward Washington and U.S. fighter jets were flying to intercept it, and possibly shoot it down, when it crashed. All 44 people aboard were killed.

Officials previously had assumed the White House was a likely target, but said the Capitol and CIA headquarters in McLean, Va., near Washington were other possibilities.

Abu Zubaydah is believed to have played a key role in organizing the Sept. 11 attacks, officials said.

As al-Qaida's top operational planner, he ran the Khalden camp in Afghanistan, where U.S. investigators have learned many of the Sept. 11 hijackers trained. This suggests Abu Zubaydah may have had direct contact with the hijackers and chosen them for training.

He also had telephone contacts with at least one Arab student at U.S. flight schools, according to a July 10, 2001, memo from a Phoenix FBI agent.

The CIA, FBI and Pakistani authorities captured and wounded Abu Zubaydah in a raid by in Faisalabad, Pakistan, in March. He is believed to have masterminded the failed millennium bombing plots in Los Angeles and Jordan.

Several arrests made here

• Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 49-year-old man just before 8:30 p.m. Wednesday from Highway 180 for driving while intoxicated.

At 9:30 p.m. Wednesday officers arrested a 31-year-old man from the intersection of 20th Street and Ave. G for public intoxication.

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody around 9:30 Wednesday night 1300 block of 26th to lay out fines from court.

Just before 2 a.m. Thursday officers arrested an 18-year-old female from the 400 block of 23rd for public intoxication.

• Offense report

Police filed an offense report for indecency with a child on Wednesday.

• Burglaries

Scott Crenwelge reported a burglary at 11:35 Wednesday morning from the Union Community Center. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

Officers responded to a report of a break-in from the 3400 block of Gary Brewer Road around 2 p.m. Wednesday. The caller advised nothing was stolen and no offense report was submitted.

• Theft

Michelle Quiros called police around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday from the 900 block of Ave. Q regarding a man stealing her checkbook. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

• Juveniles

Just after 7 Wednesday evening a man requested an officer at Central Elementary in reference to a juvenile on the roof. Officers escorted the juvenile back to his residence and advised his parents of the complaint.

A man requested officers at 7 p.m. at the Snyder High School tennis courts regarding a juvenile throwing rocks on the courts.

• Close patrols

Just after 7:30 Wednesday night a man requested a close patrol from the Rodeo Apartments at WTC concerning several subjects carrying baseball bats. Another call reported the subjects at Winston Apartments, but officers were unable to locate the subjects.

A man requested a close patrol from the 700 block of 20th Street around 10 p.m. Wednesday regarding several males drinking and making obscene gestures.

Just before 10 Wednesday night a man requested officers from the 400 block of 29th Street about loud music.

• Gas drive off

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Poppies, Memorial Day dinner

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will accept donations for Buddy Poppies from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. The auxiliary and Post 8231 will also sponsor a dinner for all veterans and their families from 6-8 p.m. on Memorial Day, next Thursday.

Bake sale

Word Is Life Deliverance Church will host a bake sale starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Davidson's Supermarket. Proceeds will be used for youth church camp.

Boy Scout car wash

Boy Scout Troop 2 will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday at NAPA Auto Parts. All proceeds go to summer camp.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge #987 will have election of officers at 7:30 Monday at its stated meeting. All Master Masons are welcome.

Gateway Family Services

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

Anti-Drug Coalition

The Scurry County Anti-Drug Coalition will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Area CADA offices at 2513 College Ave.

ACS board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital boardroom.

Learn bicycle safety

Snyder Police Department and Outreach Health Services/WIC Program will be teaching bike safety from 3-5 p.m. next Thursday on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Those attending will have a chance to win a new bicycle.

Camp Springs homecoming

The Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Northeast Community Center. There will be a potluck meal. Call 573-8948 for more information.

Swanson reception

A reception to honor Nan and Rollin Swanson will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2, in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church where the Rev. Nan Swanson has resigned as minister. The public is invited.

Girl Scout registration

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

Trinity Methodist Church study

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

American Legion election

The American Legion Post 181 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17, to elect officers.

Sonshine School registration

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

Colonial Hill VBS

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

Avenue D VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 10-14 and the theme is Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition with the One True God. It is for K-6th grade and will be held 9 a.m. until noon. Call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

May: Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and mnoon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two month membership. Swimming pool will close June 27 for maintenance work

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

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Dieters line up for new weight loss capsule

PatentLEAN™ awarded U.S. Patent for weight loss. Clinical results confirm safe and effective use of the new oral capsule can be 200% more effective than exercise and diet alone.

*By Laura Fisher, Media Services**

People who need to lose weight fast are lining up at drugstores lucky enough to have the impressive new pill called PatentLEAN.

"PatentLEAN is a huge breakthrough with a powerful compound for weight loss. It's safe, sensible and is backed by clinical science."
John L. Zenk, MD
Internal Medicine,
Certified American Board of Internal Medicine

"PatentLEAN is so hard to get because drugstores can't keep it in stock," said Matthew Woods, company spokesman.

"We have drugstores selling over 250 bottles in just one day. Since restocking is taking several weeks, we opened a National Direct Order Line (1-800-704-6467) so anyone who doesn't want to wait can immediately have PatentLEAN sent to their home."

New PatentLEAN is a potent natural Thermogenic Regulator for the loss of body weight. Using readings from the 7 point caliper method, the results are so stunning that on average, 80% of the weight lost is from body fat. Results quickly showed losses of up to 9.2 pounds of just fat.

That means PatentLEAN promises to help overweight people reduce not just their body weight, but the vast majority of the loss is fat.

"PatentLEAN will outlive all those fad diets people have tried," according to Dr. John L. Zenk, former Chief of Medicine at St. Francis Hospital. "PatentLEAN is a huge breakthrough," he said.

PatentLEAN's powerful compound has been awarded a United States Patent for use in weight loss and weight management. PatentLEAN has also been awarded six additional health related U.S. patents.

PatentLEAN's weight loss method enhances effective and healthy Thermogenesis.

Many of today's popular weight loss products claim they boost metabolism but are actually stimulant based and have no beneficial effect on metabolic rate.

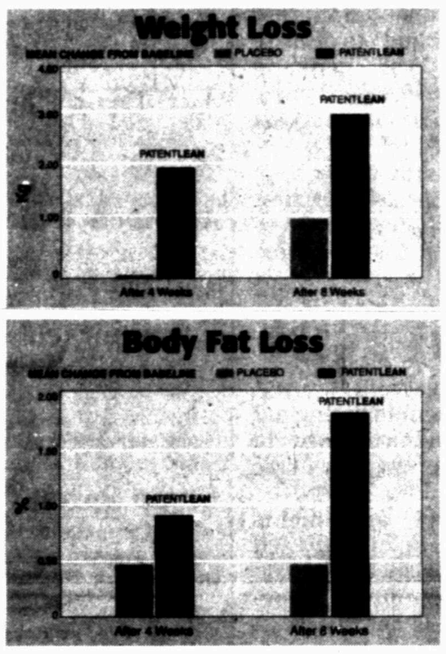
Metabolism is your body's way of converting the foods you eat to energy (heat) and waste products. The time it takes for this process to occur is called the metabolic rate.

The primary mechanism of action for those stimulants is suppression of the appetite center in the brain. Other weight loss products have also been associated with negative side effects.

In contrast, two separate clinical studies have shown that PatentLEAN was used safely and caused no adverse side effects when used as directed.

Dr. Henry Lardy, a prominent researcher at The University of Wisconsin, discovered that the active ingredient in PatentLEAN (3-Acetyl-7-Oxo-Dehydroepiandrosterone) is naturally found in everyone's body. To duplicate the ingredient, the active ingredient in PatentLEAN is extracted only from natural organic plant material.

PatentLEAN results show that there is a statistically significant reduction of both body weight and body fat. The study ruled out differences in exercise, diet and body water for PatentLEAN's impressive weight loss. One clinical study showed that results were obtained in just eight weeks with twenty-three overweight men and women, nine percent males and ninety-one percent females. Consumption included one thousand eight hundred calories each day and utilized exercise for just one hundred eighty minutes during the week.



These charts confirm there is a statistically significant reduction in body weight in the PatentLEAN group which was far greater than changes in the placebo group. Proper caloric consumption and exercise are recognized for effective weight loss. Individual results vary with the weight loss range up to twelve and one-tenth pounds over eight weeks.

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"With PatentLEAN we've seen significant weight loss and body fat loss in overweight people and clinical studies report no adverse side effects."

PatentLEAN is now available directly to the general public, yet it is always recommended to consult a physician before using it or any weight loss supplement.

For those who want it first, it has been announced that Eckerd Drug now has PatentLEAN available.

For those who can not get it at Eckerd Drug, we are providing the information on how to get it direct. No prescription is needed.

"When you lose weight, people who have not seen you for a while will gaze at you with their mouths open. You will get compliment after compliment. You'll display new zest for life," Dr. Zenk said.

One of the most appealing parts of weight loss for overweight people is the reduction in fat mass. Your focus should not only be on the scale, but also the mirror. Everyone wants to have their body change from fat to very attractive physical features.

If Eckerd Drug is out of PatentLEAN, use the telephone number we are providing. You are only hours away from the start of a new body. You will be amazed at how fast you will lose weight and shape up. Enjoy! ■



YOU CAN TAKE THIS TEST

Match Your Height to Your Weight. If you fall into the overweight or extreme range, You can get new PatentLEAN now

YOUR HEIGHT	NORMAL WEIGHT	OVERWEIGHT RANGE	EXTREME RANGE
4'11"	88-119 lbs	120-143 lbs	144 lbs >
5'	91-123 lbs	124-148 lbs	149 lbs >
5'1"	94-127 lbs	128-153 lbs	154 lbs >
5'2"	97-132 lbs	133-158 lbs	159 lbs >
5'3"	101-136 lbs	137-163 lbs	164 lbs >
5'4"	104-140 lbs	141-169 lbs	170 lbs >
5'5"	107-145 lbs	146-174 lbs	175 lbs >
5'6"	110-149 lbs	150-179 lbs	180 lbs >
5'7"	114-154 lbs	155-185 lbs	186 lbs >
5'8"	117-158 lbs	159-190 lbs	191 lbs >
5'9"	121-163 lbs	164-196 lbs	197 lbs >
5'10"	124-168 lbs	169-202 lbs	203 lbs >
5'11"	128-173 lbs	174-207 lbs	208 lbs >
6'	131-178 lbs	179-213 lbs	214 lbs >
6'1"	135-183 lbs	184-219 lbs	220 lbs >
6'2"	139-188 lbs	189-225 lbs	226 lbs >
6'3"	143-193 lbs	194-232 lbs	233 lbs >
6'4"	146-198 lbs	199-238 lbs	239 lbs >
6'5"	150-203 lbs	204-244 lbs	245 lbs >

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3. For fastest service to get PatentLEAN, order by phone. Those with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover/Novus or American Express/Optima) can call 1-800-704-6467 and ask for dept. 79074 to order. You can call 24 hours a day.
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Public to get FREE U.S. Coins

The First State Quarters with the Mint Year of 2002 are Now Being Given Away FREE to insure equal nationwide distribution

By Thomas Waterfield, Media Services

When was the last time you got FREE money? Well, it already happened once last year and now it's happening again, so hurry because we'll tell you how to get yours FREE.

The U.S. Mint has already announced the release of the Louisiana State Quarter. To insure equal nationwide coverage, you can receive an uncirculated Louisiana Quarter Free.

That announcement prompted The United States Commemorative Gallery to release massive amounts of these special U.S. Coins they had planned to secretly stockpile.

The original plan was to sell the coins individually or as a complete five-coin collector's set to commemorate this year's Fifty State Quarter Collection.

But without notice, the Gallery decided not to sell the individual coins but instead will give them away FREE in an effort to increase awareness of the age-old hobby of collecting U.S. Coins.

"It is highly important that we foster the continued collection of special U.S. coins as we enter this new century," said J. Michael Bradshaw, Director of the privately owned United States Commemorative Gallery.

"The Fifty State Quarters are now the most important part of any collection because it's the first time in history they have ever been done. Most people want something they can hand down to their children or grandchildren. Others want something meaningful to give as a gift to someone special," Bradshaw said.

The Gallery will offer a controlled number of the complete 2002 five-coin sets in brilliant, uncirculated condition to the general public for only $17. Yes, collectors say it sounds unbelievable, but it is true because you can't find uncirculated quarters in your change.



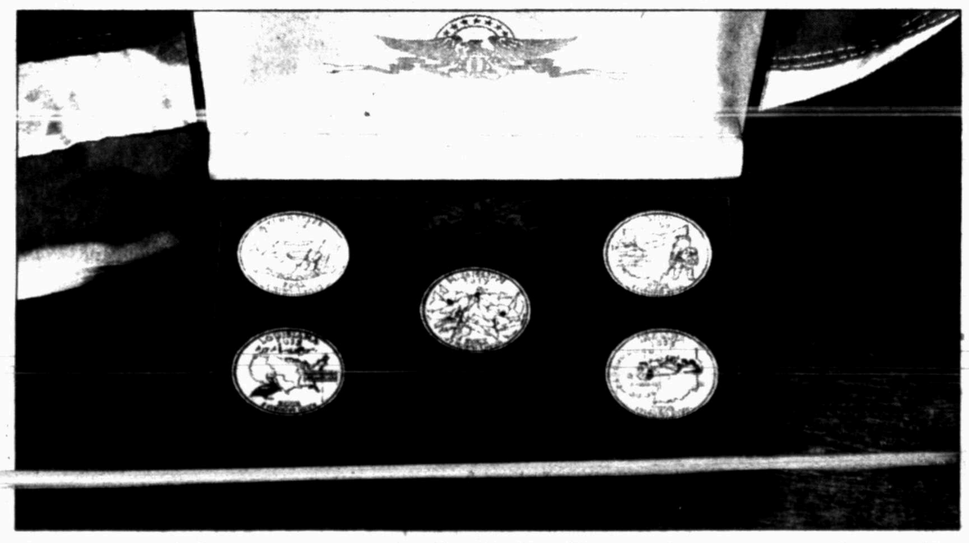
The new 2002 State Quarters *Tennessee* *Ohio* *Louisiana* *Indiana* *Mississippi*

It cannot be promised that everyone who wants them will be able to get the complete five-coin set. So hurry because they will be released on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with scheduled releases from the U.S. Mint. But for now, the availability of an individual FREE coin is guaranteed.

Simple instructions are provided in the box for readers to claim the FREE coin or to get the complete five-coin set.

To properly protect your uncirculated Louisiana Quarter in shipment and as an appropriate display, a special Gallery Approved Protective Display case for the FREE individual coin is available. "We highly recommend the display case to prevent unnecessary handling of the coins," Bradshaw said.

We are providing the direct telephone number and address so readers can immediately get the FREE coins. ■



These are the only five state quarters to be minted in 2002. They are shown encased in the complete five-coin U.S. Commemorative Gallery Presidential display case.

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Here's How Readers Can Get The FREE Coins

1. The FREE 2002 Louisiana State Quarter will be sent to you in brilliant, uncirculated condition. *(Limit one per household.)*
2. To get the complete uncirculated Five-coin collector's set shown in the photo along with your additional FREE coin, enclose $17 plus $2.95 shipping for each set ordered. *(Limit 10 sets per household.)* Return this FREE coin form to the address below. Enclose Cash, Check or Money Order payable to *U.S. Gallery*.
3. For faster service, order by phone if requesting the complete Five-coin collector's set and the additional FREE coin you have selected. Those with a credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover/Novus or American Exp./Optima) can call 1-800-262-4824 and ask for operator 88564 to order.
4. To only get the FREE coin, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with this FREE Coin Form to the address below. To receive your collector's coin with the optional Gallery Approved Protective Display Case, Enclose $1.85 cash, check or money order payable to *U.S. Gallery*. Please, no dealers to ensure one FREE coin per household.
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