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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Poor planning is being sent back to the store for only one item — not ice cream, but cat food."

It's not such a hard choice for us — gasoline or milk?

It's been years since we've tried a glass of that white stuff. We prefer it in the frozen variety — like ice cream.

The national Ice Cream Retailers Association has been warning that the cost of ice cream also is taking a licking.

One wire story fretted that prices for ice cream's essential ingredients — butter, milk, vanilla and chocolate — are on a sharp rise.

And don't forget the added cost of transportation.

This summer, the average price of ice cream is expected to rise between 20 and 30 percent.

However, we know a few chaps – trying to beat the heat - that would give up driving before they would give up their nightly scoops of ice cream.

Ice cream is a big business, estimated to be worth $20 billion a year. And more than half the sales come at ice cream shops, not that served at home.

Snyder's Howard Franks, 91, helped put the price of fuel into prospective.

"I can remember when gas was 10 cents a gallon," Howard told his coffee drinking friends. "The trouble was, I didn't have 10 cents."

And speaking of milk, did you hear about the little girl from the city who visited her grandfather on the farm.

One morning she got up early to see the cows being milked.

When she got back home, her mother noticed that the young girl had left her glass of milk untouched. Her mother inquired why she hadn't drunk her milk.

"In a low voice, the kid whispered, "Mom, if you knew where that stuff came from, you wouldn't drink it either."

We're surprised that somebody locally didn't buy the solid-gold DeLorean that belongs to the late Roger Mize grandkids.

It would have been a natural during this time of high fuel prices.

The driver of the gold DeLorean could simply pull up to the pumps, fill 'er up, then scrape a little of the gold off the vehicle to pay the cashier.

Federal grand jury to consider bank fraud case

A federal grand jury meeting Wednesday in Lubbock is expected to consider a possible bank fraud case that reportedly occurred at West Texas State Bank in Snyder over several years.

A suspect, a former bank employee, has been identified, but no charges have been filed.

Roger McRoberts, U.S. attorney for the northern district of Texas, would only say that the federal grand jury would convene on Wednesday.

McRoberts said it is justice department policy not to comment on any investigation. He said any case becomes public record when an indictment is handed down.

The FBI and Texas Ranger John Billings have investigated the alleged fraud.

To date, officials with West Texas State Bank have not commented other to say that both internal and outside auditors have been used over the past year to try and determine the total amount of money taken.

All funds are insured, and no depositors will suffer any losses, bank officials said.



THREE INJURED – Snyder EMS transported three persons to Cogdell Memorial Hospital from a two-vehicle accident that occurred at 11:42 a.m. Monday in the 4500 block of College. Gladys Kuss of Hermleigh was driving the Dodge Caravan and Albert Kuss, also of Hermleigh, was a passenger, while Hollie Lammert of Snyder was the driver of the Ford. All were admitted to the hospital and all three this morning were in stable condition. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gill elected president of Hermleigh board

New board members for the Hermleigh ISD were sworn in Monday night and new officers were elected.

Hermleigh trustees canvassed the votes from Saturday's election and then swore in Burton Sandefur and John Williamson as the newest members of the board.

The new board then elected Roy Gill as president, Alan Culp as vice president and Tim Dacus as secretary.

The board took no action concerning a proposed land deal. The matter could be addressed at a later date, according to Supt. Marvin Beaty.

Beaty also informed the board that he contracted with Dixie Bible to serve as the new librarian. The board had previously given him permission to negotiate and sign a contract for a librarian. Beaty said the new contract should save the district about $1,600 next year.

Gill appointed a committee composed of himself, Culp, Sandefur and Beaty to conduct a facilities study.

Top grads named at Hermleigh



Dustin Williamson



Justin Williamson

The Williamson brothers have done it again. Hermleigh High School's top students for the 2003-2004 school year are twins, Dustin and Justin.

Dustin, the valedictorian, has a GPA of 95.29. Salutatorian honors go to Justin whose GPA is 94.37.

They are the sons of Kelly and Dan Dacus of Hermleigh and Donita and James Williamson of Stanton.

Four years ago, they were the top two 8th grade students with Dustin as valedictorian and Justin as the salutatorian.

Dustin has been active in sports, including four years of basketball and football, two years of track and one year of cross-country. Recognition includes earning third place in district cross-country his freshman year. He also served as football team captain as a junior.

Academically, he has been listed on the National Honor Roll for four years and he has been a Beta Club member throughout high school. He participated in UIL literary competition, winning third place in district current issues and events his junior year.

He was nominated for Mr. HHS last school year and was elected class favorite all four years.

Dustin also participated in UIL one act play competition for the past three years and he has been recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* throughout high school.

His senior year, Dustin served as class president, class favorite, homecoming king and he competed in the KTXS Academic Challenge team.

Justin has participated in sports for four years, including, four years of football and basketball and one year of cross-country.

Justin is a four-year Beta Club member and he served on the KTXS Academic Challenge team for three years, serving as captain this year.

He has ranked on the National Honor Roll four years, participated in UIL one-act play contest for four years and he worked on the school newspaper and annual staff for one year.

Justin has been recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* through out high school.

His senior year, Justin served as vice-president, was captain of the football team and captain of the KTXS Academic Challenge Team. He was a Mr. HHS nominee as a junior.

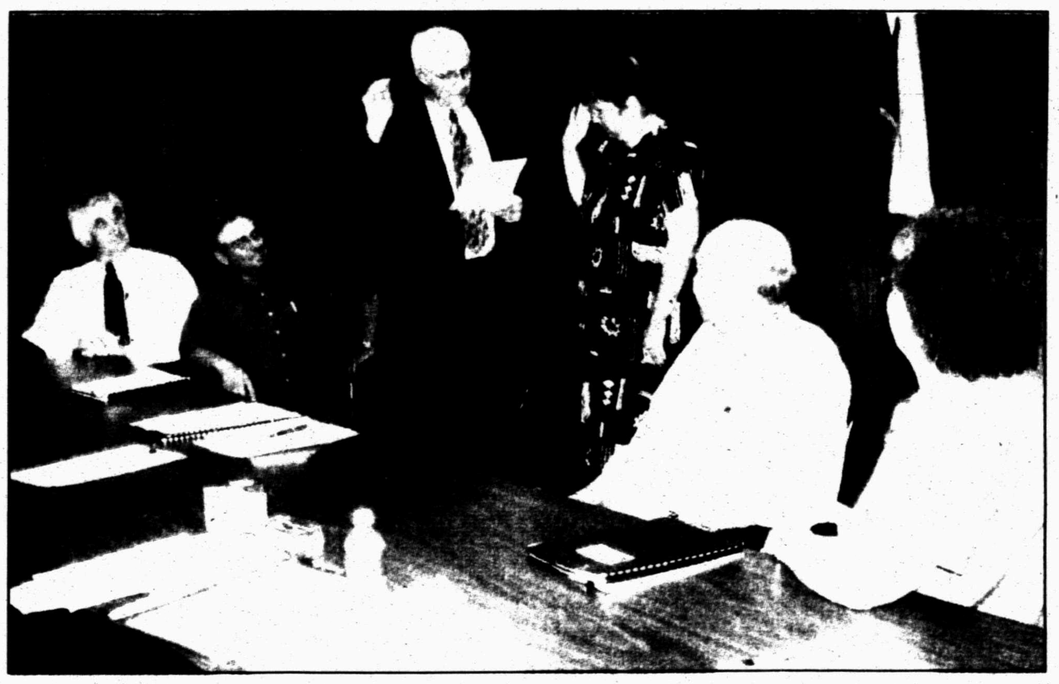
Jury hearing testimony of drug manufacturing

An eight-woman, four-man jury was selected Monday and is hearing testimony in the drug trial of a Nolan County man in 132nd District Court.

James Leroy Raney, 45, of Roscoe is charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. The offense is said to have occurred Jan. 28.

Peter Lopez of Sweetwater is the defense attorney and District Attorney Dana Cooley and assistant DA Ben Smith are presenting the state's case.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.



NEW JP — County Judge Rod Waller administers the oath of office to Julie Culp, Precinct 2 Peace Justice, during Monday's county commissioners court meeting. Watching the proceedings from left, are commissioners Howard Limmer, Jerry House, Ralph Trevey and Chloanne Lindsey. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Teens escape serious injury in accident near Ira

Three Ira students, none of whom had a driver's license, escaped with only minor injuries Monday afternoon when the vehicle in which they were riding sustained a blowout.

DPS investigators said the blowout caused the driver to lose control and the car struck a tree and a barbed-wire fence.

Lisa Baldwin, 15, was driving the 1991 Accura Integra northbound on U.S. 350 about two miles north of Ira just after 4 p.m. when the mishap occurred.

Passengers in the car were Julie Cruz, 15, and Rosa Cruz, 16.

All three were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS, although the injuries appeared to be minor, according to the DPS.

Troopers said that Lisa's mother, Diana Baldwin, will be cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Three Snyder EMS units and the Snyder Fire Department also responded to the scene.

Blood drive next week

The quarterly blood drive by United Blood Services will be Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, not this week.

Next Tuesday's drive will be at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, while Wednesday's drive will be at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Ira board will meet tonight

Ira school trustees will meet at 6:30 this evening and several yearly matters will be considered.

The board will hear plans for the 2005 senior trip to Florida, plus review the student handbook for 2004-2005.

Student transfers also will be discussed and Supt. Larry Devitt said he expects some 110 students to transfer into the district next year. Currently, there are 99 transfer students attending in Ira.

Several reports will be given — including finance, utilities and transportation.

Dr. Devitt also said the board would hold a budget workshop.

An executive session is on the agenda, but Dr. Devitt said he did not expect the board to have any personnel matters to discuss.

The meeting will be in the Ira Community Center.

ASK US

Q—How did this year's ticket sales to the chamber of commerce banquet compare with recent years?

A—The 485 tickets exceeded sales the last time it was at the coliseum by some 185 tickets.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jack Chastain...

...has lived in Snyder since 1962. He is married to Fay and they have a son, Danny who lives Sweetwater. Daughters are Diane of The Woodlands and Darlene of Dallas. Both he and Fay are retired and they enjoy gardening and "running up and down the highway."

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success, we must remember, is in the eye of the beholder.

—Tennessee Ernie Ford

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will hold a fun night at the Scurry County Coliseum Annex at 6:30 this evening. There is a $5 arena fee for each participant. For information, call 573-5130.

GED, ESL classes

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College are held from 8 a.m. until noon every Tuesday through Thursday and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 30. Classes will then resume in August. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Tiger district shirts

District championship Snyder Tiger baseball shirts can be purchased at Classic Interiors, or by calling Jana Neal at 207-0873, or Terri Price at 207-0847. Wear your shirts in the UIL playoff games.

Retirement reception

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

NHS fundraiser

The Snyder High School National Honor Society will car hop from 5 to 9 Thursday at the Sonic Drive In. Tips will benefit the Scurry County United Way.

What's up guidelines

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

From Halliburton...

Pentagon considers withholding millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon auditors have recommended withholding nearly $160 million in payments to Halliburton Corp., saying the company charged the military for meals in and around Iraq that were never served.

Vice President Dick Cheney's former company released a statement Monday night saying it hoped to persuade Army officials to reject the auditors' recommendation.

The alleged overcharging for meals last year is one of several suspected improprieties with the contract work in Iraq of Halliburton subsidiary KBR, formerly known as Kellogg, Brown & Root. Authorities are investigating allegations of overcharging for fuel delivered to Iraq, kickbacks involving two former KBR workers and other management problems.

Investigators for the Defense Contract Audit Agency, or DCAA, concluded last week that KBR charged the military for thousands of meals it never provided to troops under its contract to provide logistical services to forces in the region.

The DCAA said in a statement Monday that it recommended withholding more than $159 million from future payments to KBR.

Houston-based Halliburton, which has said it set aside $141 million to deal with the meal dispute, repeated its assertions that the facts are on its side.

"We have no doubt that we will ultimately be reimbursed for these costs because our contractual position is so strong," company spokeswoman Wendy Hall said in the statement.

DCAA auditors cited several instances where KBR billed the government for hundreds more meals than it actually served. Halliburton says the method of accounting for meal costs is improper.

Hall and other company officials have said KBR did its best to keep up with rapidly fluctuating troop levels in and around Iraq as the war progressed.

The Wall Street Journal first reported the auditors' findings on its Web site.

The auditors cited Halliburton for having inadequate methods to oversee its spending and its work with subcontractors.

Halliburton's other problems include:

— Allegations of a kickback scheme by two former workers in Kuwait that prompted Halliburton to reimburse the Pentagon $6.3 million.

—Faulty cost estimates on the $2.7 billion contract to serve troops in Iraq, including failing to tell the Pentagon that KBR fired two subcontractors. KBR admitted those mistakes in a letter to the DCAA.

—A separate DCAA audit that accused KBR of overcharging by $61 million for gasoline delivered to serve the civilian market in Iraq last year. Halliburton has said the charges were proper.

Iraqis receive prosthetic hands

HOUSTON (AP) — The man tied his shoes. Then he untied them just to do it again.

Liath Aqar was one of seven Iraqi small-business owners who received finished prosthetic hands after almost six weeks of surgery to prepare their arms, along with recovery and fittings in Houston.

The men got their prosthetics nine years after agents of Saddam Hussein's government cut off their right hands to punish small-business owners for Iraq's collapsing economy.

The prosthetics, carefully matched to skin tones and arm size, are as close as medical technology can get to the men's real hands.

Specialists at Dynamic Orthotics & Prosthetics who made the limbs were there for the men's big day. After receiving their hands, the men immediately began hugging and shaking hands with them.

"These may be small things, but to me they are huge," Aqar said through a translator.

The removable hands, cost about $25,000 and although not perfect, can perform many tasks of a human hand.

"What we do is provide a tool for the patient to use that is designed to improve quality of life," Tom DiBello, Dynamic's president, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "Even though this represents the pinnacle of technology today, nothing can replace an individual's limb."

Don North, a video producer and former television correspondent, arranged for the men to travel from Baghdad to Houston. He became friends with them after seeing video of the amputations a year ago. A German company, Otto Bock Health Care, was persuaded to donate the limbs.

"This is a day we have long waited for," North said.

The hands operate using an electrical-impulse based technology called myoelectrics. It has been used in prosthetics for more than 15 years. The myoelectric hand detects small electric pulses from muscle movements on either side of the forearm, that triggers motors to open and close the thumb, middle finger and forefinger.

These are the newest hands available and have sensors that can detect when an object is slipping and automatically tighten the grip. They also allow an advanced user to flex the forearm muscles slightly to open and close the hand more slowly or quickly.

They also have technology referred to as smart electrodes, which prevent cell phone towers and anti-theft devices from accidentally opening and closing the hands, a problem in the past.

The Iraqis will spend about 30 hours working with their new hands in Houston in the next week. They will then leave May 24 to visit U.S. soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

They will also meet with Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Today's chuckle

Fast food restaurants now ration napkins

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Messy eaters, beware: Fierce competition for fast-food dollars has some restaurants taking an extraordinary measure to cut the bottom line — napkin rationing.



Paper napkins are being hidden behind counters, wrapped individually with plastic silverware and stuffed in dispensers that give customers one at a time.

"You should be able to grab as many as you want," said Tim Machak, a father with a sticky situation — 4 young children, 4 ice cream cones and 2 napkins.

Machak said he was insulted that he had to ask employees behind the counter at McDonalds for more napkins.

Rising food and paper prices have caused restaurateurs to look for ways to cut costs.

Paper companies in Wisconsin, which produce most of the nation's paper napkins, have developed dispensers that allow customers to take just one napkin at a time.

At Pizza Villa in The Shops of Grand Avenue mall, manager Patti Chirchiri said she has watched people take stacks of napkins, then leave them on the table. Now, Pizza Villa offers plastic silverware wrapped in just one napkin.

Gay marriage opponents vow political counterattack

BOSTON (AP) — One lesbian couple, partners for 33 years, married on a wind-swept Cape Cod beach. Another pair wed on Boston's Beacon Hill to a jubilant chorus of "Here Come the Brides."

They were among hundreds of gay and lesbian couples who obtained marriage licenses Monday as Massachusetts, obeying a landmark order from its high court, became the first state to allow same-sex weddings.

Yet even as champagne corks popped and confetti swirled, opponents of such unions declared their determination to fight back. "The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges," said President Bush, renewing his support for a proposed constitutional ban that has been introduced in Congress.

Many of the couples who obtained marriage licenses paid a fee to waive the normal three-day waiting period, and exchanged vows as quickly as feasible.

World Almanac

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Today is the 139th day of 2004 and the 60th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1917, the United States passed a conscription law requiring young men to register for military service.

In 1974, India successfully tested its first nuclear weapon.

In 1998, the Department of Justice and 20 states filed an antitrust case against Microsoft.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Perry Como (1912-2001), singer; John Paul II (1920-), pope, is 84; Reggie Jackson (1946-), baseball star, is 58; Chow Yun-Fat (1955-), actor, is 49; Yannick Noah (1960-), tennis star, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1987, Magic Johnson became the first NBA guard to be voted league MVP in 23 years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "From now on it is only through a conscious choice and through a deliberate policy that humanity can survive." — Pope John Paul II

TODAY'S FACT: In addition to five countries that have officially acknowledged the capability to deploy nuclear weapons (the United States, Russia, France, China and the United Kingdom), at least three others are known to be able to deploy them and are not signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (India, Pakistan and Israel).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 56,104 — number of worldwide Microsoft employees.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (May 11) and new moon (May 19).

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Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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(Day) 5-3-6
(Night) 3-7-1

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THE SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT WILL BE MAILING THE 2004 NOTICE OF APPRAISED VALUE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON MAY 19, 2004.

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CMH AUXILIARY — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members received awards for volunteer hours at a recent dinner at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. In the top photo, from left, are Texa Ball and Ouida Bruner, 6,000 hours; Elree Baremore, 5,000; Peggy Fowler, 3,500; photo second from top, Virginia Johnston, Una Orms, Connie Stom, Etta Wilson, 2,000; third photo, Juanita Glass, Ethel Head, Ruby Stout and Polly Underwood, 100 hours each; bottom photo, Donna Stehley, Barbara McGee and Jessie Scarbrough, 500 hours. Not pictured are Delwin Bane, 4,500; Alene Martin, 2,500; Carolyn Cox, 1,500; Jo Ashley, 1,000; Mildred Hollis and Jerri Stokes, 100. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-18-04
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ J 10 7
♦ A Q J
♣ A Q 6

West
♠ K
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 8 5 4 2

East
♠ J 10 9
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 3

South
♠ A Q 6 4 3
♥ A Q
♦ K 5 4
♣ K J 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 10

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Should you turn this way or that?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday's deal featured a rare suit combination that required an unnatural approach. Today's contract is hard to play correctly because it features "if this, then that" analysis. How would you try to make six spades after West has led the diamond 10?

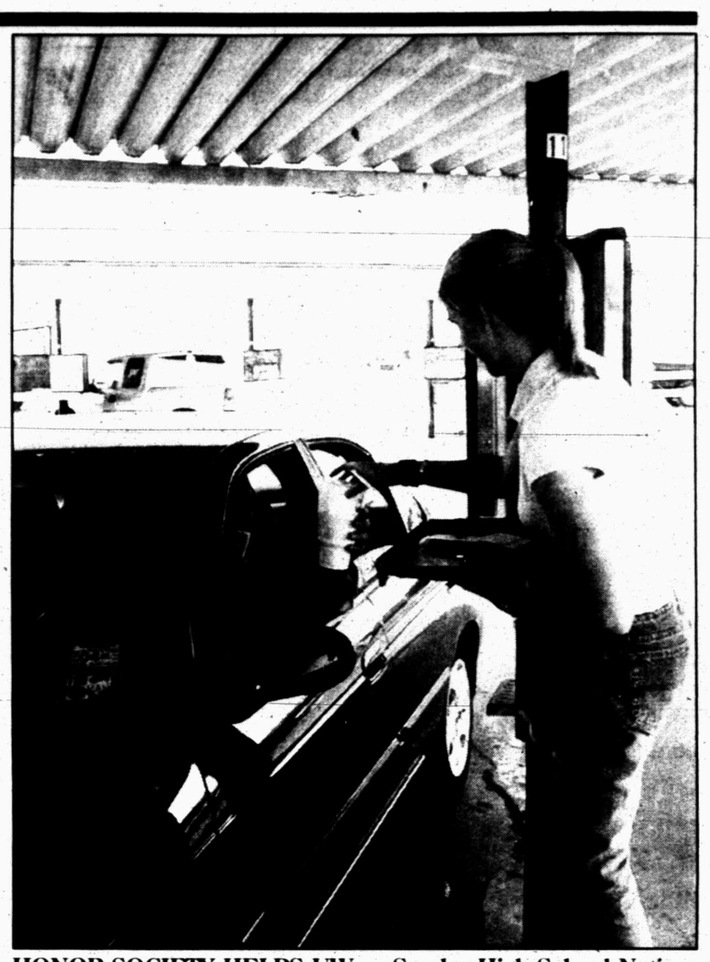
North's response of three no-trump was a game-forcing spade raise, promising four or more trumps with at least a good 12 support points. (Note that if you use either this "simplified" game-forcing major-suit raise or the Jacoby Forcing Raise, in which the response is two no-trump, the no-trump response does not mean "no-trump"; it means "major suit." So, four no-trump is ace-asking, not a quantitative raise.)

If you have a heart loser, you must play the trumps without loss. (How would you try to accomplish that?) Alternatively, if you have no heart loser, you can afford one spade loser. (What is the applicable safety-play?)

How do you know which way to go? You should check on the hearts first. Win trick one on the board and immediately play a heart to your queen. If the finesse loses, in a moment, you will get into the dummy and play a trump to the queen, willing East to have king-doubleton (your only hope). But when the heart finesse wins, cash the spade ace. If nothing good happens, cross to the board in a minor and lead a spade toward the queen. However, when the singleton spade king drops, you are home.

Finally, how good is six spades? Fair. I make it a 46 percent contract.

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HONOR SOCIETY HELPS UW — Snyder High School National Honor Society members will car-hop at the Sonic Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. Blake Robertson was one of several who car-hopped last Thursday. They plan to donate their tips to the United Way. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Alpha Study Club; Scurry County Library; installation of officers; 2 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289

RTA officers installed

Judy Moss installed officers for Scurry County Retired Teachers Association on May 10 at the Shack.

Officers are Margaret Presswood, president; Helen Mock, first vice president; Jerrald Bowen, second vice president; Frank Miller, treasurer; Geraldine Parker, secretary.

RTA does not meet during the summer but meetings will resume in September.

during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

I love you Jaiden.
Dad

Congratulations Kaleb!



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Jesus taught about security for the future. This is what he said:

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27

The most important supply needed for the journey into new chapters of life is the Bible. If young people will take the Bible, read it and build their life on the teachings of Jesus, their future will be secure. The Bible is not just a book to know. It is a book to believe and obey. This is what Jesus says, "If you put my teaching into practice, then your life will be secure." In an uncertain world that is really good news.

Dale Huff

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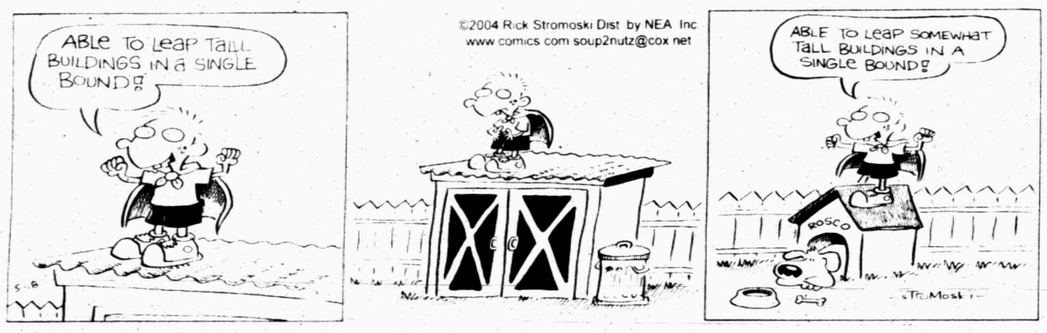
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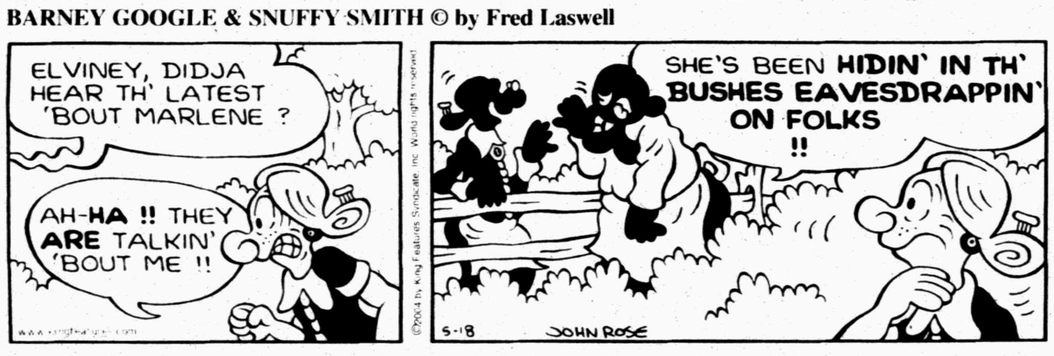
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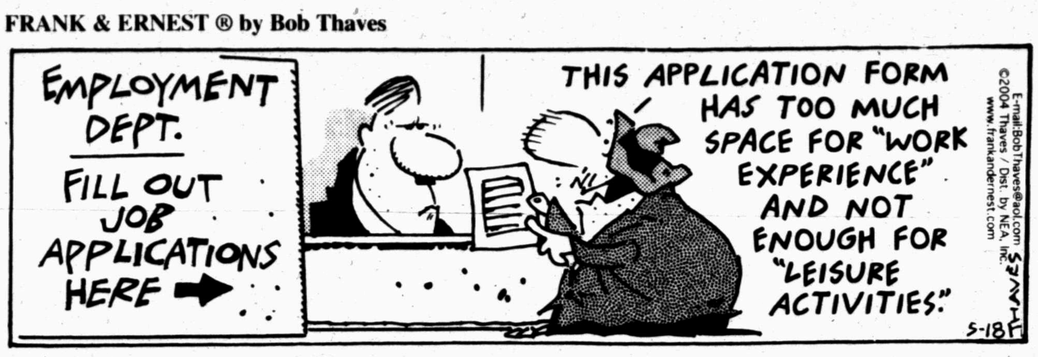
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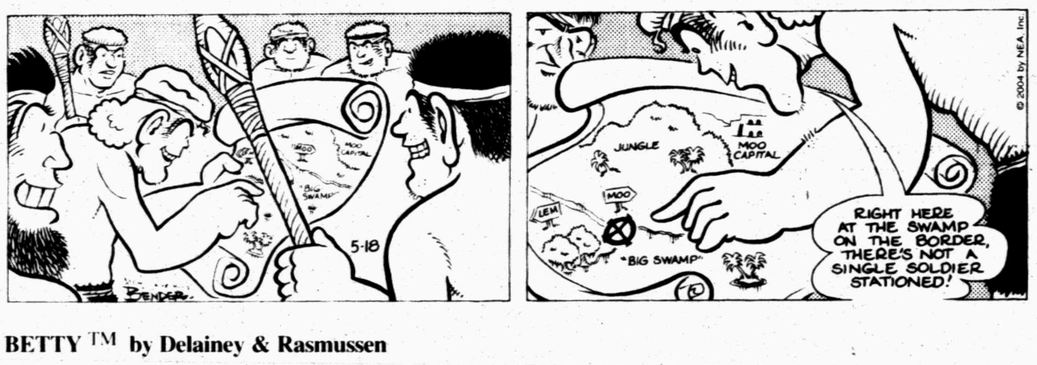
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11 Switch settings
12 Lilly or Wallach
13 Nile wader
15 Lose hair
16 CD preceders
17 Pocket bread
18 Plumbing bend
20 Chirps
22 Frenzy
25 Exist
26 Distress call
27 Drivers' org.
28 Slickest
31 Ricci of fashion
33 Actress — Thurman
34 Rough file
38 Stagehand
39 Chomped
40 Eggnog time
41 Really small
44 Wharf denizen
45 French article
48 Chow mein additive
49 Declaim
51 Golfer Amy —
53 Haul into court
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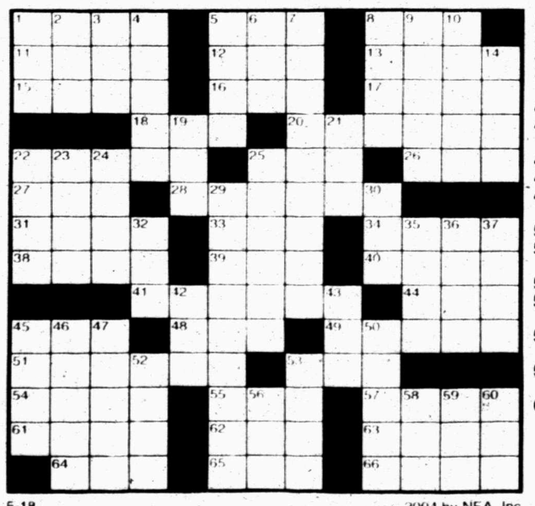
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SPORTS



SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE — Snyder High School senior offensive linemen Isidro 'Sid' Gutierrez and Brock Tyrrell signed letters of intent today to play football at Hardin-Simmons University in the fall. Behind the signees, from left, are Roger White, offensive line coach; Chad Rogers, SHS athletic director and head football coach, and Brock's parents and sister, Tammy, Mike and Courtney. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

McLane says signings of Clemens, Pettitte increasing box office take

AUSTIN (AP) — Signing pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte has generated more excitement and interest in the Houston Astros than even he expected, team owner Drayton McLane Jr. said Monday.

Season ticket sales are up and team officials expect attendance to reach as high as 2.9 million this season. And with Clemens' dominating performance so far, some Astros fans are hoping that he'll play beyond his current one-year contract.

"I'm optimistic because he's having fun," McLane said at the annual Southwest Associated Press Sports Editors meeting.

Clemens came out of a short-lived retirement to play for the Astros. McLane said that when the contract was signed in January, Clemens' wife, Debbie, told him, "You do realize this is just one year?"

But Clemens has been careful not to completely swear off another year, often saying his commitment was to play "at least" one season.

Attendance at Minute Maid Park is up nearly 9,000 per game from last season and two of this season's three sellouts have come when Clemens was on the mound. Season ticket sales jumped from 15,600 last season to more than 20,000.

The Astros gave Clemens a sweetheart of a deal. He has a 10-year personal services contract with the team, beginning when he finishes playing. He also has an unusual clause that doesn't require him to travel until it's his turn to pitch. He also has a 15-minute drive from his house to the ballpark.

McLane said he approached both Clemens and Pettitte with the idea they could help his franchise win its first World Series since it was founded in 1962, a tall order considering the Astros have never won a postseason series.

"Help us get there," he told the pitchers. "We need to get to the World Series."

Winners in revenue sharing have lowest payrolls in MLB

NEW YORK (AP) — Several of the biggest beneficiaries of baseball's revenue-sharing plan have among the lowest payrolls in the majors, choosing to spend on prospects, not stars.

Milwaukee, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay, the teams with the three lowest payrolls in the major leagues, all received huge increases in revenue-sharing funds last year, according to figures obtained by The Associated Press.

All three teams, unsuccessful on the field in recent years, have chosen to invest the money in their futures.

"We're not going to spend $10 million on one player," Pirates owner Kevin McClatchy said. "It's not going to get us to the World Series, although it might make some people feel better. We had the largest winning percentage in the minor leagues last year. For us, that's the only way we're going to compete, with our minor league system."

Under baseball's new revenue-sharing system, which changed formulas to help middle-market teams, high-revenue clubs gave up $220 million last year to their low-revenue competitors, up from $169 million in 2002.

Milwaukee got $16.6 million, up from $8.5 million, according to the figures, which were provided to the AP by a major league team executive.

Pittsburgh's share doubled from $6.4 million to $13.3 million, and San Diego's went from $6.2 million to $13.3 million. Tampa Bay's increased from $14.6 million to $20.5 million.

Brewers general manager Doug Melvin said his team's low payroll has led some to conclude that the team isn't spending money.

"It's not only the fans," he said. "I don't think players understand. I don't think employees in our organization understand the money that goes into player development and scouting. I have to educate them on that."

Montreal, owned by the other 29 teams, received the most revenue-sharing money last year ($29.5 million), followed by World Series champion Florida ($21 million), Tampa Bay and Kansas City ($19 million).

Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar went with youth after watching Greg Vaughn sign a big-money deal and become a bust.

All teams' locally generated revenue, minus ballpark expenses, is put into a pool and divided 30 ways.

The AL champion New York Yankees paid a major league high $52.7 million, up from $26.6 million, and Boston's bill increased to $38.7 million from $17.9 million. Seattle paid the third-most ($31 million), followed by the New York Mets ($21.5 million), the Chicago Cubs ($16.7 million) and San Francisco ($13 million).

Figures from 2003 haven't been audited and the 2002 numbers, while audited, still are pending final adjustments.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner occasionally has criticized teams for not spending their revenue-sharing money. Giants owner Peter Magowan has no problems with the way low-revenue franchises are using the money.

Snyder, Canyon relocate to Frenship for playoff series

This weekend's regional quarterfinal baseball series between the Snyder Tigers and the Canyon Rangers will be played at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

A scheduling conflict with Monterey forced the schools to find an alternative to Moegle Field, which was originally set as the site of the series.

Snyder will be the home team in game one, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday. Canyon will bat last in game two, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Game three, if necessary, will take place after the conclusion of game two.

The Tigers cracked the top 10 in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association poll, coming in at number nine after sweeping Amarillo River Road in the area round of the playoffs.

Softball playoff set for Brownwood

The Snyder Lady Tigers will play their regional semifinal game against Decatur at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood High School.

Ashley Martinez, who pitched back-to-back games Saturday to help the Lady Tigers eliminate Borger, will get the start.

Paris tops list of 2012 Olympic host finalists

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — New York and four European capitals — London, Madrid, Moscow and Paris — were selected as finalists today in the race to host the 2012 Olympics.

Four cities failed to make the cut: Havana; Istanbul, Turkey; Leipzig, Germany, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The field was trimmed by the International Olympic Committee executive board based on a report assessing the technical capabilities of the nine cities.

The unanimous decision, announced by IOC president Jacques Rogge, kicks off a 14-month race culminating with the selection of the host city by the full IOC assembly in Singapore in July 2005.

Four cities — Paris, London, Madrid and New York — were considered virtually certain of making the list. Moscow was the wild card, benefiting from its experience as host of the 1980 Olympics.

Paris came out on top in the IOC report based on an overall weighting of 11 technical criteria, ranging from infrastructure to security. Madrid was a close second, followed by London, New York and Moscow. Then came Leipzig, Rio, Istanbul and Havana.

The IOC report expressed "a high level of confidence" that Paris, New York, London and Madrid can host the games, but said it was "less certain" about Moscow's credentials. The other four, it said, "do not have the requisite level of capability at this time."

Geography favors a European city for 2012 after the 2008 Summer Olympics in Asia (Beijing) and 2010 Winter Games in North America (Vancouver, British Columbia).

Barnes sets school mark in shot put

Jake Barnes' throw of 51-10.25 at the state track and field meet Saturday set a new Ira High School record in the shot put.

The distance was Barnes' best heave since he began competing in the event, and earned him a silver medal.

Major League Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	21	16	.568	—
Philadelphia	19	17	.528	1½
New York	18	20	.474	3½
Atlanta	17	19	.472	3½
Montreal	13	25	.342	8½
Central Division				
Chicago	22	15	.595	—
Houston	22	15	.595	—
Cincinnati	20	17	.541	2
St. Louis	20	18	.526	2½
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	3
Pittsburgh	17	18	.486	4
West Division				
Los Angeles	22	14	.611	—
San Diego	21	17	.553	2
Colorado	16	21	.432	6½
San Francisco	15	23	.395	8
Arizona	14	23	.378	8½

Monday's Games

Colorado 7, Philadelphia 6

Today's Games

Milwaukee (D.Davis 3-2) vs. Montreal (Day 2-4) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 4-3) at Florida (Willis 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 2-0) at Philadelphia (Padilla 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 4-3) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Estes 5-2) at Cincinnati (Lidle 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 3-4) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-4), 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-2), 7:05 p.m.

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	15	.595	—
Boston	22	16	.579	½
Baltimore	18	16	.529	2½
Toronto	16	23	.410	7
Tampa Bay	10	26	.278	11½
Central Division				
Minnesota	23	14	.622	—
Chicago	20	17	.541	3
Cleveland	18	19	.486	5
Detroit	18	19	.486	5
Kansas City	11	24	.314	11
West Division				
Anaheim	25	13	.658	—
Texas	22	15	.595	2½
Oakland	20	17	.541	4½
Seattle	13	24	.351	11½

Monday's Games

Minnesota 9, Toronto 5
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 2

Today's Games

Minnesota (Santana 2-0) at Toronto (Batista 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-2) at Cleveland (Durbin 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 2-3), 6:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 0-3) at Texas (Dickey 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Cabrera 1-0) at Seattle (Garcia 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 3-4) at Anaheim (Sele 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 3-2) at Oakland (Harden 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

NBA sits Peeler for two games

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento's Anthony Peeler was suspended for two games for elbowing Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, meaning the Kings' guard will miss Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Peeler was suspended without pay by the NBA.

Boys basketball camps

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

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

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

API scholarship golf tournament

The API annual scholarship golf tournament will be held at Scurry County golf course June 5.

Format is four-man scramble with a minimum team handicap of 50, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is $300 per team plus carts, with the first 24 paid teams being accepted. Contact Randy Glasscock at 575-6709 or Rickey Daniel at 207-1520 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

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

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

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

Football camp set for June

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

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

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

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 17
Calgary 3, San Jose 0, Calgary leads series 3-2
Today
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19
San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 20
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 21
Calgary at San Jose, TBA, if necessary
Saturday, May 22
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., if necessary

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1. LaGrange 25-1
2. Lorena 24-4
3. Lubbock Cooper 27-2
4. Princeton 23-4-2
5. Lufkin Hudson 22-5
6. Barbers Hill 23-4
7. Llano 22-7
8. Forney 22-5
9. Snyder 23-4
10. Bullard 21-5
11. Jasper 27-6
12. Gladewater 24-3
13. Jefferson 21-5
14. Perryton 22-4
15. Cameron Yoe 17-9

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Today
Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 20
Miami at Indiana, TBD, if necessary
New Jersey at Detroit, 6 or 7 p.m.

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Amid prisoner scandal in Iraq, report says U.S. is doing a world of good

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing international criticism for American abuse of Iraqi prisoners, the Bush administration is highlighting its efforts to advance human rights and democracy in 101 countries, Iraq included.

The State Department on Monday released its second annual report on the U.S. government's activities to promote freedom of the press and religion, foster vibrant, stable democracies, and halt torture and child labor, among other abuses.

The report was to have been released May 5, during the same week when much of the world was reacting with indignation to the disclosure that Iraqi prisoners in U.S. custody were being mistreated.

The State Department withheld the report in hopes that additional time would create a more receptive climate for the chronicling of American good deeds overseas.

But Secretary of State Colin Powell said the prisoner abuse issue was a key item in his weekend discussions with foreign leaders at an international economic conference in Jordan.

"In their disappointment about America right now, I told them, 'Watch America, watch how we deal with this, watch how America will do the right thing,'" Powell said.

Powell, who delivered the commencement address Monday at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., said he had promised other leaders "multiple investigations" to get to the bottom of the scandal.

In Iraq, the report said, the United States, working with other countries and international organizations, has sought "to address the effects of decades of political repression and human rights violations.

"The U.S. human rights and democracy strategy has promoted Iraqi efforts to account for past atrocities, prevent future human rights abuses and support institutions conducive to a successful transition to democracy," it said.

Lorne Craner, the State Department's top human rights official, said the foreign reaction to the Abu Ghraib prison scandal has not been uniformly negative.

Some Web sites in China have noted that American leaders have apologized for the wrongdoing and have not interfered with the freedom of the U.S. media to report developments, Craner told reporters.

He said the Abu Ghraib incidents have not robbed the United States of the moral authority to expose excesses by undemocratic governments.

"Who would be better off if we self-consciously turned inward and ignored human rights abuses elsewhere — in places like Burma and Zimbabwe and Belarus?" Craner asked as he released the report.

The report attempts to show what the administration has been doing in response to rights abuses outlined in an annual country-by-country study.

The most recent edition of that study was issued in late February. Both reports are mandated by Congress.

Kerry earns nearly $90,000 in book royalties in 2003

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry earned nearly $90,000 in book royalties in 2003, according to financial reports filed Monday.

The Massachusetts senator's income also increased slightly, compared to his financial disclosure form filed a year ago. According to the latest report, Kerry has between $430,000 and $2.1 million in four separate trusts.

Kerry inherited three trusts in 2002 after his mother's death. The holdings include between $66,000 and $165,000 in U.S. Treasury bonds, as well as thousands of dollars in stocks ranging from Home Depot to Microsoft Corp.

Kerry's book royalties for "A Call to Service," were paid by publisher Viking Penguin Inc. The book outlines his campaign positions on issues like taxes, foreign policy and the environment.

The candidate was contributing all the after-tax profits to several charities, including a homeless shelter for veterans in New England, campaign spokesman Michael Meehan said.

Kerry was required to file both a Senate financial disclosure report as well as an executive branch version because he is seeking the presidency.

The reports also show that Kerry and his wife have a joint bank account with between $100,000 and $250,000.

The financial disclosures include the vast holdings of Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz, who is worth about $500 million. Heinz Kerry inherited her fortune from her first husband, Sen. John Heinz, a Pennsylvania Republican and heir to the Heinz food fortune who was killed in a plane crash in 1991.

The reports are not specific and allow lawmakers to list their assets by categories with broad financial ranges.

Last week, Heinz Kerry released information showing that she earned more than $5 million last year and has paid about $750,000 toward federal, state and local income taxes.

The disclosure came after repeated calls for Heinz Kerry to disclose information about her private fortune.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Happily single women are ready with a comeback

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading one of your columns on why a woman could be president. Then, at the bottom, a woman signed "On the Spot in Tucson" asked what she should say when people ask her why she isn't married yet. You advised her, "Just tell the truth — 'the right person hasn't asked me.'"

Why should she act like SHE can't ask a man to marry HER? Surely, if women can be president, women can ask men to marry them. Her answer should be, "I haven't met a man (or woman) I want to marry!" — **JOAN JACOBUS, MEMBER OF N.O.W.**

DEAR JOAN: Not only can women ask men to marry them, but many do. However, the woman who wrote that letter asked because the question made her feel defensive, and your response might make a man feel like he wasn't worth considering. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I was 44 before I married, and my wonderful husband was well worth the wait. When I was asked why I wasn't married, I used to say, "Just lucky, I guess." Sometime during my single years, I finally realized that if one isn't happy being single, he or she will not be happy being married either. That attitude prepared me for a husband, delightful adult stepchildren and beautiful grandchildren. — **CONTENT PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

DEAR CONTENT: I couldn't agree with you more. You're a wise lady.

DEAR ABBY: I had a great-aunt who lived to be 91 and never married. Her response to that question was, "Because I never met a man who deserved to be as happy as I could make him!" — **KATHRYN C. IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR KATHRYN C.: I think I know why no one ever popped the question.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was plagued by that annoying and rude question. I had the following posted on my desk at work for inspiration:

I'M NOT MARRIED BECAUSE:

(1) You haven't asked me yet.

(2) Because I just love hearing people ask me that question.

(3) My fiance is waiting until after the parole is granted.

(4) I'm still hoping for a shot at Miss/Mr. America.

(5) I already have enough laundry to do, thank you!

(6) I'm afraid my parents would drop dead from sheer happiness.

(7) What? And lose all the money I've invested in personal ads?

(8) I'm married to my career — although recently we have been considering a trial separation.

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Security at airports may change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will add security screeners at dozens of airports to reduce long waits for passengers. The number of screeners will shrink at others.

Dallas-Fort Worth, Miami, New York's JFK and Washington Dulles are among airports that will get at least 100 more screeners. Pittsburgh will lose the most: 45.

The Transportation Security Administration is trying to come up with the right number of screeners at 445 commercial airports as the busy summer travel season approaches. U.S. air carriers expect 65 million passengers in each summer month. That's 12 percent more passengers per month compared with last summer.

This is the third time the TSA has reallocated screeners since it staffed every airport with federal workers Nov. 19, 2002. Previous changes came about because Congress reduced the number of full-time screeners the agency could employ to 45,000 from about 60,000.

Mark Hatfield, TSA spokesman, said Monday the agency will continue to fine-tune staffing levels at airports.

Some airports will get more screeners because they have experienced long lines at checkpoints. Those include Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport, Miami International Airport, New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, Orlando International Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

Others will lose screeners because they have too many. Among them are Pittsburgh International Airport, Piedmont Triad International Airport in North Carolina, New Orleans International Airport, Jacksonville Airport and Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.



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VOLCANOES — Cindy Martini's and Malcolm Crawford's fifth grade classes at Northeast Elementary recently created volcanoes after they studied the different parts of the volcano and mixed chemicals to erupt theirs. Martini's students (top photo) are from left, Ty Medrano, Brandon Elam, Bryson Elliott, Nelson Sears, Shelby Grice, Angel Guerrero, Ricky Esquibel, John Ramirez, Elsa Gallegos, Cassandra Garcia and Regina Alarcon; middle row, Karissa Medina, Emma Nunley, Marcie Phillips, Blaire Toombs, Michaela Jones, Adrienne Gonzales Keller and Kimberlin Willson; bottom row, Kaitlin Bass, Laura Tarter and Chris Ward. Crawford's students (bottom photo) are back row from left, Colton Clark, Jenee Payne, Alex Hook, Kelissa Craig, Sabrina Moss, Antonia Medina and Lindzey Morin; middle row, Shawn Garza, Jose Estrada, Leslie Quinonez, Grace Harrison, Alex Alcala and Nick Morin; front row, Tyler Wilkinson, Blake Thompson, Blake Sescil, Demetri Gunderson and Naomi Lara. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sept. 11 panel turning attention to New York emergency response

NEW YORK (AP) — After months of focusing on federal failures, the commission probing the Sept. 11 attacks is looking at whether local missteps led to deaths that might have been avoided at the World Trade Center.

An increasingly vocal group of firefighters, relatives of the dead and other New Yorkers has been demanding a probe of the city's emergency response that would assign responsibility for systemic flaws.

"There are questions that have to be answered," said Bill Doyle, who lost his son in the trade center attack. "We can't bring our loved ones back, but we can have peace of mind that someone's being held accountable."

They may be disappointed when the commission investigating the attacks meets today in a university auditorium in Greenwich Village.

"There's more good news in the story than embarrassment, for sure," said one person who helped produce a pair of reports to be delivered today morning, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The city's emergency response improvements will be cited as a national model, commission members said.

"They've made their evaluation and made corrections and made their preparations. I think the rest of the country has a lot to learn from the New York experience," said Lee Hamilton, the commission's vice chairman.

"We will be looking at the questions of coordination and communication, and we look back, really, for the purpose of looking forward," Hamilton said today on NBC's "Today."

The goal, he said, is "trying to correct the problems that arose that day so that we don't repeat the mistakes if another catastrophe should strike."

The commission is expected to describe communication breakdowns between police and fire officials. Commission members and others familiar with its work said it would also seek to dispel what they called misconceptions that cast the city's rescue efforts in a poor light.

Among a host of questions, relatives of the dead want to know why firefighters in the north tower did not hear a police helicopter pilot's warning that it was nearing collapse.

Some fire officials believe that dozens of firefighters may have died because police did not communicate that warning to fire commanders. Police and fire commanders did not work together on Sept. 11 and the departments had incompatible radio systems.

Climber rescued by helicopter has died

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A seriously injured climber who was rescued by helicopter after being stranded on Mount Rainier has died, a medical examiner's spokeswoman said Monday night.

"We have been advised he has passed away," said Mary deTracy, a medical investigator with the Pierce County medical examiner's office.

She declined to identify the climber by name, but Peter Cooley, 39, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, had been rescued earlier from the mountain southeast of Tacoma.

An Oregon National Guard helicopter took advantage of a sudden break in the clouds to retrieve him Monday night. Earlier in the day, two national park rangers reached the climber and his companion by foot, but decided to put off a rescue attempt until today because of the steep terrain and snow.

Cooley was taken to Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma but was dead when he arrived, said Dave Kuhns, a Fort Lewis Army base spokesman, citing information from hospital officials. Kuhns said relatives had been notified, but he had no further details. Madigan officials referred all calls to the Fort Lewis spokesman.

The climbers were stranded at 12,300 feet since Saturday on a 45-degree slope with steep and rocky terrain above and below them.

Cooley fell 30 feet early Saturday on Liberty Ridge — one of the most difficult routes up the 14,410-foot mountain. His climbing partner, Scott Richards, 42, also of Cape Elizabeth, was able to reach him, set up a tent and call for help on a cell phone.

Cooley had been in stable condition Monday afternoon but was exhibiting signs of a life-threatening head injury and appeared to have shoulder and leg injuries, park ranger Patti Wold said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Major moves may be afoot in the year ahead that would help you enhance your material well-being if you're smart enough to recognize them. Carefully analyze all proposals you run across to determine their worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Extravagance on your part today could create a ripple effect that would be felt in ways that are not presently evident to you. Spend wisely so that you don't suffer down the line.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Putting on a big phony front may do wonders for your ego today, but it's not likely to do a thing for your image. In fact, it could give cause for rejection by important people in your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Watch your tendencies for moodiness today, because it won't be received well by your associates. What could have been a fun day would turn out to be a sour one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Of course your image is important to you, but if you choose to spend what you can't afford merely to impress people, you'd be making a grave mistake. They could care less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even if you secretly feel that your thinking is superior to those of your associates, don't appear too opinionated. If you're as smart as you think you are, you'll use persuasion, not percussion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make certain you have all the facts at your fingertips to back up any statements you make to others today. There's not a chance that you won't be challenged to prove your assertions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be on guard today that you don't get drawn into the complicated affairs of a friend no matter how much your friend implores you. Once involved, it will be quite difficult to extricate yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Keep a close eye on those in your charge today and make certain they follow your instructions to the letter. If you're lax, you will be called on the carpet for their mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pleasurable pursuits must not be allowed to interfere with your responsibilities or duties today. Keep your nose to the grindstone because neglected work will invite major complications.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You might find yourself vulnerable to conditions that could catch you off guard today and cause you to overindulge in ways you'd never do if you had your thinking cap on straight.

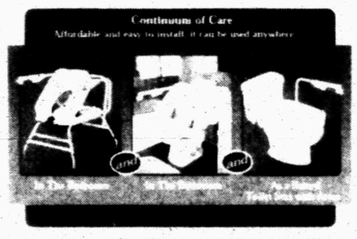
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — People with whom you'll be in contact today will treat you exactly as you treat them. If you're being unreasonable and expecting too much from them, be prepared to offer a lot yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today, because of your impatience and reckless abandonment of details, you're more than likely to look opportunities square in the eye and not even recognize them. Take things slow and easy.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Arrests, burglary, top police blotter

• ***Arrests***

At 9:42 a.m. Monday, an 18-year-old male was arrested at the adult probation office on warrants from Hutchinson County.

A 26-year-old male was arrested in the 2700 block of Ave. O at 1:48 p.m. Monday on warrants for criminal trespass and theft over $50.

Police responded to a call concerning potential harassment as the caller walked to a car in North Park at 7:31 p.m. Monday. As officers investigated the call, they arrested a 21-year-old female on a warrant for assault-family violence.

A call at 9:39 p.m. concerning some 15 people at a residence harassing an individual in the 300 block of 29th Street resulted in the arrest of two people. A 30-year-old male was arrested on charges of public intoxication and a 26-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct-language.

Police arrested a 33-year-old male on a county warrant for motion to revoke probation. He was taken into custody in the 4400 block of Ave. U.

• ***Burglary***

A burglary was reported at 7:09 a.m. Monday in the 1300 block of College Ave. The Coventry Plumbing building was broken into and the case remains under investigation.

• ***Theft***

At 10:19 a.m. Monday, a 16-foot tandem trailer was reported stolen from the 1900 block of College Avenue.

The theft of a toolbox and trimmer was reported from the 800 block of U.S. 180 East at 2:29 p.m. Monday.

Police reported the theft of a 9-inch TV/DVD combo from a truck in the 3900 block of Eastridge.

A report of a black utility trailer and two Honda 4-wheelers being stolen was called in at 4:18 p.m. The theft occurred in the 300 block of 36th Street.

• ***Gas drive off***

Allsup's reported a $20 gas drive off at 6:57 a.m. Monday.

• ***Fire call***

Fire fighters responded to a grass fire in the 2900 block of Ave. J at 4:30 p.m. The fire was started by juveniles playing with fireworks.

• ***Accidents***

A 1997 Jeep Cherokee driven by Paul Thompson was in collision with a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Gloria Rivera, both of Snyder, at Austin St. and 40th St. on Friday at 6:18 p.m. No injuries were reported.

At 5:04 p.m. Friday, a 2002 Toyota Corolla driven by Lisa Jackson of Snyder was in collision with a 1998 F-150 driven by Juan Carrasco of Presidio at College Ave. and 13th St. No injuries were reported.

A 1999 Ford Sport driven by Juan Cuellar of Roscoe and a 1901 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Mayra Borrego of Snyder were involved in an accident at 3:29 p.m. Friday. No injuries were reported.

Tax notices will be mailed Wednesday

Tax appraisal notices for residents of Scurry County will go into the mail Wednesday.

Larry Crooks, chief appraiser for the Scurry County Appraisal District, said notices of appraised value will be sent to owners of mineral, industrial and business personal property.

Also to receive a notice are properties with an ownership change or properties that had a change in value.

In a change from past years, Crooks said that properties in which there is no change in value would not receive a notice.

Crooks added that there is a new requirement that firms render business personal property and owners will be encouraged to render this property to avoid accruing penalties.

Chamber approves requests for funds

Three requests for hotel-motel funds totaling $14,100 were granted by chamber of commerce directors Monday and reports on past events and an audit were heard.

Scurry County Antique Tractor Club requested and received $1,500 for a tractor pull during the July 4 celebration. Bobby Grice and Darren Brooks said funds will be used for advertising and promoting the event.

A second request for $750 to promote a Sweet Shop Class Reunion celebration on June 5 also was approved. The Sweet Shop will celebrate 50 years of business in Snyder by blocking off the short street of 2505 Ave. G and providing entertainment. Several organizations, including the Snyder Wheels will participate. All Snyder High exes who frequented the drive-in will be invited.

Scurry County Museum was granted $9,600 for a design for the Tracks Across the Land long-term permanent gallery. The designer will be Stephen Floyd. Museum director Charlene Akers made the request and said the design is the first step in being able to acquire another grant.

Akers said the gallery will have four themes — opportunity, resilience, encounters and identity.

Executive director Vicki Shroyer's reports included a $1,000 profit from the recent chamber of commerce banquet. She said plans for the West Texas Swing Music Festival set for June 8-12 are on schedule and announced a ribbon cutting will be at 2 p.m. Friday for the new location of the Texas Workforce Commission at 1912 37th St.

Ricky Bowman, CPA, gave a report on the year-end chamber audit and made a suggestion to keep up the open dialogue with the city to comply with the state's mandate for hotel-motel funds.

President David Harrell presided and diretors present were Elois Pruitt, Jeffrey Martin, Ann Smartt, David Boyd, Dayton Robertson, Nancy Wilson and Mike Thornton.

School finance work to continue

AUSTIN (AP) — The special legislative session on school finance ended without a new funding proposal, but Texas lawmakers will continue to work in anticipation of a future special session, state leaders said.

The Legislature ended the session Monday, two days before the 30-day special session legally had to end.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry had called lawmakers to Austin to deliver property tax relief and replace the state's share-the-wealth school funding system, known as Robin Hood. The system relies heavily on property taxes and requires property wealthy districts to give money to property poor districts.

Obituaries

Robert Taylor

1927-2004

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

Graveside service for Mr. Taylor, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

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

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

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

Opal Cooper

1914-2004

Opal Sorrells Cooper, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, May 15, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cooper, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born Dec. 21, 1914 in Shackelford County, she married Marvin Sorrells on Sept. 21, 1941 in Ira. He died Jan. 22, 1975. She married W.A. "Bill" Cooper on April 28, 1998 in Las Vegas, N.M.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

A resident of Scurry County since 1941, she was a homemaker and a member of the Ira Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Cooper of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Lew Edelen and Sue and L.D. Ely, all of San Angelo; a stepson and his wife, Charles and Deana Cooper of Snyder; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Judy and Patrick Thomas of Arlington and Betty and Ross Burns of Alpine; a sister, Ann Fangman of Jarrettsville, Md.; five grandchildren, Marty Cleckler, Kyle Sorrells, Justin Ely, Amanda Streetman and Kristi Clyburn; six great-grandchildren, Kyla Sorrells, Tanner Sorrells, Kaitlyn Cleckler, Lauren Cleckler, Lainey Streetman and Abby Clyburn.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396; the Scurry County Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M; or Odyssey Hospice Care, 1510 South Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

James Manley

1921-2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Linda Berg

1955-2004

ABILENE — Linda Sue Berg, the aunt of Mike and Christi Chapman of Snyder, died Saturday, May 15, while being transferred from Mitchell County Hospital to Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral service for Miss Berg, 49, was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the Epworth United Methodist Church in Abilene with Dr. Phil Shuler officiating. Interment was to follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Born Feb. 15, 1955 in Memphis, Texas, Miss Berg had recently moved from Abilene to Colorado City. She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Her father, Earl Berg, died in 1994.

Survivors include her mother, Marion Berg of Colorado City; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Byrle Chapman of Colorado City; and another nephew and his wife, Greg and Kelly Chapman of Sweetwater.

Adam Grove

1981-2004

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

Services for Mr. Grove, 23, are pending and will be held in Snyder.

Born March 18, 1981, Mr. Grove had moved from Snyder to Corpus Christi about two months ago.

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

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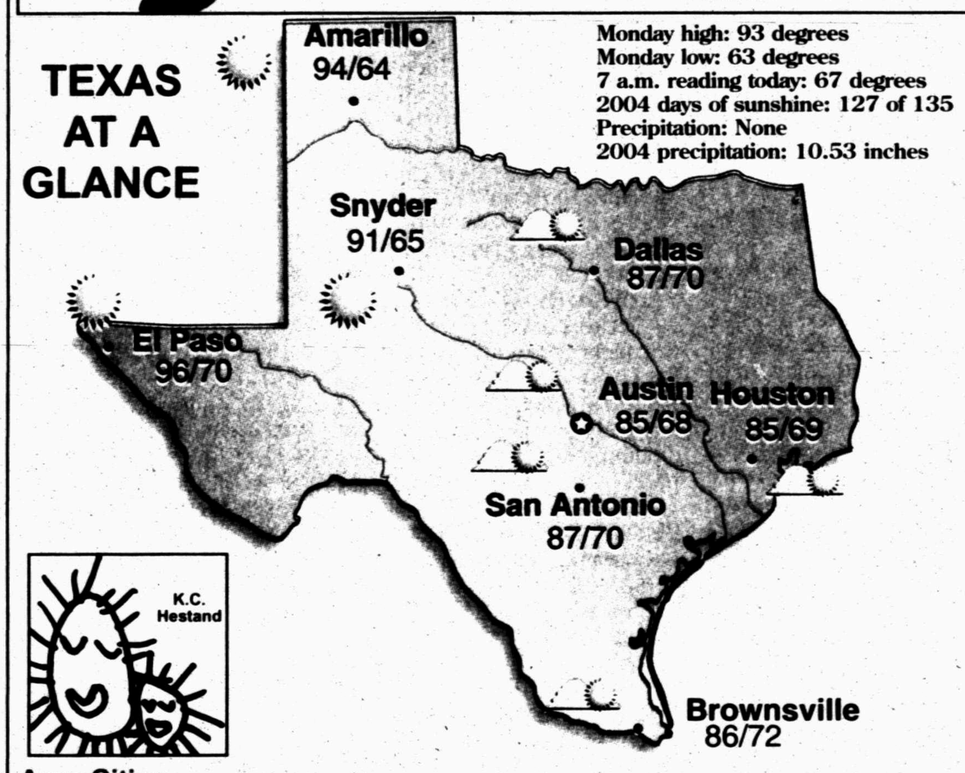
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91/65	90/65	89/65
Sunny skies. Hot. High 91F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunshine, Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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Abilene	89	66	sunny	El Paso	96	70	sunny	Midland	94	65	sunny
Amarillo	94	64	sunny	Fort Stockton	94	64	sunny	Raymondville	87	70	pt sunny
Austin	85	68	pt sunny	Gainesville	87	67	pt sunny	Rosenberg	86	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	84	69	pt sunny	Greenville	86	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	87	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	72	pt sunny	Houston	85	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	86	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	89	66	mst sunny	Kingsville	86	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	83	72	pt sunny	Livingston	86	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	66	sunny
Corsicana	85	68	pt sunny	Longview	87	67	pt sunny	Tyler	87	67	pt sunny
Dallas	87	70	pt sunny	Lubbock	93	65	sunny	Weatherford	87	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	67	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	67	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	64	t-storm	Houston	85	69	pt sunny	Phoenix	99	72	mst sunny
Boston	72	52	rain	Los Angeles	71	56	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	51	windy
Chicago	75	64	pt sunny	Miami	84	75	t-storm	Seattle	70	52	pt sunny
Dallas	87	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	73	57	t-storm	St. Louis	84	72	t-storm
Denver	82	53	pt sunny	New York	77	60	rain	Washington, DC	81	65	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
May 11	May 19	May 27	Jun 3

UV Index

Wed 5/19	Thu 5/20	Fri 5/21
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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