

# St. Francis couple's son wins big on 'Price Is Right'

The son of a St. Francis minister and his wife made his way to *The Price Is Right* television show and won big.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, goes the old saying.

When Andrew Garcia's car was stolen a year ago, his parents said, he prayed hard for another car, knowing full well that his salary as an intern at a San Francisco Bay Area church wouldn't afford him to buy one. Then someone in the church gave him a pickup. The truck broke. Someone loaned him a sport utility. Time for more



Garcia

prayer. Last week, Andrew, whose parents are Pastor Rich and Ingrid Garcia of St. Francis, had prayers answered in a most unusual way. He accepted an invitation from friends to head to southern California with them to try getting on the television show *The Price Is Right*, hosted by Bob Barker.

Andrew had one thought in mind: "I'm going to win me a car." So, he and eight friends got in line at 4 a.m. to see if they would be selected to be on the show.

"It was so disappointing," said Andrew, "because we were the last group in line and it was only 4 in the morning! We didn't think we'd get in." Suddenly, the group in front of them left. Andrew's group was allowed into the show.

Then the famous words came from the announcer, "Andrew Garcia, come on down!" With a roar from his friends, Andrew made his way onto the stage, met Bob Barker, and the surrealistic experience began.

"Things change when you get out there," explained Andrew. "You're overtaken by the lights, the noise, the attention, Bob Barker, the whole

experience!"

At that moment, the winning began. Andrew won a \$1,100 gas grill. Cash. Before long he was spinning the *Price Is Right* wheel. It was time for the Grand Showcase. An older man had first dibs; Andrew waited on the man's decision to accept or pass the Showcase. The man passed, gambling on winning something greater. He didn't. Andrew was awarded the Showcase.

In addition the gas grill, Andrew won a recliner sofa, a jet ski boat, a 10-day all-expense paid trip for two to China, an all-expense paid trip to the Los Angeles Dodgers Fantasy Camp in Florida and some cash.

Andrew recounted that when all the bells and whistles went off on stage signifying that he'd won, he was completely awestruck and stunned, not knowing where to turn, what to do or what to say. Employees shouted directions and pointed where he should stand.

"It was totally overwhelming," he said.

Andrew had an opportunity to play for the grand prize — a car — but didn't win it.

"I wanted the car badly, which is why I went in the first place," he said, "but knew I had been blessed big time, and the first thing I thought of was that the boat was going to get

me a car."

Sure enough. The boat's value is enough to put Andrew in a vehicle that he can use for his ministry.

"I work with youth," he said. "Several are always hanging around with me to go places and do stuff. I need a four or five-passenger car. I don't just want a car, I NEED it!"

"God has come through for me and the kids in a way I didn't imagine. I'm so thankful for the prayers of my family and friends, and I thank God for Him blessing me with the gifts and experience."

# Colby city manager confident nursing home will keep lights on

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

After talking with the management group at Lantern Park Manor late last week, city officials said they are "confident" the power and water will keep flowing at the nursing home despite a \$13,000 dispute over water bills.

"The lights will stay on at Lantern

Park Manor," said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong.

Prompted by an article in the *Free Press* last Wednesday, David Goldner with Premiere Healthcare Management, based in North Hollywood, Calif., the group running Lantern Park, will be meeting with Armstrong next Tuesday.

"I am extremely pleased that we

will have a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Goldner on Feb. 1 to resolve the utility bills at Lantern Park Manor," she said.

Armstrong added that Goldner has provided information on the water bills they are disputing and the city will be verifying its records because of utility billing software problems during the summer.

# College students report burglaries

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

Most of \$4,000 worth of items stolen from at least six dorm rooms on the Colby Community College campus have been recovered, and police have arrested three students in connection with the thefts.

Arrested in the thefts were Joseph DeLancey, 18, who formerly attended Colby College and is from Benkelman, Neb., along with Cody Earl Graham, 18, a college student from Park, Neb., and Jeremiah Bell, 21, also a student at Colby College, said Gary Shull, investigator with the Colby police.

The thefts came to the attention of police on Friday, Dec. 17, he said, when students started reporting

items stolen from their dorm rooms. The latest victim filing a complaint on Monday, Jan. 10.

Property taken from the dorm bedrooms of at least five victims, Shull said, included electronic equipment such as laptop computers, televisions, DVD players, and DVD movies.

Three search warrants were issued, Shull said, and four consent searches were done in Colby, rural Thomas County and McDonald.

"Most, but not all, of the property has been recovered," Shull said, "and some of it has been damaged."

Bell and DeLancey were arrested on Monday, Jan. 17, and formally charged by Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick on Thursday, he

said. Bell was charged with felony theft and computer crime, which is also a felony, and DeLancey faces one charge of felony theft.

The following day, Graham was arrested on the college campus for possession of stolen property, but has not been formally charged by the county attorney since he was not involved in the theft of the laptop.

None of the three was charged with burglary.

In the initial warrant, DeLancey and Bell had \$10,000 bonds, which were reduced later to \$1,000 at their first court appearance.

Shull said that there could be more people charged in the case, but had no other information Monday. All three men are out on bond.

# Bird City to celebrate Kansas Day

The Bird City Times

Bird City's 76th annual Kansas Day celebration will be held Saturday. This year's theme is Kansas Dancin' and the featured entertainer will be Mark Berry, who will portray "Californy Joe."

This year's president, Darla Dible, and her committee have been busy organizing the event, which honors Kansas on the anniversary date of its statehood.

"We are looking forward to a fun day that celebrates Kansas Dancin'," she said.

The festivities will begin at 9 a.m., when the American Legion

Hall will open for setup of table displays.

"Anyone or group who has an interesting item from Kansas or relating to Kansas history is welcome to display it," said President Dible.

To reserve a place for a display, contact Kansas Day Vice President Casey McCormick at 734-2659.

Registration will open at 10 a.m., and at 11:30 a.m. the Kansas Day potluck will be served.

After the dinner, program will begin at 12:30. Among other activities will be a singalong with songs from Kansas.

Entertainment will include danc-

ers from Dance Ranch of St. Francis and Kansas biographies and snapshots by the Cheylin School fourth and seventh graders.

Mark Berry as "Californy Joe" will combine frontier humor and history. As in year's past, a memorial tribute will be read with the names of Cheyenne County residents who are no longer living.

Along with President Dible and Vice President McCormick, the 2005 Kansas Day officers are Marsha Magley, secretary, and Helene Landenberger, treasurer.

This marks the 144th year of Kansas statehood.

# matters of record

## Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Jan. 22** — Dean Graber in a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina reported someone scraped the back passenger side of the vehicle probably at 2160 Commerce.

## Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Jan. 20** — Steven Christopher Meyers was arrested for the battery of Portia Jade Perez and for criminal damage to property estimated at \$500 at 217 W. 11th.

**Jan. 21** — A juvenile was referred to the county attorney for battery and disorderly conduct against Gary Searle, Beverly J. Albers and Steven Raymer at 1209 Cherry.

**Jan. 23** — A juvenile was arrested for driving under the influence and minor in consumption at 1200 Cattletrail.

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