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Snyder's sales tax rebates soar

With considerable investment in local oil fields, Snyder continues to stave off the economic slump being suffered in other regions of the state.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn this week sent $380.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to taxing entities throughout the state, down 0.6 percent compared to May 2002.

But Snyder's rebate is a different story. This month's rebate check to the city is for $153,177.21 — 55 percent higher than the $98,864.58 check received in May last year.

The positive effects of such an upturn will continue to trickle through the community, according to City Manager John Gayle who put it simply, "It just doesn't get much better than this."

Gayle said the obvious beneficiaries are the city and the DCOS, but indirectly, "There's no question that this will continue to improve the quality of life for everyone in the community."

So far this year, sales tax revenues across Texas are down 1.5 percent compared to the same period last year.

Again, Snyder bucks the trend with a 24 percent increase over last year's total.

To date in 2003, Snyder has received $711,717.82 as compared to 2002's year-to-date figure of $574,145.11.

Mayor Francene Noah said the increase is largely attributable to the re-energizing of local oil fields, but she also had another explanation for Snyder's good fortune.

"I think this reflects the pride that Snyder must have in its businesses and the community's ability to shop at home and support its own neighbors," she said. "When we look around, we realize how fortunate we are to live in a place like Snyder and have all the benefits we have."

Gayle said the increase in sales taxes could have long-term benefits as well.

"Companies who conduct demographic studies when looking for locations will notice Snyder's sharp increase and look at that with interest," he said. "This is absolutely wonderful for the community."

May's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March and reported to the comptroller in April.

The state's share of sales tax reported in April was $1.1 billion, down 0.5 percent compared to a year ago.

It is the 10th consecutive month that sales taxes state-wide have declined when compared to the previous year, the first time that has happened since the sales tax was enacted in 1961.

Area sales tax rebates

City	May '03	May '02	+/-	Year '03	Year '02	+/-
Abilene	$2,411,776.71	$2,437,160.13	-1.04%	$10,913,459.72	$10,845,763.68	0.62%
Big Spring	$372,289.01	$376,281.19	-1.06%	$1,503,840.86	$1,534,371.23	-1.98%
Colorado City	$41,528.47	$50,625.91	-17.96%	$169,773.83	$176,241.29	-3.66%
Lamesa	$88,381.73	$90,405.42	-2.23%	$367,549.20	$362,404.71	1.41%
Lubbock	$2,714,870.33	$2,792,926.25	-2.79%	$12,239,554.54	$12,316,996.03	-0.62%
Post	$25,717.02	$24,734.66	3.97%	$109,594.78	$107,463.59	1.98%
Snyder	$153,177.21	$98,864.58	54.93%	$711,717.82	$574,145.11	23.96%
Sweetwater	$202,706.46	$197,398.70	2.68%	$858,067.65	$790,539.68	8.54%

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A politician works their gums during an election and can gum up the works after they get elected."

Texas' Most Wanted List got a lot of publicity for the Holiday Inn in Ardmore.

It seems like those guys would have found a resort spot to hold up at — nobody vacations in Oklahoma.

Years ago when the Killer Bees brought the Texas Senate to a standstill, the 12 fugitive senators were cramped into a small apartment 14 blocks north of the capitol. A secretary ferried food and drink to the guys.

This time the fugitive Demos — dubbed by Republicans as the Chicken Ds — at least found a place with room service.

At their news conference Tuesday afternoon, the Killer Ds said they would return home as soon as congressional redistricting is off the agenda, noting that the state has more pressing business like deficits and school finance.

While reviews are mixed over the minority's action, we sort of think it was a neat way to protest the way Republicans have achieved "payback" this session. Since their departure Monday, Republicans have acted with righteous indignation, sending out scores of press releases with scorching verbiage.

We predict that the far right of the GOP will do in the Republicans just like the far left did the Democratic party.

One of the fugitives, former House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center, last election survived an attempt to turn his district GOP by partisan gerrymandering.

Scurry County lost a good friend and effective representative in David Counts when the GOP-controlled redistricting panel sliced up the district. Local voters should be able to choose representatives, not folks in Austin.

The issue that caused the "Filthy Fifty" to temporarily become Okies is congressional redistricting. The GOP-dominated state legislature, taking cue from Texas Republican Congressman Tom DeLay, has placed a bulls-eye on veteran congressman Charlie Stenholm, a ranking member of the ag committee.

Laney, known as an even-handed leader in his 10 years as speaker, said rural West Texas doesn't need to loose any more representation — but it's gonna happen.

It took courage to protest something that will likely happen anyway — and continued "pay back" can be expected.

And we have to admire whoever had the ingenuity to come up with the wanted posters and decks of cards. The cards, pattered after the most-wanted list in Iraq, were printed and in distribution in a matter of hours.

The Killer Ds say they are paying for their Holiday Inn accommodations, but it would be interesting to see if House Speaker Tom Craddick, a Republican from Midland, would actually okay their expense account.

Maybe the city council can learn from this. When those meetings go on and on and on and on, perhaps somebody will just eliminate a quorum by going — not to Oklahoma — but home.



SCHOOL SPIRIT — Four-year-olds Claudia Gutierrez, left, and Kaci Archer set up noisemakers for the Ira fans at Friday's regional baseball game against Miles. Ira took a 1-0 series lead with a 7-3 victory. See story on page 6. (SDN Staff Photo)

School happy DEC review is completed

That collective sigh of relief heard from the Snyder ISD administration building and the school campuses Friday morning meant the state visit had been completed.

The district had been preparing for DEC — which stands for District Effective Compliance — since fall.

Jack Morgan, a program specialist with the Texas Education Agency, chaired the visit.

Morgan, and his DEC team, addressed the school administration this morning before heading back to Austin.

"What we're doing today," said Morgan Friday morning, "is giving a verbal assessment of our visit to the school administration.

"A public record of the review will not be released until 45 days from today."

Morgan said that allows the team to write a thorough report of the visit.

Morgan said nothing prompted the Snyder ISD visit other than it was just the local district's turn.

"When DEC was instituted, it was thought that it would take six years to complete every school district in Texas, including charter schools," said Morgan. "However, it has taken longer than first planned as this is the eighth year for the program."

Morgan said special program compliance is an important part of the DEC review.

"Bi-lingual, English as a second language, dyslexia, career and technology programs are among those we check," he said.

Morgan said the district would have a chance to correct any deficiencies found.

"Whatever, if any, deficiencies are noted, the district will report to us how they plan to correct them." Morgan said he thought the review went very well.

"We found a very good school system here. There's good people, wonderful children and a dedicated staff in Snyder."

Morgan added the three roundtable discussions the review team had with parents and teachers also went very well.

The boardroom in the administration building was full of files that were checked, as was the Region 14 Education Service Center annex on South College Ave. The team also visited individual campuses and talked to teachers.

"All the special education files were at the annex," said Dr. Collins. "And the rest were here in the ad building."

For the local district, the end of the DEC review means getting back to normal.

"I can tell you this, everybody in the district is glad it's over," said Dr. Collins. "A lot of hard work went into this process, but I think it went well."

Abatement, city pact is on county's agenda

Scurry County commissioners' court, when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday, will make final a 10-year tax abatement for Cielo Wind Power.

The court voted in favor of the abatement at its last meeting, but a two-week waiting period is mandatory.

The company plans to construct a wind turbine farm in northern sections of the county. An agreement for compensation was forged, with Cielo agreeing to pay the county $800,000 over the 10-year abatement period.

The county will receive $60,000 annually for years one through five and then $100,000 each year through the remainder of the abatement.

In new business, the court will begin discussion of the inter-local government contract with the city.

The city council has discussed the long-expired contract numerous times in recent weeks, but the county court has yet to join talks.

The council is considering asking for an additional $400,000 per year for fire suppression in the county.

Other services shared by the entities include the EMS, jail, dispatch and sanitation.

Other agenda items include going out for bids on a 7-acre tract northwest of the city between the Old Lubbock Hwy and U.S. 84.

The land was deeded to the county in 1949 by an insurance agency, but Precinct 2 commissioner Jerry House said nobody knew the land belonged to the county until now.

Kinder Morgan recently drilled a well on the property and

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Motel occupancy tax requests on chamber agenda

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the chamber boardroom.

Agenda items include a request for hotel-motel occupancy tax funds from the Ritz Community Theatre.

Other items of discussion include two ribbon cuttings on Tuesday.

A&B Transport's ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m., and Elite Fitness will be at 11 a.m. The transport company is located at 2545 CR 226, while the fitness center is at 912 25th St.

Also, the chamber board will discuss the Western Swing Festival June 10-14, the Winston Field fly-in on June 21, and the annual July 4th celebration. The July 4th celebration will be two days, July 3-4.

ASK US

Q—Will Memorial Day, next Monday, be a school holiday?
A—Ira and Hermleigh will be out for the summer, but Snyder does not have a holiday planned.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Marvin Butler...

...is a senior at Snyder High School. After graduation he plans to get a job. Marvin's family includes his mom, Glenda, a brother, Roy, and his grandma, Eulala. When he's not at school, he enjoys yard work and bowling.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you don't have a vision for your life, then you probably haven't focused in on anything.
—Dr. David Burns

Free Checking at Snyder National Bank
See Page 2 for details

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

End-of-school party

An end-of-school party for SJHS 8th graders only will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the WTC Student Center. Admission is $5.

Hobbs Baptist Church revival

Hobbs Baptist Church will have a revival beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday and continuing with 7 p.m. services through Wednesday. Dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service. Evangelist is Jerry Vinson and the music is by Lonnie Hines. Both are from Roby.

Class of 1958 meeting

The SHS class of 1958 will have a planning meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the home of Barbara McCormick, 3106 Ave. U., 573-9962. Or contact Mary Williams at 573-7567 with addresses. All class members are urged to attend.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. John DeLille, DCOS executive director, will be the speaker.

Hermleigh kindergarten roundup

The Hermleigh kindergarten roundup will be at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the kindergarten room. Parents need to bring valid ID, along with birth certificate, current shot records, and social security card for the child. For more information, call 863-2452.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

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

Bible study tapes

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

Hermleigh booster club

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

VFW Post 8231 auxiliary

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus

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

GED pre-registration and testing dates

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

Retirement reception

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

FBC services televised

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

Snyder Oaks family council

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

Memorial Day events

The VFW will conduct a flag ceremony at 8 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the VFW and the American Legion and then go to the Snyder Cemeteries. A dinner featuring a brisket with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. at the post home. Auxiliary ladies need to bring a dessert. Cost is by donation.

Senior swimnastics

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

WIN Women's Conference

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

Avenue D Baptist VBS

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

Gateway Family Services raffle

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

Class of 1993 reunion

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

SHS 1967-68 reunion

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Republicans expect to take in $12 million or more at dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans expect to bring in at least $12 million at a fund-raiser headlined by President Bush next week, the most collected at one party event since a new ban on big "soft money" contributions took effect.

The estimate, provided Friday by sources close to the two congressional GOP committees, would be less than half as much as the pair raised at a similar gala last spring. Much of that event's record total came in five- and six-figure corporate contributions known as soft money.

Under a campaign finance law that took effect in November, the national parties can raise only "hard money," contributions of up to $25,000 per year from individuals and political action committees. Corporate and labor union contributions to parties or political action committees are prohibited.

In the early days of the soft money ban, no party has matched the record $30 million-plus Bush helped the two congressional committees and the Republican National Committee raise at each of two party galas last spring. The National Republican Congressional Committee collected $5 million at a March dinner, believed to be the most taken in at a single event in the new world of campaign fund-raising.

"The fact is you can't raise it with one check for $100,000, so you're focusing on people all across the country who would be interested in this event," said Dan Allen, spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which is participating in Wednesday's gala with the NRCC. "It's made it a little harder compared to what we were able to do last year, but it doesn't mean we're giving up."

House leaders asked lawmakers to raise at least $25,000 each or sell at least one 10-seat table for the $2,500-per-ticket Washington event. Unlike past galas, the two committees are responsible for their own fund raising rather than splitting the total.

The renewed party fund-raising effort comes as the fate of the soft money ban rests with the Supreme Court. A lower court earlier this month threw the law into question by striking down part of the soft money ban on national party committees as an unconstitutional violation of free-speech rights. It upheld the ban for federal officeholders, including those who run the Democratic and GOP congressional fund-raising committees, however.

The gala will be Bush's first Republican fund-raiser since a December event for Louisiana Senate candidate Suzanne Haik Terrell, who later lost to Democratic incumbent Sen. Mary Landrieu. In all, Bush helped Republicans raise more than $140 million last year as they successfully fought to keep control of Congress.

Bush announced his candidacy for re-election Friday and started fund raising over the Internet. Bush's supporters believe he could raise $200 million or more for the GOP primaries, in which he is so far the only candidate.

The RNC has not yet held its annual gala. In keeping with past years, that event will also likely feature Bush and/or his 2004 running mate, Vice President Dick Cheney.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
The Prophet Joel
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
What Makes You & Me Human
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm

Today's chuckle

Chihuahua alerted woman to home fire

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Monica Hayes lost virtually everything she owned in a weekend fire that tore through her rented mobile home. But if it wasn't for her dog, Hayes could have lost even more.



Sassy, a 3-year-old Chihuahua, managed to rouse Hayes from a deep sleep early Saturday morning. Hayes said she opened her bedroom door and discovered flames and smoke racing through the home.

"I wouldn't be alive today if not for my Chihuahua," said Hayes, 36, who was alone inside the home. "I lost everything I have except her."

Hayes' children, ages 10 and 11, were at their father's home when the fire broke out, she said.

The North Fort Myers Fire Department determined the fire was accidental, possibly caused by a burner on the electric stove being left on. Hayes said she can't figure out how that would have happened, because she only uses a microwave when she cooks.

Hayes does not have renters' insurance and only receives $545 in monthly disability income. She's not sure where her next home is, but she knows that Sassy is coming with her.

"I'd live on the streets before I'd leave my dog behind. ... I'll never yell at her again for barking," Hayes said.

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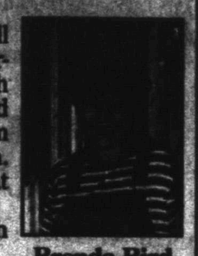
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Seminar on parenting set for Thursday

With Snyder schools about to dismiss for the summer, parents may be interested in learning summer skills.


Brenda Bird

Snyder ISD will sponsor Parenting with "Love and Logic" from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Junior High School.

Brenda Bird, parent trainer, will present the program, "A Toolbox for Building Strong Families."

Practical topics include intervention, mistakes parents make, communication styles, steps to responsibility, problem-solving, powerful phrases to avoid, power struggles and the 7 Cs kids need to succeed.

Child care and an interpreter will be available. Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be served.

All parents are invited, especially those with pre-school age children.

Bird worked in the field of Parent Education for nine years with the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. She has been featured on "Faith Focus" on Channel 5 and presented her "Home Improvement Seminar" at the Texas PTA Leadership Conference.

Bird's seminars are humorous, entertaining and inspirational and uses her experiences as the mother of three sons.

Her educational background includes a B.S. in education from Baylor University with emphasis in speech communications and English.

Mills graduates

NACODOCHES — Jessica Fraticis Mills received a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre during spring commencement May 10 at Stephen F. Austin University.

She is the daughter of Kent and Deanie Mills.

Three people die in bank branch robbery

GREER, S.C. (AP) — Robbers gunned down a bank employee and two customers at a branch housed in a roadside trailer, the nation's deadliest bank robbery in several months, authorities said.

Investigators released few details but said they were looking for two people in a red sedan, police Chief Dean Crisp said.

Authorities said there were no signs of struggle inside the green trailer that housed the only South Carolina branch of the Asheville, N.C.-based Blue Ridge Savings Bank, located along Interstate 85.

LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY

Friday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

15-35-20-25
Bonus number 30
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(Day) 0-7-8
(Night) 3-4-0
Cash Five
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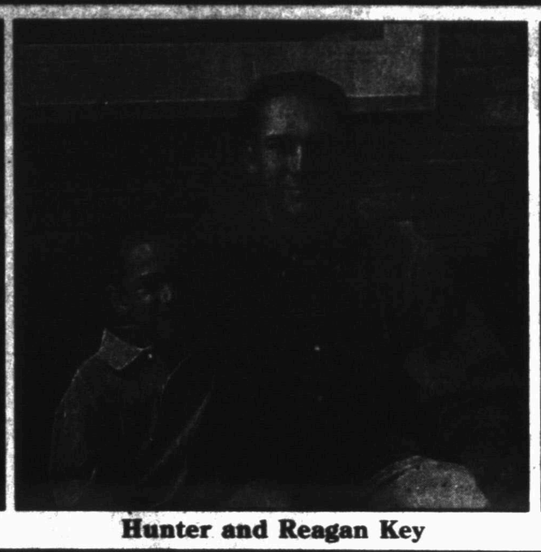
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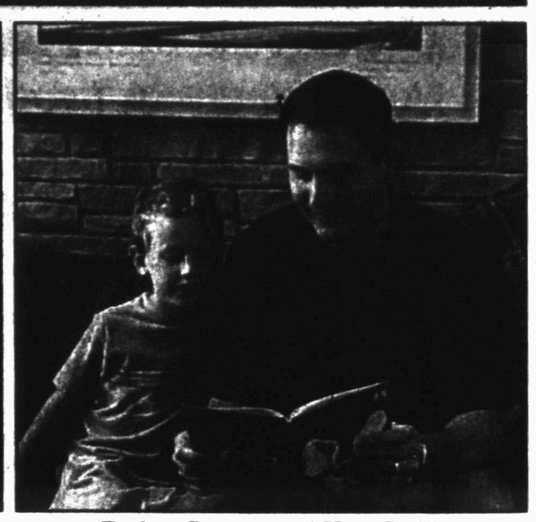
DO DADS — Stanfield's Do Dads read a poem or story over the loudspeaker on Monday mornings. Mike and Megan McWilliams are pictured above. (Contributed Photos)



Carli and Richard Trout



Hunter and Reagan Key



Parker Garmer and Kent Smith

Senior Center News

The summer schedule for Senior Citizens swimnastics offered by Western Texas College will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The first class will be May 27th.

Water aerobics is a good low impact exercise. Some participants have been encouraged by their doctors to take this class. The class and parking are free. A volunteer instructs the class with a lifeguard on duty. For further information please call the Senior Center at 573-4035.

Local transportation is available for senior citizens Monday-Friday during the morning.

Senior citizens are transported to and from the center, to therapy, and to run errands.

We do not have a chair lift. Call the center a day in advance of needed service.

Citizens are encouraged to volunteer at the center. Our regular volunteers will be taking time off for vacations during the summer months, so we invite anyone that has extra time to volunteer daily, once a week, or once a month. Any donation of time will be appreciated. On a daily basis we have 25-30 volunteers participating in senior projects. The meals-on-wheels program requires 15 volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon. Please phone 573-4035 or visit us at 2603 Avenue M to volunteer.

MONDAY

Senior citizens are invited to join us for party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning. AARP will meet at noon in the conference room. This organization is involved in protecting the interest of senior citizens nationwide. For further information call the center at 573-4035.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. Seniors familiar with the game of forty-two will have no trouble learning this game. The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain in the dining room 11 a.m.-noon. Seniors are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis weekly at noon.

WEDNESDAY

The pool/domino room is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We have scheduled 9 a.m. as a special time for ladies to play and/or learn the game. A volunteer is available to help newcomers. Seniors may play bingo 10 a.m. to 11:45. Afternoon activities begin at 1 p.m. Seniors may play pinochle in the bridge room or line dance and clog in the dining room. Beginners are always welcome.

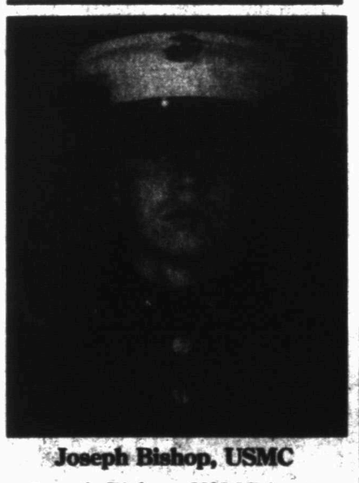
THURSDAY

Other than scheduled activities, seniors may participate on a daily basis in dominoes, pool, quilting, delivering meals, puzzles, reading, visiting, and joining us for lunch. Activities are free, but we do ask that senior citizens make a donation of $2.50 for their meal. Guests of seniors are welcome at the center. Guests under the age of sixty are required to pay $4 for their meal.

FRIDAY

Volunteers check blood pressure 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Seniors may play bridge at 9:30 a.m. and eighty-eight at 10 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will present a Memorial Day program from 11 a.m. to noon.

Serving Overseas



Joseph Bishop, USMC

Joseph Bishop, USMC is serving in Kuwait. He could have returned to the U.S. May 16, but volunteered to remain in Kuwait and help with the clean up of the war in Iraq.

Now Bishop won't return to the continental U.S. until Feb. 4, 2004.

The 2002 graduate of Snyder High School is the son of John and Vicki Rowland of Snyder and Alan and Becky Bishop of Arapaho, Wy.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 Snyder, 79550)

GUARANTEED ANNUITIES

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Homeless men will climb Mount Baker

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Scott Galloway used to get high on cocaine and meth. In July he'll get high on Mount Baker as part of an expedition of homeless men who are gearing up to scale the 10,700-foot peak.

The men live at the Union Gospel Mission and are part of a program that turns outdoor skills into the confidence they need to succeed in life.

Separate teams of the self-proclaimed "Mountain Goats" plan to climb Mount Rainier June 26 and Mount Baker July 16.

"They will learn that if they can summit something like Rainier, they can tackle any issue in life and succeed," said chaplain Steve Slover, who conceived and runs the program. "For some, it's the first time they've had real success."

The nine men, some of whom spent the past winter huddling in lobbies to escape winter temperatures, are now training with ice axes, harnesses and other survival gear.

They hike with loaded packs, learn how to pull fellow climbers out of crevasses and get handy with an ice ax to prevent sliding off a mountain if they fall.

Slover started the Mountain Goats in 1999 as a way to help homeless men develop trust in others and to realize they can set and accomplish goals.

The Mountain Goats are based in an upstairs "lodge" at the mission that includes a pool table, leather couches and antique outdoor gear on the walls. Mark Tarbell, 43, was homeless for about a year before he arrived; suffering from depression and paranoia, he had contemplated suicide.

But Slover insisted he join the Mountain Goats, and now the intense physical training makes him almost euphoric, Tarbell said.

"Three days a week, I feel good about things," said Tarbell. "I have had no suicidal thoughts since the beginning of Mountain Goat training."

Now he's thinking of completing college to become a math teacher.

Galloway, 35, spent years abusing heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine.

"I had exhausted all resources, burned every bridge and had nowhere else to turn," Galloway said.

He came to Spokane for drug treatment last year, but lapsed back into the drug lifestyle and became homeless. He survived the winter by hanging around hospital lobbies as if he were waiting for someone.

Galloway is set to climb Mount Baker on July 16, exactly one year to the day after breaking his leg during a drinking bout. It was February before he decided to turn his life around, he said.

Each Saturday, the Mountain Goats hike with 30-pound packs. They work on conditioning and strengthening exercises twice a week, running stairs near the falls of the Spokane River. They run up hills, sometimes backward, and then run down.

"It's all hard-core, real mountain climbing," Slover said, requiring some six months of training.

Three years ago, Slover took a team up to 14,400-foot Mount Rainier and had one man reach the top. Two subsequent attempts the next year where thwarted by avalanches.

A longtime mountaineer, much of Slover's work on behalf of the Mountain Goats involves finding equipment to rent or borrow. He also accepts donations of equipment or money.

"We really need support on these things. A jacket is $300," Slover said. He still needs about $600 to complete this expedition's outfitting.

Scott Lawson, 36, of Spokane, volunteered to be a Mountain Goat after hearing others at the mission talk about the experience.

"It's not for everybody," he said. "Lots of people start the training but back off. The packs and the running get to them."

He entered the mission on New Year's Eve 2002, after 22 years of drug and alcohol addiction.

"My income was selling drugs, basically," Lawson said. "In that lifestyle, you could not trust anybody."

But trust in fellow climbers is a key component of mountain climbing, Lawson said. Climbers are roped together and rely on each other in case of accidents.

"I know people I can lean on," he said. "I know I can accomplish something."

'Stones' play Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — The Rolling Stones will be allowed to play until nearly midnight at Berlin's Olympic stadium in July, a Berlin court ruled, rejecting a complaint from residents.

National noise pollution laws clamp down on loudness — from rowdy parties to outdoor beer gardens — after 10 p.m.

Lee portrait hung

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (AP) — Peggy Lee's portrait now hangs in the Reiland Fine Arts Center at Jamestown College.

More than 50 people attended the dedication ceremony in the college's music wing to honor the sultry singer, who died in January 2002 at 81.

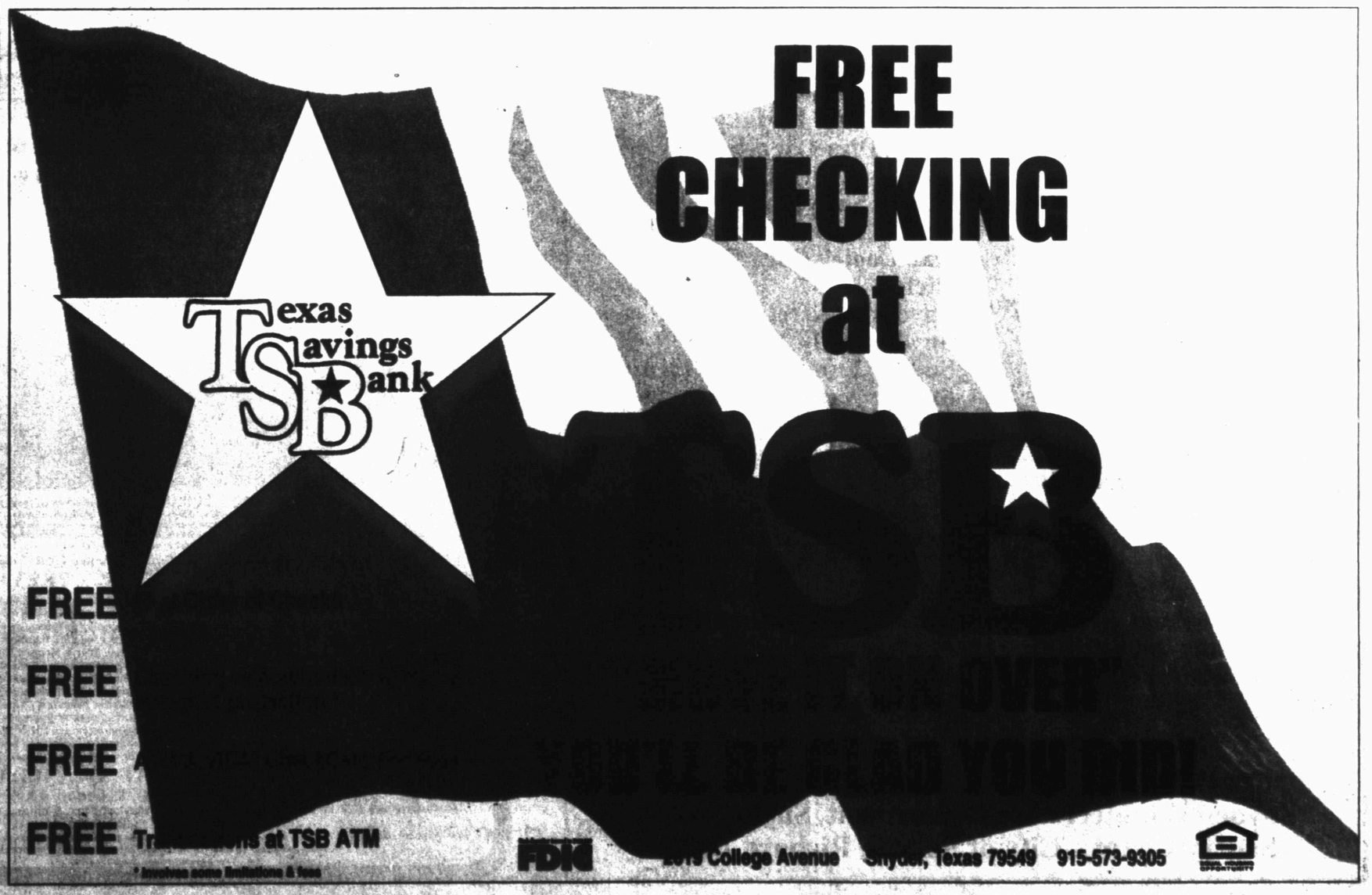
The photographic portrait was a gift from Lee's family, presented when she was awarded an honorary doctorate in music from Jamestown College three years ago.

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Pecan nut case bearers can do a lot of damage to production

The time has arrived for pecan growers to begin to look for pecan nut case bearers. The case bearer is one of the most important nut damaging insects in pecan production. Case bearer larvae, or caterpillars, will damage nutlets by tunneling into them soon after pollination, often destroying all nutlets in a cluster. The adult is only active at night, during which it mates and lays eggs on pecan nutlets. It is a gray moth about 1/3 inch in length and has a dark ridge of scales followed by a lighter colored band across its forewings.

Moths can be detected by using pheromone baited traps, and are usually first seen around May 15. Pheromone traps were set out to capture case bearer moths several weeks ago and the first moths were captured between May 2 and May 8. Egg laying usually occurs six to eight days after the first moth flight and trees should be inspected for eggs as soon as possible. Most case bearer eggs are found on the tips of the nutlets. Eggs are barely large enough to be seen by the naked eye, oval shaped, flat. They are greenish white to white when first laid and turn pink just prior to hatching.

When scouting for case bearers, examine at least ten nutlet clusters per tree. A cluster is considered infested if it has a case bearer egg or nut entry. Treatment may be justified if more than 3% of the nut clusters are infested. Nut clusters with eggs can be tagged and rechecked each day to determine when hatch occurs. If insufficient numbers of infested clusters are found, recheck the trees every two days.

The first generation can cause the most damage and for this reason, control is directed at this generation. Control must be precisely timed to kill the larvae between hatch and nut entry. Once inside the nut, the larvae are protected from insecticidal treatments.

The larvae (worms) reach a length of about ½ inch and are olive-gray to green in color. Larval entry occurs on the bottom 1/3 of the individual nutlet. There will be a small hole that is usually covered with saw-dust like worm droppings that are webbed together.

An insecticide should be applied 1-2 days after the first eggs hatch, when nut entry is first observed. The anticipated treatment date this year is from May 16 to May 24.

Due to the erratic distribution of case bearers, infestation of pecan nut case bearers may not be present in all trees or orchards. A history of case bearers does not mean you will have a problem this year. Therefore, you should check your trees to determine if you have a pest problem, insecticide applications may not be necessary.

Some trees may have nut clusters at every branch terminal and the tree may need to have some nutlets removed to prevent excessive stress to the tree. In this case, the case bearer can be helpful in reducing the number of clusters if treatment is not made.

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DISPLAY AWARDS — Snyder High School industrial technology students won several awards at the state contest held in Waco. Students pictured left to right are Daniel Burton, Kenny Alcala, Tony Pena, Brad Richardson, Matthew Stokes Jacinda Judah, Corey Cochran, Heather Iglehart (seated), Kalli Wesson (seated), David Martin, Glenn Burns, Ashley Pruitt, Tye Stone, Jose Perez and Jerry Ashley. Students not pictured are Jessica Rylant, Adam Sauceda, Chevy Block and Patricia Vargas. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS industrial tech students win at state

Snyder High School industrial arts students recently brought home several awards from the state contest in Waco.

In the safety poster division, Heather Iglehart, Ashley Pruitt and Jessica Rylant each received first place.

In problem solving communication technology Kenny Alcala earned third place and Daniel Burton and Jerry Ashley received third place as a team.

The energy technology team of Corey Cochran and Heather Iglehart earned first place and best in state.

Jessica Rylant received second in manufacturing technology. The team of Tony Pena and David Martin were awarded fifth place.

In written exams, communication systems, Brad Richardson received first place and best in state.

Other students include Kenny Alcala, display case, second; Brad Richardson, drawing of planer jack, second; Jose Perez, single part CAD drawing, third; Jacinda Judah, descriptive geometry drawing, third; Jerry Ashley, display case, second; David Martin, cedar chest, second; Jerry Ashley, entertainment center, second.

Others are Tony Pena, dresser, second; Tye Stone, weight rack, first; Matthew Stokes, BBQ pit, first; Adam Sauceda, Cattle brand, first, and best in state and BBQ pit, second; and Corey Cochran, grandmother clock, second.

Also, Daniel Burton, porch swing and stand, second; Chevy Block, rolling cabinet w/butcher block top, second; and Glenn Burns and Patricia Vargas each earned third place in residential house plan.

City officials target shanties on 'Hudson'

UNION CITY, N.J. — Apart from the million-dollar view of Manhattan's glittering skyline, the plywood shanty that Cruz Melendez fashioned on a wooded slope has little in common with most of the posh housing that's been built on the Hudson River in recent years.

But the 5-by-15 foot "casita," as he calls it, is home. Most important, it's rent-free, since the 63-year-old said his income from collecting recyclables buys food.

"I'm happy because I believe in God," said Melendez, a Roman Catholic, who has a raised bed, battery powered radio, patchwork carpeting, roll of toilet paper, tiny fireplace and a poster of Abraham Lincoln tacked the low ceiling.

The problem: city officials want Melendez — and everyone else in the makeshift neighborhood — to get out. The area has drawn the attention of authorities and concerned residents for recent violence and its unsightly appearance.

Like a miniature version of the sprawling favelas populated by poor rural migrants on the outskirts of Latin American cities, the shanties — extremely rare in these parts — occupy a sloping strip of wooded no-man's land in Hudson County, New Jersey's most densely populated region.

The shanties are within Union City, but are closer to the base of the Palisades overlooking Hoboken, with its luxury apartments and townhouses closer to the Hudson River opposite Manhattan that sell for more than $1 million.

Union City Police officers and Mayor Brian Stack descended on the area earlier this month, urging residents to seek shelter elsewhere. Stack said he offered to pay a month's rent on new housing and provide other assistance — an offer some have taken. He said no one would be evicted from their homes among the dozen people who remain in three clusters of shanties overlooking northern Hoboken.

"I call them homes because that's what they are," said Stack, who arranged city jobs for three residents of the cliffs. "They're low-paying jobs, they're street sweeping jobs, but it gives them a foot in the door, especially if they're willing to work hard."

Melendez is a native of Puerto Rico who said he will seek social security when he's eligible in two years but now receives no public assistance. He said Stack appeared genuinely concerned when the two spoke during the mayor's visit.

Melendez said he wouldn't mind moving, but added, "We don't have any place to go."

Melendez is not exaggerating, said Tom Harrigan, co-director of the Palisades Emergency Residence Corp., a soup kitchen and 40-bed homeless shelter that is filled most nights.

Harrigan said the average cost of a furnished room in the area is $125 a week, barely affordable for people earning minimum wage. Many of the 150 people a night who eat free dinners at the shelter do have jobs, he said, but can't afford food after paying rent.

Harrigan commended the mayor for his compassion, and said the shelter houses the three former squatters for whom the mayor got jobs. But with little affordable housing, he asked, "Where do you send these people?"

Melendez' son, Diego Ramirez, 39, shares a shanty with one other man just up a dirt path from his father's little shack. The men live surrounded by what seemed to be years worth of broken beer bottles and other trash, 30 or 40 feet above railroad tracks being installed at the base of the Palisades.

Ramirez said he has been living in various spots on the Palisades for 10 years, since his girlfriend threw him out of the apartment they shared, and started drinking heavily thereafter.

Life on the cliffs is not all bad, he said.

"We're in nature, with the little animals," he said in Spanish. "We're peaceful."

Indeed, under a canopy of green, away from any roads or sidewalks, the shanty town seems tranquil. But in recent months, that tranquility was shaken by the separate stabbing deaths of two of its residents.

Trial for ex-FBI 'handler' delayed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The trials of a retired FBI agent and his alleged lover, who is accused of taking classified documents from the FBI, have been delayed until the fall.

The cases of Katrina Leung and former agent James J. Smith were granted a five-month continuance Friday by U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper, who rescheduled the trials from July 1 to Nov. 18.

Federal prosecutors and attorneys for Leung and Smith all agreed to the delay.

Attorney Janet Levine, who represents Leung, said the July trial date was not realistic "given the volume of material."

Leung, 49, is a naturalized U.S. citizen who had extensive contacts in China and worked for the FBI for two decades. She is accused of taking classified documents from Smith and copying them with the intent to use them to benefit a foreign nation.

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Whatever happened to...

Casey Peterson, 1983 Snyder High School graduate, is now senior financial analyst for Southwest Corporation in Dallas.

He is the son of Eddie and Nancy Peterson of Snyder.

Casey played football and baseball three years at SHS and was a member of the 1983 state championship baseball team. Casey was also a member of the National Honor Society and was in the top 10 of his class. He attended Texas Tech University on a baseball scholarship and graduated from Angelo State University. He began his career as trust officer at First National Bank in Abilene.



Casey Peterson 1983



Casey Peterson 2003

Casey married Lynda Lantz of Amarillo in 1996 and she is a graduate of Texas Tech. They now live in McKinney.

Casey enjoys biking and participates in triathlons. He finished 10th in his age group in Ruston, La., on May 4 and he plans to participate in the Quanah triathlon on June 7.

Casey and Lynda have three children, Ethan, 5; Libby, 3; and Brock, eight months.

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N. California town criminalizes compliance with Patriot Act

ARCATA, Calif. (AP) — More than 100 cities and one state have passed resolutions condemning the USA Patriot Act, saying it gives the federal government too much snooping power. But in this liberal fold of Northern California's Redwood Curtain, a simple denouncement just doesn't go far enough.

To cooperate with the act, the City Council says, is criminal.

Starting this month, a new city ordinance would impose a fine of $57 on any city department head who voluntarily complies with investigations or arrests under the aegis of the Patriot Act, the anti-terrorism bill passed after Sept. 11.

Arcata's law is mostly symbolic, since federal law trumps any local ordinance. Still, the notion of civic disobedience is drawing plenty of attention.

"We knew we were doing something a little bit bold," says Dave Meserve, the councilman who sponsored the ordinance. "It certainly did not occur to me that it would catch the imagination of the American public."

In Arcata, the ordinance is the latest in a long line of actions that set the former mill town apart from the flannel-clad conservatism of California's North Coast.

Home to about 16,000 and nearly 300 miles up the coast from San Francisco, Arcata made waves in the early 1990s as the first city with a Green Party majority. Greens now hold two of five seats on the council, which recently issued a proclamation against war in Iraq.

Parish irate over pastor's appointment

FRISCO (AP) — Parishioners at a Catholic church in the far north Dallas suburb of Frisco still aren't over the removal three months ago of a popular priest — for reasons they never were told, they say. Now that Dallas Bishop Charles Grahmann has replaced him with a priest who has been accused of raping a nun and has admitted fathering her child, they're livid.

Grahmann removed the Rev. Armando Beltran three months ago, returning him to his home diocese in Colombia so abruptly that the man was not allowed to say goodbye to the congregation, The Dallas Morning News reported, quoting members of the St. Francis of Assisi Church.

When their initial questions went unanswered, they gathered hundreds of signatures on petitions, and some members boycotted Mass or quit giving money to the church.

Their anger turned to rage this week when they learned about Beltran's replacement: the Rev. Ernesto Villaroya, who was suspended last summer from an Ennis parish after the rape accusation surfaced in a California lawsuit.

"Why would Bishop Grahmann, knowing he has a wasps' nest in this parish, send us this other guy?" asked Jorge Mesta, a leader of the protesters.

Mary Edlund, chancellor of the diocese, issued a brief written statement Friday saying that Father Beltran, "like all visiting priests, was asked to follow specific diocesan and parish standards. He violated those standards and was asked to leave the diocese."

Because it is a personnel matter, she declined to elaborate except to say, "The violations did not involve sexual misconduct."

She declined to take questions, and neither the bishops nor the head pastor in Frisco, the Rev. Leon Duesman, responded to requests for comment, the Morning News reported.

Church officials have called a town hall-style meeting for 7 p.m. Sunday to discuss Villaroya's assignment at St. Francis; Mesta said he and others who have complained were not invited.

Frank Reyna, a deacon in the St. Francis of Assisi parish, described Father Beltran as "a very, very good priest, very inspirational." But he said Beltran also was a "headstrong" young man — in his mid-30s and only recently ordained — who sometimes did things without asking permission from higherups in the church.

Beltran, who's working again as a priest in Colombia, also did not respond to a telephone message Friday, the newspaper said.

In her lawsuit, Sylvia Abano Martinez Arambulo alleged that Villaroya attacked her 20 years ago in their native country, the Philippines, and that church leaders in Los Angeles and Dallas had harbored him since.

A judge threw out the case, ruling she waited too long to sue.

Diocese officials said the decision paved the way for Villaroya's return to the ministry.

The priest is the target of a child-support case in Los Angeles, the Morning News said, reporting that he signed a paternity affidavit last summer.



FINAL SEMINAR — Central Elementary hosted the last of its parenting seminars for the 2002-2003 school year on Thursday. The subject was bully-proofing your child. From left are Sherry Autry, children's caseworker for Gateway Family Services, Debbie Shaw, counselor; and parent Bob Bhakta. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Texas Tech's rating raised by Moody IS

LUBBOCK (AP) — An investor service has upgraded Texas Tech University System's long-term debt rating.

Moody's Investors Service moved the rating to Aa3, with a stable outlook, from A1 with a positive outlook, according to a Tech news release.

The change was made about two weeks ago and announced to the Board of Regents at their quarterly meeting Friday, Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said.

In a statement, Moody's said the upgraded rating reflects a strong demand and growing research program, a Health Science Center, which serves an important role in providing medical education and health services to the West Texas region; borrowing plans; healthy levels of financial reserves and good operating performance providing some flexibility to respond to a tightened state funding environment.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs take series lead with offensive execution

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Ira Bulldogs took a giant step toward the Region I semifinals Friday, using a three-run first inning to down Miles, 7-3, in game one of the three game series.

Senior catcher Josh Gutierrez went 3-for-3 with two doubles, two runs scored and three batted in, and brother Caleb drove in two insurance runs in the bottom of the third to give Ira an early cushion.

Senior hurler Eric Dickerhoff went the distance, allowing six hits and issuing four walks, while striking out 10.

"I thought the difference in the game was executing with runners in scoring position," Bulldog skipper Randy Jones said. "We stepped up our defense and pitching, and they left more men on base than us."

Jess Wall got things going for the Bulldogs, drawing a leadoff walk to start the game. Dickerhoff followed with a single, and after a passed ball put runners on second and third, Gutierrez hammered a fastball into left field to plate the first two runs. Jeff Fine pushed Gutierrez across with an RBI ground out.

Gutierrez chased Dickerhoff home in the third on a single, and, after a Jake Barnes single, freshman shortstop Caleb Gutierrez belted a two-strike pitch to plate both runners.

"Caleb has stepped up all year," Dickerhoff said. "That's a big hit, a two-strike hit, and he did a great job at shortstop."

Barnes said it took him some time to get adjusted at the plate.

"I hadn't faced a lefty this year, and I felt uncomfortable early but I had a pretty good hit later," he said.

After being staked to a 7-0 lead, Dickerhoff mowed through the Miles lineup in the first five innings, giving up just a bloop single.

"I felt real comfortable out there," Dickerhoff, who improved to 9-0, said. "When you get a seven-run lead, you can cruise."

Dickerhoff struggled through some late wildness, and the Ira defense allowed two unearned runs in the final inning on throwing miscues to make the score closer than the game.

"We threw the ball around when we shouldn't have, and I'm sure we relaxed a little bit," Jones said. "Hopefully, we can learn from this — you've got to play every pitch, every out. With a good bunch like Miles, it isn't over until you walk off the field."

Dickerhoff said he relied more on his fastball in this game than in previous starts.

"I knew they were curveball hitters, and I was trying to throw the fastball by them and I started getting wild and overthrowing it," he said.

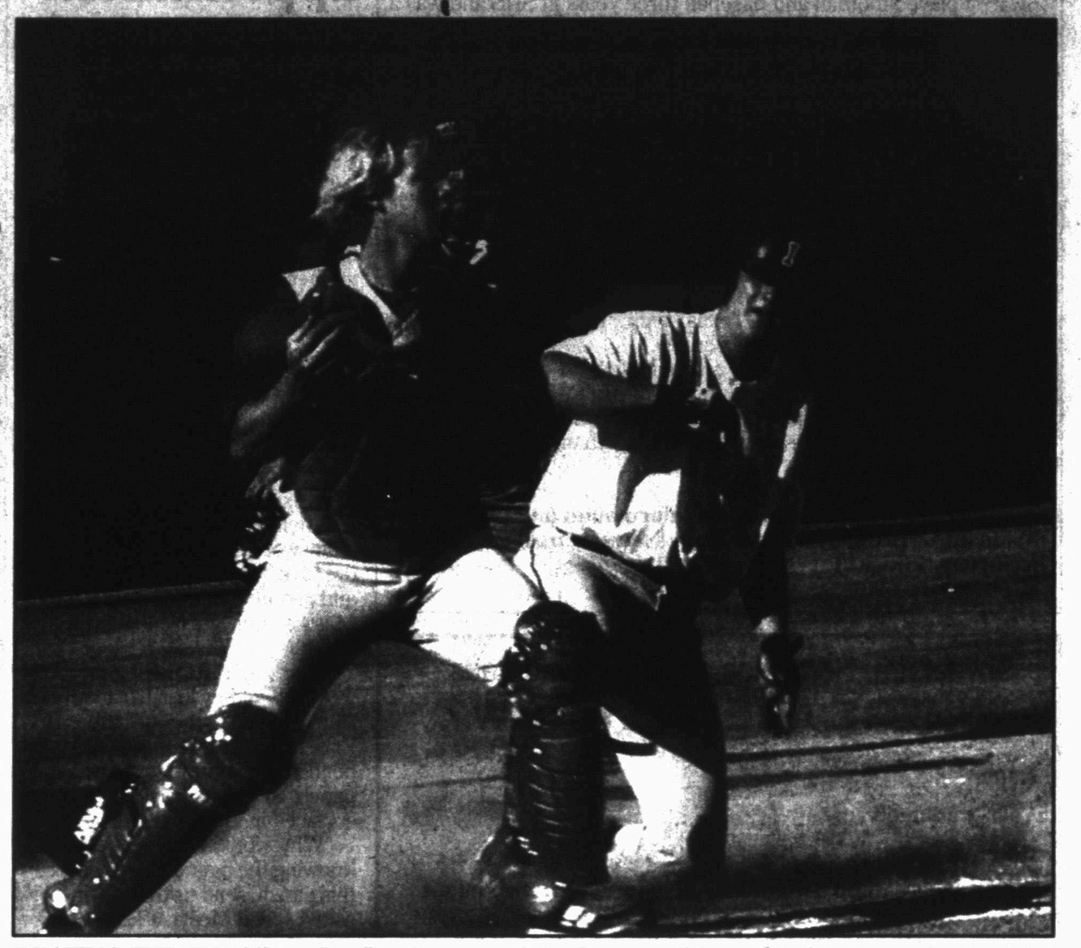
Jones said he never had a thought about replacing Dickerhoff, even when Miles put two on with one out in the seventh.

"I let him ride it out," Jones said. "He is a senior, and he's been through this before. That ball is his until he tells me he can't go anymore."

The teams were scheduled to play game two at 5 p.m. Saturday at Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University.

Jones said he would most likely start Josh Gutierrez, but would wait until game-time to make a decision.

The winner of this series will battle the winner of the Claude-Crosbyton series in the Region I semifinals next weekend.



BEATING THE THROW — Ira first baseman Jake Barnes slides safely into home in the third inning of the Bulldog's regional quarterfinal game with Miles. Ira held on for a 7-3 victory and a 1-0 series lead. The series was set to resume at 5 Saturday afternoon in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mavs-Kings battle for conference final

DALLAS (AP) — For five games, the Sacramento Kings went after the Dallas Mavericks from all angles. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.

Then in Game 6 of their second-round series, the Kings went back to the drive-the-lane formula that helped them beat the Mavs in last year's playoffs. The result was a 115-109 victory, setting up a decisive seventh game Saturday night. The winner advances to the Western Conference finals against the San Antonio Spurs.

"We came out with the stuff we needed to win," point guard Mike Bibby said. "We need to carry that into Dallas. We won, and that's all that matters right now. If we have the same energy there as we did (in Game 6), we'll do fine. The only thing we won't have is our fans."

The Mavericks get to host Game 7 because they won one more game this season than the Kings, 60-59. They've already relied on the homecourt advantage once this postseason, needing it to hold off Portland in a first-round Game 7.

"My team will be ready, and I am sure Sac will be ready," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "It will be quite a game. I'm looking forward to it."

Whoever wins this will next play in San Antonio on Monday night. The winner of that series advances to the NBA Finals, where they'd be a huge favorite over whoever makes it out of the East.

It might be tough for either of the next two rounds to equal the fast-paced excitement these teams already have produced.

Befitting their status as two of the three highest-scoring teams this season, the winner of each game has scored at least 99 points. Only twice has the loser scored less than 109.

Both teams have won lopsided games this series, and each teams has pulled out close ones. Game 3 even went to double overtime.

Game 7 will provide the ultimate challenge.

"I really don't think we'd have it any other way," Sacramento guard Doug Christie said. "Two good teams going at it for 48 minutes in a violent environment. You couldn't ask for anything better."

"You've got to be hungry," said Mavericks reserve Nick Van Exel, who had 35 points on 15-for-23 shooting Thursday.

Oswalt will skip next start

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros pitcher Roy Oswalt will miss his next start with a right groin injury.

Oswalt earned his third victory Thursday against Pittsburgh but left after getting hurt while running the bases in the seventh inning. He reported soreness Friday.

"It's precautionary probably," Oswalt said. "We'll see how it goes. It's a long season. We'll see how it feels and go from there. Hopefully, I'll just miss one start."

Astros manager Jimy Williams had not decided who would start in Oswalt's place.

"We'll evaluate him after that," Williams said. "It will be on a day-to-day basis."

Oswalt is 3-4 with a 3.68 ERA. He went 19-9 with a 3.01 ERA last season and finished fourth in NL Cy Young Award voting.

Rangers rally in extra innings, deny Clemens historic victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens won't pitch for his 300th win at Fenway Park. Instead, the Rocket can reach the milestone by beating his former team, the Boston Red Sox, twice in the next 10 days.

Hank Blalock hit his second three-run double of the game in the 12th inning and the Texas Rangers denied Clemens his 299th career win, beating the New York Yankees 8-5 Friday night.

Clemens had his worst outing of the year, allowing five runs and five walks in five innings.

"He's never been there before, I'm talking about 300," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He definitely gets hyped up. Today he wasn't muscling the ball up there as much as he just wasn't in synch."

There were questions leading up to the game about whether the Yankees would hold Clemens back a day if he won so he could go for win No. 300 at home Thursday against Toronto instead of a day earlier in Boston.

That's not a debate anymore.

Clemens is scheduled to pitch against the Red Sox on Wednesday in Boston and May 26 at Yankee Stadium before New York heads on a nine-game road trip.

"I'm going to get another win and then we'll discuss it," said Clemens, who pitched for Boston from 1984-96. "I'm not worried about that now."

The Rangers broke out to a 5-1 lead and snapped a three-game losing streak. New York has lost four of five.

The Yankees tied the game at 5 in the eighth on Raul Mondesi's RBI single. New York almost won it in the ninth, but left fielder Donnie Sadler threw out Bernie Williams at the plate on John Flaherty's single.

"I made a perfect throw," said Sadler, who came up as an infielder. "Lots of people don't know I can throw the ball."

The teams traded chances in extra innings before the Rangers broke through in the 12th.

Todd Greene doubled with two outs against Juan Acevedo (0-3). Ryan Christenson followed with a walk and Carl Everett was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Blalock, the AL's leading hitter.

TCU sets host of records

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU scored all its runs between the second and sixth innings and defeated Louisville 30-2 Friday night, breaking a slew of school and Conference USA records in the process.

TCU batted around fromt he third through the sixth, scoring seven runs in the fourth inning and 10 runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. The Horned Frogs batted around in the three middle innings, sending 12 men to the plate in the fourth and 15 to the plate in the fifth and sixth innings.

Will Lewis went 5-for-5 with two mammoth home runs that were the first balls to reach the parking lot beyond the left field fence. Jake Duncan went 5-for-8, also with two homers. Terry Trofholz went 5-for-7, driving in four runs and scoring five times.

Obscured by the Horned Frogs offensive explosion was the pitching performance of Kyle Shoemaker (7-2), who held Louisville to two hits and a run in six innings, striking out eight and walking two. Chris White allowed five hits and a run in two innings, and Zach Duncan followed with a perfect ninth inning.

Louisville starter Scott Barber (7-4) was the loser, giving up seven runs and nine hits in three-plus innings. He faced four batters in the fourth without getting an out, and that was it for him. Relievers Skylar Meade, Steve Ayers and Griffin bailey fared little better. Each of the four Louisville hurlers gave up at least six runs.

Combined with Southern Miss's 8-5 loss at Houston on Friday, the victory lifted TCU (34-20, 21-8 C-USA) to within a game of first place . Southern Miss (40-14, 22-7) ends the regular season against Houston on Saturday afternoon while TCU wraps up the regular season with another game against Louisville.

These records fell in Friday's TCU-Louisville game:

— Most Runs: TCU's 30 runs broke the school record of 29 set on March 15, 2001, in a 29-4 victory over Iowa State and the CUSA record of 28 runs by Tulane on March 22, 1998, against Charlotte.

— Most Hits: The Horned Frogs' 35 hits broke the school record of 26 hits on April 27, 1996, vs. Oklahoma and on Feb. 28, 1967, vs. the University of Dallas, and the conference record of 29 hits by Houston vs. Memphis on April 3, 1999. Both the runs and hits records fell with none out in the sixth inning.

— Most Total Bases: TCU's 55 total bases broke the CUSA record of 47 set and tied five times, most recently by Southern Miss vs. Southeastern Louisiana on Apri 24, 2002.

— Most Runs Batted In: The Horned Frogs' 28 RBI's beat the old conference mark of 29.

Sports Briefs

Playoff games at Moffett

Colorado City (17-5) and Post (25-9) were scheduled to tangle at 10 Saturday at Moffett Field in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal game two. Post won game one Friday, 11-1.

Game three, if necessary, was slated to follow 30 minutes after the completion of game two.

Ladies play day

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

Baseball booster club

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

SHS sports banquet

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

Memorial Day scramble

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

Stars waive Turgeon

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars waived forward Pierre Turgeon, following a season in which he scored a career-low 12 goals.

He has three years left on his five-year contract, for a total remaining value of $20.5 million. The contract has a no-trade clause for next year.

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SPORTS

Houston bullpen gets 15th victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros' bullpen has been leading the way to comeback victories all season. This time, it got some help from a starter.

Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner pitched three scoreless innings and got their major league-leading 15th bullpen victory as the Astros rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night.

Jeriome Robertson, in his first start for Houston since returning from a brief stay at Triple-A New Orleans, pitched six innings, allowing nine hits and two runs.

"It was good to see Jeriome go out and pitch," Wagner said. "I think it's great he got to the sixth. That was very important. We have to start getting more out of our starters. Lidge was awesome and Dotel was great tonight. That's all you can say about those guys."

Lance Berkman's eighth-inning single drove in the go-ahead run and Geoff Blum hit a two-run shot for the Astros, who won for the 12th time in 15 games. The bullpen added three scoreless innings to lower its ERA to 2.68.

"It was meaningful just to get a hit," Berkman said. "I hadn't done much in the game. People put more drama on the late innings, but we're not in the game if Blum doesn't homer."

With the score tied at 2 in the eighth, Bagwell doubled to the left-field corner and Jeff Kent singled off Turk Wendell (0-1).

Rheal Cormier came on and allowed Berkman's single that scored Bagwell with the go-ahead run. Kent scored on a wild pitch by Terry Adams.

Wendell allowed his first two earned runs of the season in 13 appearances and 14 innings.

"I don't keep up with those things, I just try to go out every night and get guys out," Wendell said. "Tonight, I didn't execute and I failed. Tomorrow is a new game. It happens. We're all human."

Dotel (3-1) allowed singles to David Bell and Marlon Byrd in the eighth before striking out pinch-hitter Ricky Ledee to preserve the tie.

Lidge pitched a perfect seventh inning, and Wagner worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 11 opportunities.

"All we can ask is to keep it close," Wagner said. "The offense has been clutch in the late innings. Right now, we've got guys getting key hits."

The Astros have 13 comeback wins this season and Friday was their eighth victory in their final at-bat.

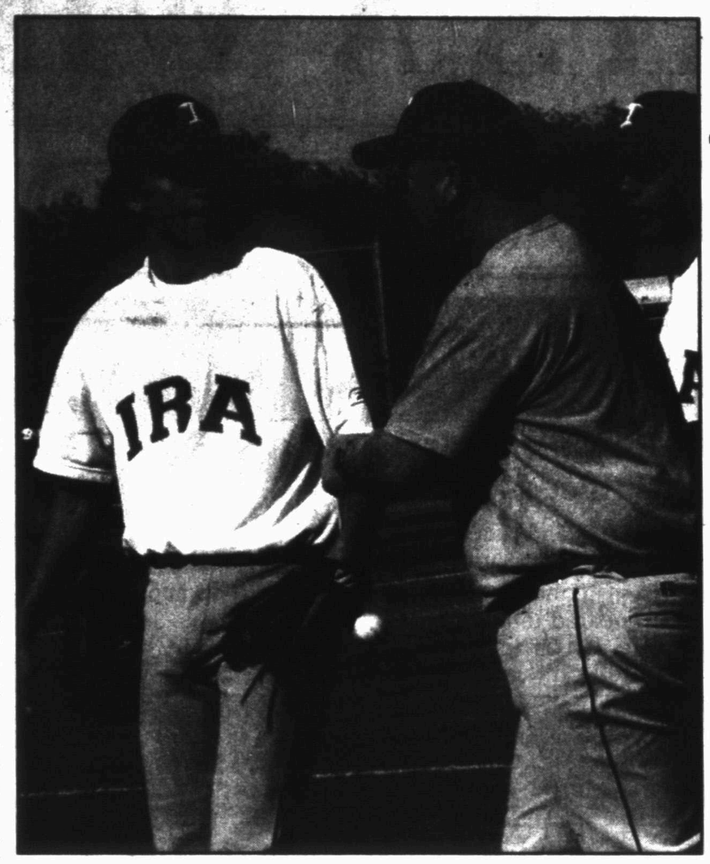
Jim Thome drove in two runs for the Phillies but Wagner struck him out to end the game.

"I knew fans would be waiting for me to face Thome," Wagner said. "Things have been going well for me lately. I've been getting guys to swing at pitches they haven't been swinging at."

Vicente Padilla, trying to snap a string of four straight losses since a 4-0 shutout of Atlanta on April 19, pitched seven innings, allowing six hits and two runs. He struck out seven and walked two.

Robertson gave up a single to Jimmy Rollins and a double to Placido Polanco to start the game. Thome's RBI groundout gave the Phillies the lead.

"This game was lost in the first five minutes," manager Larry Bowa said. "We had a chance to put them away and we didn't get it done. You can't give a team like Houston that many chances and expect to win."



NICE WORK — Ira coach Randy Jones congratulates hurler Eric Dickerhoff after the pitcher worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning of Friday's game one with Miles. The Bulldogs won, 7-3, to take a 1-0 series lead. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pistons polish off Philadelphia in 6

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chauncey Billups told his teammates exactly what he was going to do — and backed it up, too.

Billups scored nine of his 28 points in overtime to lead the Detroit Pistons to a series-ending 93-89 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday night.

"I told them, 'I'm about to take this game over,'" said Billups, who missed three games in the series with an ankle injury.

"I was very, very aggressive. I turned it on. My mentality changed."

The Pistons won the series 4-2 to advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 1991 — the year after winning their second straight NBA title. Detroit will play the defending East champion New Jersey Nets, beginning Sunday.

Billups gave the Pistons a 92-89 lead with 15.2 seconds left in overtime on his third 3-pointer of the extra session. He scored Detroit's first six points of overtime on 3-pointers.

After Allen Iverson missed a driving layup with 10 seconds to go, Chucky Atkins made a free throw to ice it with 6 seconds left.

The Pistons, who set an NBA record by going 8-0 in overtime during the regular season, are 2-0 in overtime in the playoffs.

Iverson, who was late arriving at the arena because he supposedly was stuck in a traffic jam, scored 38 points — including six in the row in overtime to tie it after Detroit went ahead 89-83.

Richard Hamilton scored 19 points, Corliss Williamson had 17 and Tayshaun Prince added 14 for the Pistons, who had lost 14 of their last 15 road playoff games.

Derrick Coleman had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Kenny Thomas added 12 points and 14 rebounds for the 76ers.

"They got it done and we didn't," Iverson said. "We couldn't catch a break and we put ourselves in a bad situation with fouls."

The Sixers had a chance to win it in regulation after Billups made two free throws to tie it at 81 with 14.6 seconds left. Iverson brought the ball upcourt, but couldn't get a shot off as he was guarded by Prince. He passed to Coleman too late for a buzzer-beating attempt.

"If I shot the ball, he would've blocked it," said Iverson, who has never made a "walk-off" shot to end a game. "It's not supposed to come down to that."

After Prince's layup gave Detroit an 89-83 lead midway through overtime, Iverson scored six straight on a short jumper and two driving layups to tie it.

Detroit missed twice on its next possession, and Iverson missed a 20-footer with 37 seconds left to set up Billups' final 3-pointer.

Iverson didn't arrive at the First Union Center until 32 minutes before the scheduled starting time of 7:30 p.m. EST. He had no problem getting on track early, hitting five of his first six shots and scoring 21 in the first half.

But Iverson missed seven straight at one point in the second half and 13 of his last 18. He finished 14-for-33.

"It wasn't a distraction, it was a disappointment," Sixers coach Larry Brown said of Iverson's lateness. "He played his heart out."

Billups was 6-of-18, including 5-of-13 from beyond the arc, and made all 11 of his free throws. Ben Wallace had 10 points, 18 rebounds and five steals.

Funny Cide jockey aims for Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Now that he's cleared his name with the person who counts the most, Funny Cide jockey Jose Santos can get back to the business of winning the Triple Crown.

After charging to victory in the Kentucky Derby on May 3, Santos was subjected to an investigation to determine if he was carrying an illegal object in his hand during the race.

The stewards at Churchill Downs cleared the jockey of all wrongdoing. For Santos, the worst part about the probe was not that it tarnished his name in the racing industry, but that it caused his daughter to be ashamed of her father.

"Winning was a great feeling. The controversy was very embarrassing," Santos said Friday. "My career was in jeopardy, but my kid took it harder. I have a 7-year-old daughter, and when she saw me in the news she said, 'I can't believe that my father is that bad.' Kids don't understand."

Santos hopes that a flawless ride in the Preakness on Saturday will further purge the memory of the insulting investigation, which stemmed from a fuzzy picture taken during the Derby.

It poured at Pimlico on Friday, and the weather forecast called for even more rain Saturday in the hours leading up to the $1 million race.

There's no telling what the track will look like at post time, but officials said a fast racing strip was possible as long as the rain stopped a few hours before the 6:12 p.m. start.

Regardless, Funny Cide was ready to run after being shipped to the track on Friday, one day ahead of schedule.

Ducks advance to Stanley Cup finals

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Not so long after the Angels won their first World Series, the Mighty Ducks are in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time.

Anaheim's becoming a magic kingdom of sports.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere finally gave up a goal, but teammate Adam Oates scored twice Friday night as the Ducks completed a sweep of Minnesota with a 2-1 victory.

"It's a huge accomplishment to be in the Stanley Cup finals, and the fact that we had to beat great teams to get here makes it even sweeter," the Ducks' Steve Rucchin said.

Seventh-seeded Anaheim began the playoffs by sweeping defending champion Detroit, then eliminated top-seeded Dallas 4-2 in the second round before beating the Wild in four games.

The Ducks' Paul Kariya showed a bit of superstition when he was presented the Western Conference champions trophy; he didn't touch it.

"That's not the trophy we're after," he said. "It's a great feeling taking another step, but there's one more to go."

Giguere, who celebrated his 26th birthday by turning away 24 Minnesota shots, finished the series with 122 saves while facing 123 shots.

The Wild's lone goal, scored by Andrew Brunette on a deflection during a power play 4:37 into the game, was the fewest ever in a best-of-seven series. Minnesota came in with a playoff-high 42 goals.

Two teams — Boston in 1935 and Montreal in 1952 — were held to two goals in a series.

"To give up one goal in a series is unbelievable," Anaheim rookie coach Mike Babcock said.

Giguere's scoreless streak ended at 217 minutes, 54 seconds — the fifth longest playoff string in NHL history and the longest since Montreal's Gerry McNeil went 218:42 in 1951.

The Anaheim goalie had not allowed a goal since the third period of Anaheim's final victory over Dallas in the second round.

The Ducks play the winner of the Eastern Conference finals between New Jersey and Ottawa. New Jersey leads the series 2-1.

Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire complimented the Ducks, and his own team as well. The Wild, a third-year team, came back from 3-1 deficits to beat Colorado and Vancouver in the first two rounds.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	14	.659	—
Boston	26	15	.634	1
Toronto	20	22	.476	7½
Baltimore	18	23	.439	9
Tampa Bay	17	24	.415	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	24	16	.600	—
Minnesota	23	18	.561	1½
Chicago	20	21	.488	4½
Cleveland	13	27	.325	11
Detroit	9	30	.231	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	26	15	.634	—
Oakland	25	16	.610	1
Anaheim	20	20	.500	5½
Texas	17	24	.415	9

Friday's Games

Cleveland 3, Oakland 2
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 1
Seattle 6, Detroit 3
Anaheim 6, Boston 5
Minnesota 18, Chicago White Sox 3
Toronto 18, Kansas City 1
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 5, 12 innings

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 5-2) at Detroit (Cornejo 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 3-4) at Boston (Lowe 3-3), 1:20 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-0) at Baltimore (Hentgen 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-3) at Minnesota (Mays 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Halama 2-2) at Cleveland (Ric.Rodriguez 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 3-2) at Kansas City (Affeldt 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Seattle (Pineiro 3-3) at Detroit (Maroth 0-8), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 7-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 3-2) at Cleveland (B.Anderson 2-4), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-3) at Baltimore (Daal 2-5), 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 2-3) at Boston (Burkett 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 7-1) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-3), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sturtze 3-4) at Kansas City (Snyder 0-0), 2:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	29	13	.690	—
Montreal	26	16	.619	3
Philadelphia	23	19	.548	6
Florida	19	24	.442	10½
New York	17	25	.405	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	17	.585	—
Houston	23	19	.548	1½
St. Louis	20	19	.513	3
Cincinnati	21	21	.500	3½
Pittsburgh	17	25	.405	7½
Milwaukee	14	28	.333	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	27	14	.659	—
Los Angeles	22	20	.524	5½
Colorado	20	22	.476	7½
Arizona	19	23	.452	8½
San Diego	13	29	.310	14½

Friday's Games

St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Milwaukee 12, Cincinnati 3
Houston 4, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 4, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 2, Florida 1
Atlanta 6, San Diego 4
Pittsburgh 8, Arizona 5, 12 innings
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 5

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Prior 5-1) at St. Louis (Tomko 2-2), 1:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Austin 2-1) at Milwaukee (Rusch 1-7), 2:05 p.m.
Montreal (Day 4-1) at Colorado (J.Young 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-2) at San Francisco (Moss 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-1) at Houston (Linebrink 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Reynolds 2-1) at San Diego (Loewer 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (S.Torres 2-1) at Arizona (Capuano 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Tejera 0-1) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-2), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Wilson 2-3) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 4-3) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
Montreal (Day 4-1) at Colorado (J.Young 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ortiz 5-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 4-3) at San Francisco (Ainsworth 3-3), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 2-2) at Los Angeles (Nomo 4-4), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Suppan 4-3) at Arizona (Webb 1-1), 4:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 5-1) at Houston (Redding 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Friday, May 16
Detroit 93, Philadelphia 89, OT, Detroit wins series 4-2.
Saturday, May 17
Sacramento at Dallas, 8 p.m.

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 18
New Jersey at Detroit, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 19
Dallas-Sacramento at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20
New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21
Dallas-Sacramento at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 22
Detroit at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23
San Antonio at Dallas-Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 24
Detroit at New Jersey, TBA
Sunday, May 25
San Antonio at Dallas-Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 26
New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 27
Dallas-Sacramento at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 28
Detroit at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, May 15
New Jersey 1, Ottawa 0, New Jersey leads series 2-1
Friday, May 16
Anaheim 2, Minnesota 1, Anaheim wins series 4-0
Saturday, May 17
Ottawa at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 19
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 23
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m., if necessary

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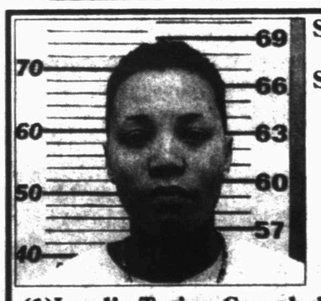
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SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
May 1, 2003

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1)Londie Tyrine Campbell-Pittman, 26 year old female, 3750 Sunset, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Contact". Victim was a female child 16 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.
(1) Londie Tyrine Campbell-Pittman, Una Senora, 26 anos de edad, 3750 Sunset, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Contacto". La victima era nina, diez y seis de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
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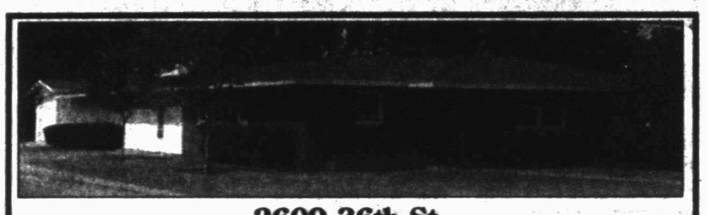
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513 34th Updated 2-1, Great rental prop. $20T
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1815 Garden Lane - Four lots, shop with loading areas and income property $10T
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Cute! 2812 A[redacted] UNDER CONTRACT [redacted]6T
513 34th 2-1, Clean, Nice! $17T
New Listing 3008 41st [redacted] SOLD [redacted] .. $25T
3100 Ave. U Beautiful 3-2-2, Loaded with amenities ..... REDUCED!
3104 41st 3-1¾-2cp, Sprinker syst. $55T
3101 Ave. A 4-1¾-2 + apt. Nice! . Red $101T
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SUPER NICE! 4021 Eastridge .... Call
1701 39th 2-1-1cp [redacted] SOLD [redacted] edone $26.5T
2605 33rd Magnificent Custom Built Home
Location! 4304 Lubb[redacted] SOLD [redacted], shop $70T
4000 Jacksboro 3-2¾-2 huge kitchen $87.5T
2603 ½ El Paso w/7.6 acres..... $69T

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900 25th ..... Call
Comm. Bldg. 1802 College . . $16T
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Comm. Lot 2101 College Ave.. REDUCED
2309 25th ..... Call
1801 22nd Reduced Commercial office/yd
1706 25th St. ..... CALL
2005 26th St. $45T

COUNTRY LISTINGS
Brick w/fireplace, 2[redacted] SOLD [redacted]cres . $38T
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Just move right in - 211 37th 3-2-2LA's-2 $88T
Great Location 4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $87.5T
West of Park 4105 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $85T
3004 Beaumont 3-2-[redacted] SOLD [redacted] $79.5T
Near Pa[redacted] CONTRACT PENDING [redacted] ..$78.5T
Choice of Buys 2204 45th 3[redacted] SOLD [redacted] $65T
3403 Irving 4-2 ..... $59.5T
Edge of Town - 1601 Hilltop Lane - Brick 3-1-2cp plus storm cellar $52.5T
Mobile Home 3-3, 2000 Palm Harbor ... $49T
Motivated Sellers 3712 Austin 4-2-2LA's $44.9T
Newly Updated 2108 41st 4-2 LAs-1 Red $43.5T
Near Schools 2315 42nd 4-2 ..... $43.5T
Like New Neighbors? 2203 43rd 3-2-1 $39.9T
Investors - 2609 Ave. U Brick Duplex $35T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 . $31.5T
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2307 28th 2-1 + shop $19.9T

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2-Story Home 3-2-3 det. gar., 2.5 A's .. Red. $50T
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4306 CR 230 4-2-2cp + 20 acres ..... Call
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College Ave. & Ave. R $15T
1100 25th St. $25T
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2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

President Bush files for re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush launched his re-election campaign Friday with high approval ratings and a clear path to the Republican nomination — but with political clouds from the sluggish economy.

Hoping to achieve a goal denied his father, Bush filed formal notice of his quest for a second term with the Federal Election Commission. The long-expected paperwork, which lists Vice President Dick Cheney as his 2004 running mate, allows Bush to open a campaign headquarters, hire staff and start raising money.

"The American people will decide whether or not I deserve a second term," the president said in a brief question-and-answer session with reporters.

His re-election bid will be run from the White House by Karl Rove, the ubiquitous presidential adviser who has already drafted a campaign battle plan to bolster GOP organizations in key states, dominate Democrats by exceeding the 2000 campaign's record-breaking $100 million and cast the incumbent as a warrior president who rises above the political fray.

Bush made his long-known intentions official just 15 days after he declared victory over Saddam Hussein's forces.

Democrats, who are fielding nine candidates in search of the presidential nomination, believe that continued economic woes, problems in postwar Iraq or even another terrorist strike on U.S. soil could change Bush's political fortunes.

"Instead of worrying about his own job security, Bush should be spending his time on the job security of the 2.5 million Americans who have lost their jobs since he became president," said Chris Lehane, an adviser to Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

Bush filed with the FEC 18 months before the November 2004 election, about the same point in the cycle that former President Clinton formally began his 1996 re-election bid. Bush's father waited until the fall of his pre-election year to declare his intentions.

Jaclanel Moore McFarland...

Baylor regent denies she tipped students to plans for drug sting on campus

WACO (AP) — A member of the Baylor University board of regents walked out of a regents meeting after refusing to resign and denying she tipped off Baylor students to an ongoing undercover drug sting operation on campus.

Jaclanel Moore McFarland, a Houston attorney and a member of the board since 2001, insisted she did not tip off anyone to the activities of an undercover officer who was posing as a Baylor student, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported in its Saturday editions.

McFarland said she was unaware a drug operation was under way until after several arrests were made last month, the newspaper said, quoting unnamed sources.

She declined to comment early Friday afternoon as she left a meeting of the regents.

Larry Brumley, a Baylor spokesman, declined to respond to questions regarding the investigation.

"The university cannot comment on confidential board matters," Brumley said.

The Tribune-Herald reported that board chairman Drayton McLane Jr. of Temple told McFarland that a subcommittee of the regents were given results of a preliminary investigation of her and that the panel, known as the Board Council, concluded there was enough information to warrant a full investigation by the Board of Regents if she did not resign.

That investigation was launched Friday, the Tribune-Herald reported. In Baylor's 158-year history, no Baylor regent has been impeached and removed from the governing board.

At the heart of the controversy is an April 29 undercover drug sting in which six people were arrested for selling illegal drugs, and one person was arrested for possession of illegal drugs. A Baylor police officer conducted the operation posing as a freshman student.

During the time he was undercover, the officer, under his real name, enrolled in classes and took part in fraternity rush. He lived in a student dorm with other students and eventually was invited to join a fraternity that McFarland's son once was a member of, the newspaper said.

Terrorist bombings shake Casablanca

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — Suicide attackers set off explosions at the Belgian consulate, a Jewish community center, a Spanish social club and a hotel in the heart of Casablanca on Friday night, killing at least 30 bystanders and about 10 attackers, officials and witnesses said.

The five nearly simultaneous bombings also wounded at least 60 more people and threw Morocco's largest city into chaos.

The attacks came just days after U.S. officials warned that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network was planning a worldwide series of terrorist attacks. On Monday, a series of suicide bombings in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, killed 34 people at three foreigners' housing compounds, including eight Americans.

There was no indication any Americans were hurt in the Casablanca attacks.

Three suspects in Friday's bombings, all Moroccans, were arrested later that night, the official Moroccan news agency MAP said. The agency cited Interior Minister Mostapha Sahel as saying about 10 of the dead were attackers.

At least six Europeans — two Spaniards, two Italians and two French — were killed, according to the chief of medical services at the Azerroes Hospital, Said Ouhalia.

Decapitated bodies and smashed cars littered the streets. Walls were peeled back and some buildings partially leveled. Alone in the wreckage, a woman howled in anguish.

The assailants carried out the carnage with precision, witnesses said. Three of them entered the restaurant in the Casa de Espana social club after slitting the security guard's throat with a large knife, Lamia Haffi, an employee, told Spanish National Radio.

Then two attackers detonated explosives, she said.

"We had just been served paella, and they were calling out the numbers," said Mohammed Zerrouki, a medical technician having dinner and playing bingo with his friends. "Then, 'Boom!' a first blast — it was like a thunderclap,"

Social club owner Rafael Bermudez told The Associated Press that one bomber then blew himself up under a tent where clients, including several Spaniards, were seated.

"I heard the bombs and then everything started burning," Bermudez told Spanish National Radio. "Everyone was on the ground and there was blood everywhere. It was horrible."

The Spanish Embassy in Rabat estimated there were 18-20 dead at the restaurant bombing.

No one immediately blamed al-Qaida for the attacks, but they bore many of the group's hallmarks: multiple, simultaneous strikes; and suicide assailants.

Two arrested Saturday

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 45-year-old man in the 2900 block of Ave. F at 2 a.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

At 2:25 a.m. a 26-year-old man was taken into custody in the 800 block of 27th Street for public intoxication.

Thefts

Administrator Ray Turner Friday requested an officer in reference to the theft of some medications from Snyder Oaks Care Center. An offense report for theft was submitted.

At 3:40 p.m. Friday, Thomas Fogelman reported some property stolen from West Elementary. An officer advised a Class B theft report would be filed.

Assault

A woman reported at 12:30 a.m. Saturday that she was assaulted earlier at the VFW. Officers submitted a report for family violence.

Criminal trespass

A woman reported a female juvenile going into a storage room at the Cinema and taking several items. The juvenile was served with a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the theater.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Tiger Mart reported a gas drive off at 7 a.m. Friday in the amount of $16.95.

County meet set Monday

Continued From Page 1

inquired about its purchase. House said the county receives a royalty check each month from the property and that the mineral rights would be reserved in a sale.

The court will again go out for bids for an exclusive contract for providing soft drinks at county facilities.

Jean McMillon's resignation from the Child Welfare Board will be considered, as will be a replacement.

Adoption of a resolution will be considered urging state legislators to seek a statewide solution to the budget crisis.

Extension activity reports and any line-item transfers or budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Blood drives slated next week

Just in West Texas alone, nearly 150 pints of blood are needed each day. Because of that need, United Blood Services (UBS) has scheduled blood donation days for Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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

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

Saturday's blood drive will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot in the mobile coach.

Blood donations can be made Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

"There is absolutely no way you can contract AIDS or any other disease by donating blood," said Teal.

Teal said blood could be donated every 56 days.

Obituaries

Jack Brown

1916-2003

J.O. "Jack" Brown, a former resident of Snyder, died May 10 in Junction.

A funeral service was held Tuesday in Junction and interment was held Friday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 21, 1926 in Edna, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Mary Tirrell on July 14, 1944 in Nolan County. The couple had one son, Billy, who was killed in an accident in 1960. Mrs. Brown died in an auto accident in 1985.

Mr. Brown is survived by his brother, Johnnie Brown of Aurora, Neb.; and nieces and nephews.

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Inmate's trial will begin on Monday

A 31-year-old Price Daniel Unit inmate goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Dewayne Edward Turk, serving a sentence for murder out of Harris County, is charged with assault of a public servant.

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

A jury panel of 140 has been called to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the court of Judge Ernie Armstrong.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute and defense attorney is Lendon Ray of Claude.

Births

Ernie and Betsy Armstrong announce the birth of their grandson, Corbitt Allen Armstrong, May 12 in Waco.

Corbitt weighed four pounds and two ounces. His parents are Jeff and Molly Armstrong of Waco.

Maternal grandparents are David and Sharon Corbitt of Waco.

Jessica Castillo and Noel Gomez of Snyder announce the birth of a daughter, Eve Gomez, May 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Carlos Gomez and Judy Murphy of San Antonio and paternal grandparents are Rosa and Agustin Castillo of Snyder.

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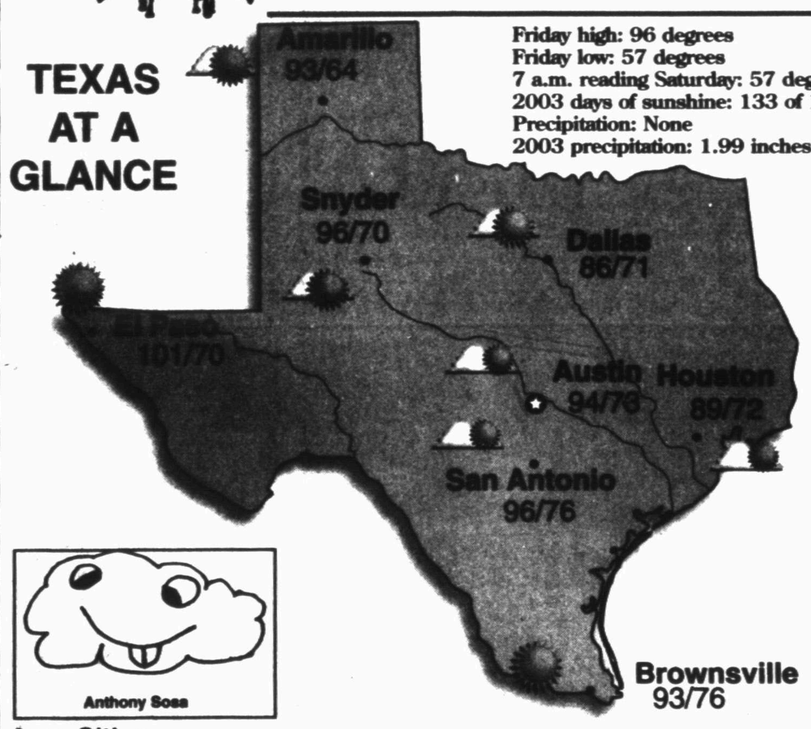
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19	Tue 5/20
96/70	101/68	73/59
A few clouds in the morning, but mainly sunny. High 96F.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the upper 60s.	Overcast. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 6:43 AM, Sunset 8:37 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:38 PM	Sunrise 6:42 AM, Sunset 8:39 PM

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Friday high: 96 degrees
Friday low: 57 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 57 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 133 of 136
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	73	sunny	El Paso	101	70	sunny	Midland	103	73	sunny
Amarillo	93	64	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	103	71	sunny	Raymondville	94	73	sunny
Austin	94	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	84	65	sunny	Rosenberg	89	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	71	pt sunny	Greenville	84	66	sunny	San Antonio	96	76	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	76	sunny	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	71	sunny	Kingsville	94	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	66	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	75	pt sunny	Livingston	87	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	71	sunny
Corsicana	85	69	sunny	Longview	84	67	pt sunny	Tyler	85	70	sunny
Dallas	86	71	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	85	66	sunny
Del Rio	100	79	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	71	sunny	Wichita Falls	88	66	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	63	t-storm	Houston	89	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	99	74	pt sunny
Boston	65	52	sunny	Los Angeles	70	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	67	51	windy
Chicago	69	58	pt sunny	Miami	85	76	pt sunny	Seattle	58	39	pt sunny
Dallas	86	71	mst sunny	Minneapolis	75	60	cloudy	St. Louis	75	66	cloudy
Denver	72	47	t-storm	New York	63	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	65	54	cloudy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19	Tue 5/20
Extreme	Extreme	Very High

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

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CALICO TIGER — Snyder Junior High School drama II students are presenting three plays for elementary school children: *Calico Tiger*, *Stuart Little* and *The King Who Loved His Lolipops*. *Calico Tiger* players include back row from left, Chris Martinez, Kyle Sanchez, Michael Qualls; middle row, Ryan Realsola, Chris Elder, Michael Valdez and Felicia Guzman; front row, Roy Sosa, Brandee Perez, Cassie Moon and Michael Alaniz. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MEET THE ACTORS — Following a performance of *Calico Tiger* last week, Snyder Junior High School students met students from Stanfield Elementary who had attended the play. Players include Teresa Egan and Kyle Sanchez. Janeen Patterson is the director. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex-governor receives inaugural lifetime award

LUBBOCK (AP) — Former Texas Gov. Preston Smith on Friday received the first Infinito Horizonte Award from the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents. The award honored his lifetime of service to the university.

"Preston Smith has been a friend and supporter of this university for decades," said Robert Black, regents chairman. "As a state legislator, as governor and as an alumnus, Texas Tech has always been able to count on Preston Smith. It's appropriate he is the first recipient of the Infinito Horizonte Award."

The regents created the award, which means Endless Horizon, last year to honor those who have had a significant impact on Tech. It is the highest award the regents and the system can bestow on an individual.

Smith graduated from what was then Texas Technological College in 1934. He served as governor of Texas from 1968 to 1972. During that time Smith was instrumental in the establishment of Texas Tech School of Medicine and School of Law.

Dallas brothers attempted to control drug trade

DALLAS (AP) — Two brothers in their early 20s await trial on charges they are responsible for three drug-related slayings within a week in the summer of 2001. Two victims were shot and stabbed, then left in a burning car. Another was shot and dumped at an abandoned house.

Prosecutors say Jimmy Windland, 23, and Cory Windland, 20, were brutal in their pursuit of controlling the drug trade in their northwest Dallas apartment complex.

The older brother waited tables in Garland, and the younger brother planned to attend Grayson County College in Denison this summer. But Dallas police say they had darker pursuits: drugs and murder.

A Dallas County grand jury indicted them last month on three counts each of capital murder. Arrested March 11, they remain at Lew Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of about $2.25 million bail each.

The brothers remained free for a year and a half, but police said a witness surfaced in January who linked them to the slayings.

Prosecutors have not said whether they will seek the death penalty.

Dallas police Sgt. Ross Salverino, who is supervising the investigation, said the cases are sobering examples of the chances one takes by involvement in the drug trade, either as a buyer or seller. One victim was an honors graduate whose family was not aware of any drug use, Salverino said.

"This is a business where one of the drawbacks is permanent layoff," he said. "It's high risk, be it from robbery or something else. None of the people are necessarily innocent victims, but they didn't deserve to be killed."

Cory Windland's attorney, Richard Franklin, said his client maintains his innocence.

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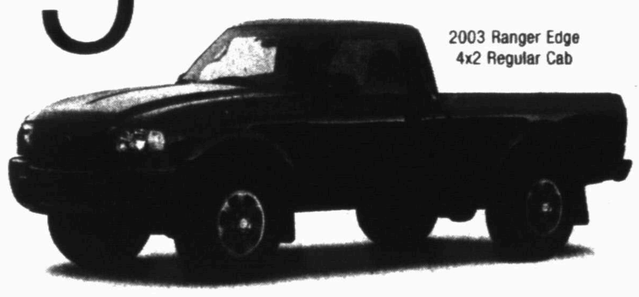
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Girl from Brazil enjoys Snyder stay

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

When Deborah Ribas met Britt Canada in 1999, she was 15 years old and he was a Baptist mission volunteer in Brazil.

Though she could not then speak English as well as she does today, Ribas' pastor had asked her to translate for Canada who was a member of Colonial Hill's Partnership Mission Program. Last year was Canada's seventh mission trip to Brazil.

Ribas was so afraid that first day that she called her family who lived in another state 12 hours away and asked if she could come home. The answer was "no" so Ribas stayed put. And she is glad she did.

"After that first day," she said, "I realized that there was no reason to be scared."

Ribas again interpreted for Canada in 2000 and 2001. In 2000, she also interpreted for Evelyn Barnett, another Snyder resident and mission volunteer.

Ribas said that working with the 1999 mission volunteers really opened her eyes and helped her to realize that her relationship with God was more important than what religion she practiced.

Ribas said witnessing people getting saved "is amazing," adding "it's a privilege to be used by God for His plan of salvation."

Presently staying with Canada and his wife, Tonya, Ribas' dream to come to the United States was realized in December 2002.

During her stay, Ribas has kept busy visiting several classrooms in Snyder including those at Central, West and Northeast. She has also given testimony about the volunteer mission program at area Baptist churches including Westbrook and Ira. In addition to Colonial Hill, the First Baptist Church also participates in the mission partnership program.

Ribas has also visited friends in El Paso, Dallas, Lubbock, Abilene, Amarillo and New Mexico whom she met when they worked as mission volunteers in Brazil.

Ribas toured the Alamo and attended her first rodeo in San Antonio, saw snow for the first time when she was visiting in New Mexico, rappelled and ridden on a motorcycle.

In addition to serving as a translator for mission trips, Ribas also worked full time as an export assistant. She quit her job when her visa was approved.

Ribas' goal at one time was to work for a newspaper so she studied journalism in college. However, Ribas, 20, said that since the age of 16, she "felt God's call to do mission work. Sometimes you have to deny yourself to do God's work."

When Ribas returns home, she will have to chose between returning to college or going to a seminary. She will also have to find a job.

Ribas said she had been counseled to attend college first and then go to the seminary. She worked full time and attended college classes at night, a common practice in Brazil. But she dropped out of school to come to the U.S.

When asked what she thought about her first visit to Texas, Ribas said the state is "very flat," compared to her country. Snyder is also small in comparison to Campinas, her hometown, which has a population of one million people.

Ribas, who began studying English in the fifth grade, noted that the education system in Brazil is different than United States.

Younger Brazilian students attend classes either in the morning or afternoon. High school students can choose a night session if they prefer. That's what Ribas did so she could work full time.

There are other cultural differences as well. At Christmas, each person receives one gift and no stockings are hung. The holiday dinner begins at midnight on Christmas Eve and then presents are opened.

Brazilians exchange chocolate eggs at Easter.

Brazilian cuisine includes rice and beans but they are not spicy dishes. Brazil doesn't have any Mexican food either.

Most families have only one car but public transportation is readily available.

The seasons in both countries are opposite and Brazil's time is two hours ahead. The country has lots of rain but no snow.

Ribas' father is a policeman and her mother works in an accounting office. She has two sisters, one attends college and the other is a junior in high school. Both work full time and attend classes at night.

Ribas said she has been overwhelmed with the reception and kindness she has received since arriving in Snyder. But even good things have to end. The Brazilian visitor was to leave Saturday to return to her homeland.



BRAZILIAN VISITOR — Deborah Ribas of Campinas, Brazil, center, first met Britt Canada, right, and Evelyn Barnett, left, when they were mission volunteers in her country. She is staying with Britt and his wife, Tonya. For the past several months, she has also been visiting friends from other mission trips who live throughout Texas and New Mexico. She was to return home Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)



VISITS CLASSROOM AT CENTRAL — Deborah Ribas has visited several classrooms in Snyder including Sheila Sorrells' at Central. Back row from left, are Ribas, Jason Mendoza, Fernando Ramiez, Damian Donaldson, Cole Etheredge, Samuel Ashley, Anthony Sosa and Sorrells; middle row, Randi Sanchez, Kaitlin Stewart, Jessica Nobles, Jazmyn Moore, Kelsey Davis, Savannah Glasscock and Jentri Driggers; front row, Alberto Resendiz, Alex Pesina, Lance Morris and Brady Black. (Contributed Photo)

June Carter Cash leaves her own music legacy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — June Carter Cash's legacy is more than just her duets with husband Johnny Cash. She was a country music pioneer in her own right — singer, musician, composer — as well as an actress and author.

June Carter Cash died Thursday at age 73 of complications from heart surgery. She had been critically ill after surgery May 7 to replace a heart valve.

"People talk about Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette when it comes to pioneering women in country music. But they very seldom mention June, somewhat because she got married to Johnny Cash," said Ed Benson, executive director of the Country Music Association.

"I think people should think of her more often when they think of the pioneering women in country music."

The daughter of country music founder Maybelle Carter, June Carter Cash began performing as a child. With her husband, she had such hit duets as "Jackson" and "If I Were a Carpenter," which won Grammy awards in 1967 and 1970.

In 1999, she released an acoustic album, "Press On," that amounted to a musical autobiography and won her another Grammy.

"There's a lot of people who I love — fans that I've known through the years — who will be glad I did it," she said about the album at the time. "And maybe some other people ... wonder what Johnny Cash's wife is really like."

Five years before marrying Cash, June Carter Cash co-wrote his 1963 hit "Ring of Fire," which was about falling in love with him.

Longtime friend Kris Kristofferson said Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash have "been partners in life for as long as I've known them .



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BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED — A wedding shower was held May 3 in the home of Janice Beard for Shahala Marricle who will marry Allen Hoelscher at 2:30 p.m. on July 26 in Lubbock. From left are Tavia Marricle, grandmother of the bride-elect; Valeria Hoelscher, mother of the prospective groom from Garden City; the honoree from Lubbock; Charla Marricle, mother of the future bride; Marihelen Wason, her grandmother from Matador; and Kaycee Marricle, her sister from Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Couple wed in double-ring ceremony

GONZALES, La. — Maria Page and Dan Scannicchio, both of Geismar, La., were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony held at 6 p.m., March 22 in the Carriage House, Gonzales, La. A friend of the couple, Judge Arthur J. Planchard of Sulphur, La., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Page, LaPlace, La. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Scannicchio of Hideaway, Texas, and formerly of Snyder.

Wedding vows were exchanged in the Carriage House courtyard before a large white gazebo festooned with tulle, satin bows, Southern smilax and gardenias.

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach, was played as guests were seated.

A selection of organ interludes softly played as flower girls Madison and Caitlin Page, nieces of the bride, carried white wicker baskets and dropped rose petals along the pathway leading to the gazebo.

The five-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Page wore identical long, sleeveless dresses of candlelight organza embellished with bodices of embroidered lace. Pearls adorned the necklines and armholes of the dresses.

Wagner's "Here Comes the Bride" heralded the arrival of the bride as she was escorted on the arm of her father who presented her in marriage. Miss Page wore a candlelight satin gown with flowing skirt and strapless bodice fully detailed with pearls and iridescent beading. Her fingertip veil of illusion, previously worn by her sister-in-law, Angie Page, in her wedding, was attached to a pearl-encrusted tiara. The bride's mother specially designed and fashioned her garter trim med in blue. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of red roses interspersed with gypsophila. Pearl drop earrings and a multi-strand pearl necklace completed her attire.

The groom wore a black tuxedo featuring a notched jacket with lapels bordered in faille trim; white wing-collar shirt with black accent vest, Windsor tie and a red rosebud boutonniere.

Jill Joseph, a special friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. She wore a long slim-silhouette black satin gown with spaghetti straps and carried a bouquet of hand-tied white roses and gypsophila. A single-strand pearl necklace with matching earrings completed her ensemble.

Jeff Scannicchio of Flower Mound served his brother as best man. He wore a black tuxedo complementary to that of the groom and a white rose bud boutonniere.

Mendelsohn's "Wedding March" recessional concluded the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scannicchio
(Contributed Photo)

Special guests included the bride's grandmothers, Mary Frank Page of Baton Rouge and Shirley Bachman of Newcastle Upon Tyne, England.

A buffet assortment of typically Louisiana food was served. The traditional three-tiered wedding cake designed and made by the Carriage House was iced in butter cream frosting with pearl and ribbon lacing throughout. Each cake layer featured a different filling of lemon, raspberry or pineapple. Red and cream roses completed the cake décor.

The groom's cake, also designed and made by the Carriage House, was a chocolate confection frosted in a basket weave design and enhanced with chocolate dipped strawberries.

Tall basket arrangements of spring flowers and Southern smilax adorned the reception areas. Individual round tables draped in white linen held gold candle accents encircled with English ivy.

An evening of dancing was held in the courtyard with music provided by the Alley Cats of New Orleans, a seven-member band, featuring horn and trumpet sections.

Following a honeymoon trip to Oahu, Maui and Hawaii, the bride and groom are at home at 12296 Old Mill Drive in Geismar.

The bride is a graduate of East St. John High School, Reserve, La., and received a bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University in 1993. She is assistant vice president/director of accounting for Provident Foundation Inc. in Baton Rouge.

The groom, a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School, received a bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University in 1992. He is regional sales manager for State Chemical Industrial Products in Cleveland, Ohio.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Vincent's Italian Cuisine of Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Other courtesies given in the couple's honor included a his-and-her shower held in early February hosted by Jill Joseph, Cindy Hall and Marie Bezet, aunt of the groom. A seafood gumbo and jambalaya buffet, catered by John Bezet, the groom's uncle, was served.

Phil and Angie Page, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, and the bride's grandmother, Shirley Bachman, hosted a crawfish boil on Thursday prior to the wedding. Phil and Angie Page also hosted a Sunday brunch for family and out-of-town guests.

Guests from out-of-town traveled from Connecticut, England, California, Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia and from many cities in Louisiana.

Bridge Scores

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1. Suzy Reed and Anita Talbott
2. Peggy Hardin and Dorothy Rosson
3. Jane Hinton and Nina Nesbit
4. Margaret Dillaha and Nona Morrison

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-17-03
♠ A 10 9
♥ Q 7 5
♦ A K 2
♣ J 7 5 3

West
♠ Q J 8 7 4
♥ J 9 8 4
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ —

East
♠ 6 5 2
♥ 6 3 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K 10 9 6

South
♠ K 3
♥ A K 10
♦ Q J 4
♣ A Q 8 4 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

First, his side is always bidding slams. Second, even when his partner misplays, he does not always pay the price. In today's deal, how would you try to make six clubs after West has led the spade queen?

South's four-no-trump rebid is quantitative, inviting a slam, not Blackwood. With four clubs and good controls (two aces and one king), North offers six clubs as an alternative to six no-trump.

Trezel wrote that South won the first trick with dummy's spade ace, then called for the club jack: king, ace, spade six. Now declarer continued with a low club to dummy's seven and East's nine. A moment later, South returned to the dummy, played a club to his eight, cashed the club queen, and claimed.

What would Trezel have penned if West had held all four clubs? Although at first glance that looks to be fatal, it isn't necessarily so.

Declarer should have won trick one with his spade king and led a low club to dummy's jack. Here, there are no problems, but suppose East discards. South plays West for 3-3-3-4 shape. Declarer cashes dummy's spade ace, ruffs a spade in hand, and takes his six red-suit winners. If that all passes off safely, declarer exits with his low trump, endplaying West to lead away from the king-10 of clubs into South's ace-queen.

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Perhaps he was not so unlucky

By Phillip Alder

For the last two days, I have shown grand slams that were misplayed while the dummy, Roger Trezel, was forced to watch powerlessly. Yesterday, I suggested that Trezel might have been the unluckiest dummy ever. However, the third deal in his report costs him that crown.

Hanging gardens don't need a lot of space

Don't Get Fenced In-Hanging gardens don't need a lot of space to flourish.

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—Mark Twain

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Monday
Pancakes & Sausage
Tuesday
Homemade Burritos
Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Friday
Assorted Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Tuesday
Stromboli
Carrots
Corn
Jell-O & Mandarin Oranges
Wednesday
Pizza
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Peanut Butter Surprise
Thursday
Corn Dogs
Pork & Beans
Tater Tots
Shape-ups
Friday
Hamburgers
Chips
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Brownies

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and the breakfast menu offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage
Ham, Egg & Cheese in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Blueberry Muffin
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU
Monday
Barbecued Rib on a Bun or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Spicy Pinto Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Country Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Seasoned Mixed Vegetables
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Garden Fresh Grapes
Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich or
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Corn Chips
Pickle Spears
Fresh Watermelon
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich or
Chicken Quesadilla
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Chocolate Chip Cookie

JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL
Monday
Beef Enchiladas
Crispy Beef Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Refried Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Apple Cobbler
Wednesday
Bean & Cheese Burrito
Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Corn Bread
Thursday
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Ham & Swiss Wrap
Pepperoni Pizza
Tater Tots
Seasoned Stewed Tomatoes
Peanut Butter Cookie
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Buffalo French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Chocolate Fluff Pudding

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk; breakfast menu also offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwiches
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Tuesday
Chili Cheese Fries
Pickle Spears
Fritos
Peaches
Wednesday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Potato Wedges
Pears
Thursday
Assorted Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Pickle Spears
Chips
Vanilla Pudding
Friday
Manager's Choice

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The basic monetary unit of Mauritania is the ouguiya, and its chief fractional unit is the khoums.

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Wyoming is the 44th state.

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The state bird of Ohio is the cardinal.

Kurklin, Martin wed in Lubbock church



Mr. and Mrs. Lane Byron Martin
(Contributed Photo)

LUBBOCK — Melisa Anne Kurklin became the bride of Lane Byron Martin at 7 p.m. on March 8 in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

The Rev. Pat Driscoll officiated the double-ring ceremony. The groom chose this church to be married in because he and his father, Byron Martin, built it in 1973.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Sterling of Ira and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Byron Martin of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her three daughters, Shonnah Miller of Plainview, Shana Robbins of Snyder and Suzannah Parkerson of Snyder, the bride wore an ivory two-piece brocade suit accessorized with a pearl necklace and a pair of pearl earrings given to her by the groom.

The groom placed three pennies in her shoe; one was dated 1983 and the other 1993, representing respect for the bride and two late husband's wedding years. The third one was a 2003 penny representing the year that God joined them together.

Following tradition, for something old the bride carried a handkerchief belonging to her late great-grandmother, Nora Fulton, in a bridal Bible given to her by her parents. The bride's wedding suit was something new. Something borrowed was a double-heart diamond ring belonging to her youngest daughter, Suzannah Parkerson. Something blue was her garter.

The church was decorated with pew bows and candles. On both sides of the altar, there were candles and wedding bell lights surrounded by tulle. A white lighted archway adorned with white tulle and white bows graced the altar area. The unity candle and two tapered candles surrounded by tulle sat on a brass candle stand placed on a mirror.

Kloma Clark, a friend of the bride, arranged the corsages, bouquets and boutonnieres. The bridal bouquet was of white roses accented with tulle, pearls, baby's breath and greenery. The three daughter's bouquets were made of white roses also decorated with tulle, baby's breath and pearls for the bride's three daughters. The mothers carried single roses. The groom, best man, the couple's fathers, the minister and her 10-month-old grandson wore boutonnieres.

After giving the bride in marriage, her daughters served as bridesmaids and were joined by Tim Miller, Shannon Robbins, and Casey Chaney at the altar. Matron of honor Shonnah Miller was attired in a pale pink two-piece suit and the bridesmaids wore pale blue two-piece suits.

Brian Martin, son of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Tim Miller, Shannon Robbins and Casey Chaney. Ring bearer was Austin Miller, the bride's 16-month-old grandson.

Church bells chimed prior to the bride's entrance. Sue Suttle played the traditional "Wedding March." Cal Bailey and Cathy Berry played "Amazed," by Lone Star, on the cassette tape player before the couple exchangede vows. The couple lit the unity candle together and sang Buddy Holly's "True Love Ways," accompanied by a cassette tape.

The reception was held at the church. The bride's cake was a white three-tiered confection with blue flowers and the groom's cake was chocolate decorated with a cluster of chocolate grapes. The bride's mother made the punch. Her daughters served guests at the table.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple reside in Lubbock where the groom is the owner of A-1 Locksmith.

SHS classes of 1968, 1969 set reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a reunion at 7 p.m. on July 5 at the Jack Greene park. Barbecue and music will be provided.

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Sweet smell of perfume could cause wife to be sent to prison

JENSEN BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When Lynda Taylor put on perfume and lit scented candles around the house, it wasn't romance she had on her mind.

It was spite, police say.

Taylor, 36, was arrested last week on charges she tried to seriously injure her chemically sensitive husband.

In addition to using the perfume and candles, Taylor sprayed the house with bug killer and Lysol disinfectant, plugged in scented air fresheners, and emptied lavender sachets around the home, her husband says.

David Taylor, 46, says the fragrances caused him to swoon — and not in the hearts-and-flowers sense, either. He says he fell into a stupor that left him too feeble even to call for help.

"This extreme exposure made me very ill with severe brain fog, headache, numbness and trembling and pain throughout my body so severe I could barely move," he wrote in his complaint.

His wife denies using fragrances to torment her husband and suggests he is faking his sensitivity to chemicals. She says she often dabbed on perfume and it never affected him before during their three-year marriage.

"He takes a little bit of the truth and twists it into full-blown lies," she says.

Taylor's husband claims to suffer from a rare disorder called multiple chemical sensitivity, an allergic reaction to perfumes and other scents that he can be fatal.

The couple had been feuding over a $150,000 workers' compensation settlement that the husband received in March for his illness. Taylor says he and his wife were talking about splitting up, and his wife became hostile when he refused to give her half the money and the house.

He says his wife, with help from her stepdaughter, subjected him to three days of torment in early April. She started with perfume, then moved on to other scents after police came to the couple's home and said it wasn't a crime to wear fragrance, he says.

"They thought the effect it had on me was hilarious," he wrote in his complaint.

After Taylor's doctor supplied a letter to verify his sensitivity to scents, police arrested the wife. She was charged with aggravated battery, which carries up to 15 years in prison.

"When everything comes out, the facts will show that it's a lot more serious than just spraying perfume," says Jennifer Thomas, a prosecutor.

West Elementary

West Elementary students received the following awards for the fifth six weeks.

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Citizenship

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Sixth grade

Outstanding

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Esperanza Benitez, J.R. Brace, Dominic Cabrera, Jesse Conner, Heath Green, Brittney Hendricks, Eric Lindsey, Jake Linebarger, Chris Medrano, Amber Mills, Hector Soberon, Ashly Swigert, Thomas Vasquez, Weston Von Roeder.

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Leticia Aguilar, Daniela Allen, Ryan Anderson, Kira Bilano, Lindsey Cox, Jaclyn DeLeon, Janie Delgado, Brenna Fletcher (2), Brandon Garvin, Emanuel Hernandez, Lesa Jones, Kayla Liccardi, Jeramy Lindsey, Alex Martinez, Amber Mills, Rebecca Morin (2), Tony Perales, Chase Petersen, Mariah Robbins, Deidre Steward and Jesse Timora.

Public Records

Marriage License

Timothy Craig Humphry and Autumn Gale Vera, both of Snyder.

Blake Scott White and Tara Rene Allen, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Mill Creek Servicing Corp., aka Conseco Finance Service Co., vs. Palmira G. Alonzo, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jude Amanda Hall and Steven Andrew Hall, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Charles Milton Cooper and Debra Lynn Cooper, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Diane Walker and Clarence Brown Dunn, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Russell Frederick Custer and Winifred Phyllis Custer, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Charlotte Jean Rushing and Victor Benjamin Rushing, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Amanda M. Porter and Charles H. Porter, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Steven Andrew Hall to Jude Amanda Hall, Lot 6 in the Heath and Harvey Replats of Lots 1-11, Block J of the Towle Place Addition.

Reed Rentals to William M. and Naomi Harris, Lot 4 of the Replats of Lots 1-3, 5-8 and 23-29 of the Royal Cedars, a subdivision of Section 152, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mary Sue Spires, Trustee of The Spires Trust, to Merle and Charles Ray Richardson, Lot 15 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Debra Cooper to C.M. Cooper, Lots 9-11 in Block 17 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Stefan C. and Maxine H. Palmer to Juan and Misty E. Jaramillo, Lot 8 in Block D of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Earnest L. and Vickie S. Rash to Travis and Joretta Elliott, tract one being a 0.618-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east 50 feet of Lot 1; the north 10 feet of Lot 2; the south 40 feet of the east 50 feet of Lot 2; all of Lot 3; the south 8 feet of Lot 4, all in Block 9 of the Chambers Garden Addition.

Anniece and Rudy Trujillo to Guo Huilin and Yong Zhegn, 1.217 acres in the west one-half of Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Billy Ray and Pam Browning to Jeffrey Martin, a tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 453, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Helen B. Wadleigh, individually, and Helen B. Wadleigh and Polly A. Echols, co-Trustees of the James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, and co-Trustees of the Estate of James L. Wadleigh, to P.P.L.T. Corp. Lots 3, 4 and 6 in Block 19 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Dionicio Espinoza to Marie Luisa Luna, a 0.42-acre tract in Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ascension Luna, attorney-in-fact for Marie Luisa Luna, to the First Baptist Church of Ira, a 0.42-acre tract in Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

American State Bank to Tina M. Ruiz and Vicki Ruiz, Lot 3 in Block 35 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Felipe Hernandez to Lena Hernandez, a tract out of Section 54, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bennie R. Brown, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Viola Wood Thompson, and Louise Wood Dunn to Darry R. and Bettye Cain and T. Edward and Mary R. Riney, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mary Sue Spires, individually and as Trustee of the M.S. Spires Revocable Living Trust, to Reynaldo and Graciela Rios, the east 70 feet of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Casstevens Subdivision of Block 15 in the Cody Addition.

Darla Kay Huddleston to Isaias Torres, Lot 8 in Block F of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

C.M. Cooper to Debra Cooper, Lots 6-8 in Block 17 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Ernie and Pam Naegele to Darrell Reagan Holmes, the west 80 feet of Lot 5 in Block 6 of the Correction of the Bassridge Addition.

Bettie Riggs, independent executor of the estate of John H. Boren, Elsie Boren, Bettie Riggs, Jane Wall and Susan Sargent to Elsie Boren, Lot 25 in Block 1 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

SUICIDE IS NOT THE SOLUTION

Long before he and his family became insanely popular on their own reality television show, Ozzy Osbourne was biting the heads off bats, urinating on the Alamo and singing songs like "Suicide Solution."

"Wine is fine but whiskey's quicker, suicide is slow with liquor," read the lyrics.

The song sparked a great deal of controversy and lawsuits in the early to mid-eighties as at least three young males were listening to the song when they committed suicide. One lawsuit alleged that the song contained negative subliminal messages encouraging people to kill.

Ozzy denied the allegations and professed that the song was not written to glorify drinking oneself to death. He explained that "solution" in the song referred to a liquid mix rather than a method to solving a problem. The one thing certainly mixed about the song is its message.

Unless our intent be misinterpreted, it should be said that this column is not intended to be a tirade against Ozzy or any other popular musician. The purpose is to discuss the very real and home-hitting issue of suicide. May 4-11 was observed as National Suicide Awareness Week, and unfortunately, the awareness campaign was overlooked in our planning for the May columns. However, the topic is always timely as suicide affects millions of people every year.

National Suicide Awareness Week is observed annually and sponsored by the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). According to the association, more than 30,000 Americans commit suicide every year with the number of attempts being considerably greater. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people between the ages of 15 and 24, just under unintentional injuries and homicide. Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death among people of all ages. Sponsors of the awareness campaign hope that more information will be spread about mental illness and suicide prevention, which will hopefully lead in turn to saving lives.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, if someone tells you they are contemplating suicide, take their distress seriously. Listen to them without judging and help them get to a professional for evaluation and treatment. When a person feels hopeless and out of options, they will often consider suicide because they see no other alternative solution to their problems. It is important to let them know that there is hope. They just have to hold on a little longer; the sun is bound to come out again.

Suicidal behavior is most commonly related to a mental disorder such as depression or to alcohol or other substance abuse. It is also more likely to occur when people experience stressful events such as a major loss or incarceration. Remember, if someone is in imminent danger of doing harm to themselves, do not leave them alone. It may be necessary to take emergency steps to help them such as calling 911. Do not be afraid that you will compromise a friendship or family relationship. Taking that chance is better than risking the possibility of losing someone permanently.

There is much, much more information out there, more than can be covered in this short column. For more information, you can search the National Institute of Mental Health website at www.nimh.nih.gov , the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration website at www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov or try the keyword suicide prevention on your search engine.

Above all, remember no problem is so great that suicide is the solution. Seek help for yourself or for a loved one you are concerned about. It has been said before, but "suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

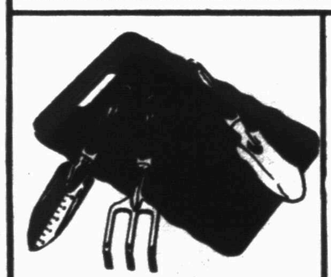
For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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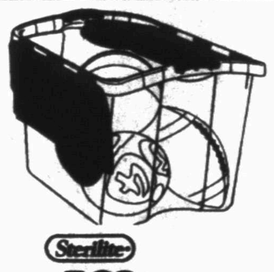
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Armed forces day honors sacrifice then and now

DEAR ABBY: I think it would be a good idea to reprint the "freedom poem" that appeared in your column several years ago. Because of the recent war in Iraq, it couldn't be more timely. Thanks, Abby. — **MRS. INEZ M. BARROW, WATERFORD, MICH.**

DEAR MRS. BARROW: Because today is Armed Forces Day, I agree that the poem is timely. It was written in 1988 by a high school ROTC cadet major named Kelly Strong. Read on:

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of "Taps" one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That "Taps" had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom is not free.

— **CADET MAJOR KELLY STRONG, AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC, HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, HOMESTEAD, FLA., 1988**

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is in her early 70s and was recently diagnosed with dementia. My family and I are in the process of looking at assisted-living facilities.

The problem we're facing is well-meaning neighbors and old family friends who say that Mom is "too young" to consider assisted living as an option. This is causing her (and me) much undue stress. She has lived in her home for more than 30 years and has been alone since Dad passed away 10 years ago.

Abby, none of these people understand that my mother forgets to take her medication, loses her checkbook, has gotten lost driving — or forgets why she's in her car in the first place. They don't realize that performing simple household tasks like laundry and cooking meals has become a burden for Mom and exhausts her.

It has been a difficult decision for my mother to agree to leave her home and accept the assistance she needs — and some people are making it harder. What can I say to these folks to change their attitude about our decision and encourage them to support my mother with love and acceptance as we move forward? She needs that now more than ever. Sign me ... **WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR MOM IN NEW YORK**

DEAR WANT WHAT'S BEST: Sit down with these well-meaning people and explain exactly what you have told me. It is important that they understand your mother is no longer the person she once was, as much as you all might wish it. Dementia is a disease that affects not only the sufferers, but everyone who loves them. I'm sure these people will be less resistant once they fully understand what is going on. Be sure to encourage them to visit her and remain a part of her life.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Bonnie," and I have been married for 25 years and have two great kids. When our daughter left for college three years ago, Bonnie began to "rediscover herself." In the process, she became friendly with "Roger," a 35-year-old single man from our church. I found a picture of him hidden in Bonnie's Bible.

Roger lived with our family for two weeks before moving to a neighboring city. Every morning when he was here, Bonnie got up early to make his breakfast and was at the door to say her "goodbyes." She has never done that for me.

A few months ago, Roger contacted our 19-year-old daughter when he was passing through her college town and took her to dinner. Afterward they stopped by her apartment, and Roger kissed her on the lips, telling her it would be "their secret." As soon as our daughter was able to convince him to leave, she called us to tell us what happened.

My problem is that Bonnie has forgiven Roger, but my daughter, son and I have not. My wife continues to see him on occasion, although always in the company of others. However, in paying our bills, I have discovered that she calls his cell phone up to 70 times per month. Needless to say, I do not want Roger in our home. Bonnie refuses to understand why the children and I feel so unforgiving toward him. What do you think, Abby? — **EMPTY IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR EMPTY: It's time for you and Bonnie to get some pastoral counseling. It appears that Bonnie has a crush on Roger, and Roger has the hots for your daughter. If Bonnie refuses to go to counseling, go without her, and don't be afraid to name names.

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New NRA president is lacking star power of Charlton Heston

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The new president of the National Rifle Association lacks the celebrity firepower of Charlton Heston. But Kayne Robinson brings political know-how to the role, along with a police and Marine background and an inside-and-out knowledge of guns dating to his Huck Finn-like childhood.

Robinson, 60, was raised in the Wisconsin woodlands by his grandparents, who made their living from trapping, logging and fishing. He began hunting early in life, even crafting his own guns, and became an NRA member as a teenager.

"There never was an age when there weren't guns in the house," he said in a telephone interview from Washington. "As small kids we had shotguns and rifles, often we would even make them, making firing pins out of nails."

The blunt former Des Moines detective took over the powerful, 4-million-member NRA in April when Heston stepped down after five years during which the star of "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben Hur" spoke for the organization with the oratorical thunder of an Old Testament prophet.

"Charlton Heston was unique. Through his personality we were able to project a very, very powerful message," Robinson said. But he added: For me to try to duplicate what Charlton Heston did would be a fool's errand."

Critics of the NRA said Robinson will have a tough time selling its agenda without Heston.

Robinson "is no Moses," said Eric Howard, spokesman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, referring to one of Heston's best-known film roles. Howard said Heston was good at "acting as though these extreme measures — basically, what the NRA is doing — aren't extreme."

Still, Des Moines police Sgt. David Murillo, who worked with Robinson for more than two decades, said Robinson is, "hands-down, the best speechmaker. He gives some of the most powerful, articulate, one-two punch speeches I have ever heard."

Murillo said that on the police force, he did not always agree with Robinson's outspoken style and "in-your-face demeanor," but respected the way Robinson backed the officers and motivated the department.

"I guess I don't have a lot of time for people who speak so obliquely you have to try to figure out what their point it," Robinson said. "If you have an opinion and the setting is appropriate to oust your opinion, then you ought to say it clearly and not beat around the bush about it."

Robinson served in Vietnam, then spent three decades with the Des Moines police, rising to assistant chief before retiring in 1999.

He was chairman of the Iowa Republican Party from 1999 to 2001 after working for Republican Charles Grassley's first Senate bid in 1980 and Sen. Bob Dole's 1988 presidential campaign in Iowa.

Robinson was also an NRA vice president for six years.

A major battle lies ahead for the NRA: The 1994 federal ban on military-style assault weapons will expire next year unless Congress renews it. The gun lobby opposes the ban, but President Bush, in a rare break with the NRA, has said he favors renewing it.

The NRA has also identified as a priority legislation in Congress that would protect gun manufacturers and sellers from lawsuits arising from the criminal use of their products.

In one of the biggest such cases, a federal jury in New York City cleared 45 gun manufacturers and distributors Wednesday of allegations their marketing practices have fueled street violence in black and Hispanic neighborhoods.

New 4-H camp to focus on outdoors training for teens

The Texas 4-H Center's leadership experience adventure program is offering certification training in the American Camping Association's outdoor living skills program this summer.

The hands-on educational program runs June 23-27 at Scott Able 4-H Camp near Cloudcroft, N.M.

"Participants will learn minimum impact camping skills, outdoor cookery, hygiene, safety while camping, map and compass and much more," said Drew Pickle, Texas 4-H outdoor living skills coordinator.

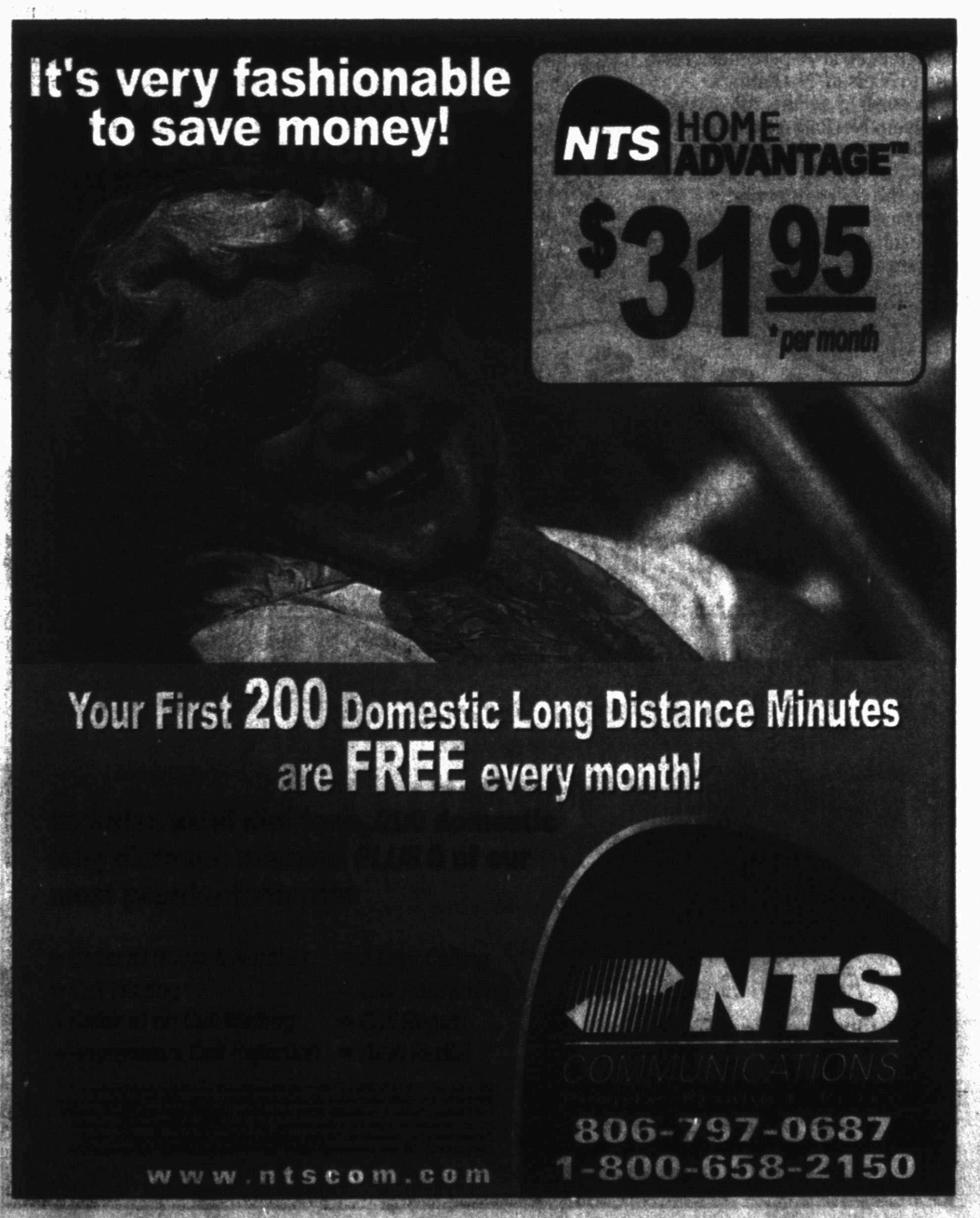
Cost is $165 and applications are due May 22 to county Extension offices. This fee includes food, lodging, equipment rental, curriculum text and program fees.

"We're seeking young men and ladies to attend the camp from the South Plains," said Brad Davis, extension program specialist in Lubbock. "Participants must be at least 14 years of age and have an interest in outdoor living skills and be willing to participate as a team member for the week long camp."

Fourteen slots are available.

"Upon completion, participants will be program leaders in the OLS program. Program Leaders will be certified to teach and lead the OLS program to youth and adults," said Angela Burkham, extension program specialist in Amarillo.

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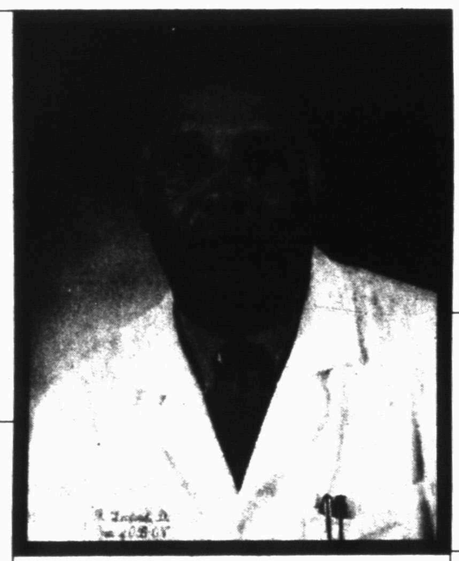
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Your Birthday

Saturday, May 17, 2003

There is a strong possibility that in the year ahead you could, of your own volition, make an important change in direction in your life. You will be bold and enterprising as to what you do to alter things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Perhaps without you even realizing it, you're more of a visionary today than you may realize. Follow your gut feelings, especially if they have to do with a business situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone who could be of enormous help to you but hasn't been at your disposal lately might step into the breech today and offer his or her support. Be grateful for whatever precipitated it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Without a thought about doing any spade work today, you could find yourself deeply involved anyway in digging out what you need to accomplish a certain job you'd like done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's going to be an important change in your social life that you will find rewarding and exciting. Someone you encounter today may be the one who brings this about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you have been contemplating making a change of some sort concerning your residence, this is an excellent day to get out and check your sources. You'll find what you're looking for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Plans or blueprints you formulate today have better than average possibilities for coming to fruition as you envision them. Give them adequate time to set if that's what it takes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something could take place today to put you in a new favorable financial cycle. If you take advantage of it, it could be just what you need to get you in good shape where money is concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — One thing you do best is to be an originator, and today you will be more than up to the task. If you see others without a direction, create one for them and take them to where they can succeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Those who you have gone out of your way to help in the past have not forgotten all that you have done for them. It's your time to be repaid and they will step forward today to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you have been feeling unappreciated lately among your circle of friends this is about to change today. They will be turning to you to be the main spokesperson for them in ways that count.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Suddenly, goals that you thought were way too tough for you to go after will no longer appear so intimidating. You'll amaze yourself at your courage to forge forward on them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may not be an emotional person, but today influences about you could churn up energies from the deepest part of you. It'll allow you to learn something about yourself.

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Sunday, May 18, 2003

New ways to strengthen your career base can be found in the year ahead. You will be both creative and practical in producing a long-range program that has potential for great growth and success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even though a matter of importance to you might be in the hands of another today, there's nothing to worry about. It'll work out just the way you would have engineered it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Much to your credit you might put aside your own plans and desires today in order to do everything you can to cater to the needs of someone who means a great deal to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A partnership arrangement might turn out much better today than you could have anticipated. What makes this such an unexpectedly dynamic duo is the chemistry that interacts between you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There are strong indications that your talents and efforts can earn you much more than usual today. You may find yourself in the right spot at the right time to apply them in an unusual manner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This could be one of those priceless days when you will be both lucky in love as well as fortunate materially. Go out and grab the world by the tail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A way to resolve a frustrating situation can be found today. The methods you'll employ might be daring and unique, but they will be just what is needed to get the job done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's a perfect day to plan something out of the ordinary for yourself with someone with whom you intend to spend the day. Surprise this person with some fun but different arrangements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you need a great deal of space to operate independently of others, today your greatest benefits will come about through situations in which you're part of a team. Join up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Being aggressive and pushing hard for what you want is one thing, but do not let people who are important to you be ignored today. Without them in your life, your happiness will be hollow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your charisma is at a high point today. It is not going to seem to matter wherever you go or whomever you are with. You will still be destined to be the center of attention.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Chance could play a very important role in your life today and have you bumping into someone you'd least expect who has something good on the burner that could include you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There's a good chance you might stumble across a bit of information today that could be put to a profitable use. However, you had better act quickly before others pick up on it.

Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. 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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E-commerce eyes Hispanics as customers

NEW YORK (AP) — While brick and mortar retailers are actively wooing the Hispanic customer, online merchants are just starting to wake up to the opportunities presented by the fast-growing segment of the U.S. population.

Office Depot Inc. and Sharper Image are among the handful of retailers that have launched sites entirely in Spanish. This past week, America Online launched its first comprehensive Spanish language national advertising campaign for TV, radio and print.

"(Hispanics) are approaching critical mass, and it is only a matter of time before companies begin to take care of this group," said Lisa Strand, an analyst at Nielsen/NetRatings, an Internet research company, which earlier this year formed a partnership with Univision, the Spanish-language media company, to more accurately track this population online.

But she said, for now, "it's still a B-list priority for many marketers."

According to comScore Networks, Inc., an Internet research company, only about 3 percent of all content on the Web is in Spanish.

The problem is that although Hispanics have been the fastest-growing segment online since last June, the percentage among Hispanic households that have Internet access — about 40 percent — still lags far behind that of non-Hispanic households, which is estimated at 70 percent, according to Nielsen/NetRatings.

According to the most recent Nielsen/NetRatings data, 12.5 million Hispanics were on the Web in March, up 17 percent from the year-ago period.

Strand noted that retailers face such challenges as costs of setting up a site as well as translating content into Spanish.

Two fliers honored at memorial service

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AP) — Family and friends of an Air Force crew that died in Iraq remembered men Friday with somber words and laughter at a memorial service in a packed hangar.

The 90-minute service honored Lt. Col. William "Salty" Watkins III, 37, and Capt. Eric "Boot" Das, 30. The lives of both officers were recalled during a slide show featuring snapshots of them with their families and friends.

Watkins of South Boston, Va., was a weapons system officer aboard an F-15E Strike Eagle that went down April 7 during a combat flight north of Baghdad. Das of Amarillo, Texas, was the pilot. The Air Force hasn't disclosed the cause of the crash.

"Boot and Salty are looking down on us right now with the biggest smiles on their faces," said Col. David Russell, commander of the 4th Fighter Wing.

"Our wing, in the conduct of Operation Iraqi Freedom, gave up two of our finest. For Boot and Salty, they will be members of the 4th Fighter Wing for eternity. We will never forget them."

Maj. Steve Lloyd, who flew with Watkins when both were in the Navy, read from an e-mail Watkins, a new father, sent from deployment.

"War is the ultimate test of military training and it does allow me to validate the last 18 years of my life. Ultimately, though, my motivation in doing this is to make the world safer for my children," he wrote. "This is the right thing to be doing now. The message needs to get through that those who inflict this kind of pain and suffering soon will have nowhere to hide."

Capt. Tom Yeager described "my bud" Das as a fun-loving prankster, recalling the time Das encouraged him to play "credit card roulette" and ended up sticking him with an $800 restaurant bill.

Flags were presented to the airmen's widows, who are both Air Force officers. After the ceremony, jets flew overhead in the missing man formation to honor the downed crew.

Das, a 1995 academy graduate, was a top pilot who had been selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base. He was born in the Netherlands, where his family was serving as missionaries, but grew up in Texas.

He earned a degree in civil engineering and was an instructor at Seymour Johnson before he headed to the Persian Gulf.

Das was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service award and Distinguished Flying Cross. He is survived by his wife, 1st Lt. Nikki Das, whom he married in October 2001.

Watkins leaves behind his wife of five years, Maj. Melissa Watkins, an intelligence officer at Seymour Johnson. They have an 11-month-old son, William, and Melissa Watkins is expecting the couple's second child in August.

Watkins grew up in South Boston, Va., and was a Navy flight officer in the A-6E Intruder and F-14A Tomcat before he joined the Air Force.

Date Books

Saturday, May 17, 2003

Today is the 137th day of 2003 and the 59th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, more than 20 merchants and brokers met under a buttonwood tree at 68 Wall Street in Manhattan to discuss the conditions and regulations of the speculative market. The result of the meeting was the Buttonwood Agreement, which laid the groundwork for establishing what is now known as the New York Stock Exchange.

On this day in 1863, Union soldiers defeated the Confederate army for the second time in as many days at the Battle of Big Black River, Miss.

On this day in 1954, the Supreme Court issued its ruling in the case Brown v. Board of Education. The Court unanimously voted that segregation of public schools "solely on the basis of race" denied black children "equal educational opportunities" even though "physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may be equal," and ruled that "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Jenner (1749-1823), physician; Dennis Hopper (1936-), actor, is 67; Ray Charles ("Sugar Ray") Leonard (1956-), boxer, is 47; Bob Saget (1956-), actor, is 47; Trent Reznor (1965-), singer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1875, the first Kentucky Derby took place at the Louisville Jockey Club (later called Churchill Downs) in Louisville, Ky.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We're all given some sort of skill in life. Mine just happens to be beating up on people." — Sugar Ray Leonard

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

Sunday, May 18, 2003

Today is the 138th day of 2003 and the 60th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1944, Allied forces captured a German bunker at the Benedictine abbey at Monte Cassino.

On this day in 1980, Mount Saint Helens, located in southwestern Washington, produced a major eruption for the first time since 1857.

On this day in 1991, Gertrude Belle Elion became the first women to be inducted as a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Elion had earlier been the co-recipient of the 1988 Nobel Prize in Medicine due to her research on leukemia-fighting drugs and the immunosuppressant Imuran, which is used in kidney transplants.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frank Capra (1897-1991), film director; Meredith Wilson (1902-1984), musician and playwright; Pope John Paul II (1920-), religious leader, is 83; George Strait (1952-), singer, is 51; Chow Yun-Fat (1955-), actor, is 48.

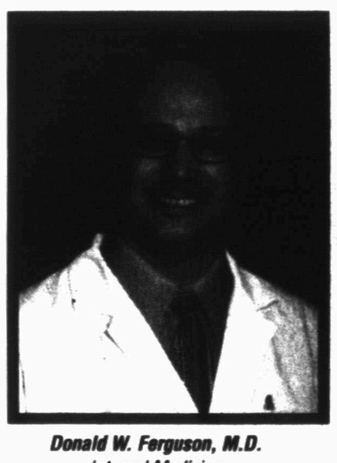
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Magic Johnson won the Most Valuable Player award, the first guard in 23 years to win the coveted award.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My advice to young filmmakers is this: Don't follow trends. Start them!" — Frank Capra

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

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STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS — Snyder High School Student Council officers for 2003 to 2004 are from left, Sarah Crawford, president; Sara Thornhill, vice president; Beth Clements, secretary; Kalli Wesson, reporter; and Samantha Moyers, treasurer. Not pictured is Christy Smith, sponsor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Rift develops in Byrd family

BEAUMONT (AP) — In the nearly five years since three men tore his father to pieces along a Jasper County road, Ross Byrd says money has done the same thing to his family.

"Money is the root of all evil," Byrd says. "Things happen. You turn your back sometimes and don't realize the big picture."

Byrd is the son of James Byrd Jr., the 49-year-old black man chained by his ankles and dragged nearly three miles behind a pickup truck by three white men during the early morning hours of June 7, 1998. The horrific crime resulted in two death penalties and one life sentence for the convicted killers and thrust a close-knit East Texas family into the world spotlight.

At the time, Ross Byrd was in basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. That summer he left for a tour in South Korea and didn't emerge from the service until 1999.

By then, he believes, large sums of money had been donated to the Byrd family, much of it intended for him and his two sisters. James Byrd Jr.'s middle child believes the older members of his family — his grandmother and aunts — cut the children out.

"We didn't know anything about (donated money)," says Byrd, 24, noting older sister Renee Mullins was in Hawaii with her serviceman husband and their younger sister, Jamie Byrd, was still in high school. "Anytime we asked anything about it, it was always, 'Why do you need to know?'"

The two sisters of James Byrd Jr., who have been de facto family spokeswomen over the years and started the James Byrd Jr. Foundation for Racial Healing, flatly deny the allegation, saying no massive pot of money ever existed. Both blame Ricky Jason, a friend of Ross Byrd's and manager and promoter of his fledgling rap career, as the antagonist behind their nephew's words.

"This is nothing to that whatsoever," said Mary Verrett, one of the Byrd sisters. "A lot of that has been spurred on by a disgruntled and vindictive person, Ricky Jason. He's been spreading those lies for the last four or five years.

"Why is this man so bent on causing more pain to the Byrd family?"

Clara Taylor echoed her sister's feeling about Jason, who partnered with the Byrds through T-shirt sales before differences between the sides resulted in a parting. Eventually, Jason said, Ross Byrd contacted him and they joined forces on a rap album this year which features photos of James Byrd Jr. on the front and back and songs reflecting on his father and opposing the death penalty.

Taylor, a schoolteacher who runs the foundation from her Houston home, said the charity has about $30,000 and spends small amounts primarily on youth projects, scholarships and expanding a Jasper park named in her brother's honor. Federal tax statements support her assertion.

"If people think money's coming in because of publicity it's not," Taylor said. "All the funds received for the children have been directed to them. I have the canceled checks to prove it."

Jason, who lives in Beaumont, defended himself.

"The bottom line is they're some dirty crooks and what they did to (the Byrd children), I wouldn't do to a dog," Jason said.

Ross Byrd, who said he doesn't have steady employment and spends his time speaking against capital punishment and on his music, said he his living with his mother and sister Renee in relative poverty in Lufkin. In addition, he believes the cable network Showtime should have consulted him before producing a feature film about his father's murder. The movie, "Jasper, Texas," debuts June 8.

"It ain't about cashing in," Ross Byrd said. "It's respect that needs to be shown."

On behalf of the Byrd children, Jason said he's been working for years trying to get Showtime to ante up as it planned the movie.

David Stern, a senior vice president at the network, recalls Jason as the person "trying to shake us down" over the project. Stern, reached this week at his Los Angeles office, said the highly covered story was almost entirely in the public record and Showtime didn't believe it needed to buy rights from anyone in the Byrd family.

However, Showtime did make a contribution to the Byrd charity "because we wanted to be cooperative," Stern said.



ATTEND CONVENTION — Snyder High School Student Council members who attended the state convention are (standing) Bryan Clifton, Cale Lancaster, (kneeling left to right) Kiki Wofford, Aeryal Peoples, Morgan Bilderback, Kalli Wesson, Student Council treasurer; Will Davis, Student Council president; and (front) Chris Smauley. (Contributed Photo)

SHS Student Council attends convention

The Snyder High School Student Council recently attended the Texas Association of Student Councils State Convention in Arlington.

The students not only met more than 4,000 other student council members from around the state, but they also learned more about fund raising ideas, teacher appreciation, community projects, and school spirit.

The trip also included fun activities such as a Rangers game and Six Flags.

Christy Smith, student council sponsor, Charlotte Clifton and Janet Davis attended the convention.

Students who attended are Bryan Clifton, Cale Lancaster, Kiki Wofford, Aeryal Peoples, Morgan Bilderback, Kalli Wesson, Will Davis and Chris Smauley.

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Student Council officers have been elected for 2003-2004. They include Sarah Crawford, president; Sara Thornhill, vice president; Beth Clements, secretary; Kalli Wesson, reporter; and Samantha Moyers, treasurer.

SHS Student Council is a member of the Texas Association of Student Councils. These newly elected officers will attend a leadership-training course this June at Angelo State University.

Officers and members will also attend a fall forum and a spring forum next school year.

Salmon's celebrity, taste may not overcome penny pinching

SEATTLE (AP) — Every year, salmon evade predators, cut through stiff ocean currents and stare down their own mortality as they charge up Alaska's turbulent Copper River to spawn.

This year, the celebrity Copper River chinook and sockeye faced a tougher challenge as the first salmon of the season hit grocery stores Thursday: an economy of penny-pinchers.

"It's not necessarily flying out of here," said Joel Fahland, seafood manager at a Seattle Thriftway grocery store. "It's kind of hard to justify paying $25-$36 for two people."

The season, which started Wednesday, marks the beginning of shipments of chinook, sockeye, coho, chum and pink salmon from Alaska. Copper River salmon — by virtue of marketing, timing and taste — have gained celebrity status.

But this year, there's less hype. Alaska Airlines had announced it would dedicate 18 jets for flying the salmon south. On Thursday, only 10 planes were needed to shuttle in about 180,000 pounds.

In the Northwest, at least, restaurateurs and others were cautious.

"Typically in this economy, the high-end things have been a little harder to move and Copper River is definitely a high-end item," said chef Tom Douglas, owner of three upscale Seattle restaurants. "I'll be curious if indeed it is as big as it always is."

In the past, he said, people inquire if Copper River salmon has arrived before making reservations. But at about $30 an entree, Douglas said, "how much business is that going to drive?"

Copper River salmon, ranging from $12.99 a pound for sockeye to $28.99 for chinook, also stands out compared to farmed salmon which — while lacking the flavor and texture of the premium wild fish — sell for only a few dollars a pound.

The popularity of the Copper River catch may be partly to blame for the high price, said Bill Jones, purchasing manager for Pacific Seafood of Washington, which distributes fish to restaurants and wholesalers in several Western states.

"The Copper River used to be more focused in the Northwest, and it's definitely become more national," he said, which means fewer fish spread among more customers. "It's always a challenge to be able to source enough product to make people happy."

The price didn't dampen Anna Bero's enthusiasm. She called Pike Place Fish to make sure they had chinook in stock and took her lunch break to pick up a pound at $28.99. It's steep, but worth the money, she said.

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Letters to the editor

Congratulations

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere congratulations to the Snyder High School Girls and Boys Golf Teams.

What an amazing finish to a fantastic season, and to top off their high school career with dual state championships in their senior year, truly defines their place in Snyder and Texas athletic history.

To have both teams in the same sport advance to the state finals and win state championships in the same year is the stuff that legends are made of.

It defines the commitment of the athletes, coaches, SISD, and the parents of the fantastic young men and women that comprise the SHS golf teams.

What a legacy each of you has enshrined in SHS history. Your memories will be priceless as you continue down the road of life.

You were "awesome' this year. Enjoy the fruits of your hard work and savor the good times, friendships, and the great shots that each of you contributed in your drive to win a state championship.

To Matt, Ricky and Cody, your dedication and leadership culminated in the highest coaching honor you will ever receive — a State Championship. I can assure you that your leadership was the defining ingredient in your teams' success in the state tournament. Talent without direction is talent wasted. Talent with direction results in great accomplishments in any profession you choose.

I personally am very proud that you chose to coach in Snyder.

Respectfully
Milton Ham



Poor Rix's Almanac by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Dear Poor Rix: One of my favorite children's stories is "The Three Little Pigs." Does it have a hidden meaning? – Hog Wild.

Poor Rix searched his sources – a volume of fairy tales plus several comic books – and discovered many versions of this classic.

An old sow supports three grown sons. She tires of feeding them, and tells the boys to go "seek your fortune." This means "Get a job, you slovenly swine."

Instead of sharing an apartment, the guys wander off in different directions.

Pig # 1 quickly builds a straw home and straw bed. The lazy hog then falls asleep on it, and invents the term "hitting the hay."

Suddenly a hungry wolf pounds the door. "Let me in, or I'll blow your house down," Wolf demands. When Piggy hesitates, the wolf simply exhales, and the house crumbles. Uninsured, Piggy escapes.

Pig # 2 constructs a one-room shack of rotting wood, a real hog sty. Then that loony wolf shows up, claims he's a potential buyer, and demands a tour.

When Pig # 2 refuses, Wolf threatens to howl the house down…which he does. This proves that "his bark is worse than the blight."

Pig # 3 wisely buys bricks on credit, and creates a cool home with an open fireplace. Wolf tries to blow it down, but hyperventilates.

He climbs to the roof, and enters the chimney. But Pig # 3 places a boiling soup pot on the fire. Wolf ends up with his rump roasted, and learns that improper swine selection can spoil a meal.

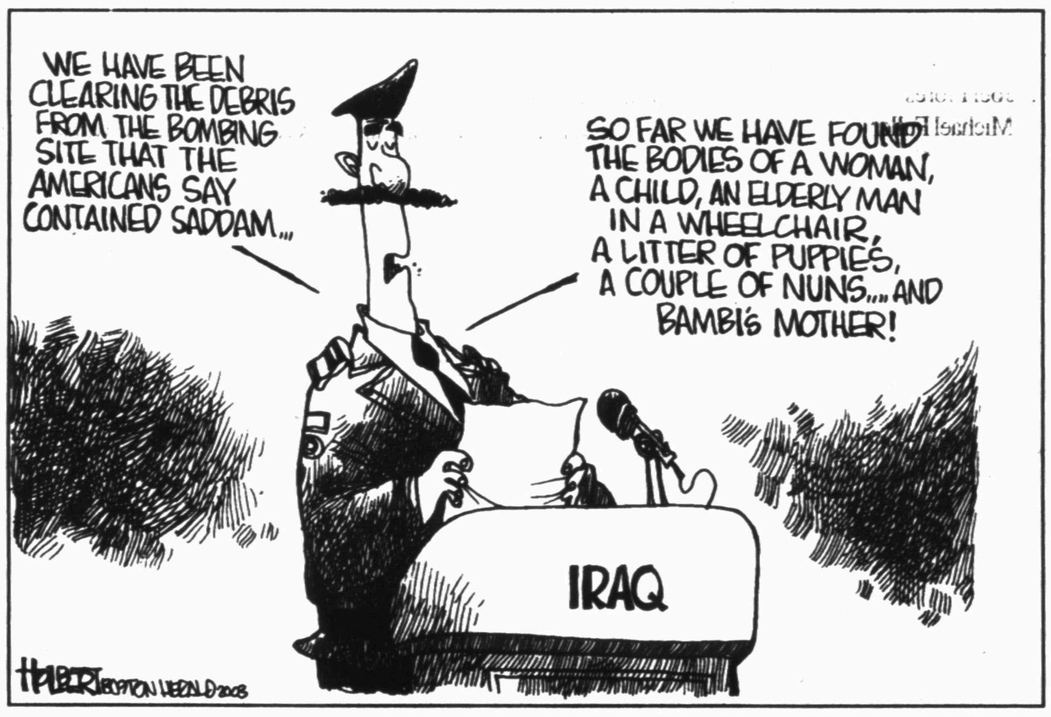
Moral: If you don't hit the hay or bark up the wrong tree, you can boar folks with your pig tales.

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

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Snyder ISD	5
Ira ISD	4
City of Snyder	2
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	0





'The skittish are coming the skittish are coming'

By Joe Klock, Sr.

"Political correctness," the mother of all oxymorons, is the stamping ground of excitable nitpickers who get their shorts or panties in a bunch at any reference that can, however remotely, be inferred as a verbal slap at any person, place or thing in the universe.

I join them, of course, in condemning the use of such ugly pejoratives as the "n" word, although I note with some dismay the fact that it is being perpetuated by many of the black stand-up comedians on cable TV.

Neither have I any fondness for boorish references to physical, mental, emotional, or ethnic characteristics that are hurtful to others.

That said, there is such a thing as well-intended campaigns that go too far, as is demonstrated by extreme do-gooders and Pecksniffian finger-pointers on a daily basis.

As a working wordsmith, I am resistive of those who mess with the tools of my beloved trade. I have gone along with most quarantines of words and phrases that were formerly acceptable, but are now frowned upon in polite and politic society, although admittedly pushing the envelope when some regressive devil makes me do it.

Some of the restrictions being suggested by the linguistic superscrupes are downright silly, and I will continue to ignore and/or poke fun at them - such idiocies as referring to a meeting leader as "the chair" and banning the use of "lady" when describing a "woman." (Sorry, folks, but there always was and always will be a distinction!)

Occasionally, and perhaps deservedly, I have been taken to the woodshed of propriety for excessive envelope-pushing, but it was always in pursuit of innocent merriment, legitimate satire, or both. Mea culpa - it's who and what I am, and writers who can't take the heat should hang up their goose-quill pens. (Okay, a strained metaphor, but I couldn't work in "kitchens.")

Gotta tell ya, though, I was both taken aback and affronted when, for the first time in hundreds of submissions, my column was rejected recently by a publication's filter, which "detected sensitive content," non-specifically citing a violation of the paper's policy on "dirty words."

Well, now, I'll confess to a few brief strolls across the border of good taste, but every word of my every column is reviewed by my first wife and next-to-last daughter, neither of whom has ever hesitated to take me to "Tsk!" when they thought I needed it.

But dirty words? I hastened to scan the offending column and found only one suspect reference.

The offending term, apparently, was "boob tube," innocently intended to describe the electronic baby-sitter-for-all-ages that has supplanted conversation and human (make that "huperson") bonding in American family life.

The pectoral connotation of "boob," however, got caught in the newspaper's filtering craw, which rejected the column with nary a stroke of the editor's blue pencil, since shehe never got to see it..

This projects the horrifying image of a future time when only words with single entendre will slip by the cyber-sentry that will have replaced live newspaper monitors.

Might be an unrelated matter, but a sneak attack is being mounted on our young people by "The Language Police," according to a new book by Diane Ravitch. In it, she charges (and documents) that the skittish alarmists cited above are systematically purging K-12 reading materials of all words that can be inferred as insensitive to people who are male, female, old, short, tall, fat, skinny, handicapped, weak, stupid, or of any identifiable ethnic origin.

They not only favor deletion of the blatantly coarse epithets mentioned at the top of this piece, but recommend such ridiculous substitutions as "framers" for the supposedly sexist "founding fathers" and "woodcutter" for "lumberjack."

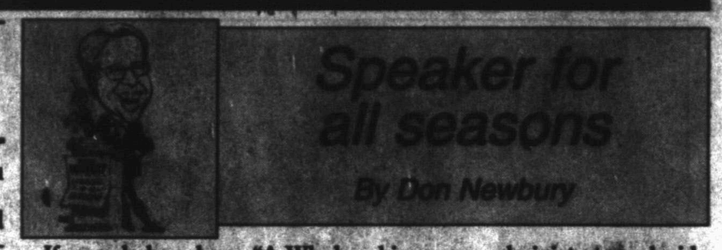
Other sanitized substitutions include community for brotherhood, one-person performance for one-man band, elf for fairy, snowperson for snowman, intellectual for bookworm, more mature for elderly and a switcheroo of billing for the stars in the biblical story of creation, henceforth to be known as "Eve and Adam."

That last adjustment supposedly would "demonstrate that males do not take priority over females" (as if we didn't already know this in our heart of hearts). What this does to the story about Adam's rib is not mentioned, nor is God as yet known to have weighed in on the subject.

Other traditional figures criticized include Disney's seven dwarfs (unkind to the vertically challenged) and Mickey Mouse (rodents perceived as frightening to youngsters).

Hey, I don't mind it too much when political correctness erodes my repertoire of Mike-and Ike jokes, or attacks my latent male chauvinism, but I rebel when my wonderful world of words is subverted by every Tom, Richard and Harry who thinks he smells a rat in the Magic Kingdom...or should that be "Imaginary Commune?"

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Speaker for all seasons

By Don Newbury

If one shakes down "A Whole Lotta Shaking Going On," much ground is covered — from rock-and-roller Jerry Lee Lewis to descriptions of earthquakes and end time prophesies.

It also describes chapter-closing handshakes for some 300,000 people crossing Texas stages this month as they receive diplomas and degrees.

Graduates are more than happy to shake the hand of bestowers, and novices among the latter group who forget to remove rings, or who become victims of bone-crushing handshakes, also have much yet to learn....

Educators, I think, gave impetus to the National Day of Prayer being in May. Teachers are ready for a stop-out, seniors want to get out and parents are willing to "shell out," spending whatever is necessary for their kids' end of school events/gifts/memorabilia.

Many of them are praying – National Day of Prayer or not –just to make it through this time of year. Big time prayer in May makes sense — like it makes sense for church enlistment the week after — not the week before — Dr. Billy Graham comes to town....

We've been making a fuss over graduations since the 12th century AD, albeit biggest fusses arguably starting in the 20th Century. Druids and Celts introduced such exercises, long before project graduations, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, proms, baccalaureate services – scheduled all over May calendars — were added. Then, the crescendo—Graduation Day.

Prospective graduates are rehearsed, graduation speakers engaged, diplomas ordered, pronunciations checked and arenas booked (often years in advance) so one hassle can be eliminated — the one about limiting the number of attendees allowed per prospective grad. Programs are proofed and re-proofed; woe unto that person who misspells a grad's name in the program you can't know the players without! Yes, weeks before the shakin,' there's a whole lotta planning and praying go on....

For the majority of all seniors–as well as about all parents and school people –they– like the father of the bride taking the financial "hit" for the wedding – just want the program to be vanilla, average, ordinary. Let them progress without hitches, and with zero embarrassment. Sometimes, they do. And sometimes they don't.

"I am grateful for those full sleeves in the robe," said Dr. Russell Dilday, longtime president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He said that one graduate, during the handshake, palmed off a banana on the good doctor. "I had the good sense to let it slide down into my sleeve," Dr. Dilday said.

Next time you're at a graduation, notice the robe sleeve of the presenter's right arm. It may well be weighted down by marbles, and other things.

Prayers go up for indoor ceremonies that microphones will work, air-conditioners will hold up, and that diplomas and recipients come out even. Never you mind if there are crying babies, mice let loose during the commencement address or air horns going off like civil defense sirens. (The more officials plea for decorum, the less likely it is to be achieved.) When crowds get too big, some administrators decide to head for stadiums, where little may be heard, but many may be seated. Rain, so often prayed for in Texas, is asked to be held in abeyance for a couple of hours. And, like Indian rain dances, sometimes it works; often it does not.

Sometimes, the weirdest things occur. At Howard Payne University, during the first commencement exercises held following my retirement, Brownwood Coliseum was filled to the rafters by some 4,000 people.

Somehow, doors, fore and aft, were opened at the same time, creating a draft that blew over a 15-foot tall backdrop just before the program started. Platform personalities crawled out, unharmed, like clowns from under a circus tent. Only egos were hurt. The audience laughed; the day was saved.

A teacher once said, "There is no such thing as a bad short speech." (Listen up, graduation speakers.) Some years ago, the inimitable Dr. Theodore S. Geisel, better known as Dr.Seuss, made the following remarks to college graduates, nothing more, nothing less:

"My Uncle Terwilliger on the Art of Eating Popovers"

My uncle ordered popovers from the restaurant's bill of fare.

And when they were served he regarded them with a penetrating stare.

Then he spoke great words of wisdom as he sat there on that chair:

"To eat these things," said my uncle,

"You must exercise great care. You may swallow down what's solid...But first spit out the air!"

And as you partake of the world's bill of fare, that's darned good advice to follow. Do a lot of spitting out of hot air.

"And be careful what you swallow."

Graduates – and the rest of us – need to remember the admonitions of speakers – that is, do as they say, and not as they do. Take Dr. Bill Bennett, former Secretary of Education and author of best-selling *The Book of Virtues*. Red-faced in recent days during admission of his fondness for gambling, Dr. Bennett has promised never to gamble again – a promise that is closing some doors and opening others. Casino operators have lowered flags to half staff, but swinging open the door of profits are Simon and Schuster, who figure odds at least 8/5 for having another best-seller in Bennett's next book, *The BOOKIE of Virtues*....

Whatever happens at your ceremony. Try to relax. This, too, will pass. In Pascagoula, Miss., the "First Self-Righteous Church" still functions, despite having some straightening up to do after order was restored. Maybe Ray Stevens will write a song about your graduation when he learns of antics there that make the Mississippi squirrel seem plumb tame....

Dr. Don Newbury, former president of Western Texas College, is now an author and speaker. His current book is *When the Porch Light's On*.

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219 Students named to Academic Honors Lists

Fifty-seven students were named to the President's List for the fall 2001 semester at Western Texas College. The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC. To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Eighty-four students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Seventy-eight students were named to the Merit List. To qualify for Merit List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 and less than 12 hours of course work.

President's List

Meagan Bailey
Alex Best
David Bilderback
Jason Bond
Gloria Cato
Stormy Clark
Mary Collier
Harrison Druesedow
Kristen Early
Jeremy Eaton
Ramona Embry
Timothy Escobedo
Jay Finley
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Kit Yee Ho
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Chevis Howell
Rustem Ibrashev
Kazuhiro Inoue
Shinichiro Ito
Jennifer James
Corey Knipe
Jeremee Lester
Juan Manuel Lopes
Edward Lowry
Rikki Mathis
Greg McQuirk
Raphael Morales
Joshua Panneck
Carcie Posey
Jeffrey Proctor
Carly Pyburn
Samuel Ramirez-Calvo
Donald Robertson
Amber Russell
Jessie Salas
Leslie Schmidt
Nicholas Schwartz
Keeli Shoemake
Justin Simmons
Sam Spreadborough
Tasha Stevenson
Jennifer Terrell
William Tinkler
Michael Ulm
Michael Wallace
Brandon Walls
Blake Ward
Dustin Whitson
Yee Man Yu

Dean's List

Marienoelle Bailly
Ryan Ballard
Desiree Bates
Richard Beckhorn
Robert Boyd
Megan Braddock
Jason Brewer
Loryn Brown
Deidra Burleson
Pedroza Carattini
Cody Carter
Leslea Chance
Travis Clark
Trent Cormier
Sarah Cox
Kasey Crill

Dean's List (cont'd)

Eric DeLeon
Glenis Duke
Robert Ehrke
Michael English
Brittany Euton
Manuela Fernandez
Norma Garcia
Matthew Graves
Joel Guedea
Christopher Gulley
Marcos Gustavo
Jacob Harrison
Tyrrell Henley
Christopher Hensley
Melissa Hester
Steven Johnson
Brandy Jordan
Hisashi Kawakami
Shawna Kempf
Joshua Key
Thomas Koehl
Tyson Kubena
Susan Lara
Valerie Lara
Autumn Levens
Randus London
Terrence Marshall
Justin McBroom
Sarah McLaughlin
Justin McMurtrey
Matthew Meyers
Jeremy Miller
Ryatt Minchew
Tiffanie Moore
Carmen Morin
Jeffrey Murray
Tyler Neves
Jennifer Newman
Ross Nieman
Chase Nobles
Jamie Nowlin
William Osburn
Matthew Owen
Patricia Parker
Brodie Pierce
Heather Pokrant
Kayla Posey
Tara Price
Carmelita Ramirez
Joshua Regian
Trey Roberson
Pete Rodriguez
Artie Rollins
Maria Rostro
Ashley Ryan
Nathan Shrode
Nathan Smith
Kristi Sterling
Jimmie Tate
Tiffany Taylor
Jarrett Thornton
Cade Tucker
Douglas Walls
Kyle Waltisperger
Deon Wardell
Stephanie Wardlaw
Lonnie White
Jason Williams
Felicia Youngclaus

Merit List

Korie Rawlins
Rana Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Raymond Arnett

Merit List (cont'd)

Jackie Beccue
Chaile Bowman
Jeramy Bray
Lawrence Briscoe
Lisandra Bueno
Matthew Bullock
Joshua Butler
Adrian Cano
Christopher Cisneros
Robbie Clark
Fred Courtney
Heather Crawford
Patricia Daniel
William Davis
Kellie Dodson
Rebecca Drake
Bryan Durham
Joseph Engelhardt
Manuel Estrada
Christopher Faz
Joel Flores
Michael Fuller
Desiree Garcia
Deanna Goff
Christina Goswick
Lisa Gray
Stafford Gray
Amanda Hartzog
Evan Heinze
Norman Hicklin
Rachel Hoelscher
Wyndell Inman
Chelsea Jones
Shannon Jones
Thomas Jones
Whitney Jones
John Lindsey
Marty Love
Monica Lozano
Levi Mandrell
Terry Martin
Claudia Martinez
Eddie McAnally
Robert McCoy
Cole Mcleod
Cassandra Messick
Andrew Murrell
Cindy Nachlinger
Logan Jauert
Alan Neal
Cary Nichols
Jennifer Palacios
Kyung Park
Alejandro Perez
Elijah Perez
Hailey Putnam
Justin Rinehart
Travis Robinson
Armando Rocha
Bridget Sanchez
Samuel Schiwart
Afton Schwertner
Christopher Smith
Keenan Stringer
Efrain Suarez
Afton Sutter
Grace Valadez
Grady Vickers
Johnny Waits
Robin Ward
Clay Williams
David Willingham
Alfred Wolfgramm
Bo Young
Esther Zamarripa

Alcala and Fare receive degrees from Midwestern



Snyder residents Raul Alcala and Helen Fare received their B.A.A.S degrees during spring commencement exercises last week at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. Both completed their degrees through a partnership between Midwestern and WTC, which allows students to earn sixty-nine hours of the 124-hour degree at WTC with the remaining coursework completed over the Internet.

Alcala, who was recently named Assistant Director of Workforce Education for the college, said he was very happy to have completed his degree, "Getting an education is difficult and expensive," he said, so it feels like a dream has become a reality. When I was traveling to Texas State Technical College, I was spending $240 a month in gasoline, so taking the classes to earn my Bachelor's online helped not only to save the money on gasoline but also to take those classes in my free time."

Fare is the wife of WTC GLT instructor, Sam Fare. "The aspect I liked best is not being tied to a particular class time," she said, "I worked my classes around my own schedule. It takes a lot of discipline, but you don't have the travel time, and it's more personalized since you get out of it what you put into it."

Appropriations affect CC Funding

Community colleges are opening the doors of higher education to hundreds of thousands of Texans. Over the past two years, community college enrollment has grown by 70,000 students to a total record enrollment last fall of 509,201 students. Nearly every college in the state has reported continued record enrollment this spring.

That's good news for the state. Students who are pursuing transfer and technical programs at community colleges today ensure that Texas has an educated work force tomorrow.

Community colleges work for Texas by stimulating the economy, leveraging taxpayer dollars, generating return of government investments and increasing the earning power of individuals.

A recent study commissioned by the Texas Association of Community Colleges and The Houston Endowment confirms that:

• For every $1 invested, community colleges return $18 to the state economy, including $3 in tax revenue.

• Community colleges have a $13.1 billion annual impact on the state economy, accounting for 350,000 jobs and a savings of $276 million in health and public safety costs.

As our elected officials in Austin have gone through the difficult process of developing a state budget, two different plans have emerged.

Under the leadership of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, the Texas Senate has found a way to minimize the damage done to community colleges in the appropriations process.

The Senate bill recognizes the growing momentum by recommending $1.5 billion for community colleges, limiting the appropriation reduction to 4.4 percent. The Senate recommendation is $90 million above the level in the House appropriation bill.

The appropriation recommended by the Senate will help community college districts continue to:

• "Close the Gaps" by providing an affordable higher education to more than 500,000 students each year, including 78 percent of all minority college students in Texas.

Enrollment at Western Texas College increased 32 percent in the past year.

The diversity of the student body reflects the demographics of the community. On average, 1.3 percent of the student body is African-American; 22.4 percent is Hispanic; .8 percent is Asian.

•Keep programs and classes open, enabling students to get the courses they need to enter the workforce.

Reductions in current year state appropriations forced Western Texas College to cancel the MayMester session. In addition, 12.6 percent fewer classes are being offered this summer.

• Respond quickly to local needs, including work force training for economic development initiatives.

When Lorber Industries moved to Snyder, WTC held classes to help train its new employees.

The college has also provided customized continuing education training Kinder-Morgan and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

• Ensure that Texas has an educated work force when companies look to our state for relocation and expansion.

A Conference Committee comprised of five members from both the Senate and the House of Representatives is now reviewing differences in the Appropriations Bill.

As the deliberations continue, we encourage members to adopt the Senate version of HB1 for community college funding.

Fare receives 5-year pin

During WTC's recent awards banquet, GLT instructor, Sam Fare was regretfully left off the program to receive his 5 year award. Sam began working for WTC in August of 1998 as an instructor in the Golf/Landscape Program. He came to WTC with 23 years experience in the landscape, irrigation, and grounds maintenance fields. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University majoring in Park Administration. WTC President, Greg Williams noted Fare's contribution to the college, "On a personal note, I value Sam's friendship and the work he continues to do here at WTC."



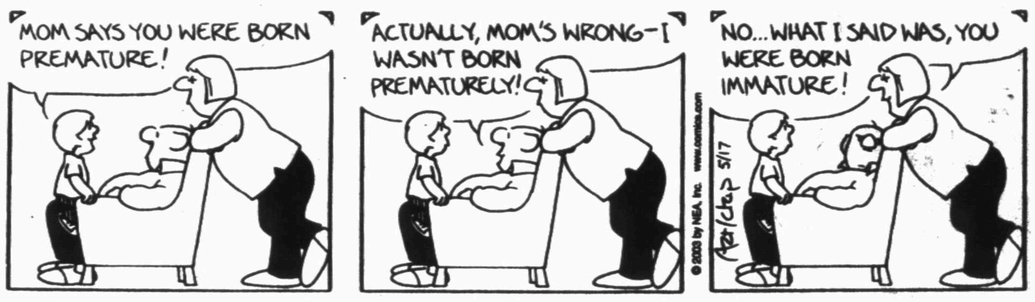
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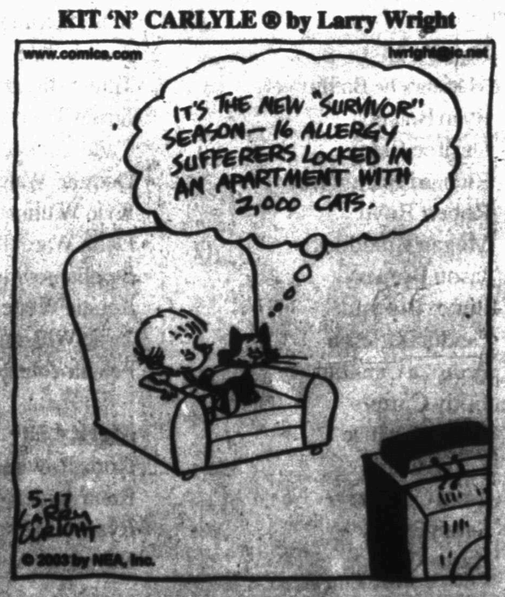


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"Who ordered the giant clams?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



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12 Out loud
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20 Dawn goddess
21 Ashen
22 Colorado tree
25 Jet's home
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33 That ship
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36 Poker card
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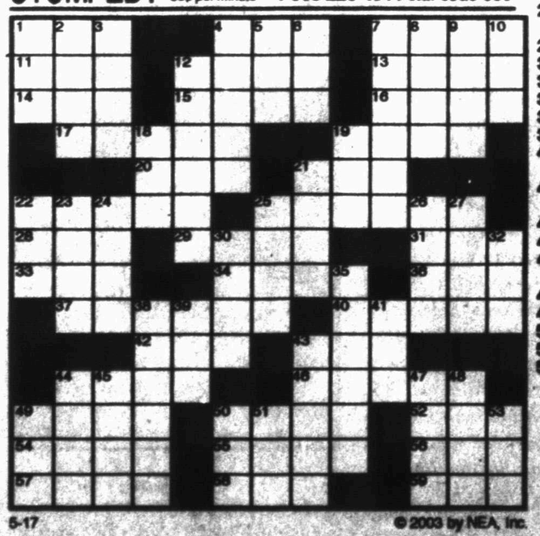
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12 Some pearls
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19 Beige
21 Ford a river
22 Sigh of content
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24 Andes nation
25 Rushed off
26 Melville captain
27 Paddy crop
30 Eve's boy
32 Computer key
35 Lots
38 Infant's wear
39 "So long!"
41 Crumb toter
43 Come to — (settle)
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47 Famous lioness
48 Brawl
49 Dogma
50 Entreat
51 Fuse word
53 Cadge

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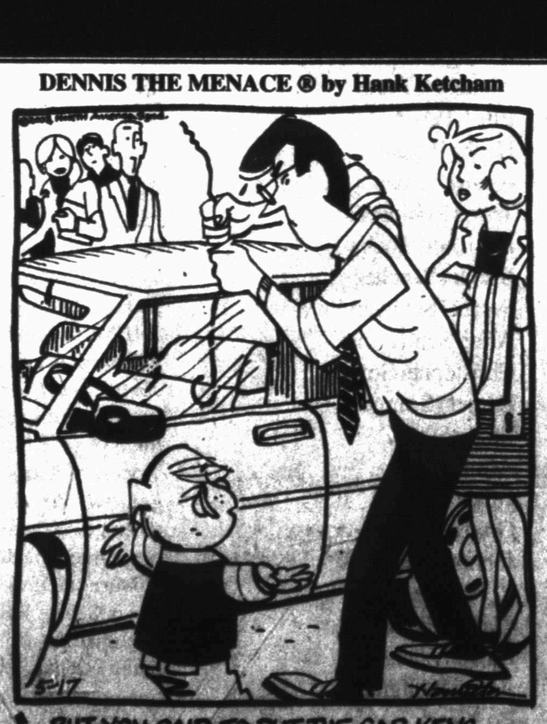
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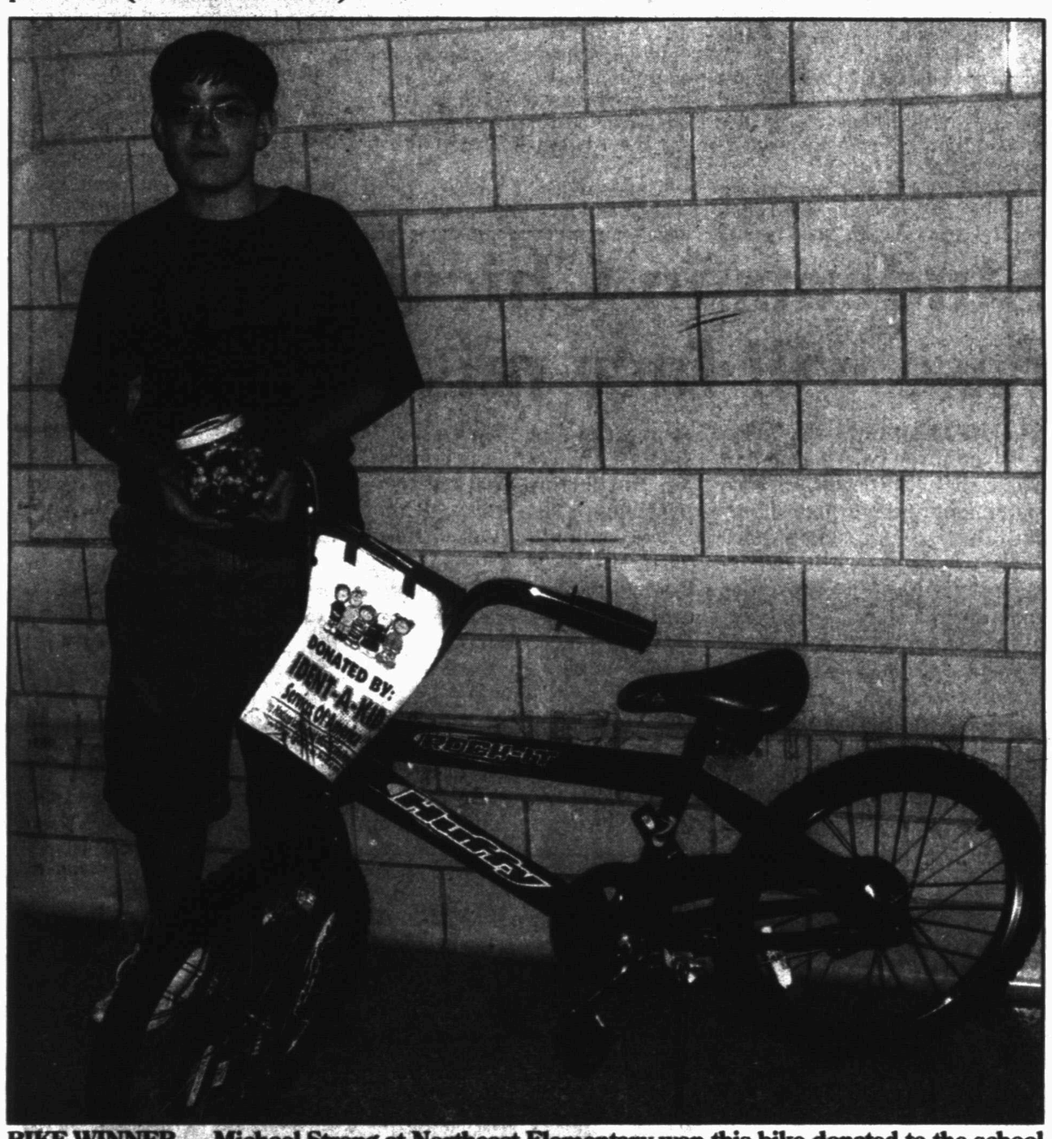




IRA NHS OFFICERS — Ira National Honor Society officers for 2003-2004 are from left Jess Wall, treasurer; Lindsey Wilson, secretary; Amanda Calley, vice president; and Jake Barnes, president. (Contributed Photo)



LIBRARY DONATION — The 12 sponsors of East Elementary School's wall murals raised $1,500 for the library. Brian Moffett, left, presented the check to librarian Kay Henson and Elizabeth Gray, Parent Council member. Other council members shown in back are from left. Jodi Hayley, Sue Tabor and Brenda Davis. Sponsors include the chamber, East Elementary, Wilson Motors, Big Country Autoland, Southern Electric, Patterson-UTI, Quick Auto, Cogdell Hospital, Forsan Orthodontics, Stevenson Real Estate, WSI, Calvary Baptist and Kwik Kar. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



BIKE WINNER — Michael Strong at Northeast Elementary won this bike donated to the school by Ident-a-Kid, an organization that fingerprints students each year for identification purposes should they become missing. To win, he had to correctly guess how many M&Ms were in the jar. He guessed 950 and the actual total was 963. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Nearly 3 million young salmon suffocate

EMBDEN, Maine (AP) — Fire destroyed a hatchery, killing nearly 3 million young Atlantic salmon that suffocated when the flames damaged the pumps supplying them with oxygen.

The fire broke out Thursday night in the mechanical room at the Kennebec Hatchery of Atlantic Salmon of Maine, the state's largest aquaculture business. The pumping system supplied fresh water to the approximately 100 circular tanks holding the fish outside.

Company officials had no immediate estimate of the monetary loss. The cause of the fire was under investigation. No injuries were reported.

The hatchery, about 120 miles north of Portland, contained 740,000 Atlantic salmon smolt ready for transfer to ocean pens, as well as 2.1 million Atlantic salmon fry that were to be stocked in ocean pens this fall and next spring.

On May 9, a federal judge in Portland found the company in civil contempt for violating a court order that barred it from stocking smolt in its pens.

The order arose from an environmental lawsuit that accused Atlantic Salmon of Maine and another salmon farming business of discharging pollutants such as excess feed, feces and medication into the ocean without a permit.

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Dallas teen's killer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Bruce Charles Jacobs was executed Thursday evening for using a butcher knife to fatally hack a Dallas boy on the victim's 16th birthday almost 17 years ago.

Jacobs recited by memory as his last statement the 23rd Psalm that begins "The Lord is my shepherd" and ends with "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Raising his head off the gurney and turning to four friends watching from an adjacent room, Jacobs thanked them for "being there with me all these years and supporting me." He also thanked the media for "being nice to me," then urged his friends to "take care of yourself and y'all stay strong."

At 6:17 p.m., six minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing, he was pronounced dead.

Jacobs, 56, was condemned for the slaying of Conrad Harris at the teenager's home near Southern Methodist University July 22, 1986. His lethal injection was the 15th this year in Texas.

A medical examiner testified Harris had been stabbed at least 24 times in an "overkill" and lost half of his blood supply in the attack. Part of the knife blade was broken in the frenzy and was imbedded in the boy's body.

"This is one of those cases, if there was ever a death penalty case, in my mind this is one," Dan Haygood, one of the prosecutors at Jacobs' trial, recalled this week. "The most horrific part was his father heard the boy screaming and found Jacobs cutting him."

With Hugh Harris providing the eyewitness identification of Jacobs as his son's killer, a Dallas County jury convicted Jacobs of capital murder and decided he should be put to death.

"He's a brutal murderer without a conscience," Harris told The Dallas Morning News, "I'll be satisfied to see the circle closed."

Jacobs, who worked mostly as a dishwasher and had a criminal history of violence with knives and razor blades, acknowledged he was in the Harris house at 6:30 that morning but said another intruder in the house at the same time was to blame for the killing.

"I'm going to get executed for something I didn't do," he said recently from death row. "Somebody jumped me from behind... I left and went home. I didn't know there was a murder until three days later."

The victim's stepmother, Holly Kuper, told authorities a man matching Jacobs' description tried to push his way into her house the morning before the murder but she managed to get the door locked and called police.

"Our theory was Bruce came back the next night and meant to assault her but the father was home and he just turned his attention to killing the boy," Haygood said.

Harris and his wife gave police information for a sketch of the suspect and a taxi driver told authorities the drawing looked like a customer he had the morning of the killing. Jacobs was remembered for his beard and a Panama hat that he wore.

Jacobs, still wearing the hat but recently shaven, was arrested inside a convenience store.

At his Dallas apartment, police found a $100 bill identified as missing from Kuper's purse. Jacobs' fingerprints were found on other knives at the Harris home.

No late appeals to the courts were filed. Jacobs' lawyer said his client was mentally ill but couldn't prove he was mentally retarded, which would make him ineligible for execution under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Fibrillation requires anticoagulation

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 54, with atrial fibrillation, coronary artery spasms and mitral valve prolapse. I am being treated with Norpace, lanoxin and aspirin. While my coronary arteries don't appear to be blocked, my carotid arteries are. Am I receiving proper therapy? What can I expect in the future?

DEAR READER: You have a complicated situation that, in my opinion, should be treated more aggressively.

To begin with, spasm of normal coronary arteries may lead to periodic lack of oxygen to the heart muscle, resulting in angina (cardiac chest pain) and an irregular pulse, such as atrial fibrillation.

These spasms can be prevented by using nitroglycerine, which is available by prescription in many forms, depending on your needs. The regular use of this medicine should substantially eliminate your episodes of angina.

More important is your atrial fib, a cardiac abnormality that greatly increases the risk of stroke. Aspirin itself is not strong enough to prevent this serious complication, for which most authorities urge the use of warfarin (Coumadin), an anti-coagulant. In my view, your doctor should prescribe this therapy.

Your cardiac problems are further aggravated by mitral valve prolapse, a floppy or weak portion of one of the heart's valves. The cause is unknown, but MVP is more common in women and is associated with a murmur (an extra heart sound) and a tendency to bouts of a rapid, irregular pulse.

You seem to be receiving appropriate therapy for this. Norpace reduces cardiac irritability and lanoxin strengthens the heartbeat and slows the pulse. With continued use of your medications — plus warfarin — your prognosis for further heart problems is favorable.

I am not as optimistic about the blockage of your carotid arteries, the paired, large blood vessels in your neck that supply nutrition to the brain. Because of arteriosclerotic plaque, the linings of the carotid arteries become roughened (as well as narrowed), a situation that can lead to blood clots that are carried to the brain causing stroke. Again, warfarin is the recommended medical therapy to prevent this complication — a second compelling reason for you to be taking this medication.

If your carotid arteries are severely obstructed, you may be a candidate for a reaming-out procedure (endarterectomy). Although it is not without risk of complications (such as stroke), the operation is often a successful method of removing plaque and re-establishing adequate circulation to the brain. Ask your doctor about this and, in particular, raise the issue of warfarin therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 35 and still have my tonsils. For several months, the right tonsil has been secreting grayish white crumbs, and the surface of the tonsil has a bad odor. Is this normal, or should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: You appear to have chronic tonsillitis.

The tonsils are lymph glands in the throat. They are believed to play an important role in the immune system by helping the body develop defenses against upper respiratory infection. In childhood, they may become inflamed, swollen, painful and covered with thick white pus. This is acute tonsillitis.

After repeated bouts of acute infection, the tonsils can become scarred and lumpy; crevices and crypts develop, providing an ideal environment for bacterial growth. This results in deep, chronic infection: crypts plugged with whitish, hard deposits that are usually the size of a grain of rice but may be as large as the head of a hatpin — and are rank. They can be coughed up or may work themselves out of the tonsils.

Because such infection lies deep within the tonsils, antibiotic therapy is not as effective as it is in acute tonsillitis. Surgery may help.

I suggest that you be examined by an otolaryngologist who can assess the degree of infection and advise you about tonsillectomy. Although chronic tonsillitis is not a health hazard, it can cause fatigue, listlessness, sore throat, swollen glands, fever and wicked halitosis. Many adult patients feel much healthier once their infected tonsils are removed, although the procedure appears to be more uncomfortable for adults than it is for children.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is eating just before going to bed considered bad for one's health? I customarily dine around 10 p.m., then retire about 30 minutes later.

DEAR READER: I am not aware that the habit of eating just before bedtime affects health. Many people, especially those in Europe, do it and seem to suffer no adverse consequences. Although some late-night eaters may experience abdominal distress, bloating and heartburn if they retire after a heavy meal, most of us are not affected by this practice.

I would, however, caution overweight people or patients on restricted diets for weight-loss to avoid this pattern. If the calories consumed are not counterbalanced by an increased metabolism to burn them, such calories will be stored as fat. For example, the calories in breakfast are used as energy for the morning's activities, however slight. The calories in lunch provide energy for afternoon activity. Although dinner (regardless of time) is rarely followed by strenuous activity, customary eating times are at least counterbalanced by some activity. In contrast, eating right before retiring produces significant calories that are not used for energy and can, therefore, only be stored as fat.

Ideally, someone in your situation ought to shovel snow, walk on a treadmill or engage in other strenuous activity 30 to 60 minutes after eating. But, let's face it: That won't happen.

Consequently, I advise you to space out your calories during the day — a good breakfast and a solid lunch — followed by a light supper. This plan should minimize the negative after-effects of late-night dining.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At age 13, I began getting in shape by lifting weights, doing cross-country biking and swimming. Now, at age 23, I'm still as thin as a rail, weigh 140 pounds and stand 5 feet 10 inches. I confess that at times I don't eat enough and have been trying to alter that habit. Why do some people resemble Charles Atlas and others never bulge anywhere?

DEAR READER: Body habitus (shape) is largely the result of genetic inheritance. Some people are naturally stout, some are thin and others stocky and muscular.

Of course, these inherited characteristics can be modified: The overweight person can shed unwanted pounds by dieting, and the skinny person can bulk up by training.

One fact is clear: A person cannot "get in shape" by exercise alone; proper eating habits are essential for muscular development. You've inherited a slim physique. You can increase your muscle mass by eating more calories (to increase body weight) and, at the same time, regularly work out to build muscle tissue.

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Students in Chicago hazing case will face misdemeanors

CHICAGO (AP) — A dozen girls and three boys accused of participating in the brutal hazing of junior girls from a suburban Chicago high school have been charged with misdemeanor battery, prosecutors announced Friday.

The students were charged as adults in the May 4 incident, authorities said.

"It is simply the kind of behavior that any community cannot tolerate and will note tolerate," Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine said in announcing the charges.

The investigation is continuing and further charges were possible, Devine said.

The students are accused of participating in a melee in a Cook County park that was captured on videotape.

Glenbrook North High School senior girls are shown on the tapes beating juniors and covering them with mud, paint, feces and garbage in what was originally supposed to be a "powder puff" football game. Five girls ended up in the hospital.

Misdemeanor battery charges carry a maximum sentence of nearly a year in jail.

The school, in the affluent suburb of Northbrook, has suspended 32 students who officials claim took part in the hazing. Although the event was off-campus and not sanctioned by the school, officials have said state and local school codes allow the 10-day suspensions.

Principal Michael Riggle says the school is recommending the students be expelled.

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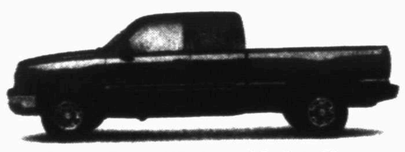
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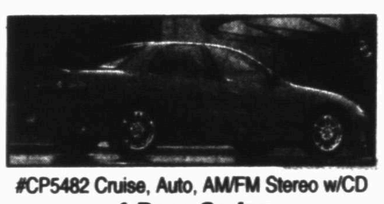
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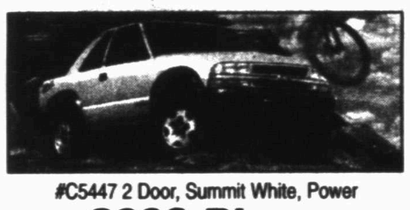
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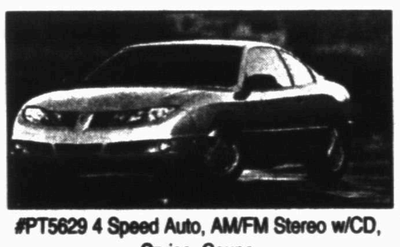
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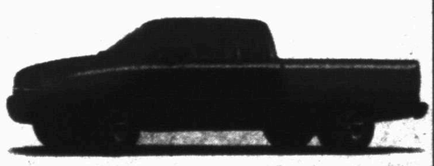
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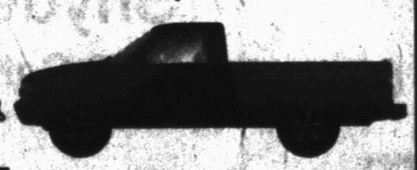
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