

A NEW ARRIVAL

Sydney Sophia Faichtinger

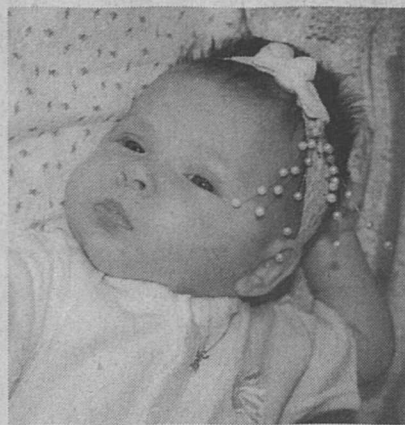
Marsha and Dean Faichtinger of San Antonio are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born June 21, 2004 at 12:54 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Sydney Sophia weighed in at seven pounds and measured 18

inches in length.

Her brother, Tyler Joseph, who is five years old, welcomed her home.

Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Betty Leopold of Nada. Paternal grandparents are Al and Mary Faichtinger of Altair.



Faichtinger baptized Aug. 1 in Helotes

Sydney Sophia Faichtinger was baptized during the 10:45 Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, Texas Sunday, Aug. 1.

Deacon Tim Houlihan performed the baptism and Sydney's uncle and aunt, Charles and Valerie Drlak of Garwood are her godparents.

Sydney wore the same baptismal gown her brother wore at his baptism.

Those in attendance were Sydney's parents, Dean and Marsha Faichtinger; brother, Tyler; great-grandmother, Cecelia Hoffmann of El Campo; maternal grandparents, Arthur and Betty

Leopold of Nada; paternal grandparents, Al and Mary Faichtinger of Altair; Michael and Ann Faichtinger and daughters, Casey and Kendall of Sealy; Scott and Becky Ripper and daughter, Alaina of Helotes; Keith, Melissa, Audrey and Rachel Drlak of Garwood and Ms. Charlene Viaclovsky of Houston.

Allison Herrera and Melanie Falcon of Pflugerville joined them later at the dinner given at the home of Sydney's parents. They all enjoyed welcoming Sydney to the family.



Sunny Gertson honored at bridal luncheon

Miss Sunny Gertson, fiancée of Tieman (Tee) Dippel III of Brenham, was the guest of honor at a bridal luncheon Saturday, Aug. 14. The charming country home of the Tommy Guthman family in Lissie was the setting for the noon luncheon.

Hostesses for the delightful afternoon of lunch, reminiscing and wedding day coordinating were Linda Henske, aunt of the bride-elect of Banquette; and Gail Guthman, a cousin of the soon-to-be-bride who was given the honorary distinction of "Aunt Gail" since Sunny's childhood days.

Upon arriving, guests registered in the bride's memory book and gathered in the living room for introductions. "Aunt Gail" then welcomed guests and asked each guest to introduce herself and share a memory of why Sunny is special to her.

Guests were seated at formal tables draped with white batiste linens. The main table was centered with a lively fresh floral arrangement of lilac alstromeria, white carnations and fern in a large crystal vase.

Round guest tables held centerpieces of large crystal candle votives. Each formal place setting was marked with a sentimental keepsake of the day — a rosemary plant wrapped in white tissue tied with Victorian lilac ribbon, with each one bearing a heart-shaped

personalized name card for the seating arrangement.

The hostesses explained why they chose the rosemary plant in their décor for the day, noting that rosemary is a symbol of remembrance, friendship and love.

The hostesses served an attractively displayed luncheon plate of honey chicken salad, tropical garden salad with fresh basil vinaigrette dressing, cheese tortellini tossed with Italian dressing and grape tomatoes, garlic bread sticks, garlic bread chips, and tea. For dessert, guests enjoyed an assortment of miniature cheesecakes, chocolate éclairs and coffee.

A specially prepared menu for the little ladies in attendance included dainty flower-pressed peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, finger foods and vanilla ice cream.

The hostesses presented a personalized cake server set to the honoree. Each guest departed with her very own rosemary plant to be planted at her home as a remembrance of the special day and the friendship each has shared with Sunny.

Joining Sunny and the hostesses for the entertaining and emotional social were her mother, Connie Gertson; the groom-elect's mother, Kitty Dippel of Brenham; Sunny's grandmothers, Dorothy Breithaupt and Jo Ann Gertson; her matron of honor, Tanya Stivors of Hondo; bridesmaids, Lindsey Guthman of Houston, Jackie Schmitt and Robyn Rucka of Eagle Lake, Mindy Moulder of Columbus; Annie Luepker of Houston; Beth Dippel and Meg Voelter of Austin; flower girls, Kyrstan Stivors of Hondo and Clara Voelter of Austin; ring bearer's mother, Kari Canaris and Sunny's godmother, Shirley Seaholm.

CCF fine arts dept. offers three contests

By Pamela Potter

Residents of Colorado County are invited to enter the Art Show, Photography Contest and Western Art Contest to be held in conjunction with the Colorado County Fair, (CCF) Sept. 9-12.

The Art Show will offer divisions for pre-school art, youth art from elementary through high school and for adult amateurs. The show is open to all subject matter and media, including sculptures.

All work will be judged on its own individual merit. First, second and third place ribbons will be given. All blue ribbon works in each division will compete for a Best of Show rosette to be awarded the most outstanding entry in each division.

Further information can be obtained from Art Show Chairman Deborah Petrosky at 979-732-3564.

The Photography Contest is open to youth and adults. The youth will be divided into three groups for judging: primary, ages 4 to 8; junior, ages 9 to 13; and senior, ages 14 to 18.

The adult work will be grouped into three sections: amateur, semi-professional and professional. Color and black and white photographs will be accepted. Adult entries must be enlarged to 8x10 inches or larger.

Youth entries need not be enlarged but must be mounted or matted so they can be hung.

Additional information is available from Photography Contest Chairman Norma Draper at 732-6106.

All elementary, junior and senior high school students attending Colorado County schools are eligible to enter the Western Art Contest. All work must depict a western theme.

Elementary, junior and senior high school will be judged separately. There will be three sections in the contest: illustrations, cartoons and three-dimensional work such as sculptures made of clay or other types of construction.

Students may enter one piece in each section, if they so desire. There is no entry fee for the Western Art Contest.

Chairman Rita Ruffeno may be reached for additional information at home at 732-3223 or at her office 732-3832.

Entry forms and Fair catalogues with complete rules for all three contests are available at the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; Weimar City Hall; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply, Schulz's General Store, New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood; Nada Grocery; and Sandy Creek Drive-In, Sheridan.

The deadline to pre-register entries in all three contest is Friday, Sept. 3, no exceptions.

Congratulations to John and Jennifer!

It's been 15 years since you've been together. Well, on Saturday, August 14, 2004 things changed for the both of you. You finally got married!

Me, all of your brothers, sisters, family and friends are all proud of you both. Even though, not everyone could

attend the wedding in "Sin City" Las Vegas, Nevada, we heard about the exciting day you both had.

John and Jennifer got married at the World Famous "The Little White Chapel". It was hard trying to get everyone to the chapel that afternoon,

since they partied the night before and not coming in until the early morning hours.

Attending the wedding were sisters, Bertha, Chris and Stella from Eagle Lake, Linda from Houston, brother, Danny and his wife, Joyce and their children, Taya and Lili from San Jose, California; and friends, Priscilla Vasquez and Janie Palacios from Houston.

After the wedding they went on their way to spend their pennies and what they had left from the night before.

As the night came to life and got brighter they dashed back to the Rio Hotel Suite and Casino to change. They then had free entrance and a personal escort service, compliments of the Rio Casino for their family and friends to the National Tejano Music Convention where they got to meet many Tejano artists such as Little Joe, Sunny Ozuna, Shelly, Ram, Flaco Jimenez, Joel Guzman, "El Gato Negro" Ruben Ramos and their favorite David Lee Garza y Los Musicales. They also had the chance to meet comedian, Paul Rodriguez and many more artists. John and Jennifer got to take pictures for the TejanoTimes.com, which is located in San Antonio.

The craziest thing to happen was to see and meet people that are from your hometown. They met Daniel and Angie Contreras and Bertha Sosa Perez (BSP Productions) once again to say hi!

I hope both of you had the time of your lives. And just remember that you will have good times and bad times. But, as long as you have each other no one can stop you from anything you do or choose in your life.

To my daughter-in-law Jennifer, I officially WELCOME you into our GIGANTIC FAMILY! Ha! Ha!

John is the son of Consuelo Morales of Eagle Lake and the late Claudio Morales.

God Bless You Both

Love, Connie Morales

P.S. What you see in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas!



Mr. and Mrs. John Morales

MILITARY NEWS



Marine Lt. Corporal Daniel Conejo...

Son of Rose and Nicholas Conejo of Eagle Lake, left for Iraq Monday, Aug. 23, for a seven-month deployment to an Air Force base Hitt, Iraq.

Friends, and anyone else interested, may write Daniel at LCPL Conejo, Daniel 4647, 1/23 HQ CO (Attn Motor-T), Unit 41900, FPO AP 96426-1900. We're sure he will appreciate hearing from home.

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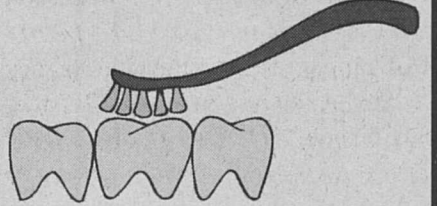
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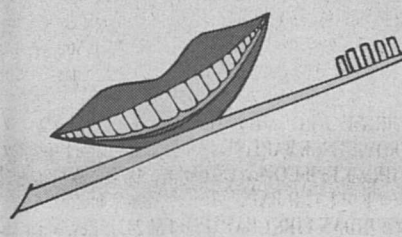
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Texian Market

Days Oct. 23-24

The Fort Bend Museum presents Texian Market Days Oct. 23 and 24. Arts and craft vendors are needed. For more information contact Pam Roehe at 281-342-1256 or proeche@fortbendmuseum.org.

"It is no profit to have learned well, if you neglect to do well." — Publius Syrus

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow."

Nominations

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cians for consideration; Sept. 29: committee selects finalists for award; week of Oct. 4: conference call with finalists; Oct. 11-22: committee visits finalists; week of Oct. 25: Final deliberations and decision on award recipient; early Dec.: presentation of award.

As sponsor, Staff Care Inc. provides the Country Doctor of the Year with an interim physician for one week at no cost, a service valued at up to \$10,000. This will allow the award winner to take some well-deserved time off.