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Charged with taking $815,802 over five years...

Ex-bank officer indicted for theft

A federal grand jury Wednesday indicted a former assistant vice president of West Texas State Bank on one count of embezzlement by a bank officer.

Anita Yvonne Clinkinbeard, a 20-plus year employee of the bank, is charged with misapplying approximately $815,802.83 in bank funds from Nov. 1998 until Aug. 31, 2003.

In her position as an assistant vice president of the bank, Clinkinbeard was in charge of CDs and IRAs.

No depositors will lose any funds since all were insured through the bank's bonding company.

"We want to assure our customers, and the general public, that these funds are insured through our bonding company and no customer will lose any money," said bank president John Greene.



Anita Clinkinbeard

"Due diligence has been performed by the FDIC, internal and external auditors, our bonding company, the FBI and Texas Rangers," said Darryl Calley, bank vice president and cashier.

"We feel that we have a handle on it," added Calley.

Texas Ranger John Billings and the FBI investigated the case.

Clinkinbeard will be arraigned at 10 a.m. on June 10 and is not expected to be taken into custody before that date.



A RARE THING — Barbara Tune shows off the century plant that has been blooming lately. She said the plant only blooms once every 10-15 years and during the last few weeks she could see it grow every day. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Raney receives 15 year sentence

A Roscoe man was sentenced Wednesday in 132nd District Court to 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for manufacturing methamphetamine.

James Leroy Raney, 45, must serve at least one-fourth of that sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

The minimum sentence Raney could have received was five years and that is what his defense attorney, Peter Lopez, asked the jury for in his closing arguments.

Lopez tried to convince the jury that Raney actually had only a small amount of methamphetamine in his possession when arrested in January.

However, District Attorney Dana Cooley countered by saying he technically had 158 grams of the illegal drug.

In her final summation, Cooley also presented evidence that Raney had five prior convictions, including three that were drug-related.

He also had been convicted of burglary of a building and unlawfully carrying a weapon, Cooley said.

Lopez also tried to convince the jury that Raney deserved a light sentence due to life skills he taught his children, and that he had been a good employee as an electrician.

"What he has done is expose his family to the dangers of drugs," countered Cooley.

"He exposed others to danger by getting high and driving, and by getting high and going to work." "He, himself, said he operated a bucket truck while high on methamphetamine.

"A light sentence will not benefit this community," Cooley concluded. "A strong verdict will indicate the people of Scurry County do not want meth labs here."

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided in the trial that began Monday.

U.S. officials warn that Iraq insurgency could get worse

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months, U.S. officials have warned that the insurgency in Iraq would grow deadliest as the June 30 political transition drew near.

Now, they are warning the violence might get even worse once the handover is completed. That could mean the need for more U.S. troops, the commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East says.

Iraq was the focus of President Bush's private meeting today on Capitol Hill with Republican congressional leaders, a briefing by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to senators and a conference at the State Department.

Bush also has acknowledged that Iraq could remain dangerous and unstable after the transfer of political power.

"It's tough work there now because killers want to stop progress," the president said following a White House meeting Wednesday with Silvio Berlusconi, premier of Italy, a strong ally in the war.

"It will be tough work after sovereignty is transferred because there will still be people there trying to derail the election progress," Bush said.

He plans a visit Monday at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., for the first in a series of speeches laying out the details of the handover.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday he is confident that the United States can win approval of a U.N. resolution.

Union planning 4-day strike against SBC

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The union representing 102,000 employees of SBC Communications Inc. said Wednesday it would stage a four-day strike starting Friday because of a deadlock in contract negotiations.

"This is an opportunity for the company to see how seriously we are taking this," said Candice Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Communications Workers of America.

Johnson said the strike would begin at 12:01 a.m. local time Friday in each affected time zone, and that workers would return to their positions at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

CWA president Morton Bahr said the union opted for a short strike to get its message across without doing too much harm to SBC.

"We know that a prolonged strike could cause a loss of major customers and do significant damage to the company," Bahr said.

Spring band concert tonight

The annual spring band concert by Snyder ISD bands will be this evening at 7 p.m.

Three bands, from the sixth grade to the high school, will perform.

There is no charge and the concert will be in Worsham Auditorium.



TWO ON THE MOUND — The game was intense in the coach-pitch league between the Cardinals and the Indians earlier this week. Coach William Cotton throws the pitch while 8-year-old Jordan Davis prepared to field anything coming his way. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

ASK US

Q—When will Snyder High School announce the 2004 valedictorian and salutatorian?

A—At an assembly at 11 a.m. Friday at Worsham Auditorium.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Charles Landon...

...has lived in Snyder since 1956. He and his wife, Joyce, have two sons, Clay who lives in Velma, Okla., and Curtis who lives in San Angelo. Charles is retired from Chevron Oil Company. He belongs to the Air Stream Club and travels a lot these days.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be vigilant, be active, be brave.

—Patrick Henry

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jeff West



You know it can be scary when I think about what community newspapers can accomplish, but scarier to know what some folks think we can accomplish.

I take some pride in having helped raise awareness of worthy causes and needs in communities I have worked in. I keep an e-mail from a man after I helped get a stolen flag that had great sentimental value back to him. One paper I was with won awards when we helped get a woman out of a dirt and cardboard hovel she was living in.

But I also know that some worthy events I've championed have been incredible failures and some people I've attempted to help remained in the same pickle they were in before I got involved.

How did that expression get started anyway? "I'm in a pickle," and does any one but me still say that? Maybe no one ever said that but me, in which case I'd really be in a pickle.

But I digress. Knowing how little people pay attention to what I, or most reporters, actually say makes me a little nervous.

I've had requests to try and get people to slow down in a neighborhood. (If the folks with shiny badges, flashing lights and big ticket books don't persuade them I'm not sure they'll pay a lot of attention to a headline saying SLOW DOWN ALREADY!, especially since you don't really want them reading when they're going that fast.)

I've also had people who thought we could help with neighbors, businesses, car salesmen and taxes they didn't like. But the other day I got a request that maybe I can help with. I was asked if we couldn't put something in the paper to get gas prices down. At first that seemed hard but after I thought about it I decided I could probably solve this whole high gas price thing if I can just get folks to listen to me.

First, to the oil drillers, back a few years when West Texas crude was in a slump and selling for $22-25 a barrel, I was told that it would take $28 a barrel to break even. So if you guys would just cap your price at $29.78 a barrel that should be enough profit.

Second, to the drivers, please trade in the pickups, SUV and those Hummers, (which are just ugly anyway), for motorcycles, golf-carts and those hybrid Toyota cars for the family. What does a 5' 2" soccer mom need with a vehicle the size of New Jersey anyway? To get groceries? In Zimbabwe they carry groceries on top of their head, surely you can carry them on top of the golf cart, just watch the curves.

If you really need a pickup then take a tip from our neighbors, put a little windmill in the back of the bed and let it supply the power. Wind drag might be a little extreme but then it's not using any gas anyway.

Third, maybe we should stop paying retail. Instead of acting like the price on the sign is the one we have to pay, try to bargain. Tell the clerk you're a loyal customer but you think they should knock off a few cents since you're a regular. Offer them a buck a gallon and see if they'll bargain, like at a garage sale.

Well, that's my idea (or ideas, it's one plan, but several points, so is it singular or plural or is it just, well never mind - I digress.) If everyone will just follow my ideas, gas will drop in no time.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Boys , Girls Club temporarily closed

The Snyder Boys and Girls Club will be closed until Monday for maintenance repairs and staff training.

Retirement reception

Northeast Elementary will host a retirement reception for Suzie Burgess and Sandy Baker from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today.

NHS fundraiser

The Snyder High School this evening. Thursday at the Sonic Drive In. Tips will benefit the Scurry County United Way.

Antique tractor club

The Scurry County antique tractor club will meet at 7 tonight at Jack's Roadboring on the Colorado City highway.

Workforce center open house

The Workforce Center, located at 1912 37th Street, will host an open house of its new office from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday. Refreshments and tours will be available.

Booster club car wash

There will be a football booster club car wash beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

WTC cheerleader tryouts

Western Texas College is adding a cheerleading squad for fall. Tryouts for cheerleading are to be held every Saturday in May — except May 29 — from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the WTC gym. Applications can be picked up at the human resources office at WTC or found at www.wtc.edu. Applications are due at noon Friday prior to the Saturday tryout. Mail applications to Cheerleading Sponsor, WTC, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, 79549. Scholarships are available.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.



SPECIAL AWARDS — Three Snyder High School students received special awards Monday night during the annual awards ceremony. From left are Isaac Ramon, male athlete of the year; Erin Burleson, female athlete of the year; and Josh Kemp, the Bill J. Hood award. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Missing Texas trucker's friend still prays for miracle from Iraq

GALVESTON (AP) — Along the Texas Gulf coast, a prayer is lifted up for a truck driver still missing in Iraq after his convoy was attacked.

Suzanne Behringer, who lived with Bill Bradley for seven years and was with him in the days before he left for Iraq in March, is hoping that a gift she gave the contract employee for a Halliburton subsidiary will help him survive.

"Before he left, I bought him a St. Christopher medal," Behringer said. "He was a Marine, and it had the Marine insignia on the back. I had it blessed by a priest."

The 46-year-old former trauma nurse said her last contact with Bradley was by telephone.

"I called him and told him before he left that I loved him and that I always had loved him," Behringer told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "Now, all I can do is wait."

She had kept in close communication with the 50-year-old Bradley after he moved to Chesterfield, N.H. in 2002. He returned to Galveston in February to pursue a job driving trucks for Houston-based Halliburton in Iraq.

Bradley became a fuel truck driver with Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown & Root, and left New Hampshire on Feb. 11, arriving in Kuwait with a team of other Halliburton contractors on March 14.

Insurgents attacked his fuel convoy on April 9 outside Baghdad. His convoy was behind a truck carrying Thomas Hamill, a co-worker who later escaped from his Iraqi captors.

At least one other worker, Timothy Bell, of Mobile, Ala., was also missing. Halliburton reportedly lost more than 30 employees since the war in Iraq began. The company was headed by Vice President Dick Cheney in the 1990s.

The videotaped beheading in Iraq of American Nick Berg haunts Behringer.

"If I ever saw that on TV and it was Bill, I'd lose my mind," Behringer said, breaking into tears. "How could anyone be so filled with hate that they'd do something like that?"

A photo of Bradley in his Marine Corps dress uniform is displayed on a table in Behringer's living room. She said he was still a teenager when he got out of boot camp.

Behringer said she met Bradley as she walked along the Strand in Galveston one night in 1995.

"He asked the band if they would play a slow song so he could dance with me," she said.

When the couple separated in 2002, Bradley went to New Hampshire where he lived with another woman.

Behringer said since his disappearance, she has talked on the telephone with Wilma Procter, with whom Bradley lived in Chesterfield, N.H. Bradley's involvement with Procter makes no difference, Behringer said.

She said a Halliburton manager told her Bradley's truck was 14th in the 20-truck convoy.

"The truck before him, the truck after him and Bill's truck were not blown up," she said. "I still believe he is alive."

Teachers suspended

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some students at a Fort Worth high school where two teachers were suspended for showing the recorded execution of an American civilian contractor say the district overreacted in its punishment, but its superintendent defends the move.

Northwest Independent School District Superintendent Keith Sockwell said Tuesday the unidentified teachers are on paid administrative leave, calling their judgment "very inappropriate."

The teachers showed the video to some juniors and seniors Friday and Monday during a total of three class periods, including a social studies class, at Northwest High School in far north Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, a world history teacher at Abilene High School is also on paid administrative leave after school officials say she showed the video of the beheading to students in two of her classes late last week.

Principal Terry Bull said a review is under way. School officials are trying to determine how many students saw the video, which was downloaded from the Internet and visible on the monitor of a computer terminal. The students will be asked to visit with counselors.

Bull said the school learned early this week that the video had been shown after students were talking about it and other teachers learned of the viewing and notified him. He said that not all of the students in the classes saw the video.

"Talking about it and viewing it are two separate issues," Bull told The Associated Press Wednesday night. "Kids are going to talk about it. I don't think it's appropriate to download for them to view. It's just too graphic."

Students in Fort Worth said the video was shown in at least one health, science and technology class in conjunction with a current events day Friday after a student downloaded it. Teachers gave students the option to leave the room, student Jenny Butterick said.

Antidepressant to be pulled off market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maker of Serzone will pull the controversial antidepressant off the U.S. market next month, blaming a decline in sales rather than concern about a risk of liver failure.

The end to U.S. sales comes after Serzone was pulled off the market in many other countries, and as maker Bristol-Myers Squibb was under mounting pressure from lawsuits. Serzone has been linked to dozens of cases of liver failure and injury, including at least 20 deaths.

A Bristol-Myers spokesman confirmed the decision in an interview Wednesday, a day after the company notified wholesalers that distribution would end June 14.

The end to sales "is long overdue," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer group Public Citizen. "None of the other antidepressants causes liver damage like this."

Wolfe last spring sued the Food and Drug Administration seeking to force a ban on Serzone.

Today's chuckle

After four years, female cop gets robber

NEW YORK (AP) — It took four years, but Police Officer Nicol De La Rosa finally got her man.



De La Rosa, 22, was on patrol Friday afternoon with her partner when they got a call to check out a suspicious person hanging around a Broadway building in the Theater District.

As the two approached, De La Rosa recognized the suspect as the man who demanded her jewelry as the then-18-year-old civilian ate in a McDonald's in Chinatown on May 25, 2000.

At the time, Steven Santos, 39, allegedly went up to De La Rosa and threatened, "Give me the jewelry or I will hurt you real bad."

Santos had been identified in police photos, but he remained free until De La Rosa nabbed him.

Santos allegedly put up a struggle as De La Rosa and her partner Marykate Donohue, both rookies, tried to cuff him. Additional officers were called to the scene and, after a brief struggle, Santos was taken into custody.

He was arrested on charges including robbery, assault and resisting arrest.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-23-34-32-43 . Bonus Ball: 30.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 6. Prize: $7,912.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 21. Prize: $2,052.

Number matching four of five: 927. Prize: $100.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 760. Prize: $108.

Number matching three of five: 34,205. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9,602. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 44,419. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $61 Million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-20-23-35.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $18,587.

Winning tickets sold in: TERRELL, HOUSTON.

Matching four of five: 166. Prize: $101.

Matching three of five: 4,327. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 39,161. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3

(Day) 2-1-3

(Night) 4-8-5

World Almanac

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Today is the 141st day of 2004 and the 62nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, providing inexpensive farmland for Western settlers.

In 1902, Cuba gained its independence from Spain.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field on Long Island, N.Y., for the first solo nonstop flight between New York and Paris.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Honore de Balzac (1799-1850), novelist; John Stuart Mill (1806-1873), philosopher; Jimmy Stewart (1908-1997), actor; Cher (1946-), singer/actress, is 58; Bronson Pinchot (1959-), actor, is 45; Busta Rhymes (1972-), rapper, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1989, Sunday Silence won the 115th Preakness Stakes by the closest margin ever.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A great statesman is he who knows when to depart from traditions, as well as when to adhere to them." — John Stuart Mill

TODAY'S FACT: This day, the 40th day of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, commemorates the ascension of Christ into heaven.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,624 — number of statute miles of air distance between New York and Paris.

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

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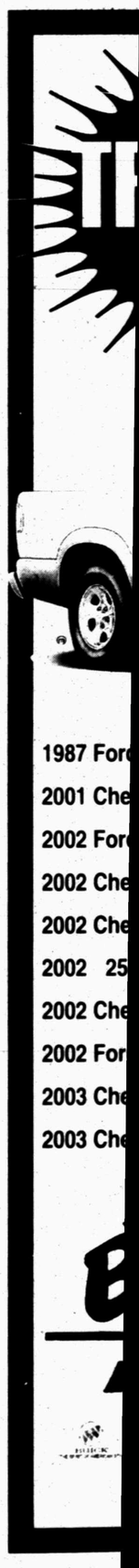
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BRIDE, GROOM HONORED — Mrs. Dane Farley, nee Marla Lindberg, was honoree at a wedding shower on May 8 in the garden room of First Baptist Church. The couple married April 25. From left are Donna Farley, mother of the groom; Dane and Marla, honorees; Jana Farley, sister-in-law of the groom from Kerrville; and Amy Farley, his niece.(Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



The echoes that ring in the mind

By Phillip Alder

Eliza Cook, a 19th-century English poet, wrote this couplet: "Oh, how cruelly sweet are the echoes that start / When Memory plays an old tune on the heart!"

If you have yesterday's deal echoing in your mind, you will find today's easy. You are South, the declarer in four hearts. How would you plan the play after West leads the club queen to your ace?

If South rebids three no-trump, North should correct back to four hearts. (It is almost never right to play in three no-trump when you have a nine-card major-suit fit.) Also, note that three no-trump would fail, assuming West unimaginatively leads fourth-highest from his longest and strongest.

	North	05-20-04
	♠ 10 7 2	
	♥ A J 5 4	
	♦ K 7 4 3	
	♣ 8 3	
West		**East**
♠ A Q 9 5 4		♠ 8 3
♥ 7 2		♥ K 6
♦ J 8 5		♦ 10 9 6
♣ Q J 9		♣ 10 7 6 5 4 2
	South	
	♠ K J 6	
	♥ Q 10 9 8 3	
	♦ A Q 2	
	♣ A K	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

At trick two, you should lead the heart queen, encouraging West to cover if he holds the king. However, when West plays low, you should reject the finesse, rising with dummy's ace. Then you play a second round of trumps.

If West wins with the king, you have cost yourself only an over trick; you will lose at worst two spades and one heart. But with this layout, if you take the trump finesse, you should fail. East, after winning with the heart king, knows that you have the club king, and West's having led a singleton club queen is very unlikely. So, East should shift to the spade eight, high from a doubleton. West will take two spade tricks, then give East a spade ruff.

Are you wondering about East's having king-third of hearts? Then you have no chance, because East always gets a spade ruff (unless he has a doubleton spade honor).

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Couple wed 25 years

The Rev. Rocky and Sheila Alexander of Ira celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday. Rocky is pastor of the First Church of God and had Wednesday evening service so they had lunch in Lubbock.

Rocky and Sheila met in 1977 while both were attending Western Texas College. They graduated in 1979 on a Thursday, had a wedding rehearsal on Friday and married on Saturday, May 19, in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

They moved to San Angelo in 1985, and then to Oklahoma City where Rocky earned his degree. Later they moved back to San Angelo where he pastored his first church for five years. They moved to Arkansas in August 1998 where they lived for five years before coming to Ira to pastor the First Church of God.

Sheila volunteers two days a week for Meals on Wheels and Rocky is district treasurer for the area Churches of God.

They have a 16-year-old daughter, Amanda, who is a junior at Ira High School.

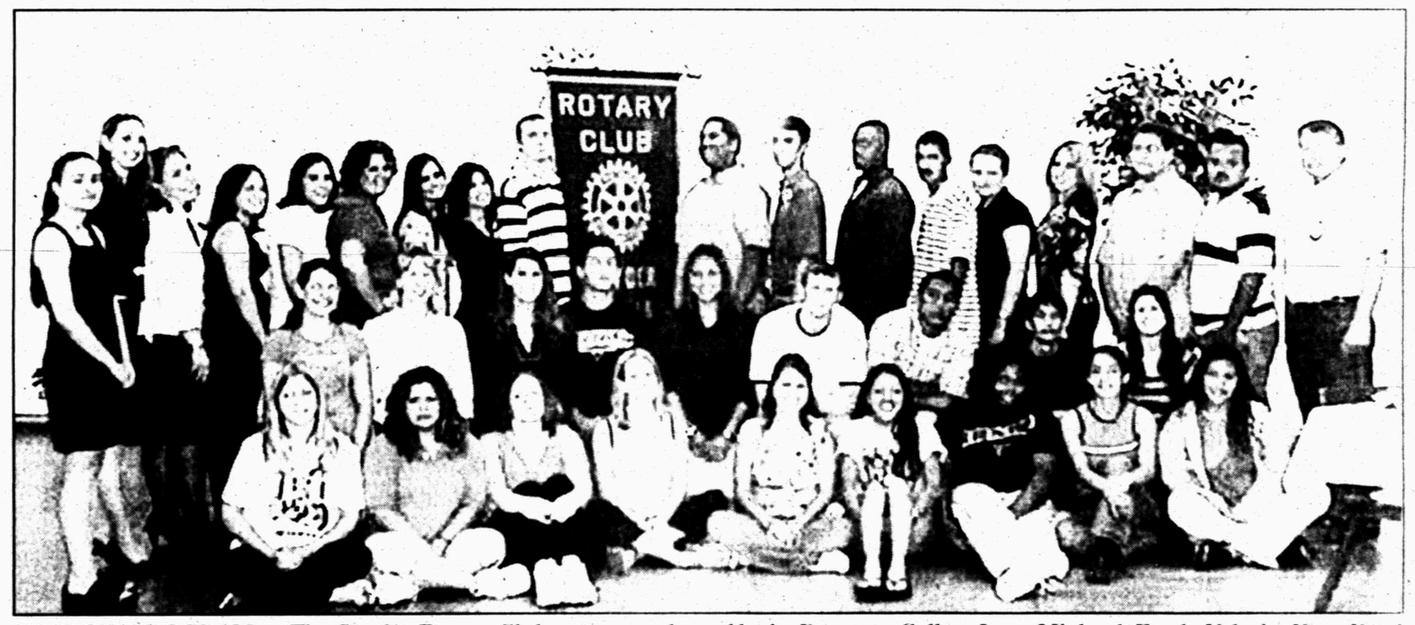
Births

Ryan and Holly Bullard of Lubbock announce the birth of Riley Cole Bullard at 1:23 p.m. on March 29 in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds and was 19 inches long at birth and has a one-year-old sister, Katy Renee Bullard.

Paternal grandparents are Randy Bullard of Lubbock and Darra Bullard of Oklahoma City, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder. Great-grandparents are O.P. and Ruth Tate, and Wallace and Barbara Jones, all of Snyder.

Roger and Cherity Davidson of Colorado City announce the birth of their daughter, Ivory Jayde Davidson. She was born at 1:04 p.m. on May 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Ivory Jayde weighed seven pounds, one ounce.

Paternal grandparents are Roger and Carrie Davidson of Loraine and maternal grandparents are James and Charlene Morris of Colorado City.



SHADOW PROGRAM — The Snyder Rotary Club sponsors the Shadow Program that acquaints high school students to various businesses of their interest. Each student spent Thursday morning with employees at a business and were lunch guests of Rotary at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are, bottom left, Dawn Thomas, Leslie Carrisalez, Sharon Grove, Jordan Donalson, Evette Cerda, Nadia Chairez, Mattie Smith, Diane Morin, Esmay Estrada; middle row, Miranda Pierce, Alexis Dupree, Callan Lee, Michael Ford, Valerie Kay, Brad English, Boicy Martinez, Matthew Garza, Candace Gordon, top row, Ashley Arrendale, Megan Langham, Amanda Whisenhunt, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Destiny Proctor, Ashley Amox, Tucker Early, Eric Guadarrama, Kenny Alcala, Demetris Brandon, Isreal Franco, Mandy Burns, Melissa Jerome, Aaron Lindsey, Robert Garza and Jack McDonald, Rotary president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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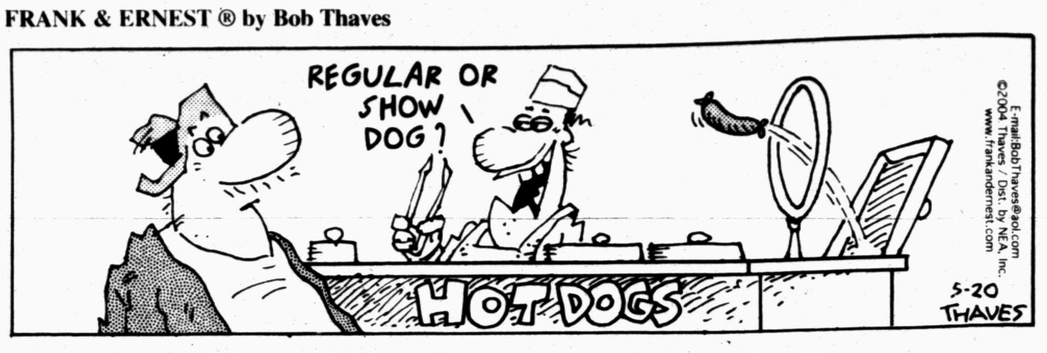
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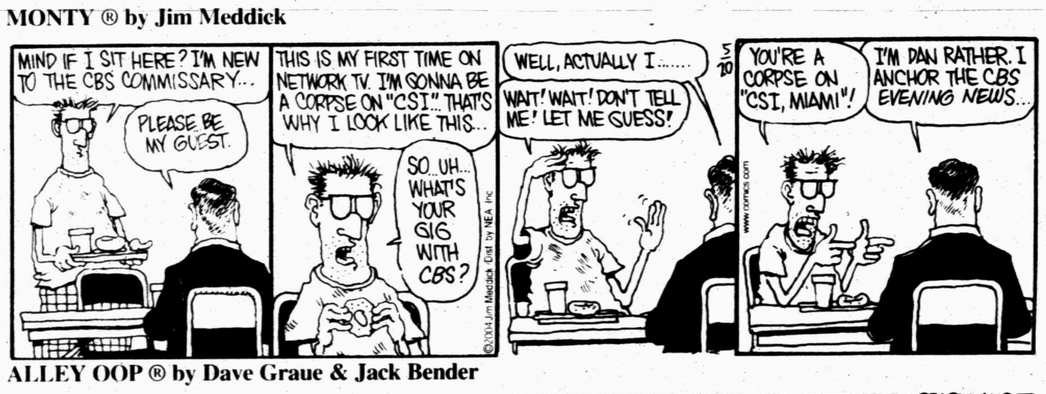
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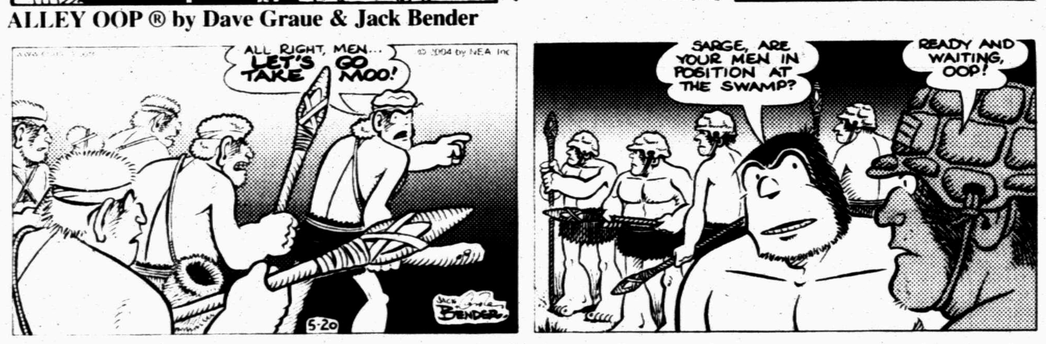
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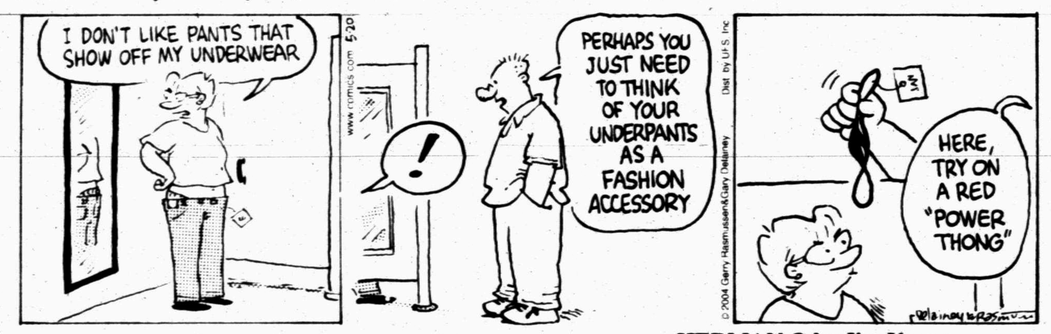
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17 Puts in crops
19 Basketball hoops
23 Felt boot
26 Tender meat
28 Morse-code word
29 Alpaca cousin
31 Blazing
33 Ooze out
34 Went up alone
35 Hanoi festival
36 Catch a mouse
39 Mantra chants
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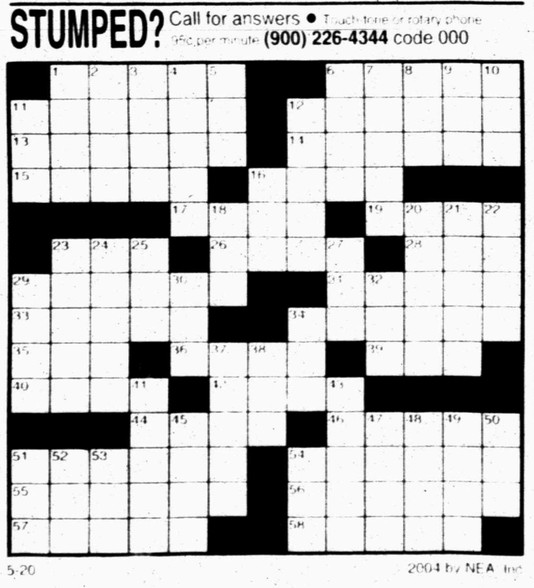
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21 Stable parents
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers scaling new heights in postseason softball tournament

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers are farher in the postseason tournament than anyone could have predicted at the start of the season.

Including first-year head coach Darren Pool.

"Knowing when I first got here that we would be rebuilding, I wouldn't have said that," Pool said. "We were shooting for the playoffs, and as far as we've gotten has been an extra benefit."

Snyder will take on Decatur in the regional semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood High School in a one-game playoff.

It is the deepest the softball program has been in the postseason, and the first time Pool has made it to the semifinals as a head coach.

The Lady Tigers regrouped after a close loss last Friday to sweep the doubleheader Saturday. Ashley Martinez pitched all three games, and the Lady Tigers rebounded from a 2-0 deficit in game three to take the series from Borger.

"When there are this few teams, the competition gets stiffer," Pool said. "The girls had their backs against the wall and they answered. It's tough to sweep a doubleheader. Early on, we would not have come back, but we are staying focused."

Pool said he knew by the time the Snyder tournament rolled around, he had the team to make a run.

"Once we hit our tournament, I knew we had more than I expected," he said. "Up until that tournament we hadn't performed, and we had a lot of work to do. But now we're here."

Martinez and Kelsi Johnson have gotten stronger inside the circle, and gotten more help behind them as the season has gone on.

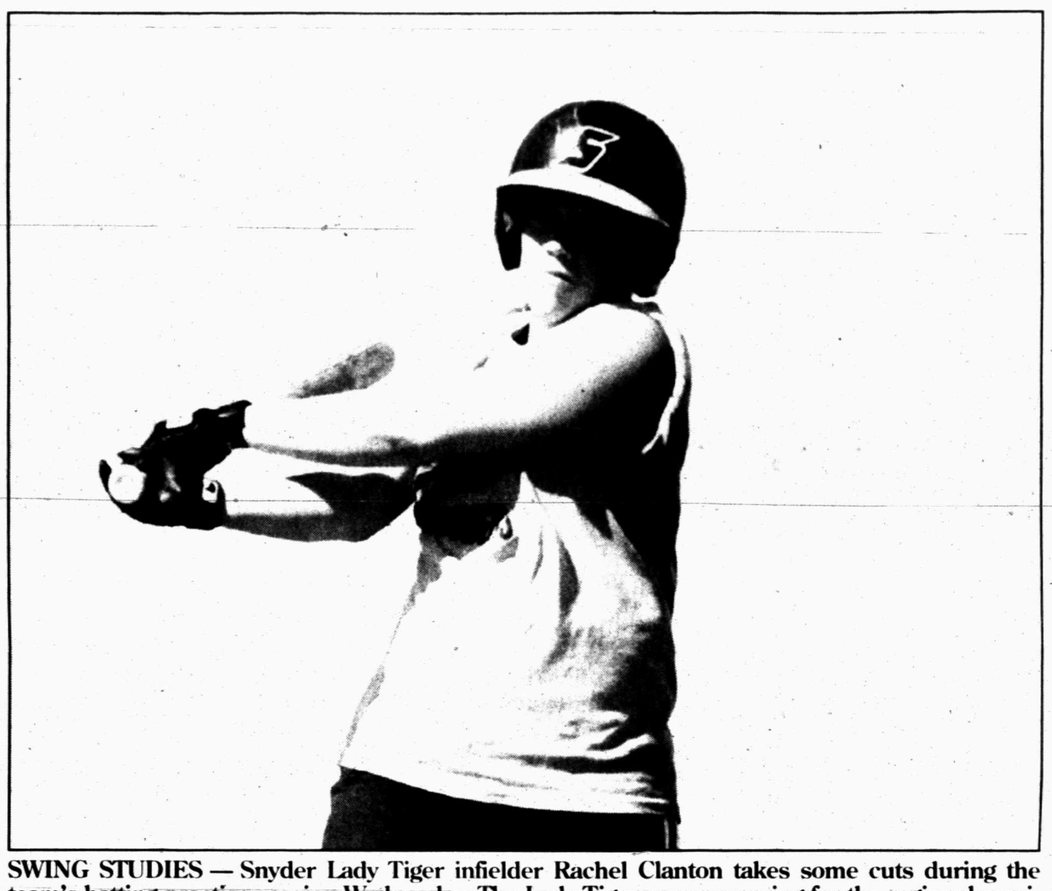
"We've gotten better defensively, and that has helped them knowing the defense is back there. It gives them confidence," Pool said. "Early on we didn't do that, and I told them both to be patient with the defense."

The Lady Tigers know little about Decatur, which won District 7 this season. Pool said sometimes it's better to not know, as coaches can get bogged down in overanalyzing their opponent.

"Decatur can pitch and they can hit, but at this point, every team can play. You just have to go play your game and make adjustments as you go," he stated.

The Lady Tigers scored eight runs in the finale of the Borger series, breaking an offensive slump that had made several recent games appear closer than they were, including the 1-0 loss to Borger in the opener.

"The farther you go the better the competition, " he said. "You just have to get a game plan and stick with it."



SWING STUDIES — Snyder Lady Tiger infielder Rachel Clanton takes some cuts during the team's batting practice session Wednesday. The Lady Tigers are preparing for the regional semifinal playoff game with Decatur, which will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood High School. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Tigers must now cross Canyon

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The team that sent the Tigers packing in the area round last season now stands between Snyder and the regional semifinals.

The 10th-ranked Tigers, fresh off a sweep of Amarillo River Road in the area playoffs, will battle District 1 champion Canyon at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

Canyon also cruised through the area round, sweeping District 3 second runner-up Seminole and getting a masterpiece from pitcher and presumptive game one starter Lance Dougherty in the opener.

Dougherty, a left-hander with good velocity and an array of pitches, struck out 15 and limited the Indians to one hit in his last start.

He will not be unfamiliar to Snyder, as the Tigers faced him in last year's series. Both teams return key players from last year's squads.

Head coach Charles Bollinger feels the Tigers match-up well with the Rangers.

"They put the ball in play and we put the ball in play," he said. "I don't think defensively they are as good as we are."

Both teams return key players from last year's squads.

Ty Collier, who has emerged as the stopper on the mound for the Tigers, will face Dougherty on game one. He struck out eight and allowed one earned run in seven innings of work last Friday against River Road.

"It's going to be close to the Sweetwater game — the atmosphere should be awesome," Collier said. He said he was working on his command, with a goal of not issuing a free pass in the game. "I just want to beat (Dougherty). We will have to play our best if we want to beat them."

The Tigers will counter Dougherty with an offense that came alive in the first inning and did not let up in the series finale last weekend.

The Tigers posted eight runs in the first frame of the 17-8 series clincher and smacked 17 hits, with Blake Grimmett collecting four hits and driving in three.

Hadley Hirt and Eric Martinez each homered and knocked in four runs, and Isaac Ramon added a home run.

The Tigers will make just one change to the lineup, with Lico Castillo moving to right field to replace the departed Marcus Villarreal, who left the team for personal reasons.

Bollinger expects a close, hard-fought series against a battle-tested Ranger club.

"They are as tough as any team we've faced," he said. "Every team from here on out is going to be tough. We've got to play fundamental baseball and do things right to give ourselves a chance to win. We just have to play our game."



SPEED ZONE — Snyder hurler Ty Collier checks out the velocity of the pitching machine at the Tigers' batting cages Wednesday. Collier will start game one of the three game series with Canyon at 7:30 p.m. Friday. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Garnett dominant as Wolves advance to conference finals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett has endured his share of frustration with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The validation for that, and for his MVP award, came in a big Game 7 performance against the Sacramento Kings.

Garnett had 32 points, 21 rebounds and five blocks on his 28th birthday, and the Timberwolves advanced to the Western Conference finals with an 83-80 victory Wednesday night.

"I wasn't thinking about anything," Garnett said. "I was just telling everybody to follow my lead."

The victory, and the matchup with the Los Angeles Lakers, wasn't assured until Chris Webber's 3-point attempt spun around the rim and out as the final buzzer sounded. That stuck star-crossed Sacramento with a Game 7 loss for the third straight year.

"I definitely thought the last shot was good," Webber said. "It did everything but go in. I couldn't believe it came out."

Minnesota will face the Lakers, idle since Saturday, in Game 1 of the conference finals Friday night in Minneapolis.

"We're up to the challenge," said Mark Madsen, who won NBA titles with Los Angeles in 2001 and 2002. "It's going to be a tremendous series."

In the only remaining conference semifinal series, New Jersey is at Detroit for Game 7 tonight. The winner will face Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals.

With the Timberwolves clinging to a three-point lead, the Kings had a final possession to tie. Doug Christie's off-balance 3-pointer was an airball, and Brad Miller's layup attempt off the rebound was emphatically rejected by Garnett into the seats.

The Kings got another inbounds pass with 2.2 seconds remaining. Webber pump-faked Garnett in the air and got a clean look as Garnett avoided contact.

"I thought it was going down," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "But it just didn't happen."

Webber, who had 16 points, collapsed to his knees in disappointment before getting a hug from Garnett — who eventually made his way to the scorer's table and jumped atop it to salute a screaming sellout crowd.

Garnett left his mark all over this game, too. His 3-pointer over Miller and Mike Bibby with 3:39 remaining was a big blow, putting Minnesota up 77-70.

"He showed why he is the MVP," teammate Fred Hoiberg said. "Early in the game, he got every rebound. He was blocking every shot. ... He can dominate a game in so many different ways."

The Kings added to their litany of postseason failures. They lost to the Lakers in the 2002 conference finals and last year against Dallas in the semifinals — both in the seventh game.

Gonzales torches Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chan Ho Park made a mistake, and Juan Gonzalez made him pay.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer against his former team, Jimmy Gobble held the Texas offense in check and the Kansas City Royals beat the Rangers 5-3 Wednesday night.

Park retired Gonzalez on breaking pitches in his first three at-bats. But Park's 0-1 slider in the seventh was flat, and Gonzalez drove it into the left-field seats to extend Kansas City's lead to 5-1.

"My slider was working good except for that one pitch that really hurt," Park said. "I wasn't bad, but home runs hurt me a lot."

Gonzalez, signed as a free agent last winter to provide the Royals with power, had only four homers in his first 121 at-bats for Kansas City until Wednesday night's shot.

"Anytime he swings the bat, he can carry a ballclub," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "He's doing a lot of things different, but mostly he's being more selective at the plate and starting to get confidence."

Gonzalez, the Rangers' career leader in homers and RBIs, has been taking extra swings in batting practice, trying to regain his power stroke.

"I respect everybody here in Texas, but we got the win," Gonzalez said. "I've been working on my mechanics and putting more weight on my back leg."

Gobble (2-2) gave up three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings, helping the Royals earn their fifth road win this season and second in two nights.

Angel Berroa and Ken Harvey each added a solo shot for the Royals, who have six homers in the first two games of the three-game set.

Sports Briefs

U.S. sprinter banned, stripped of medals

DENVER (AP) — American sprinter Kelli White accepted a two-year drug ban, costing her a trip to the Athens Olympics and every medal she won during the past four years.

White tested positive for the stimulant modafinil at last year's world championships and U.S. nationals.

Boys basketball camps

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

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

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

Girls basketball camp

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

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

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

Football camp set for June

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

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

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

Major League Baseball

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Philadelphia	21	17	.553	—
Florida	21	18	.538	½
New York	19	21	.475	3
Atlanta	17	21	.447	4
Montreal	14	26	.350	8
Central Division				
Houston	24	15	.615	—
Chicago	23	16	.590	1
Cincinnati	21	18	.538	3
St. Louis	21	19	.525	3½
Milwaukee	20	19	.513	4
Pittsburgh	17	20	.459	6
West Division				
Los Angeles	22	16	.579	—
San Diego	23	17	.575	—
Colorado	17	22	.436	5½
Arizona	16	23	.410	6½
San Francisco	16	24	.400	7

Wednesday's Games
San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 3, 1st game
San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Milwaukee 6, Montreal 3
Arizona 6, Atlanta 4, 11 innings
Houston 10, Florida 2
Chicago Cubs 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings
Philadelphia 9, Los Angeles 4
St. Louis 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings

Today's Games
St. Louis (Marquis 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Hermanson 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Maddux 3-3), 1:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Obermueller 2-1) vs. Montreal (Ohka 1-5) at San Juan, 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 2-2) at Florida (Beckett 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Valdez 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 5-2) at Philadelphia (Myers 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kennedy 4-1) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-0), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Fossum 0-0) at Atlanta (Ramirez 1-3), 6:35 p.m.

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Boston	24	16	.600	—
New York	23	16	.590	½
Baltimore	20	16	.556	2
Toronto	17	24	.415	7
Tampa Bay	10	28	.263	13
Central Division				
Minnesota	24	15	.615	—
Chicago	22	17	.564	2
Detroit	19	20	.487	5
Cleveland	18	21	.462	6
Kansas City	13	24	.351	10
West Division				
Anaheim	26	14	.650	—
Texas	22	17	.564	3
Oakland	21	18	.538	4
Seattle	13	26	.333	12

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 6, Toronto 5
Chicago White Sox 15, Cleveland 3
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 5, Texas 3
Baltimore 5, Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Anaheim 2
Oakland 6, Detroit 2

Today's Games
Detroit (Knotts 1-0) at Oakland (Hudson 4-1), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-4), 6:15 p.m.
Kansas City (May 1-5) at Texas (Rogers 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 4-3) at Minnesota (Greisinger 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 3-1) at Seattle (Moyer 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-4) at Anaheim (Colon 4-2), 9:05 p.m.

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Thursday, May 20
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 22
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., if necessary

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Today
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Friday, May 21
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 22
Detroit or New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 23
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 24
Detroit or New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.

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Doctors are puzzled by man's shrinking brain

BOUNTIFUL, Utah (AP) — David Mitchell is changing in a way that is ruining his life and confounding doctors.

He's starting to lose his balance and peripheral vision. The 50-year-old has very little short-term memory, and the formerly glib salesman now struggles to remember and pronounce words like "raspberry" in simple conversation. And the headaches are so severe, he doesn't want to get out of bed.

It's because the left side — and only the left side — of his brain is shrinking, and has been for about 10 years.

"Every once in awhile, I realize, 'Gee, I can't do that anymore,'" Mitchell said.

Doctors do not have a clue why this is happening, and say normally suspect causes — like multiple sclerosis or Alzheimer's disease — are not at play here because they would equally shrink both sides of the brain.

But in Mitchell's case, the left side of his brain is 10 percent smaller than the right.

"That's very, very uncommon," Dr. Juan Troncoso, associate professor of pathology and neurology at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University, said of Mitchell's condition. "There are cases described of degenerative diseases that are dominant on one side of the brain. But then, over 10 years of progression, you'd expect the other side to have some kind of abnormality."

Mitchell is scheduled to have a brain biopsy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., later this month, a procedure that could be fatal.

Even though there is no guarantee it will uncover the cause of his shrinking brain, both Mitchell and his wife, Cynthia, said he has to try.

"I just don't want to sit there and not do anything," he says.

Mitchell's rare case has been featured at medical symposiums, but still hasn't produced a diagnosis.

He's seen about 15 neurologists, who have performed a battery of tests but found no answers.

"It was puzzling to the physicians," said Dr. Patrice Duvernay, a neurologist for Intermountain Health Care in Salt Lake City who has treated Mitchell.

Duvernay said the left side of his brain will continue to slowly shrink until doctors find a solution.

The shrinkage is only visible by looking at an MRI or CT scan, but what's going on inside his skull has taken a big toll on Mitchell's quality of life.

He can watch a movie a hundred times and still not remember how it ends.

His wife can tell him to be ready in a half an hour to visit a friend's house, and within 15 minutes he will have no idea why she's disappointed that he's not dressed.

The condition has completely changed Mitchell's personality. He now sleeps 12-14 hours a day, and said before he never slept more than six.

Sleeping and staying in bed about two days a week, he says, is one of the only ways to escape the constant headaches. A cabinet full of pain medication doesn't help.

Cynthia has seen her husband transform from a runner and hiker to a shy shut-in.

"It's hard, because David used to be such a vibrant extrovert," said Cynthia, who knows when her husband is having a bad day because there is a bulging vein in his forehead.



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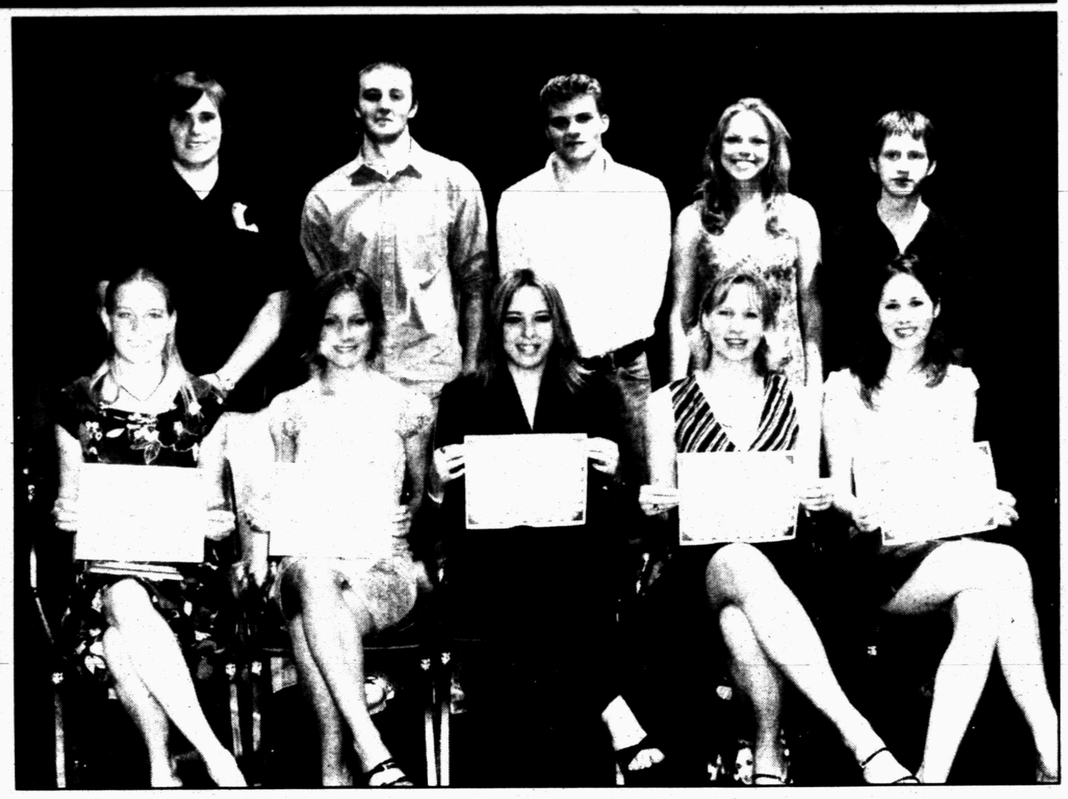
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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS — Snyder High School students receiving departmental awards standing from left include Mandy Burns, journalist of the year; Josh Payne, math; Eric Guadarrama and Brock Tyrrell, both social studies. Seated in front from left are Hortensia Murillo, family and consumer science; Paul Jackson, foreign language; Katie Haggard, Tiger's Lair; Gretchen Hollis, Tiger's Tale; and Laura Arellano, most improved photographer. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)



MORE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS — These Snyder High School students also received departmental awards. Standing from left are Josh Payne, SWAT; Tucker Early, digital media; Coleman Welch, drama- actor; Erin Burleson, English; and Justin Cox, drama-technician. Seated in front from left are Emily Long, ag; Stephanie Williams, band; Melissa Jerome, computer; Alexis Dupree and Amanda Whitson, both Web editors. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Ex-nurse pleads guilty to three more murders

BELVIDERE, N.J. (AP) — A former nurse who pleaded guilty to killing 13 patients in New Jersey admitted three more murders Wednesday — all elderly female patients given overdoses of the heart drug digoxin.

It was the second of what is likely to be several hearings in jurisdictions in which Charles Cullen, 44, will plead guilty to murder. Wednesday's slayings involved patients who died in 1993 at Warren Hospital in Philiipsburg.

Cullen agreed to a sentence of three life prison terms with no chance of parole for 90 years. That term would come on top of the life sentence with no chance of parole for 127 years he had received last month when admitting to 13 other patients' deaths.

The three women whom Cullen admitted killing at Warren Hospital were Helen Dean, 91, Lucy Mugavero, 90, and Mary Natoli, 85.

Afterward, Cullen's lawyer said the former nurse would like to explain himself one day to his victims' families.

"He would like to have them sit in a big room and family members could ask questions," said the lawyer, Johnnie Mask.

Mask said he thinks he knows why Cullen killed, but would not disclose the motive. New Jersey Attorney General Peter Harvey, who attended Wednesday's hearing, said he thought the motive varied in each case.

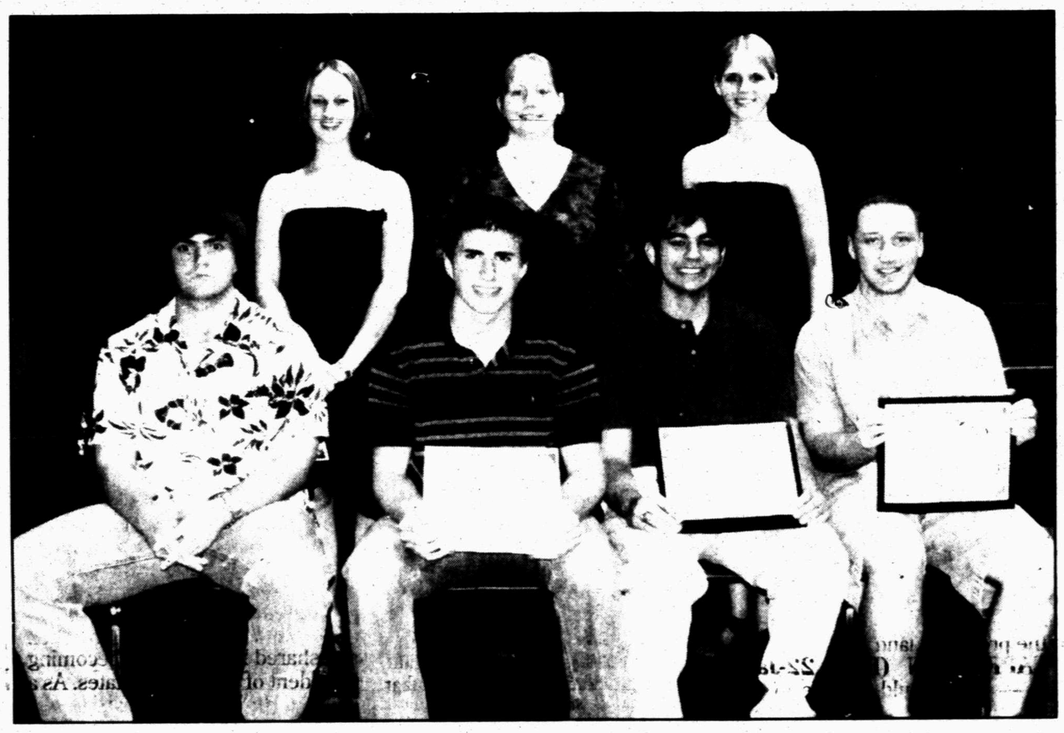
John Hagerty, a spokesman for the state Division of Criminal Justice, said his agency would probably not object to the unusual forum of a meeting with the families, if it came after all the criminal cases against Cullen were settled.

As for victims' families, some of whom never suspected their loved one died at the hands of a nurse, at least one welcomed a chance to find out why.

"I think I would participate in something like that," said Phil Mugavero, the grandson of Lucy Mugavero.

After Cullen's arrest last year, he told authorities he had killed between 30 and 40 patients during a 16-year career at 10 health care facilities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Last month, in pleading guilty to 13 murders and two attempted murders, all committed last year in Somerset Medical Center, Cullen agreed to a plea bargain that will spare him from the death penalty in exchange for helping authorities solve his crimes. As part of the deal, he agreed specifically to plead guilty to one other murder in Northampton County, Pa.



DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS —Snyder High School students receiving departmental awards Monday night, standing from left are Paula Fritz, speech-CX debater; Amanda Blythe, speech-L/D debater; Blake Robertson, speech-interper. Seated from left are Chase Ashworth, IPC; John Birks, chemistry; Josh Kemp, physics overall; and Clayton Floyd, science overall. (Staff Photo by Jeff West)

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Warts are Caused by viruses

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please teach me about warts. If they are contagious, how is the virus transmitted? Will touching, drinking from the same glass, kissing and/or having sex with someone who has warts cause them to be transmitted? Can a person be a carrier without actually having warts? Why, other than the obvious reason, are genital warts more serious than run-of-the-mill warts on the hands?

DEAR READER: Warts are caused by viruses that are spread by direct (and often prolonged) skin-to-skin contact. For example, brushing against a wart on a person's hand will not usually result in infection with the virus, whereas sexual intercourse is more likely to lead to transmission.

Some warts are more easily spread than others.

Wart viruses can exist in the skin for variable periods before lesions appear. In particular, men without visible genital warts can infect their partners, unless condoms are used.

Warts often disappear without treatment; the immune system takes care of the viruses. Those warts that remain can usually be cured by the application of prescription medication, chiefly Podofilox.

One final, important consideration: genital warts in women (from the papilloma virus) have been consistently associated with cancers of the reproductive tract. Therefore, any woman with such warts should be aggressively treated by her gynecologist; moreover, her partner(s) must be meticulously examined for non-visible warts by a urologist or dermatologist, using special tests.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, a marathon runner, has been advised by his physician to have knee replacement surgery. Because an artificial knee lifespan is only about eight years, he's concerned that a second, future replacement might be necessary. In Europe, ceramic products are used, instead of metal, for knee replacement, and appear to fuse better. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: I am not familiar enough with European ceramic prostheses to advise you. To my knowledge, the U.S. artificial knee is a splendid product that works well and enables patients to maintain normal levels of activity for many years.

The lifespan of the prosthesis will, of course, depend on how strenuously it is used. A sedentary person may well enjoy his artificial knee for a lifetime; a runner may find his wearing out in a matter of years.

Ask your husband's orthopedic surgeon to give him a valid estimate of how long the prosthesis will function given your spouse's level of activity.

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

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Gag order to remain in Jackson trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The California Supreme Court said it will not consider arguments from news organizations trying to end a gag order in the Michael Jackson child molestation conspiracy case.

The court issued a one-line order Wednesday that said only, "Review and application for stay denied."

The gag order bars Jackson, his accuser, and attorneys on both sides from publicly commenting on the case, except through statements approved in advance by the judge.

Attorney Theodore Boutrous Jr., who represents a coalition of media organizations including The Associated Press, said the conflict over the gag order between the court and the press would not go away. He had argued that a blanket gag order imposed by Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville was an unconstitutional restriction of freedom of speech and press.

The state's highest court had expressed interest in the case at first, requesting letters from the defense and prosecution explaining their positions. District Attorney Thomas Sneddon's office responded with a letter alleging that journalists covering the Jackson case were pandering to a "gossip hungry" audience.

Boutrous said lifting the gag order would "ensure that more accurate information will be disseminated, and will reduce the amount of rumors, speculation and gossip about which the District Attorney complains."

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, May 21, 2004

Additional substantial gains are likely to be in the offing for you in the year ahead from situations where you already have an established base that yields reasonable returns. Good things could get even better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might be exceptionally lucky today in two very important areas: One could relate to your status in life, and the other may have to do with your income. They'll both bring you joy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today you're blessed with the ability to see a little clearer and a bit further than your peers. These assets should put you head and shoulders above your associates and benefit you greatly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should circumstance appear to be taking matters totally out of your hands today, don't worry. Lady Luck herself is guiding events so that everything turns out lucky for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — For a person who usually prides himself or herself on being an individualist, you are likely to do an about face today and seek out a teamwork situation. You'll find that's where you're the luckiest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Thinking "win" is a necessary ingredient for victory, and fortunately today that attitude comes easily to you. Positive thinking gives you an edge over all the competition that others can't match.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Important connections who wouldn't lift a finger for you previously could do an about face today and be supportive of something that's important to you. It's a winner and they know it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't hesitate to take the lead in joint involvements today, because you will be better able than your associates to gauge drifts and shifts in situations. You'll lead them to the promised land.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You should be able to get along well with people from all walks of life today, but where you'll find yourself and really shine is dealing with those in high places who can offer big benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although it comes about through your blending of perspiration with inspiration today, your material stockpile could surprisingly increase more substantially than you thought possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Get out where you can be seen and mingle with those who you'd like to get to know better. Chances are you could make an outstanding impression today, especially with the opposite sex.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're going to get the opportunity today to put the concerns of your loved ones above your own. Much to your credit, you'll do so and end up doing more good for yourself in the process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When you focus your efforts and energy on ventures that truly arouse your enthusiasm, you'll give them your undivided attention and accomplish far more today by being fired up.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Student sentenced

HAYS, Kan. (AP) — A former Fort Hays State University football player who had faced murder charges in the beating death of a classmate was sentenced Wednesday to 18 months of probation on a lesser charge.

Bradley D. Deary, 21, of Smithville, Texas, originally faced second-degree murder charges in the death of 18-year-old Clint W. Johnson. But he agreed to testify against three others charged in Johnson's death.



Bush family to celebrate graduations privately

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Walk down the street in this college town and you might not notice Barbara Bush. She could be any Yale senior eating ice cream outside a candy shop — except for the Secret Service agent at her side.

Her twin sister, Jenna, shares that life of relative anonymity at the University of Texas at Austin.

College ends in days for both of President Bush's daughters, for Jenna on Saturday with a degree in English and for Barbara on Monday with a degree in humanities.

Their commencement exercises should be as low key as their four years of study. Neither the president nor first lady Laura Bush will attend, fearing the extra security would detract from the festivities. Instead, the family plans private dinners with friends in each college town.

Except for a highly publicized incident at a Texas bar and a few gossip-column appearances, the 22-year-old sisters have stayed out of the limelight that follows president's children. All the time, their schools, friends, classmates and professors have kept tightlipped about their private lives.

"I've known Jenna since she was in middle school. We have tried to respect her wishes in that regard," said Patricia Ohlendorf, University of Texas vice president for legal affairs. "She wants to be as regular a student as possible."

Being just a regular student was a challenge from the beginning. In 2000, just months before the disputed presidential election, Barbara arrived at Yale — a left-leaning campus of 5,000 undergraduates who were mostly opposed, if not hostile, to her father's candidacy.

She was the fourth generation of Bushes to attend the prestigious, 303-year-old Ivy League school. Her father was even born at Yale. Her grandfather, George H.W. Bush, was a student at the time.

Barbara lived in the same residential college, Davenport College, as her father. Yale divides each class among 12 residential colleges, each with its own dorms, dining halls, sports, activities and coats of arms. Davenport's is three crosses and a chevron in black on a white shield.

In Austin, Jenna blended among the 50,000 students on the sprawling UT campus.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dream to be president is not out of girl's reach

DEAR READERS: I'm still receiving fascinating letters in support of the 13-year-old girl who was ridiculed by her teacher and classmates for revealing that she'd one day like to be president of the United States. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "I Have a Dream" and would like to offer her encouragement:

DEAR "I HAVE A DREAM": I was touched by your letter to Dear Abby, and I want you to know that you can become the president of the United States because of who you are, not in spite of it. I have no doubt a woman will be president one day, and America would be lucky to have you leading us every step of the way.

When young people like you express such a desire to make a difference in people's lives, you should be applauded. Your teacher and your classmates were wrong to laugh at your dream.

What you already know, but they seem to have forgotten, is that we live in a country where every child, girl or boy, has an equal chance to grow up and become president, or a teacher, or a doctor, or a CEO, or the shopkeeper down the street. That is what makes our country unlike any place on Earth. Anything is possible.

But to do the things we believe in, we all have to work hard, do our best, and fight those who do not always believe in us. It is not easy to ignore their criticism, and it is tough to look beyond their doubts. But remember, doubters never made America a better place. It is people like you — people who dream big and are filled with hope — who make a difference in this world.

Always remember that the great thing about America is that you can become president, and you should never let anyone tell you different. **— SEN. JOHN KERRY, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

DEAR SEN. KERRY: To say that you are a busy man these days is an understatement. That you would still reach out to help a child says volumes about you as a person.

DEAR ABBY: As the first woman elected Illinois state treasurer, the first woman re-elected to a statewide office in Illinois and the first woman to lead a major party in Illinois, I was appalled by the negative response the 13-year-old girl ("I Have a Dream") received from her teacher, her guidance counselors and fellow students when she shared her dream of becoming president of the United States. As a woman who has fought hard to succeed in politics and government, I truly believe that service to your nation is a most rewarding career.

It is true a woman in politics does have disparities to overcome. For years, women fought for the right to vote, and today we continue to fight for equality in many careers.

Women in government can bring creativity, vision and commitment to the table. We come with a different mind-set than our male counterparts, which makes for better debate and legislation. Both parties need more recruitment of qualified females. Schools need to encourage young women to become interested in public service through career days and mentor programs.

I know that the first woman president is alive. Somewhere out there, a young girl is sitting in her classroom interested in becoming our nation's first female commander in chief, and I wouldn't be surprised if it's her. Best of luck to you, Mrs. President! **— JUDY BAAR TOPINKA, ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER**

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One dead, four injured as trains collide

GUNTER (AP) — Two trains have collided head-on, killing an engineer and injuring four other crew members in a fiery wreck that derailed almost two dozen freight cars.

A major rail line north of Dallas remained closed early today. A federal investigative team was en route to the crash site, where more than 20 cars lay in a mangled heap of steel after the freight trains collided about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

One of the injured men suffered severe burns and was taken by medical helicopter to a Dallas hospital, said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Rebecca Uresti.

The other three victims were taken to Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman.

The collision of northbound and southbound trains spilled rock and other materials from freight cars across a field north of Gunter as the cars landed in accordion fashion across the tracks.

The fatality had been aboard the southbound train, Uresti said. Officials were withholding his name pending notification of relatives.

The injured were located inside the train cars, but the engineer who died was found about 50 feet from the wreckage, according to the Sherman/Denison Herald Democrat's today editions.

Rail cars on one of the trains was empty, while the other was hauling rocks, said Lt. David Hawley of the Grayson County Sheriff's Department. No one was evacuated, but a hazardous materials crew was called to clean up spilled diesel fuel.

Joe Faust, a spokesman for Fort Worth-based Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., said both trains belonged to the company. He said a team from Burlington Northern was traveling to the rural crash site about 50 miles north of Dallas.

At least one of the locomotives burned and flames spread to grass and other nearby vegetation. The southbound train had 24 cars and three locomotives. The number of cars on the other train was not immediately available.

Faust told the Herald Democrat that the trains could have been traveling at 45 mph or faster through the rural area.

How two trains ended up on the same track in a collision course wasn't immediately known. One official said in broadcast reports that he believed human error caused the crash.

U.S. Department of Transportation officials were on the scene early today.

National Transportation Safety Board officials were also en route, Hawley said.

Television footage showed about 20 cars off the tracks.

The collision is the second this month in Texas.

On May 3, two freight trains collided on a Union Pacific track just south of downtown San Antonio, injuring three people.

Bush rallies GOP around Iraq plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sought to rally Republican lawmakers around his Iraq plan today, saying Iraqis are ready to "take the training wheels off" by assuming some political power, but warning that violence is likely to worsen as that transfer approaches.

The president made a rare visit to Capitol Hill as lawmakers prepare to head to their home states for the Memorial Day recess.

"This has been a rough couple of months for the president, particularly on the issues of Iraq, and I think he was here to remind folks that we do have a policy and this policy is going to be tough," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. "Things, as I think he commented, are very likely to get worse before they get better."

Several members of Congress said Bush expressed his determination to stick to a June 30 date for handing partial governing authority to Iraqis.

"He talked about 'time to take the training wheels off,'" said Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio. "The Iraqi people have been in training, and now it's time for them to take the bike and go forward."

It was the second year in a row that Bush met behind closed doors exclusively with his fellow Republicans just ahead of the congressional Memorial Day break. The stakes were especially high this year: Bush and most lawmakers face re-election, and Iraq is still plagued by chaos and violence six weeks before the United States cedes some power to Iraqis.

Some of the 200 or so Republicans emerging from the meeting said Bush's speech was a welcome pep talk, and they echoed the White House line on key issues.

"It was a good team meeting," said Sen. George Allen, R-Va. "There are those who will question whether or not we will stay and fight" in Iraq, Allen said.

Referring indirectly to the prisoner-abuse scandal, Allen added: "Of course the president believes that those who are serving very honorably ought to have our gratitude and appreciation."

Some in Congress, including Republicans, have criticized the Bush administration for not keeping Congress abreast of the cost of the Iraq war and reconstruction, the abuse of Iraqi detainees and the transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government.

Allen said there was no dissent in the room Thursday morning.

"None that I heard," Allen said. Bush was interrupted by applause "probably dozens of times, and several standing ovations," he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., flashed two thumbs up as he left. "It was a pep talk for Republicans," he said. "He laid out a pretty strong case for staying the course in Iraq."

Returning IISD board members sworn in

The Ira ISD board of trustees swore in its returning members and decided where next year's seniors will be going for the class trip during this month's regular board meeting.

Dirk Dunn and Keith Clements were sworn in to serve another term on the school board. Neither faced an opponent and an election did not have to be held.

After the board was official, [illegible]nts was elected as president, Dennis Taylor as vice president and Fran Farmer was re-elected as secretary.

Key Largo, Fla. was selected as the destination for the 2005 senior trip. The dates of the trip are April 21-26, 2005.

All 2004-2005 student transfers were approved, pending approval by the Texas Education Agency and the school administration. There are 111 transfers being requested, up from the 99 for this year.

Approval of the student handbook was tabled as more work is being done on student trip rules among other items, according to Superintendent Dr. Larry Devitt.

The board also looked at the preliminary numbers for the tax base for next year and heard several reports.

Another trailer stolen

- ***Theft***

A trailer was reported stolen in the 1900 block of E. Roby Highway at 6:57 a.m. Wednesday.

- ***Assault***

A report of an assault of a student was made at the Snyder High School parking lot at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday.

- ***Burglary***

Police responded to a report of a burglary of a habitation at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday. Money was taken from a residence in the 1900 block of 29th Street.

- ***Suspicious vehicle***

A report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the 11000 block of CR 3128 and shining a red laser beam through a window was taken at 1:43 a.m. Thursday.

- ***Loud music***

Police responded to three complaints of loud music at Denison Avenue and 41st Street, the 2600 block of 36th Street and the 1800 block of Scott Street.

- ***Loose cattle***

Loose cattle were reported on North FM 1611 at 6:32 a.m. today.

Obituaries

Robert Taylor

1927-2004

Robert George Taylor, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, May 16, in Carillon House in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Taylor, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral.

Born April 20, 1927 in Snyder, Mr. Taylor was a 1946 graduate of Snyder High School. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1950.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Louise Smith Taylor; and a sister, Mary Louise Taylor.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Jacqualine Taylor of Dallas; a nephew and his wife, Lee and Barbara Taylor of Muskogee, Okla.; two nieces and their spouses, Suzette and Dave Jones of Dallas and Monette and Doug Mulvihill of DeSoto.

Visitation will be held at 2701 Ave. V following the service.

James Manley

1921-2004

James C. Manley, a resident of Snyder since 1966, died Monday, May 17, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Manley, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, and Scott Hudson, a nephew, will officiate. Interment is planned in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

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Born June 7, 1921 in Loraine, he married Meta N. Hudson on Nov. 16, 1940 in Big Spring. She died 1987.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Nickie Adkins, in 1980; and a granddaughter, Sarah Coffey, in 2001.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Manley had worked for Chevron Oil Co. in Snyder for 37 years and was a motor pool supervisor.

Survivors include a daughter, Carla Coffey of Snyder; four sisters, Merle Cross of Brownwood, Lou Richardson of Baraboo, Wis., Ruth Barree of Dallas and Marie of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396 in Snyder, 79550; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

Adam Grove

1981-2004

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

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

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

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

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Adam Kemp

1985-2004

Adam Richard Bradley Kemp of Snyder died Wednesday, May 19, at his residence.

Memorial service for Mr. Kemp, 19, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Christ's Community Church in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.



Adam Kemp

Born Feb. 12, 1985 in Big Spring, he was a member of Christ's Community Church.

Survivors include his son, Gauge Vigneau of Snyder; his mother and stepfather, Rhonda and Charles Bronaugh of Big Spring; two brothers, Paul Moreno Jr. and Robert Kemp, both of Big Spring; his sister, Rose Mills of Big Spring; his maternal grandparents, Geri and Ron York of Big Spring; aunts and uncles, Renee and Lyle Sanders of Big Spring, Robin and Noah Ferguson of Alvin, and Robert and Tammy York of Granite City, Ill; his fiancée, Caliber Vigneau of Snyder; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth Kemp.

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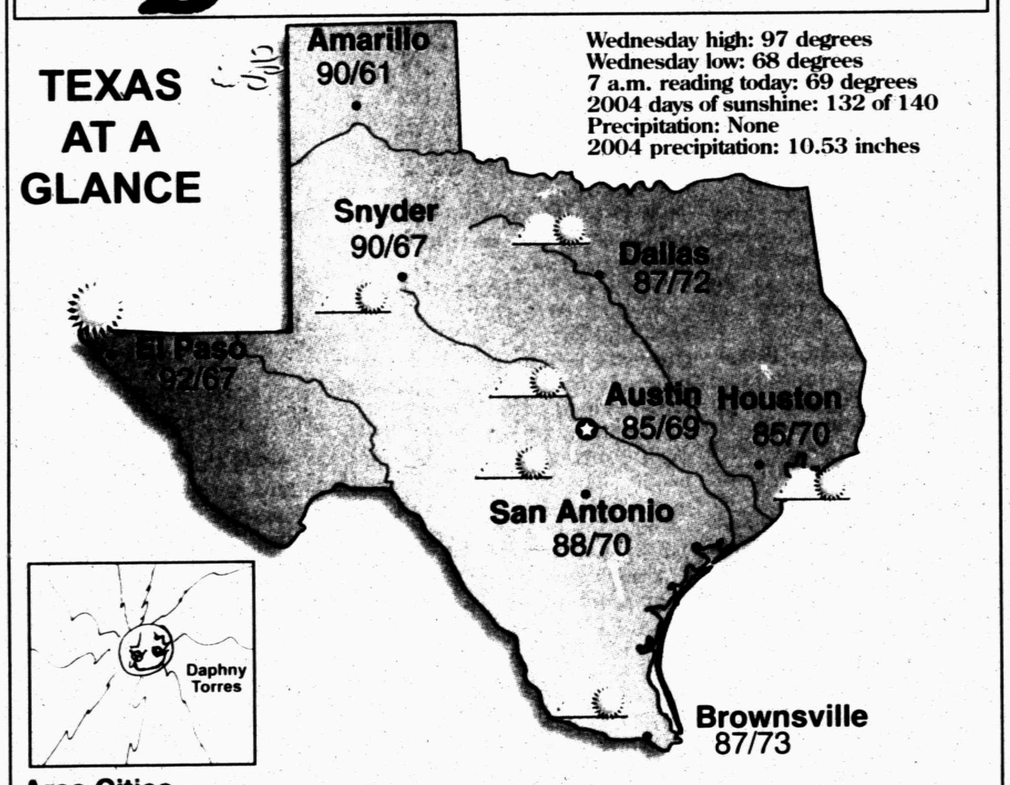
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23
90/67	94/67	97/66
Partly cloudy skies. High near 90F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:40 PM	Sunrise 6:41 AM, Sunset 8:41 PM	Sunrise 6:40 AM, Sunset 8:41 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 97 degrees
Wednesday low: 68 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 69 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 132 of 140
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.53 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	68	windy	El Paso	92	67	sunny	Midland	91	67	windy
Amarillo	90	61	windy	Fort Stockton	93	67	pt sunny	Raymondville	88	71	pt sunny
Austin	85	69	pt sunny	Gainesville	86	68	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	70	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	70	pt sunny	Greenville	86	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	87	73	pt sunny	Houston	85	70	pt sunny	San Marcos	87	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	87	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	68	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	85	73	pt sunny	Livingston	85	67	pt sunny	Sweetwater	90	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	85	69	pt sunny	Longview	86	68	pt sunny	Tyler	86	68	pt sunny
Dallas	87	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	92	65	windy	Weatherford	86	68	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	68	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	89	69	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	67	t-storm	Houston	85	70	pt sunny	Phoenix	94	68	sunny
Boston	75	60	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	52	windy
Chicago	81	69	t-storm	Miami	84	76	pt sunny	Seattle	65	52	rain
Dallas	87	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	61	53	t-storm	St. Louis	92	72	pt sunny
Denver	79	48	mst sunny	New York	80	67	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	70	t-storm

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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