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Home of Ronda Robinson

Local political races rather ho-hum...so far

With the filing deadline just over two weeks away, the only contested political races developed for Scurry County voters so far is for state representative.

This race drew its third and fourth candidates Saturday as San Angelo attorney Thomas M. Goff, and business owner and social worker Jeri Slone of Christoval joined two other residents of Tom Green County seeking Rep. Rob Junell's post.

Junell has announced that he will not seek another term in the state house.

Goff, attorney Drew Darby, and businessman Scott Campbell are Republicans, while Slone is a Democrat.

Locally, the political scene was quiet this week as the last filing was a week ago Friday.

The deadline for filing in both the Republican and Democratic primaries is Jan. 2.

Incumbent County Clerk Joan Bunch was the last to file as she is seeking another term. Bunch is a Republican.

This left the only incumbent not filing as County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Fritz has indicated he will seek another term.

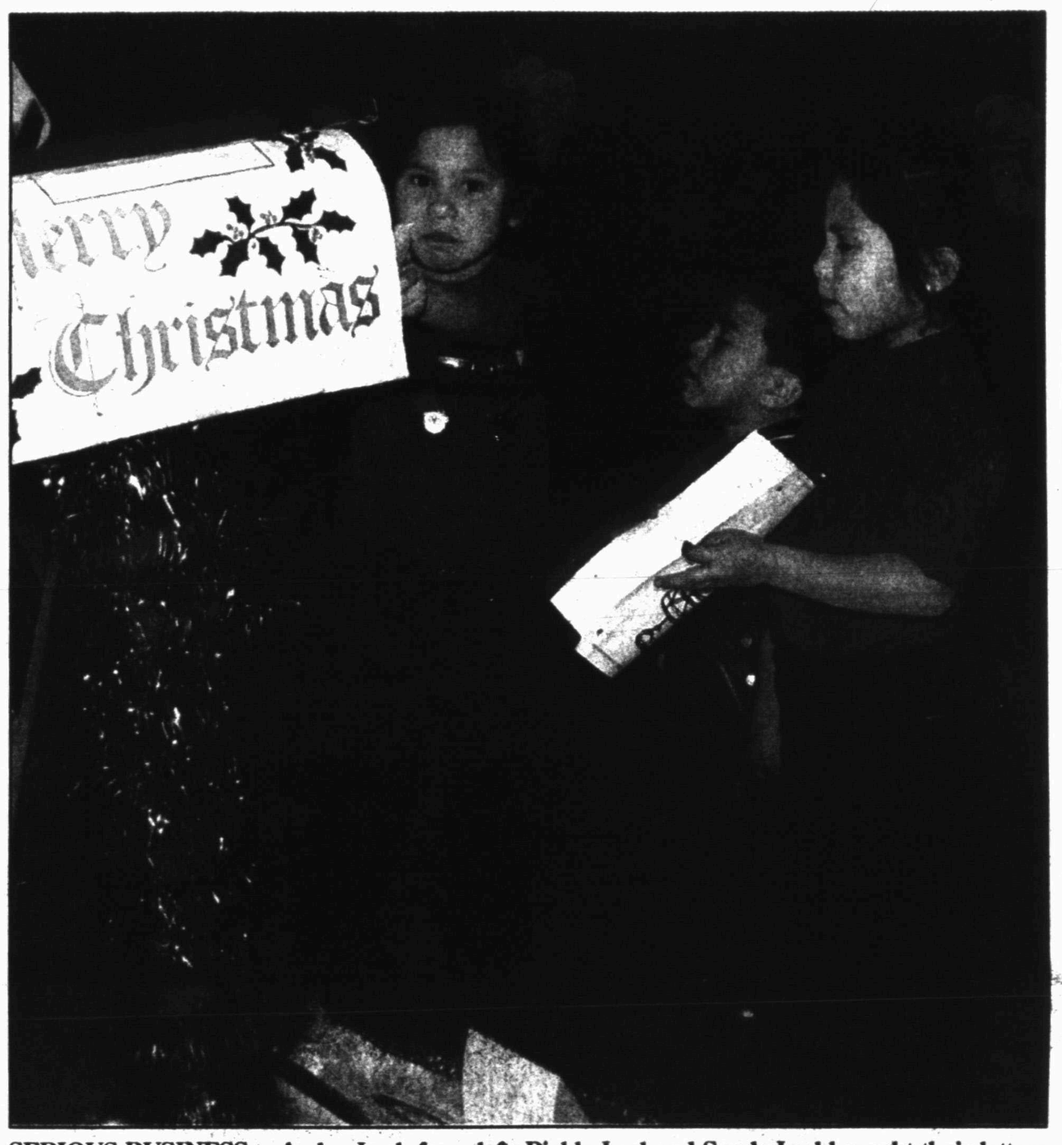
A former Snyder mayor, Rod Waller, has filed with the Republican Party for the county judge's post.

Other Republicans who have filed for re-election include Trina Rodgers, district clerk; Nelda Colvin, treasurer; and Deborah Boyd, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom is not seeking re-election and Republican Robbie Floyd is seeking his post.

Democrats filing for re-election include Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, and Sheriff Darren Jackson.

Drew Bullard is the Republican chairman for Scurry County, while Jerry Gannaway is the Democratic chairman.



SERIOUS BUSINESS— Andee Leal, from left, Pickle Leal and Sandy Leal brought their letters to Santa to the Snyder Daily News Friday. The letters will be forwarded to Santa after a copy is made for the newspaper. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mayor Francene Noah, Teresa Wall

Teresa Wall named city's top employee

Teresa Wall, who works in the City of Snyder's utility department, was honored Friday night as the city's employee of the year.

Mayor Francene Noah presented the award to Wall.

Wall has worked for the city for eight years in the utility department.

"It was a neat award," said Wall. "And it was really a surprise."

The selection committee consisted of former mayors Rod Waller, John Fagin and Milton Ham.

Other city employees receiving recognition at the city's annual awards banquet were Trey Wilson, Jerry Silva and Ray Cearley for five years of service, and Larry Kubena, Billy Newton and Jesse Hernandez for 10 years.

Laura Thomas was recognized for working for the city for 15 years, and Janice Scrivner was honored as a retiring member of the staff.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nostalgia is longing for a time you wouldn't want to return to."

We had the same urge...

A fellow in Vancouver, Wash., vented his frustration after dealing with holiday decorations.

The poor chap planned to spend the Saturday afternoon putting up outdoor Christmas decorations and lights.

Upset by mishaps with his outdoor Christmas lights, he grabbed a .45-caliber pistol and began firing into the ground behind his suburban home.

His anger landed him in jail, charged with investigation of reckless endangerment.

The 47-year-old man told deputies that he became angry when he found the lights were tangled. He said his wife had balled them up and tossed them into the garage after last Christmas. Doesn't everyone?

As he tried to untangle the roll of lights in his driveway, the man's daughter returned home and drove over them.

The man went indoors and informed his family not to be alarmed, that he was going to let off some steam in the back yard by firing off some rounds.

Not wanting to alarm neighbors, he sent his daughter across the street to alert a deputy of his need to de-stress.

Shortly, however, five squad cars rolled up to the man's home where he was arrested.

The bewildered man said, "I thought discharging my gun would help me discharge my anger. Now, I guess I'm going to lose my concealed weapons permit."

Yep, and the lights still don't burn.

Ole what's-her-name figured it out several years ago. She makes a point of decorating the Christmas tree when we're away from home.

There's nothing more frustrating than a string of lights that won't work. Despite a promise on the box that one bad light won't cause the entire string to malfunction, one light always does.

If you really want to avoid stress, then the prudent but expensive thing to do is to start each year with new lights.

But it's our job to put up the outside lights. And she's also learned to leave home or go shopping when that task is underway.

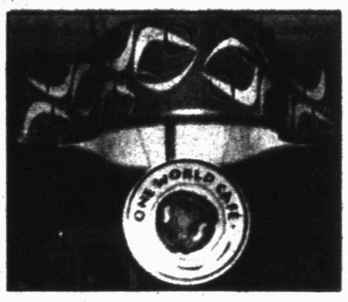
That's why we always put 'em up early. After fiddlin' with lights and such, it takes almost three weeks for the cheerful holiday feelings to return.

Cafeterias get new look

The cafeterias of all seven Snyder ISD campuses got a new look recently, courtesy of ARAMARK, the district's food service company.

Ken Robinson, director of food services for SISD, said the goal of the redesign was to encourage better eating habits and heighten awareness about nutrition.

Snyder students no longer have to eat lunch in a regular, stainless steel cafeteria with just one choice for the noontime meal. Instead, they can choose between several options at One World Café.



"We're happy to introduce One World Café to our students in Snyder," Robinson said. "We hope this will make eating in the cafeteria more enjoyable for all of the kids."

Robinson said ARAMARK conducted extensive research before implementing the new theme. More than 200 interviews were conducted with students of all ages from across the United States.

Survey results showed that one in four students was dissatisfied with their current school cafeteria and 90 percent of students interviewed said they would be more likely to eat in the cafeteria if the experience was more like their favorite fast food restaurant.

"We think this will help to encourage more students to stay on campus and eat lunch in their cafeteria," Robinson said.

New recipes were developed for the One World Café around four major food offerings, to include *The Grill, The Deli, The Works* and *The Pizzeria.*

Each offering includes recipes that reflect the preferences of students while meeting and exceeding nutritional guidelines, Robinson said.

The recipes are further refined to adapt to the choices of younger and older students alike.

Each cafeteria on Snyder campuses has been fitted with One World Café signs and décor and also was repainted for a fresher look.

"It really makes a difference in the appearances of the cafeterias," Robinson said.

Assault trial starts Monday

A 40-year-old Snyder man, charged with five counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer, goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Jesus Alfredo Dominguez of 624 CR 137 is defendant in the case in which 150 prospective jurors were called to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday in Judge Ernie Armstrong's court.

The five aggravated assault charges stem from a 911 domestic disturbance call last June 10. Police reports said that Dominguez was intoxicated at the time and allegedly tried to run over the five law enforcement officers with his vehicle.

Dominguez was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in July and the officers he allegedly tried to strike with his vehicle were DPS Troopers James Arwine and Rick Campos, Snyder police officers Terry Snyder and Michael Ward and deputy sheriff TJ Wood.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case, and defense attorney is Jeanie Fuller of Sweetwater.

County to hear park committee findings

The Scurry County commissioners' court will hear recommendations from the parks committee and consider taking action on them when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday in a regular session meeting.

The committee, appointed in October for the purpose of information gathering, will share its findings with the court. Since its inception the committee released a countywide survey and hosted three public meetings to gauge public sentiment concerning the county's parks and the possibility of investing millions of dollars to revamp the facilities.

Attendance at the meetings was minimal, but almost 1,000 of the surveys were completed and returned leaving no doubt about what local citizens want: new and improved parks.

If the court opts to proceed, the committee plans to apply for a half-million-dollar grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in July. Committee members said during the process that millions of dollars in grant moneys are available, but in many cases matching funds will be necessary from the county.

In other new business, the court will consider a resolution to continue operating the Victim Assistance Program of Scurry County through 2002 and 2003.

The Scurry County tax assessor-collector will submit a 2002 budget for the special inventory tax account and the court will consider adopting a new cellular telephone policy.

The meeting's agenda also includes three items of old business.

The court will open bids for seal coating asphalt, fuel, oil and seal coating gravel.

The court also will appoint an outside financial audit service for the county and for Cogdell Memorial Hospital and more board appointments will be considered.

ASK US

Q—When do the public schools release for the Christmas break?

A—Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools will release students early on Friday, Dec. 21st.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 59 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Saturday, 40; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.72 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, slight rain chance; low 35-40. SW winds 10-15 mph, becoming NW. Sunday, mostly cloudy, windy, colder, slight rain chance.

Taylor Freeman
Colder

Sunset: 5:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 348 days in 2001, the sun has shone 335 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Miserable are the persons who do not have something beyond themselves to search for.
—Charles L. Allen

A reminder...

Personal photos used in the special Veterans Day section need to be picked up at the newspaper before Christmas.

Copies of the section are still available for 50 cents.

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Cisneros blasts former ally, will support wife's brother

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Henry Cisneros has thrown his support in a state legislative race to his wife's brother, former San Antonio City Councilman Roger Perez, over State Rep. Mike Villarreal, whom Cisneros supported during Villarreal's initial run in 1999.

Cisneros, former San Antonio mayor and former U.S. housing secretary, said Villarreal "carried himself arrogantly" in the Texas House of Representatives and failed to demonstrate "a serious approach to public service."

Villarreal said Friday he was sorry he had lost Cisneros' support, but defended his actions, saying he has worked hard to do what was right.

Cisneros said Villarreal, like Cisneros a Democrat, disappointed him in September when Villarreal said he would challenge Bexar county Commissioner Paul Elizondo rather than seek re-election to the Legislature.

"I tried to explain to him that in the Democratic Party we don't run against a person with long-standing service out of pure ambition," Cisneros said. Villareal felt it would be easier to defeat Elizondo, who is 66, than his likely opponent in the House race, State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, who is 30.

"He seemed like a young matador going after an old bull," Cisneros said.

After a federal court ruling restored Villarreal's legislative district last month, Villarreal decided to run for re-election after all.

Villarreal, 30, said he was left with no good choices when what appeared to be the final redistricting map put him in the same legislative district as Martinez Fischer, his childhood friend and legislative colleague.

Calling Cisneros a "role model since high school," Villarreal told the San Antonio Express-News he is disappointed that he has lost his support.

Villarreal countered Cisneros' assessment by noting that he had passed 11 bills during his first session and was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children.

Missy Jones

Dr. Jones attends conference

DALLAS — Dr. Melissa W. Jones, Snyder ISD assistant superintendent, joined more than 2,000 counseling and human development professional from across the state in Dallas last month at the 2001 Conference of the Texas Counseling Association.

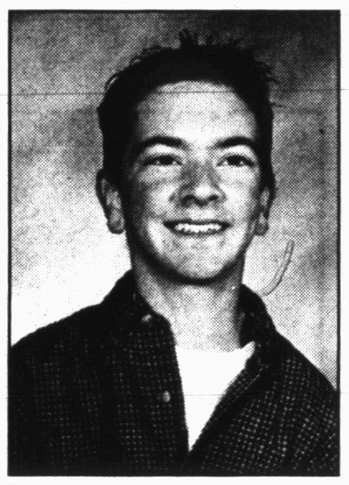
Dr. Jones participated in skill-building workshops and learning programs focusing on the most up-to-date issues and techniques in the field of counseling and human development.

The theme of this year's conference was *Soar on the Wings of Change.* Helping TCA to celebrate that theme as featured speakers were Dr. Rev. Sharon Patterson and Garry Landreth.

Dr. Jones also made a presentation during the conference. The topic was *Central Office Advocacy: Using School Counselors to Prevent Violence and Enhance School Climate.*

As an active member of the Texas Counseling Association, Dr. Jones is teamed with approximately 5,000 counseling and human development professionals from across the state.

Founded in 1947, the Texas Counseling Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and enhancement of the counseling and human development profession.



Jeff Neal

Jeff Neal in Who's Who

Jeff Neal, a senior at Snyder High School, has received *Who's Who Among American High School Students* recognition for the third consecutive year.

He is the son of Darrell and Jana Neal of Snyder. Grandparents are Jean Martin and Margie Neal, both of Gainesville.

11 die in explosion

BEIJING (AP) — Eleven miners were killed by a gas explosion in a small unlicensed coal mine in southern China, the official Xinhua News Agency said Friday.

The explosion Wednesday at the mine in the city of Lianyuan, Hunan province, came despite intensified government efforts this year to shut down small hazardous mines, where thousands of miners die each year.

Man in freed by DNA

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth man who has spent almost 13 years in prison after being convicted of rape was freed Friday after more sophisticated DNA tests showed the jury had convicted the wrong man.

State District Judge Don Leonard ordered Mark Webb released on a $1,000 personal recognizance bond. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals still must confirm that DNA has exonerated Webb.

"I always believed this day was going to happen," Webb said.

Alan Levy, one of the prosecutors on the case, said he expects the case will be dismissed.

When the case against Webb went to trial in 1987, the semen and blood testing indicated Webb, 39, could not be excluded as a match, attorneys said.

Levy, chief of the criminal division of the Tarrant County district attorney's office, said improvements in DNA testing helped correct the mistake.

"Our primary interest is in making sure the findings are accurate," Levy said in a story in Saturday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "When they're not, that means the system failed."

Webb said he has no ill feelings toward prosecutors, the jury or the woman who accused him of rape.

LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-9-4

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

1-30-14-11-2

Texas Two Step

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

12-16-29-11

Bonus number 33

Estimated jackpot: $800,000

Ammie Harrison

Harrison to receive UI degrees

Ammie Estell Harrison will receive her master's degree in English literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this month.

Harrison graduated from Snyder High School in 1996. She earned bachelor's degrees in English and gender studies in 2000 from Southwestern University.

She is the daughter of Willis and Darlene Harrison of Snyder.

Tongue piercing cited in abscess

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale medical officials say they have linked a woman's brain abscess to her tongue piercing.

The woman, in her mid-20s, developed symptoms of a brain abscess 18 months ago after removing a stud from her infected tongue. She had difficulty walking and showed signs of clumsiness.

Brain abscesses are usually caused by ear or sinus infections, and had not previously been linked to tongue piercing, said Dr. Richard Martinello, an infectious disease specialist.

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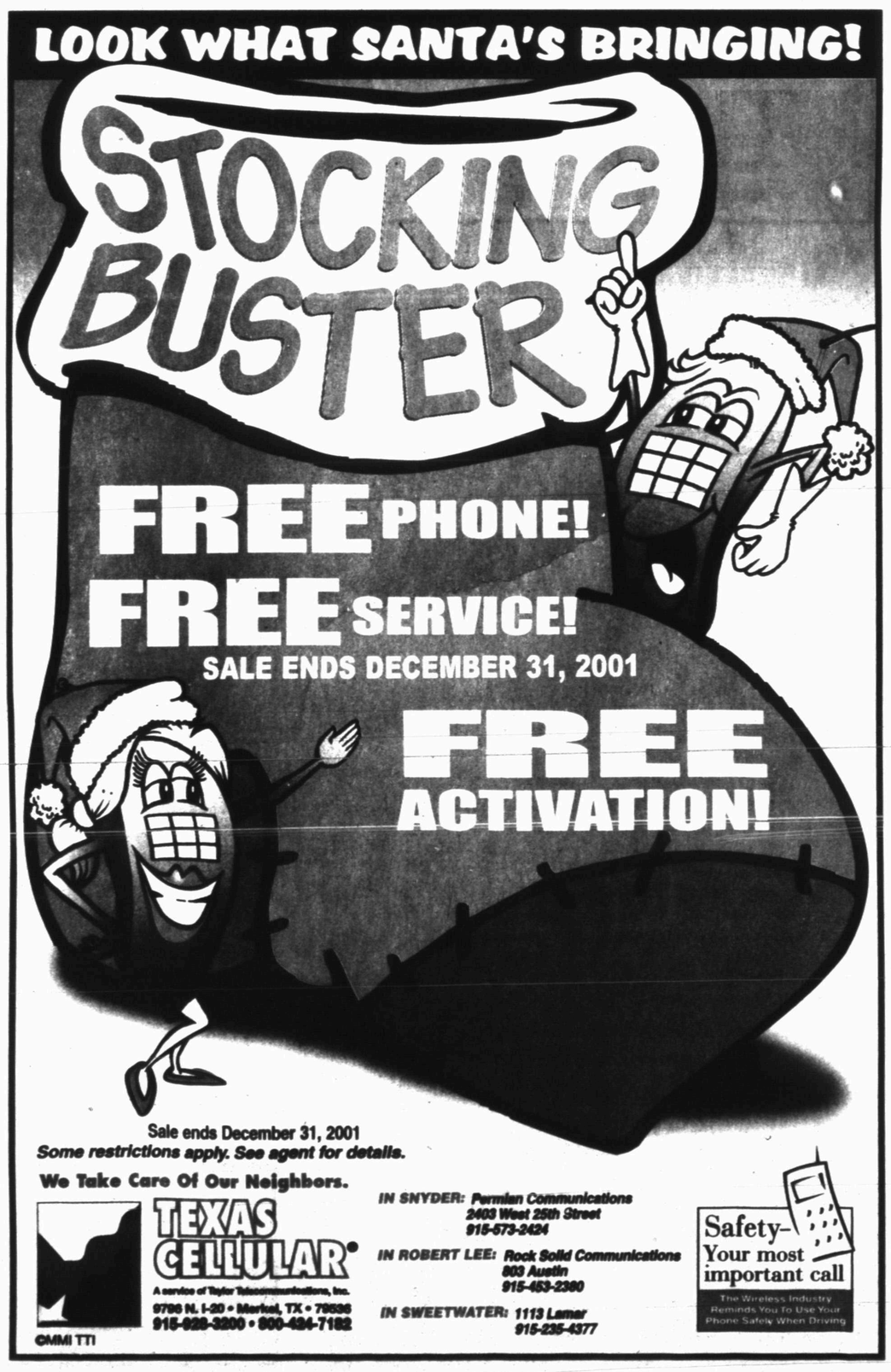

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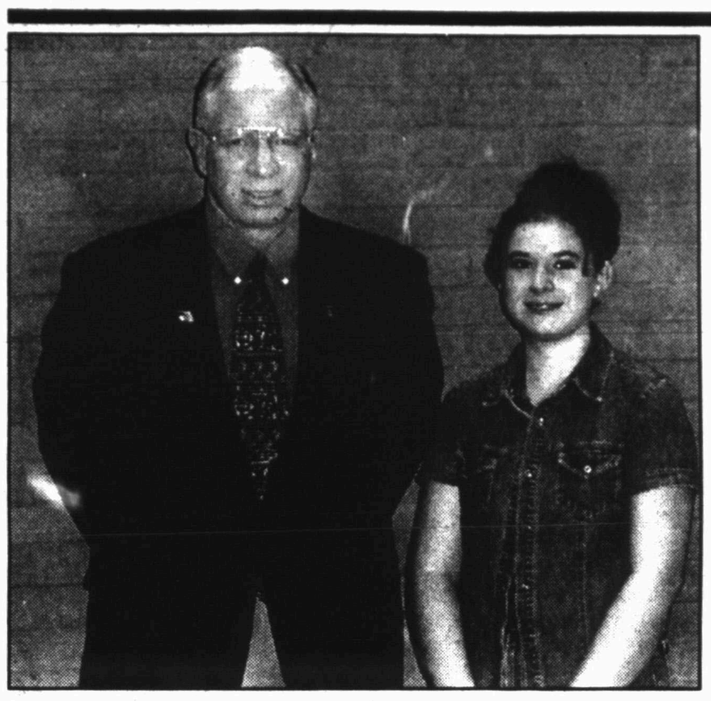

RECOGNIZED — Dr. James Clark, dean of the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences at West Texas A&M University, welcomed Candace Sanchez of Ira to Agricultural Youth Recognition Day. (Contributed Photo)

Sanchez honored at Youth Recognition Day at WTA&M

CANYON — Candace Sanchez, Ira High School junior, was among a group of area high school students honored Dec. 1 by the division of agriculture at West Texas A&M University during Agricultural Youth Recognition Day.

Students were nominated for Youth Recognition Day by their teachers, 4-H leaders and other agricultural leaders based on "significant achievements" in various agricultural pursuits, according to Dr. Lance Baker, WTAMU associate professor of animal science.

Sanchez is the daughter of Gilbert and Carla Sanchez of Ira.

In addition to her involvement with the Ira FFA chapter, Sanchez is a cheerleader, a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Dimmit Co. commissioner gets 9 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A longtime Dimmit County commissioner has been sentenced to nine years in federal prison for drug trafficking..

Alvarado, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced on only one charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, but testimony revealed a history of drug smuggling that included the alleged involvement of two other public officials.

Gustavo Jimenez III, postmaster at Batesville, about 40 miles northeast of Crystal City, and Frankie Mancha, district clerk of Zavala County, have been indicted on federal drug charges, Assistand U.S. Attorney Ernest Gonzalez said.

Alvarado was caught in August ferrying 223 pounds of marijuana in a county-owned pickup.

Public relations firm criticized

BALTIMORE (AP) — A public relations firm hired to promote historically black Morgan State University is under fire for telling students not to show up for a TV commercial with dreadlocks, head wraps, corn rows or braids.

Sahara Communications outlined the conditions in a letter that arrived Monday at the university's theater department. The request outraged many students, who saw it as a blatant attempt to portray a false image of a school where 90 percent of the 5,700 students are black.

"It's ridiculous that a black college would typecast its students," sophomore Zakiyyah Seitu said. "For a long time, black people have had to change who they are so they can fit in, and a lot of us go to a black college so we don't have to change who we are."

The only two men in the theater department were told they could not be in the ad because of their hairstyles, and a female student was asked to go home and change her hairdo, students said.

While the filming continued, school administrators met with about 20 upset students and assured them that all interested students could participate, college spokesman Clinton R. Coleman said.

"The commercial was not intended to be exclusive from our point of view," he said.

Sahara spokeswoman Karen Sloane-Thomas said company officials met with students Tuesday and "the issue discussed has been resolved."

The firm, owned by Morgan State graduate Sandy Harley, also issued a statement Friday saying it is owned by an Afrian American and prides itself on diversity.

"Many of our staff wear their hair naturally, and Sahara has paid student interns who wear braids and locs," the statement said.

The company added: "Sahara erred in stipulating that students with braids or locs could not participate in the shooting of the Morgan commercial. We apologized to the students in the theater department, and those who accepted our apology participated in the commercial shoot."

Founded in 1867 as a Methodist seminary, Morgan State evolved into a teacher's college, ultimately becoming a comprehensive public university.

Goff, Slone throw hat into ring for Rep. District 72

The third and fourth Tom Greenn County residents have joined the race for State Representative for District 72, which now includes Scurry County.

Thomas M. Goff, a former Tom Green county attorney, announced Saturday his intentions to run for the state representative seat currently held by Rep. Rob Junell.

Also announcing was Jeri Slone of Christoval.

Junell has said he would not seek another term.

Previously, Drew Darby, a San Angelo attorney, and Scott Campbell, a San Angelo businessman, had filed for the post.

All have filed on the Republican ticket.

Goss has been practicing law since 1974 and served as Tom Green county attorney for eight years.

He is a decorated Vietnam combat veteran and has served 30 years in the United States Army Reserve, retiring as an Infantry Lt. Colonel.

Goff received his bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and his master's from Angelo State University. He graduated from the University of Houston law school.

Tom Goff

He is married to Dr. Judy Allison, a licensed psychologist in San Angelo. Goff has a daughter, Sarah, a stepson, Sam, and a grandson, Aren.

His wife is a fourth generation rancher with the ranch located in Sutton County.

Slone is running as a Democrat.

She is executive director of the Institute of Cognitive Development, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to domestic violence victims.

Drive gets 50 units of blood

Scurry County Advisory Blood Council, Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and United Blood Services jointly sponsored the recent blood drive in Snyder. Due to the ice and show, the drive last one day only.

A total of 63 people were screened and 50 units were collected.

Each donor received a T-shirt, a pint of ice cream from Blue Bell, and coupons from Wal-Mart snack bar, Long John Silver's, Taco Johns, LuLu's Beauty Shop, Sonic Drive-In and Whataburger. Gill's Fried Chicken gave 75 coupons for snack packs and Wal-Mart also donated Sam's Cola to each fifth donor.

Local business gave gift certificates. Spanish Inn: Elizabeth Jenkins, Mollie Shearer and Zelma Irons; Jaramillios: Brenda Ingram A.Z. Thomas and Kathy Spoor; Pizza Hut: Janet Spence and James Ishom; Subway: Joe Salinas and Toni Shields.

Prizes were given away in random drawings. Recipients include Richard Cooper and A.Z. Thomas, The Shack; Michael Velasquez, Wagon Wheel; Zelma Irons, Brenda Ingram, Jeff Mason, Ethel Head and Toni Shields, all from Tiger Gym.

The turkey fryer went to Anastasia Warren.

Gallon pins were awarded to Sherry Bilderback, Jane Hinton, Bill Wood and David Presley. Two-gallon pins were received by Carie Gafford, Oscar P. Haney, Neva Huddleston, Anastasia Warren, Ronnie L. Black and A.Z. Thomas

Receiving four-gallon pins were Jose Gain, Tommie Reynolds and Annette I. Hernandez. Five-gallon recipient was Brenda Ingrain; six-gallon pin went to O.L. Lane; eight-gallon pins, Harold Yearned, George Adams; 10 gallons, John Billy Kinsman, Joe Rollins and Zelda Irons. Donald Ray, Joe L. Salinas, Elizabeth Jenkins and Bill Wood received 12-gallon pins.

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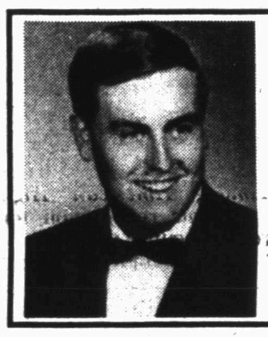

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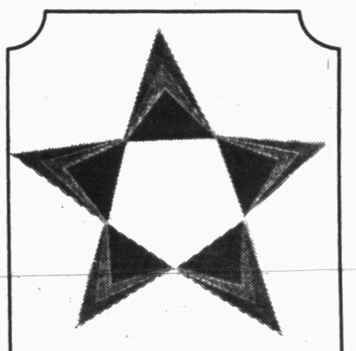

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Bud & Jessie Scarbrough

Western Texas College
MIDWINTER Class Schedule

Registration January 3, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Administration Building.
Classes meet 9:00-11:30 a.m.; 1:00-3:15 p.m.
January 3-5; 7-12; 14 &15 (final exam)

Course	Comp	Description	Hrs	Rm	Instr	Fee
COLLEGE PREPARATORY						
DMT 034	0222	BEG/INTER ALG	3	TBA	BEARD, J	$12
(INTERNET -PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED)						
ENGLISH						
ENGL 2326	0399	AMERICAN LIT	3	2B-110	ROSE, M	
HISTORY						
HIST 1301	0298	US HIST TO 1865	3	2C-104	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0299	US HIST 1865-	3	2C-105	SMITH, N	
MATHEMATICS						
MATH 1314	0223	COL. ALG LAB	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8

COST: In-District - $126.00 (not including lab fees or textbook) Out-of-District - $141.00 (not including lab fees or textbook)
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Man kills 4 family members, himself

LOWELL, Ind. (AP) — A small-town theater director fatally shot his wife and infant daughter as she was bathing the child, then drove to his parents' home and killed them before taking his own life.

Jeffrey Wein's sister and brother-in-law discovered the bodies in the older couple's home Friday morning when they stopped by with plans to go holiday shopping.

Police later found the bodies of Wein's wife and daughter at the family's home about three miles away in Lowell, a rural northwestern Indiana town of about 7,500.

It's Christmas Time in John Deere Toy Town

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Math-A-Thon nets funds for 'St. Jude'

Fifty Snyder Junior High School students have earned more than $1,300 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital though the annual Math-A-Thon.

Thirty-five eighth graders brought in $1,133.42. Fifteen seventh graders earned $221.50. Bryan Clifton brought in the most money, $135.

Of the prizes awarded, 50 students in all earned certificates of achievement; 12 received free admission to Six Flags; 31 received t-shirts; 6 earned sports bags; and two received C-D players.

The Math-A-Thon funbook consisted of 200-250 problems and puzzles. Students arranged for sponsors who pledged to pay a pre-determined amount for each problem or puzzle they completed.

WINNERS — Snyder Junior High School students who received prizes during the recent Math-A-Thon, annual fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, include back row from left, Seth Cooper, Bryan Clifton, Dustyn Williams, Barrett Bowlin, Chase Ashworth; front row from left, Shaela Thompson, Kim Henkell, Megan McCormick, Christi Williams, Kiki Wofford, Hollie Berryhill. Aeryal Peoples is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo

In addition to helping sick children, the students also improved their math skills.

Students who received awards include Bryan Clifton, Megan McCormick, Aeryal Peoples, Seth Cooper, Kim Henkell, Christi Williams, Kiki Wofford, Shaela Thompson, Chase Ashworth, Barett Bowlin, Dustyn Williams and Hollie Berryhill.

Forest Service firefighting costs rising

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — When lighting struck the gnarled skeleton of a tree in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness late last summer, it ignited what turned out to be a small fire, 279 acres, but resulted in a big bill — $2.2 million.

At a cost of $7,899 per acre, the Craggie Fire, 35 miles west of Grants Pass, was one of the most expensive of the summer for the U.S. Forest Service — seven times the national average of $1,164 per acre.

The Forest Service blames rising costs on the buildup of underbrush and other fuel due to a century of putting out too many fires, a practice managers say they are working to change.

Overall, Forest Service spending on putting out fires shows an upward trend. Despite periodic efforts to control costs and reduce fire danger over the past 24 years, the cost per acre, in year 2000 dollars and adjusted for inflation, has increased 63 percent.

One reason is that the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis, which the Forest Service uses to decide how aggressively to fight a fire, does not factor in any balancing benefits — safety, ecological or economic — of letting the fire burn.

The only real check appears to be the availability of resources. After 2000, the worst wildfire season in 50 years, Congress provided more money than ever before — $1.9 billion. That paid for twice as many helicopters as last year and 5,000 extra federal firefighters, as well as more prevention, rehabilitation and research.

"If I was in business, I'd be out of business," said Harry Croft, deputy director of the Forest Service's National Fire Plan. "Everywhere I've been, everyone says the same thing, the system is broken, we've got to change it. Whether they are going to want to fix it is another issue."

Croft said the National Fire Plan for this year makes a start, with the $469 million budgeted for Forest Service fire suppression representing the first realistic level ever. Only $122 million was appropriated for fire suppression in 2000, and the amount spent climbed to $1.1 billion.

Despite the increased appropriation for this year, the Forest Service still overspent its fire suppression budget by $230 million.

When it started at the turn of the century, the Forest Service's primary mission was fighting fire. After World War II, that mission switched to timber production as returning GIs wanted to build homes.

It shifted again in the 1990s as lawsuits by environmentalists forced the Forest Service to drastically cut back logging to protect fish and wildlife. Today, firefighting accounts for more than half of the agency's $3 billion budget.

"Fighting fires built up into part of its institutional culture. Most of the timber cutting, if it is going to be done, is being done for fire reasons," said Robert Nelson, a professor of environmental policy at the University of Maryland and author of, "A Burning Issue: A Case for Abolishing the U.S. Forest Service."

The Forest Service decided in 1926 that all fires should be held to 10 acres. That was updated in 1935 with the 10 o'clock rule: Every fire was to be controlled by 10 a.m. the next day. Under those rules, the annual wildfire toll fell from 39 million acres in the 1930s to 3.2 million acres in the 1970s, but then it began to climb.

Scientists say the practice had been cultivating unnatural forests, thick with small trees and susceptible to bigger fires. The Forest Service started using controlled burns to clear the clutter, but Congress appropriated little money and people living nearby didn't like the risk.

"There seems to be a political calculus that spending money to prevent fires has no political benefit ... But spending money to stop fire has a tremendous amount of political benefit," said Randal O'Toole, an economist examining wildfire spending for the Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics.

The Forest Service has always had a blank check when it comes to fighting fire, with the exception of a few years in the 1980s, O'Toole said. Andy Stahl of the Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics said the agency has gotten in the habit of stretching that blank check to cover other expenses, such as personnel.

Croft would like to eliminate the practice, but resistance is deep. He has analyzed dozens of fires, looking for ways to save money, right down to bottled water.

It turned out the cost of bottled water was minuscule compared to helicopters. And when people drink out of creeks, they get sick. So bottled water stayed.

Despite costing $4,111 to $9,115 per hour on the Craggie fire, Croft said heavy helicopters can be tremendously effective with their 1,000-gallon water buckets, as long as turnaround times are under five minutes. The cost adds up quickly. On Craggie, heavy helicopters accounted for 14 percent of the total.

"The tough part of this is, how much risk will you take playing with a fire?" Croft said, especially in the wake of a controlled burn that got away near Los Alamos, N.M., last year and left 400 families homeless.

Though critical of the Forest Service, Nelson acknowledged that more spending this year could have been responsible for avoiding a repeat of the fire toll of 2000. However, the underlying problem remains, Nelson said: Forests are hungry for fire, and putting them out now costs money later.

Cancer case settled

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — Dozens of parents whose children have cancer agreed to monetary settlements with the two chemical companies and a water company they blame for polluting their water, their lawyers said Thursday.

Union Carbide, Ciba Specialty Chemicals, and United Water Toms River agreed to pay an undisclosed amount of money to 69 families. The companies did not admit liability.

The families have been fighting a four-year battle and their lawyer, Jan Schlichtmann, said the settlement — reached through negotiation, not litigation — gives hope to other communities.

"We're as satisfied as we can be," said Joseph Kotran, 42, whose 5-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a central nervous system cancer. "I'd rather just not have the cancer."

Between 1979 and 1995, 90 children in Dover Township were diagnosed with cancer, an abnormally high number, according to state officials.

The disclosures led officials to embark on a $10 million epidemiological study.

Financial Focus

When Economy Slows, Stick With Investment Strategy

For the first eight months of 2001, U.S. economic growth was slow, if not stagnant. Then came the tragic events of September 11, which rocked the economy even further and disrupted the financial markets.

How should you respond to this situation? Should you abandon your investment strategy? Should you get out of the markets altogether, at least until things return to "normal?"

No, you probably shouldn't — especially if you're a long-term investor. If you are saving and investing for long-term goals — college for your children or a comfortable retirement for you and your spouse — you don't want to constantly adjust your portfolio in response to temporary economic downturns. By taking a "timeout" from investing, or by selling off holdings and putting the money into "cash" and instruments, such as money market accounts, you could end up crippling your progress toward your ultimate objectives.

No matter what's happening with the economy or the markets, it's essential to stick with an investment strategy that's designed to accommodate your individual goals and time horizon. If you do not have such a strategy in place, a financial professional can help you establish one.

Whether you're a rookie or seasoned investor, a financial professional can help you with some key areas:

***Developing a plan based on your unique financial goals** — Because your needs and goals are different from everyone else's, your investment strategy must be similarly unique. So, for example, if you want to retire early and travel around the world, you may need to invest far differently from your neighbor, who plans to work until 70 and then pursue hobbies around the house. A financial professional can help you craft a plan based on your individual goals.

***Choosing appropriate investments** — To implement your investment strategy, you'll need the right investments. A financial professional can help you choose the ones that best fit your needs.

***Staying disciplined** — It's not always easy to stick with an investment strategy. Many investors are tempted to chase "hot" stocks or time the market. Neither of these strategies will be successful in the long term. A financial professional can help you stay disciplined by suggesting such techniques as dollar cost averaging — investing a set amount of money at regular intervals.

***Ignoring short-term ups and downs** — To be a good investor, you must ignore — or at least, overlook — short-term price fluctuations. If you regularly jettison investments that, for whatever reason, are going through a down time, you run the risk of incurring trading costs and sabotaging your long-term strategy. A financial professional can help you avoid these mistakes by showing you what to really look for in investments. For example, if you own stocks, your financial professional may stress the necessity of evaluating companies, fundamentals, management and competitive position. Once you're familiar with these factors, you can make informed investment decisions.

You can't change the economy or control what happens in the markets. But by sticking with your investment strategy, and by working with a qualified financial professional, you can go a long way toward controlling your own destiny. And that's no small achievement.

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The Kid's Connection

Leroy Ochoa, Snyder Area Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is in the process of presenting a 14-week program entitled *The Kid's Connection* to the third and fourth graders at Hermleigh.
This is a comprehensive program regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.
Third graders are in Joyce Lionberger's class and Beth McDaniel teaches fourth grade science.

HEALTHY CHOICES — Lesson five was entitled *Healthy Choices*. Students in the top photo from left include, Gloria Ramirez, Lori Garcia, Leroy Ochoa, Jordan Williamson, Jacob Nachlinger, Duncan Sorrells and Matt Williams. All are third graders. Fourth graders in the bottom photo are from left, Michael Redman, Sean McClure, Michelle Ortiz, Naomi Arrellano, Josh Beasly, Shawn Shankles, JP Smith. (Contributed Photos)

TOY DRIVE — Ira High School's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America recently raised money to purchase toys for the annual Toys For Tots drive. Fundraisers included selling cookie dough, fruit and jewelry. Back row from left, Josh Gutierrez, Lindsey Wilson, Stephan Kirk, Lacey Thompson, Rusty Josey; front row, Kayla Krop, Franki Briseno, Diana Aguinaga, Vickie Rivera, Jessie Green, Bea Aguinaga, Candace Sanchez. Phyllis Brown in the advisor. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Man is arrested

ROWLETT (AP) — A man accused of sending anonymous, harassing e-mails to Rowlett Police Department employees learned via e-mail Friday that he was wanted by police.

Rowlett police informed John Germer, 38, of Rowlett by e-mail that a warrant had been issued for his arrest on a misdemeanor harassment charge. Police said an attorney representing Germer called them a short time later to ask how and when Germer could surrender.

As part of an agreement between police and Germer's attorney, the department has agreed to withhold prosecution if Germer completes counseling therapy and agrees in writing to use his real name in any more communications with the department.

The e-mails, which began in April, were sent to police and some city employees, including the mayor. The sender used the name "Giblet Gravy."

Police turned to Internet service provider Hotmail to track down the sender.

Authorities initially ignored the e-mails, which they described as annoying, harassing and sometimes vulgar. But the number of incidents picked up in November and that led to a formal investigation.

Rowlett is 15 miles north of Dallas.

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Georgia literary magazine features letter by Faulkner

ATLANTA (AP) — William Faulkner learned to tell the truth and care for the weak from Caroline Barr, the black woman who raised him and his brothers in Oxford, Miss.

An emotional, six-page typed letter in which Faulkner recounted the relationship has been published for the first time in the latest edition of the literary quarterly, The Georgia Review.

"She remained one of my earliest recollections, not alone as a person, but as a court of authority for my conduct and security for my physical well-being and of an active and constant affection and love," he wrote.

The letter was sent to Methodist Bishop Robert Jones of Columbus, Ohio, who was planning to write a book about Southern black women who worked as nannies and raised white children. It was written in 1940, six weeks after Barr died at age 100.

Faulkner memorialized her in his novel "Go Down Moses" as Mollie Beauchamp and as Dilsey Gibson in "The Sound and the Fury."

"It's really possible Faulkner was writing this letter and remembering fully what Miss Barr was like," said Tom McHaney, a professor of Southern literature at Georgia State University.

"She's a remarkable figure in his life. It's almost impossible to calculate how much she represents to him."

Aunt Callie, as Faulkner called her, taught him "to tell the truth, to refrain from waste, to be considerate of the weak and respectful toward age," he wrote in the letter.

"His whole development as a man and as a writer was greatly influenced by the lessons she taught him," said Stephen Corey, associate editor of the Athens-based Georgia Review.

"The death of Carrie Barr made him feel that he wanted to clarify some things in his own mind and how he felt about her now that she's just died," Corey said. "That may explain why the letter is so extensive and goes into such detail."

For readers of Faulkner, the letter helps to decode some of the fictional depictions of Barr in his novels, said McHaney.

The original letter is housed at Tulane University. Bart Welling, a graduate student at the University of Virginia, worked to publish it and has a background essay on the letter in The Review.

Welling said the letter is crucial evidence of Faulkner's long journey toward winning the Nobel Prize in literature, and as "the embattled spokesman for the Southern white liberal position on race."

Philadelphia officials get FBI fugitive

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A man on the FBI's most wanted list for his alleged role in four Philadelphia killings was handed over to city officials Friday, federal authorities said.

Felix Summers, who had a number of aliases, was captured Thursday evening in an apartment in Blackwood, N.J., FBI agent Rosanne Russo said.

"He was surprised but he was cooperative," she said.

Summers was wanted for shooting six teens — one fatally — on a Philadelphia street corner in August, District Attorney Lynne Abraham said. Summers also allegedly killed a bystander who witnessed the attack.

Summers also is suspected in the 1999 killings of a Philadelphia man and a witness in that case and is wanted for five other violent assaults, Abraham said.

Summers was added to the FBI's list of most wanted fugitives in October because "he was known to be a very dangerous person," Russo said.

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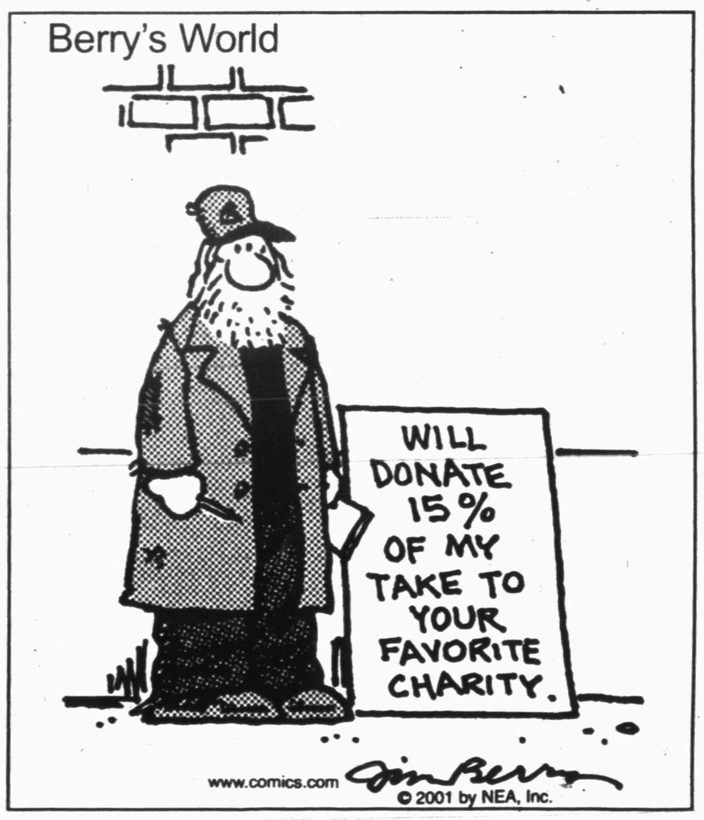

Cruz used to questions

NEW YORK (AP) — Penelope Cruz says she's gotten used to the incessant questions about her romance with her "Vanilla Sky" co-star, Tom Cruise. But that doesn't mean she's going to answer them.

"I don't get angry when I get asked," she said. "I would never give details about it and I think everyone understands why — because that is the only way to maintain some reality."

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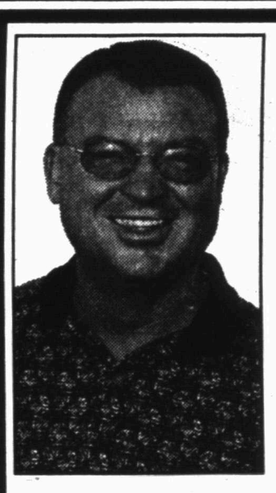

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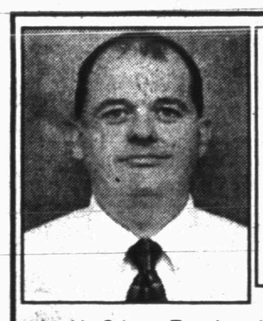

BRIAN HAGGARD
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December 2001

Brian Haggard was born in Kermit, Tx. He was raised in Odessa Tx. where he graduated High School from Odessa High. After graduating high school Brian went on to attend Odessa College where he received his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

In October of 1990 Brian began working for the City as a Patrolman. On March 21, 1994 Brian was promoted to Police Sergeant and is now assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Brian is married to Gina Haggard who works for First Baptist Church here in Snyder. Brian and Gina have an 8-year-old son named Justin and a 5-year-old son named Patrick.

Brian enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons when he is not working. Brian is also the president of the Snyder Police Association.

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SPORTS

Tigers mount rally to knock off Wylie, 46-42

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With the district opener only three days away, perhaps this is just what the Snyder Tigers needed to jump start their league campaign.

Snyder put together a 10-1 run over the final four minutes of the game Friday night to rally past Abilene Wylie, 46-42, in the Tigers' final non-district contest at the SHS gym.

Snyder had fallen to Wylie by 16 points last week, but looked much sharper on Friday despite the absence of second-leading scorer Josh Mendoza due to an ankle injury.

"We just played a lot harder and a lot better this time," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "When you execute like you're supposed to and get after them on the defensive end, it makes things a lot easier on you."

The game saw lead changes through the first 12 minutes of the second half before the Bulldogs opened a 41-36 advantage with 4:01 left to play.

Using his time outs effectively, Birks directed his team on both ends of the floor and the Tigers responded.

Wylie's next eight possessions netted only one point, while Snyder made the most of its offensive opportunities.

Senior Tate Thompson drained a pair of free throws to cut the deficit to 41-38 with 2:30 on the clock.

After Mark Kiger made one of two from the stripe for Wylie, junior T.J. Jones slashed to the basket for a layup to bring the Tigers within two points of the lead.

A Bulldog turnover led to a short-range jumper by Chris McLeod that knotted the tally at 42-42 with 1:15 left on the clock.

Wylie's Jordan Edwards missed the front end of a one-and-one with exactly a minute remaining, giving the Tigers ample time to find a good shot.

"We wanted to make sure we took care of the ball, and got off a good shot," Birks said. "I thought the shot we got was a pretty good one, but we still ended up needing to get the rebound."

After the Tigers ran 40 seconds off the clock, a McLeod shot from about 12 feet came up short. However, Jones was there to grab the rebound. His put back over two Bulldogs pushed the Tigers out front, 44-42, with 15 seconds showing.

Wylie's last chance came 10 seconds later when Caleb Martin's three-point attempt was off target.

McLeod drained two free throws with three seconds left to seal the game.

"We've been in this same situation a number of times this year, but this is the first time we've executed like we needed to down the stretch," said Birks. "The kids played well and executed the plan."

The Tigers shared the offensive workload throughout the game with McLeod's 13 points leading the way.

Jones and Colby Driggers both stepped up their offensive production. Driggers connected twice from behind the arc and finished with eight points, five of which helped stave off a Wylie spurt late in the third quarter. Jones went 3-for-3 from the floor for six points.

Snyder also converted from the line. The Tigers were 13-of-17 from the stripe, compared to a 5-for-12 effort by the Bulldogs.

Wylie had the hot hand early on, racing to a six-point lead in the first quarter. On the night, the Bulldogs shot 53 percent from the floor, but didn't get many second-chance opportunities. Snyder limited Wylie to only three offensive rebounds.

The Tigers battled back in the second quarter to grab an 18-17 halftime lead on a Driggers three-pointer in the closing seconds.

Snyder trailed by five points twice in the second half before shutting down the Bulldogs in the final minutes.

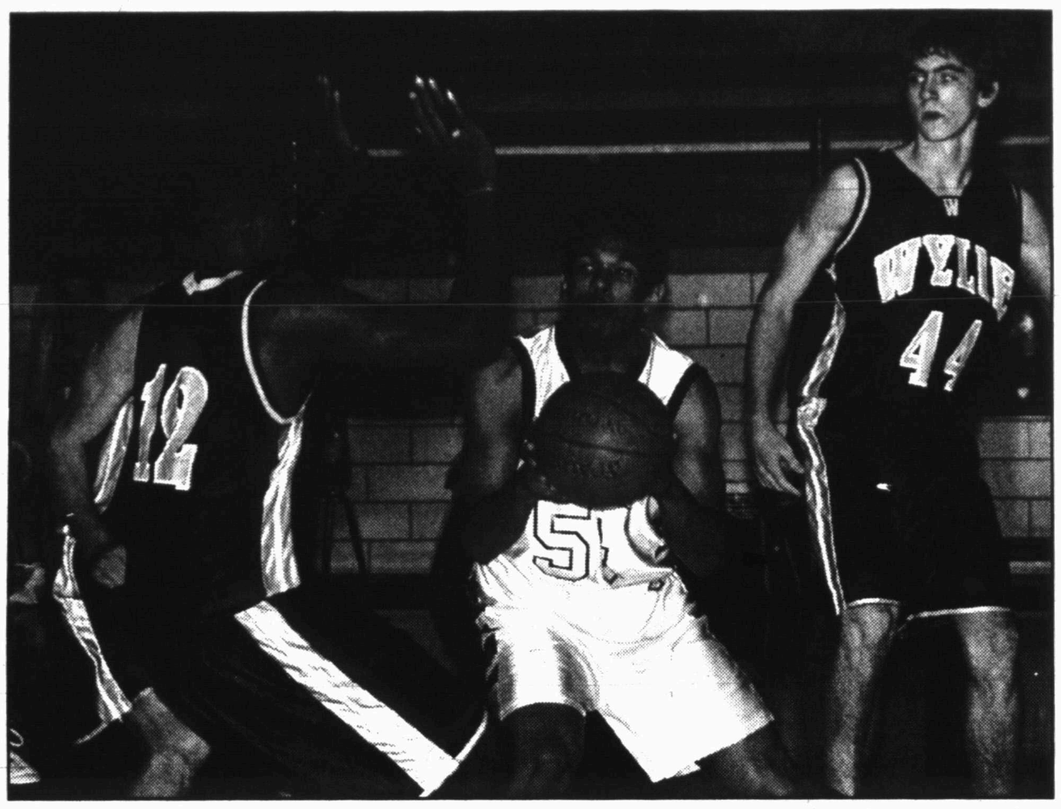
The Tigers tip off District 4-4A competition Tuesday when they host Big Spring.

Wylie	09	08	15	10 —	42
Snyder	07	11	12	16 —	46

Wylie
Monroe 0-1 0-0 0, Hanner 0-0 0-0 0, Foster 3-7 0-0 6, Kiger 7-9 3-6 17, Edwards 2-5 1-4 5, Martin 5-10 0-0 11, Austin 1-1 0-0 2, Plourde 0-0 1-2 1, Wolfe 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 18-34 5-12 42.**

Snyder
Clay 1-5 3-4 5, Scott 1-3 2-3 4, Landes 2-5 0-1 4, McLeod 4-8 4-4 13, Bedell 0-1 0-0 0, Driggers 3-5 0-0 8, Jones 3-3 0-0 6, Thompson 0-1 4-4 4, Dorsett 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals 15-32 13-17 46.**

Three-point goals: Wylie 1 (Martin), Snyder 3 (Driggers 2 and McLeod). Rebounds: Wylie 12 (Kiger 5), Snyder 16 (Clay 5). Total fouls: Wylie 21, Snyder 17. Fouled out — Monroe.



PUMP FAKE — Snyder senior Corey Clay prepars to shoot over Wylie's Jared Monroe during the Tigers' 46-42 victory Friday night at the SHS gym. Snyder opens District 4-4A competition Tuesday when it hosts Big Spring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Duncan leads Spurs past Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — In a meeting between two teams with momentum, Tim Duncan's size and talent were decisive.

Duncan had 32 points and a season-high 19 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs held off Phoenix for a 105-93 victory over the Suns on Friday night. It was Duncan's NBA-leading 17th double-double, and it helped the Spurs to their sixth straight win while snapping Phoenix's five-game homecourt winning streak.

"I thought Tim was fantastic," coach Greg Popovich said. "He was really great on the boards, really strong down there."

Duncan was 11-of-24 from the field, which he called disappointing. But he paid tribute to bench players like Charles Smith, who had 19 points, and Terry Porter, who scored 14.

Rodney Rogers had season-highs of 29 points and 14 rebounds, Stephon Marbury scored 22 and Shawn Marion had 16 points and 14 rebounds. But the Suns couldn't find an answer for Duncan and lost at home for the first time in six games.

"We've done a good job on Tim in the past," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. "We just didn't do as well tonight. He hurt us down there, inside, and then he stepped out to knock down some shots."

Phoenix fell behind by 20 points in the second quarter but managed to tie it at 80 on a layup by Rogers with 9:08 left in the game.

Duncan made two free throws, and Marion tied it at 82 on a short jumper with 8:14 to go.

Duncan then started a 10-0 spurt with two free throws and ended it with a tip-in, sending the Spurs to a 92-82 lead with 5:22 left. The Spurs didn't get another field goal until Antonio Daniels' 3-pointer in the waning seconds, but stayed ahead on foul shots.

"It was kind of frustrating, actually," Duncan said about the Phoenix comeback. "We had them down a good bit a couple of times, and they got back into it. Actually, it was great for us, because we kept our composure."

Duncan had eight points in the first 4:40 of the game, shooting San Antonio to an 11-3 lead before Bo Outlaw replaced Jake Tsakalidis to guard Duncan.

He held Duncan scoreless for more than five minutes and had two baskets during a 13-2 run that earned the Suns a 16-13 lead with 2:23 left in the first quarter.

But, starting with the last basket of the period, San Antonio outscored the Suns 31-9 in seven minutes. Smith had 15 points during the rally and assisted on a layup by Porter, who was fouled and made the free throw for a 49-29 lead with 5:19 remaining in the second.

"We brought a lot of energy off the bench, and that's our job," said Smith, who was one point off his career-high. "If the starters can't get going, we just come out and try to play our game."

The Suns began their recovery on a three-point play by Marion and got within 53-45 at halftime on Rogers' buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

"We couldn't get it going like we needed to to get the win," Rogers said. "We made some comebacks, but we just couldn't get over that hump to get the lead."

College Bowl Schedule

BOWL SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
At New Orleans, La.
$750,000
North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
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Marshall (10-2) vs. East Carolina (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$750,000
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas, Nev.
$800,000
Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
At Seattle, Wash.
$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego, Calif.
$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix, Ariz.
$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), noon (CBS)

Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta, Ga.
$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2.2 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$2 million
Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$4.25 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans, La.
$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami, Fla.
$11-13 million
Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	14	7	.667	—
Boston	13	7	.650	½
Orlando	12	12	.500	3½
New York	11	12	.478	4
Washington	10	12	.454	4½
Philadelphia	8	14	.364	6½
Miami	4	17	.191	10
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	14	6	.700	—
Milwaukee	12	7	.632	1½
Indiana	13	11	.542	3
Toronto	12	11	.522	3½
Charlotte	11	11	.500	4
Cleveland	9	13	.409	6
Atlanta	8	14	.364	7
Chicago	4	17	.191	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.800	—
Minnesota	16	5	.762	½
Dallas	14	9	.609	3½
Utah	11	12	.478	6½
Denver	8	14	.364	9
Houston	7	17	.292	11
Memphis	5	16	.238	11½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	17	3	.850	—
Sacramento	17	7	.708	2
Phoenix	14	10	.583	5
L.A. Clippers	12	11	.522	6½
Portland	10	11	.476	7½
Seattle	10	15	.400	9½
Golden State	8	15	.348	10½

Friday's Games
Washington 96, New York 80
Milwaukee 96, Philadelphia 80
Boston 107, Chicago 101
New Jersey 95, Miami 86
Minnesota 114, Sacramento 94
Utah 93, Portland 85
San Antonio 105, Phoenix 93
L.A. Lakers 110, L.A. Clippers 80

Saturday's Games
Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Washington at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Final
Mesquite (14-0) vs. SA Taft (12-2), noon Saturday at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Euless Trinity (13-1) vs. Lufkin (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Tyler Rose Stadium.
Houston Madison (14-0) vs. Austin Westlake (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome.
Final
Euless Trinity or Lufkin vs. Houston Madison or Austin Westlake, TBA.

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Final
Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Smithson Valley (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Waco.
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Southlake Carroll (10-4) vs. Ennis (14-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium.
Bay City (13-1) vs. Austin Reagan (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome.
Final
Southlake Carroll or Ennis vs. Bay City or Austin Reagan, TBA.

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Final
Everman (14-0) vs. Sinton (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at College Station.
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Commerce 41, Bridgeport 28
La Grange 21, Giddings 13
Final
Commerce (13-2) vs. La Grange (12-3), TBA.

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Final
Van Alstyne (12-2) vs. Blanco (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco.
DIVISION II
Semifinals
Celina 35, Sonora 13
Garrison (12-2) vs. Ganado (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bryan.
Final
Celina (15-0) vs. Garrison or Ganado, TBA.

CLASS 1A
Semifinals
Stratford (14-0) vs. Celeste (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Childress.
Tenaha (10-3) vs. Burkeville (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Tyler Rose Stadium.
Final
Stratford or Celeste vs. Tenaha or Burkeville, TBA.

SIX-MAN
Final
Whitharral (14-0) vs. Richland Springs (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Sweetwater.

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SPORTS

Levelland humbles Lady Tigers, 67-34

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Levelland Loboettes are expected to make a run at the state tournament this year. They showed why Friday night.

Levelland pounced on Snyder early, and never let the Lady Tigers off the mat on its way to a 67-34 district victory at the SHS gym.

The state-ranked Loboettes improved to 13-2 on the year, while the Lady Tigers fell to 5-8 and 1-1 in league play.

"They presented several match-up problems for us, and they took advantage them," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "Their big girls inside is just a lot more physical than we are, and she was able to control the game."

Tara Vaughan, the Loboettes' 6-1 senior post, dominated the paint. Vaughan hauled down 11 rebounds, and poured in 28 points on a 12-for-18 shooting performance.

Vaughn scored 18 of her points in the first half when Levelland put the game out of reach.

The Loboettes raced to a 34-6 lead before Snyder converted its first field goal of the night, a Chaelyn Robinson three-pointer with 2:27 left in the second quarter.

The Lady Tigers went 3-of-15 from the floor in the first half to trail by 26 points at the break.

"We were kind of timid early and passed on a few good shots that we should've taken," Martin said. "Then we weren't getting those good looks any more and we started forcing up some shots. That's when things started getting away from us."

Vaughan added three buckets in the third quarter and two more in the fourth as Levelland continued to stretch its lead.

Snyder got nine second-half points from Amber Russell to pace its output. Afton Schwertner and Chaelyn Robinson also finished with nine points.

"Levelland is a higher caliber team than we played during non-district," Martin stated. "They don't have a weak spot that you can try to exploit. Their first eight or nine players are solid on both ends of the floor."

The Lady Tigers will try to get back on track Tuesday when they host Big Spring at 6 p.m. at the SHS gym.

Levelland	18	22	13	14	—	67
Snyder	02	12	10	10	—	34

Levelland
Flowers 4-10 0-4 8, Blackshear 0-1 0-0 0, Vaughn 12-16 4-4 28, Wilson 1-7 0-0 3, McDonald 5-7 2-4 14, Rose 1-2 0-0 2, Munoz 0-2 0-0 0, Ferguson 1-1 0-0 3, Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Franklin 2-5 3-4 7, Huckaby 1-2 0-0 2, Childers 0-0 0-1 0. **Totals 27-55 9-17 67.**

Snyder
Russell 4-10 1-1 9, Burleson 0-5 1-2 1, Peoples 1-4 0-3 2, Putnam 1-4 2-4 4, Robinson 2-7 4-8 9, Schwertner 4-7 1-2 9, Drum 0-1 0-0 0, Daniell 0-2 0-0 0, Lollar 0-2 0-0 0, Chambers 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 12-44 9-20 34.**

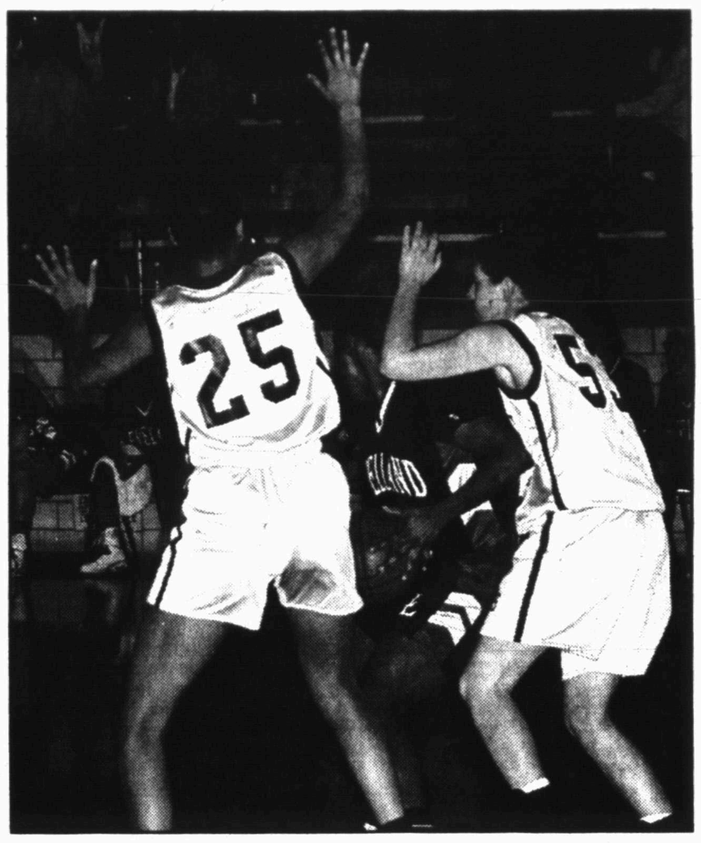
Three-point goals: Levelland 4 (McDonald 2, Wilson and Ferguson), Snyder 1 (Robinson). Rebounds: Levelland 35 (Vaughn 11), Snyder 19 (Russell 4, Robinson 4, Schwertner 4). Total fouls: Levelland 16, Snyder 14. Fouled out — None.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	2	0	13	1
Levelland	2	0	13	2
Estacado	2	0	11	2
Snyder	1	1	5	8
Frenship	1	1	10	5
Andrews	0	2	9	4
Big Spring	0	2	8	6
Lake View	0	2	2	11

Friday's results: Levelland 67, Snyder 34; Frenship 56, Big Spring 55; Plainview 71, Andrews 49; Estacado 69, Lake View 35.

Tuesday's games: Big Spring at Snyder; Lake View at Andrews; Plainview at Levelland; Frenship at Estacado.



TRAPPED — Snyder's Zipporah Peoples (25) and Amber Russell (53) try to contain Levelland's Tawanna Flowers during district action Friday night at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Red Raiders storm past Cougs, 71-64

HOUSTON (AP) — Andy Ellis and Will Chavis finally took it upon themselves to ignite the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Bobby Knight made certain of it.

Ellis scored eight of his 17 points and Chavis scored 12 of his 14 points in a second-half charge as Texas Tech rallied to beat Houston 71-64 Friday night. A stiff lecture from Knight got them going.

"I don't think we played well in the first half, and we played okay in the second half," Knight said. "We had good consistency in our game until we got that 13-point lead, and then they got three straight layups.

"They put themselves back in it. If a few things had have happened, they could have won."

Trailing 44-43 with 10:22 left in the game, the Red Raiders (7-1) went on a 22-9 run led by Ellis and Will Chavis, who hit eight straight points during the run. Andre Emmett also had 14 points for Tech.

"You can't help but play hard every possession," Ellis said. "His intensity rubs off on you. We're turning into as pretty good ballclub."

Chavis' eight-point run extended Tech's lead to 61-50 with 4:33 to play. The Raiders got up 65-53 lead to complete their decisive run and weren't challenged again by the Cougars (4-3).

"In the first half tonight, we weren't as sharp mentally as we have been, but in the second half, we were sharp mentally and physically," Chavis said.

Patrick Okafor led the Cougars with 15 points, and Louis Truscott added 14.

"I was pleased that we just had seven turnovers and three were in the second half," Knight said. "We're getting back to where we want to be on turnovers. We played even on the boards.

"I've always said if you play even on the boards, you can win in other areas."

Houston led by as many as seven points in the first half and by 33-31 at the half.

Okafor had eight points in the first half, including a basket with 11:39 left that put the Cougars ahead 13-12. Moments later, Jeremee McGuire hit eight straight points for Houston.

Cowboys' Galloway ready to face former team in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Joey Galloway, who left Seattle after one of the most bitter contract holdouts in Seahawks history, returns Sunday, hoping to knock his former team out of the playoff race.

But the Dallas wide receiver insists it's nothing personal against Mike Holmgren, who was his main adversary in a holdout-shortened 1999 season.

"I understand the business end of this game and I think most of that was business," said Galloway, back in the Cowboys' lineup after missing the 2000 season with a knee injury. "I never really thought that we could not coexist."

In his first season as coach-GM in Seattle after leaving Green Bay, Holmgren met more than his match at the bargaining table. Galloway held out for the first eight games in '99 before returning to the team. Galloway wanted to become an unrestricted free agent and get out of Seattle.

"It wasn't personal then, believe me," Holmgren said. "I was a little mad at his agent. But not the young man. I think he got some bad advice."

Galloway was a little mad at Holmgren then, too.

"I think there are times when you realize that certain people just aren't going to get along," he said. "That's part of it. That's the business end of it. People have to do what they have to do."

The Seahawks tried to sign Galloway during the season and made him their franchise player after the 99 season so they wouldn't lose him as a free agent. Then they traded him to the Cowboys for first-round draft choices in 2000 and 2001. With those picks, Holmgren drafted running back Shaun Alexander in 2000 and wide receiver Koren Robinson this year.

"I was really disappointed that he didn't stay with us," Holmgren said. "It would have been fun to have him, a player of that caliber, with us."

Galloway is happy in Dallas with his $42 million, seven-year contract.

And, as it turned out, Galloway was mad at the agent who orchestrated his holdout in Seattle. He fired Eric Metz and hired Leigh Steinberg just before signing with the Cowboys.

"How could he be mad now?" asked Seahawks tight end Christian Fauria. "He's making a gazillion dollars in Dallas."

Seahawks cornerback Willie Williams said it was a case of a stubborn player going against a stubborn coach.

"Coach Holmgren is a strict gentleman," Williams said. "He's going to let you know if you disrespect him. If you're the player, you've got to respect the coach."

In 2001, Galloway has 33 catches for 385 yards and two touchdowns for Dallas (4-8).

"You know Joey has had a tough two years," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "The first year with the injury. The second year with the inconsistency at quarterback. We haven't gotten him the ball as much as we need to."

The Seahawks (6-6) are coming off a disappointing performance in Denver that left them clinging to a playoff thread. To reach the postseason, they'll probably have to win all four remaining games.

Holmgren decided this week to start 11-year veteran running back Ricky Watters, who returned last week following an eight-week absence because of a shoulder injury. That means Alexander, the franchise's fourth running back to rush for 1,000 yards, will go to the bench.

Watters, in the final year of his contract, likely will leave as a free agent. The normally docile Alexander bristled at Holmgren's decision and pointed out the Seahawks were 5-4 with him as Watters' replacement.

"We've won six games and I've been a part of five of them," he said. "I guess coach Holmgren has a different idea of what it takes to win and we just go by it."

The Cowboys, coming to Seattle for the first time since 1983, have a two-game winning streak. They won at Washington two weeks ago before beating the New York Giants at home last week.

Emmitt Smith will be making his first trip to Seattle.

National Fotball League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	3	0	.750	276	228
New England	8	5	0	.615	301	244
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	231	217
Indianapolis	4	8	0	.333	298	378
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	205	332
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	.833	228	144
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	220	208
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	238	294
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	207	210
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	163	234
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Oakland	9	3	0	.750	337	261
Denver	7	6	0	.539	284	267
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	202	254
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	287	263
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	226	257

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	279	155
Washington	6	6	0	.500	175	236
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	204	226
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	218	289
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	196	256
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	282	195
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	234	172
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	238	205
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	247	287
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	214	319
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	358	190
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	316	252
New Orleans	7	5	0	.583	281	249
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	204	254
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

Saturday's Games
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 5 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.
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Monday's Game
St. Louis at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

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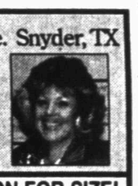

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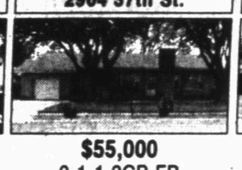

$55,000
2-1-1-2CP-FP
$1,650 down payment
$471.00 monthly
w/Home Warranty

3605 Jacksboro

$65,000
3-2½-2 w/FP
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2510 Towle Park

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3309 Irving NEW!!

$99,900
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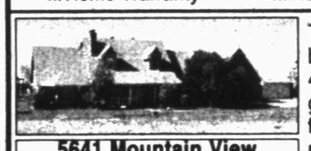

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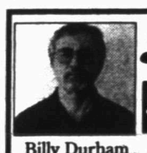

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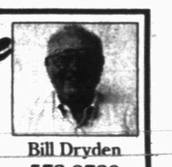

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2903 36th	3-3-2, pool	$129.5T
2709 35th	4-3½-2cp	$129T
Nearly new	on 10 A's, 3-2-2	$125T
2509 48th	3-2½-3	$110T
3614 40th	4-2-2+RV stor.	$94T
Pleasant Hill Rd.	3-2-2	$76.5T
3405 44th	3-2-2	$59.9T
3602 Ave. B	3-2-2	$48T
1809 KSNY Dr.	3-1, 4 lots	$41.5T
3781 Avondale	3-1-1	$38.5T
105 34th	2-1	$37T
2104 40th	3-1	$32.9T
Out of City	11 A's, barns & pens	$28.9T

$$ REDUCED $$

2501 48th	3-3½-4, pool	$145T
2609 36th	4-3-1-1cp	$107T
5505 Cedar Creek	3-2½-2, 2 LA's, Bonus to Buyers	$104T
3309 Irving	3-2-2	$99.9T
Large family hm	on 12 A's Close in	$89.5T
2705 35th	4-3-2 + office	$87.5T

$$ REDUCED $$

2510 Towle Park	3-2-2	$85T
2200 30th	3-2½-2, 2 LA's,	$79.9T
3605 40th	3-2-2	$68.5T
2601 28th	3-2-2	$65.9T
3605 Jacksboro	3-2½-2	$65T
318 36th	3-2-2cp, FP, RV stor.	$55T
2401 40th	3-2-1-1cp	$26.5T
3503 Kerrville	3-2-2	$47.5T
1202 26th	2-1-1, CH/A	$19.5T

2803 34th	3-2-2, 2 LA's	$125T
2301 43rd	3-2, living + den	$69.5T
3618 41st	3-2-2	$66.5T
3310 Ave. V	3-2-2	$62T
4008 Irving	3-2-2	$58T
College Ave.	Large office Bldg.	$48T
2805 Ave. V	3-1	$42T
6329 FM 1606	3-2-2cp	$37.5T
Hwy 84	in Hermeigh 3-2	$29.9T
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3-1½ house in Dunn, CH, (3) window units, shed. Assumable loan. Call 863-2723 after 5p.m.

3309 Irving, 3-2-2, Nearly new. Brick, oversized garage, utility, separate master bedroom. Pier & beam foundation. CH/A, fireplace, well insulated. Lots of built-ins, walk-in closets, fenced backyard. Will consider trade-in. Owner may finance. $99,900 574-1410

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1 of Snyder's newest homes 3-2-2 3309 Irving
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160 A's 3-2-cp & shop 5.2 mi. NE of Hermleigh
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Mill's shutdown ends way of life for Chicago staff

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (AP) — Not long ago, the only thing Stan Machaj feared was being outfished.

But now, huddled around the familiar corner of a bar, sipping beer well before noon, it's clear to everyone — his buddies, the bartender who puts up with their barbs and anyone who looks in Machaj's eyes — that his worries are many.

Machaj is frightened about the future, of looming car and house payments, of being a 54-year-old steelworker without a job.

Like countless others in East Chicago and nearby cities, this sturdy man knows only steel. He's worked at LTV Corp.'s Indiana Harbor Works mill since he was 18. For 36 years, the job gave him security, good benefits and money to raise his kids and take fishing trips with the guys.

But this month, bankrupt LTV Corp. shut down its rusting steel mill on Lake Michigan. The company that had been producing about 5 percent of the country's steel won a judge's approval last week to stop production at Harbor Works and at its mills in Cleveland and Hennepin, Ill., affecting about 7,500 workers — 3,000 of them in East Chicago.

The workers are joining an already growing unemployment line. The nation's unemployment rate is at 5.7 percent — a 6-year high — and economists expect it to climb as the country struggles with recession.

It's been a particularly hard time for the U.S. steel industry. Nearly 30,000 jobs have disappeared in the past 16 months, and more than 20 domestic steel companies have gone into bankruptcy court since late 1997, hurt by low-cost steel from foreign companies and the flagging economy.

Bethlehem Steel Corp., the nation's third-largest steelmaker, filed for bankruptcy in October. LTV filed last December.

Many at Harbor Works are still trying to grasp what has happened. It can't be possible that this once-mighty mill, which cranked out 3.5 million tons of steel a year, is done, and that these workers will never again march in to the clang of metal and the flicker of sparks spraying off acetylene torch flames.

"Most people have been working out here since they were 18 years old," said Kermit Kutzer of the United Steelworks of America Local 1011. "They've had mothers and fathers retire from here. It's just devastating."

The mill's closing is expected to take a heavy toll on the region. East Chicago and Lake County received $25 million a year in property taxes from LTV. The shutdown could lead to the loss of 10,000 jobs as the economic impact spreads, said Tom McDermott, president and chief executive of the economic development group Northwest Indiana Forum.

Accusations are being thrown in both directions at LTV — hourly workers claim management ran the company into the ground, the company says the union wouldn't budge on cutting costs.

The heated opinions matter little at this point. The pay and the benefits are gone. For those not old enough to qualify for pensions, retirement plans might be history as well.

"They're going to lose everything because the company is dead," said Mark Tomasch, spokesman for Cleveland-based LTV. "Their company is out of business, so anything that came from the company, such as their wages, their benefits, all of that, is going to be terminated."

Terminated. The reality of it wakes Tony Plomaritis at night with a sick feeling in his stomach. He was 77 days shy of the 30-year mark and full pension benefits.

Now his carefully laid out plans are uncertain. There's a new car in the driveway. He has six years left to pay off the home he and his wife bought in 1977. His kitchen and hall are partially covered in new white tile, one of many home improvement projects now on hold.

"I didn't plan it to end this way," the 58-year-old welder and pipe fitter said. "I really thought I'd get my 30 years. I feel like I've just been tossed out like a used towel."

He also feels lost, like Machaj and so many others who have steel in their blood.

Plomaritis grins as he recalls carrying 20-foot lengths of steel pipe around the mill like they were pieces of straw. It's probably been nearly 30 years since he could look at his hands and not see dried grease around his fingernails.

It's been nearly as long since Machaj can recall a week when he didn't see John Burns or Sid Loughridge Sr. at the mill. They worked weekends together, six days in a row at times, night shifts, holidays.

"You spend more time with people out here than you do with your family," says Randy Hughes, leaning on the bar with Machaj and the others.

Machaj fights back tears.

"This is when I'm supposed to relax," he says. His buddies put an arm around him and order another round.

At his home in nearby Merrillville, Plomaritis insists he'll remain optimistic. Maybe someone will buy the mill and start it up again. Maybe his pension will work out and he and his wife can get their plans back on track.

"The question is, how long will it take?" Plomaritis said. "And how much will we lose in the meantime."

Terrorist attacks changed suspect's mind

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man accused of sending fake anthrax letters to dozens of abortion clinics nationwide said considered shooting doctors but changed his mind after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I love America as much as anyone else," Clayton Lee Waagner told The Plain Dealer newspaper for an interview published Friday. He said he was hiding on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania when he learned of the attacks.

"I just sat there in the woods," he said. "I couldn't move. I was in shock. That morning it hit me — I couldn't do it."

Rather than kill abortion doctors, he said, he decided to continue frightening them.

Waagner, 45, is suspected of sending more than 550 anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics in the past few months. The envelopes contained white powder and letters signed "Army of God." The powder was not anthrax.

He will be arraigned Monday in federal court in Urbana, Ill., on charges he escaped from a jail in Clinton, Ill. on Feb. 22.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Pork chop w/gravy, English Peas, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie.

Tuesday
Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, brownie

Wednesday
King Ranch chicken, southern fried okra, broccoli, perfection salad, Jello cake

Thursday
Creole steak, wild rice, blackeye peas, peaches and cottage cheese, apple crisp

Friday
Fried fish, macaroni & cheese, crinkle cut fries, cabbage/apple slaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

The coffee candy sale is Tuesday, beginning at 10 a.m. Seniors are asked to donate homemade candy for this project. Candy should be brought to the center by 9 a.m. Tuesday. Each coffee candy will cost $3, and each can will be filled with the purchaser's choice of candies.

We are counting our blessings at the center. Seniors have the opportunity to write a blessing on a paper ornament and display it at the center. Seniors may also sign Christmas cards, which will be distributed to residents at Snyder Oaks, the fourth floor at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and home delivered meals recipients.

The center offers transportation during the morning Monday through Friday. Seniors who need rides are asked to call the center a day or two before any appointments.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. The nine-ball bracket will be drawn at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise begins at 11. The East Elementary Honor Choir will entertain in the dining room at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday
The coffee can candy sale begins at 10 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. The volunteer western band will perform at 11 a.m. in the dining room. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room.

Wednesday
Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Bingo begins at 10 a.m. and continues to 11:45 with a break at 11 for exercising. The line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday
The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. The Sunshine Choir will lead us in a sing-a-long of Christmas music beginning at 11 a.m. in the dining room.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Paige visits border schools, touts recent academic successes

LA JOYA (AP) — Nestled in impoverished communities along the Texas-Mexico border, thriving public schools are claiming national honors and top state test scores.

"Even though you have the burden of being in an economically depressed county, you did not let that get in the way, and in spite those barriers and handicaps, you are among the premier schools in all of the state," U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige told students at La Joya High School on Friday.

He toured three schools, holding them as examples of how federal education initiatives such as Migrant Education, Special Education and "Gear Up" are producing results.

High school students roared with approval as Paige, a son of Mississippi educators and the first black to serve as education secretary, took the auditorium stage in a giant Mexican sombrero, the student mariachi band strumming in the background.

La Joya High School sprawls in the tiny town of La Joya, a good percentage of its more than 2,000 students coming from "colonias" — the hundreds of ad-hoc settlements of mostly poor Mexican immigrants scattered around the Rio Grande Valley.

The district population has swollen in recent years to its present approximately 20,000, and builders are having a hard time keeping up. Ninth graders are housed in a separate school, and there's talk of separating sophomores as well. The size of the district police force rivals that of neighboring towns.

Of the population, 88 percent have Hispanic surnames and 90 percent are considered economically disadvantaged. Some 6,000 are from migrant farmworker families that follow harvests and can't attend a full school year at one site. The district is particularly vulnerable to students crossing the border to attend school, some using relative's addresses to register.

"If they want it, they go for it," said Edrick Alvarez, the senior class vice president. "I have some friends that aren't all that well off but they'll keep trying. We support each other a lot."

This year, four of the district's 21 campuses earned the state's "exemplary" schools award and nine were labeled "recognized." Three migrant education programs won awards. And Escandon Elementary School in La Joya, another of Paige's stops, was named one of the nation's 264 "Blue Ribbon" schools. He also stopped at North Alamo Elementary School.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, who accompanied Paige along with school district Superintendent Roberto Zamora, said the successes are largely the result of more federal funds reaching border area schools to fund initiatives such as the Hispanic Education Action Plan.

His seven-county district encompasses 39 school districts and some 300,000 students, of which 290,000 are Hispanic and 250,000 are low income. Since 1997, federal funding for the Hispanic Education Action Plan, a group of nine programs, has jumped from approximately $10 million to $85 million in 2002. Head Start has grown by $5 billion, he said.

UH regents extend president's term

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston System Board of Regents has given president Arthur K. Smith a raise and extended his contract for eight months — dispelling rumors that Smith would announce his resignation next month.

Smith, 64, who also serves as chancellor to the four-institution UH System, will be paid $473,000 a year beginning Jan. 1, a raise of $45,000, and will continue to receive free housing for which the university does not list a monetary value, UH spokesman Mike Cinelli said.

Smith, formerly president of the University of Utah, was hired in his dual capacity in 1997 for three years. His contract was renewed in 2000 until January 2003. Under the contract, Smith was obligated to give regents a one-year notice if he intended to step down. Speculation had run high that he would give such notice in January.

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Al-Qaida prisoners taken at Tora Bora

WASHINGTON (AP) — Information gathered from abandoned al-Qaida positions in Afghanistan has led to several arrests of alleged terrorists in other countries, a U.S. official said Saturday.

America's Afghan allies also have captured about 50 al-Qaida fighters during heavy combat in the Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

U.S. troops have helped the Afghan fighters scour caves captured from al-Qaida for documents and other evidence to track down other members of the group and link them to the Sept. 11 attacks and other terrorist acts. Americans have done the same at al-Qaida sites captured earlier in the Afghanistan campaign.

That material — along with information developed elsewhere in the terrorism investigation — has led to several arrests in foreign countries of suspected al-Qaida operatives, said the U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity. No details were offered.

Rumsfeld, during a visit to Azerbaijan, said Saturday it was too early to say whether the operations around Tora Bora area would end soon. He also said information gathered from the interrogation of prisoners is "accumulated and correlated, judgments are be made as to its accuracy or a lack of accuracy, and then we shall proceed to next steps."

Commanders of the Afghan forces said they believe top suspect Osama bin Laden is trapped in the area, but Army Gen. Tommy Franks said the U.S. military is not certain where he is.

The military estimates that between 300 and 1,000 al-Qaida fighters are trapped in the two valleys, Franks told reporters near Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., and at the Pentagon via two-way video. The al-Qaida members are scattered on valley floors, in fortified mountainside caves and along high ridges, he said.

Rumsfeld said on his trip to Central Asia that "we think there are not a lot of ways out" for al-Qaida fighters.

Franks said U.S. soldiers have been involved in front-line fighting in the rugged mountain region. He said he did not know of any U.S. soldiers wounded in the fierce battles, although some members of the international anti-terrorism coalition have been hurt.

Opposition fighters told The Associated Press on Friday that two Americans had been grazed by machine-gun bullets in the Tora Bora area. British special forces troops also are in the area.

Franks said John Walker, the American Taliban fighter who surrendered to American forces in Afghanistan, has been moved to the USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea. U.S. Marines had been holding Walker at Camp Rhino, their remote desert base 70 miles from the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

U.S. officials have not decided what to do with Walker — whether to keep him in military custody or turn him over to the civilian justice system, Franks said.

As with bin Laden, the U.S. military does not know the whereabouts of the Taliban's leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, Franks said.

Israeli forces enter two towns in Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops and tanks searching for militants charged into Palestinian areas at the northern and southern ends of the Gaza Strip before dawn Saturday. Five Palestinians were killed, dozens were injured and several were arrested, Palestinians said.

The Israeli actions were similar to wide-ranging sweeps carried out Friday in the West Bank and Gaza, in which eight Palestinians were killed and about 50 were arrested. They followed a recent upsurge in terror attacks by Islamic militants against Israelis.

In New York, the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution backed by the Palestinians that condemned terror acts and called for an end to the Mideast violence. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Negroponte, said the measure was aimed at isolating Israel politically.

Saturday's raid began when more than a dozen Israeli tanks, accompanied by armored personnel carriers and jeeps, entered the Palestinian town of Beit Hanoun at the northern tip of Gaza, next to the border with Israel, witnesses said.

The Israeli military, which described the area as a stronghold for militants, announced by loudspeaker that the town was under curfew. The military said its forces came under fire and shot back.

Four Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire in Beit Hanoun, including a 12-year-old boy, according to witnesses and Shifa Hospital in nearby Gaza City. The dead also included a Palestinian police officer whose car was hit.

Four fellow officers in the car were wounded. Overall, about 40 Palestinians were injured in the town, hospital doctors said.

The military said five Palestinians were arrested, while Palestinians put the number at 10.

The Israelis demolished several houses, including one belonging to the founder of the armed wing of the militant group Hamas, Salah Shahed. However, he was not in the area at the time, witnesses said. Also demolished were offices for Palestinian police intelligence and the local headquarters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, witnesses said.

Israeli tanks moved onto the grounds of the Beit Hanoun Secondary Girls' School, putting up tents in the yard and raising an Israeli flag atop one building, witnesses added.

Varying reports keep officers tied up Friday

Disturbances

A woman reported a domestic problem at 1:30 p.m. Friday at her residence on Avenue U. Three officers responded to the home and contacted both subjects.

The officers advised only a verbal dispute had taken place.

A man requested officers at Wal-Mart at 5:40 p.m. Friday in reference to a verbal disagreement in the store. Officers spoke with a man and woman who were having a dispute about child custody.

Officers responded to a dispute in the 2500 block of 31st Street just after midnight Friday.

The officers spoke with several subjects who advised there was no disturbance. Several of the subjects were intoxicated and some drug paraphernalia was seized.

Theft

A man requested an officer at Video One in reference to the theft of a movie. An officer responded to the store, but the clerk was not sure a movie had been stolen and agreed to check the inventory.

Prowlers

Brenda Vera requested an officer at her residence at 1306 19th St. early Saturday in reference to hearing a prowler in her backyard.

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday Danny Allen reported a prowler in his yard at 812 26th St. Allen said he chased the prowler away and requested a criminal trespass warning.

Reckless drivers

Officers were alerted to several reckless drivers in Snyder Friday evening.

The driver of green Ford pickup was driving fast and causing a traffic hazard on College Ave. at 3 p.m. Friday.

At 11:15 p.m. the driver of a red Ford pickup was reported as driving recklessly on College Ave.

Noise disturbances

A noise disturbance was reported in the 3000 block of 42nd Street Friday evening.

Juveniles

9-1-1 dispatchers received a hang-up call from a pay phone in the laundry room at Park Village Apartments Friday afternoon. A patrol unit was dispatched to the location and contacted three juveniles and a woman. The woman told the officers she would speak with the juveniles.

Gas drive off

A clerk from Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $28.80 Friday morning.

Obituaries

Mr. Carrisalez

1951-2001

Valentine Carrisalez of Snyder, 50, died Thursday, Dec. 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Service for Mr. Carrisalez is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are by Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Carrisalez

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Father Leo Moras officiating.

Born on Feb. 7, 1951 in Ropesville, Tex., he married Maria Leiva on June 6, 1992 in Snyder. Mr. Carrisalez was a retired weed exterminator and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Carrisalez of Snyder; a daughter, Regina Martinez of Snyder; a son, Leroy Olivia of Snyder; three sisters, Margaret Arriega, Gloria Munoz and Lupe Montoya, all of Snyder; two brothers, Lupe Gutierrez and Andy Gutierrez, all of Snyder; two granddaughters, Madison Olivia and Vanessa Underwood, both of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

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Lucille Bruce

1906-2001

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Mrs. Lucille Betty (Thompson) Bruce, mother of Virginia Mae Fulks of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 13, in Bartlesville.

Graveside service for Mrs. Bruce, 95, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla. The Rev. Charles McKnight, senior pastor of Tuxedo Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Arrangements are by the Arnold Moore-Barnsdall Funeral Home.

Born on Jan. 13, 1906 in Pine Valley, Miss., she came to Poteau, Okla., at three years of age with her family. She was reared in Poteau and married E.M. Bruce on May 29, 1951 at Danville, Ark., making their first home in Poteau and moved to Barnsdall in 1952. Her husband was active in the furniture business and served a mayor in Barnsdall for 16 years. He died June 4, 1999.

She was also preceded in death by her mother and father, Jefferson Manuel and Dena Mae Thompson; two sisters, Ruth Virginia Payne and Nellie Irene Smith; and a granddaughter, Susan Webb Clay.

Survivors also include one son, Billy Jeff Webb and his wife, Joyce, of Bartlesville; a son-in-law, Charles Fulks of Snyder; two granddaughters, Melinda Roach and Paula Meese; 15 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Jane Phillips Hospice, 219 N. Virginia, Bartlesville, Okla., 74003.

Mae Brush

1910-2001

Mae Mattie Brush, Snyder native, died Saturday in the Specialty Hospital in Houston. Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on May 20, 1910 in Snyder and she and her husband, Clarence Brush, farmed south of Snyder. He died in 1959.

Among her survivors is a daughter, Ann Horton of Houston.

Eber Saurez

1974-2001

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Eberardo "Eber" Suarez, 27, who died Friday, Dec. 14, in a two vehicle accident north of Kerrville.

His parents are Alejo and Silvina Saurez of Snyder.

Chamber to meet Monday at Rudy's

Directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce face a light agenda when they meet at noon Monday at Rudy's.

A request for hotel/motel funds will be made by the chamber for promoting the West Texas Western Swing Festival in June.

Upcoming projects to be discussed include a membership drive and updating chamber offices.

Retiring directors will receive awards and new directors will be introduced.

The public is invited to an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the chamber office.

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Guest speaker at IUMC

Snyder High School graduate Steven Carter of Lakewood Village will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Ira United Methodist Church. His daughter, Michelle, a member of a Dallas Symphony, will provide the special music. Carter also graduated from Western Texas College, the University of Texas and the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center, where he now teaches. Carter is the daughter of Nona Carter Jones of Snyder.

Hermleigh Beta Club dinner

The Hermleigh Beta Club will have a dinner from 11 a.m. util 2 p.m. Sunday at the school cafeteria. Ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, rolls, tea and dessert will be served. Adult tickets are $6 and children 11 and under tickets are $3.

Scouts selling popcorn

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling all varieties of popcorn. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065 or 338-1865 by Saturday.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Saturday. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

VFW special meeting

The VFW will meet at 6 p.m. Monday for the election of officers. All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Known by His Justice," followed by "Dynamic of the Christian Faith."

Tiger baseball booster club

The Snyder Tiger baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the athletic film room. All fundraising money needs to be turned in at that time. The drawing for various items will be at halftime of the boys varsity game on Tuesday.

Toy distribution

Christmas for Kids volunteers will distribute toys Monday and Tuesday. Those who are eligible will be contacted by telephone. For more information, call 573-7556, or 573-9238 and ask for Judi.

Chamber open house

Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

CADA Christmas schedule

The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be closed for the holidays Friday through Jan. 2.

American Legion Christmas appreciation

The American Legion Christmas appreciation for members and customers will begin at 7 p.m. next Saturday.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Five men arrested for drug smuggling

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Five men face charges of smuggling 8,715 pounds of marijuana into South Texas.

U.S. Customs agents investigating a narcotics operation in the Brownsville area searched a home Thursday night and arrested five men. Two others remained at large Friday.

Agents said they were surprised to find so much marijuana in a bedroom.

"Nylon wheat bags filled with marijuana were stacked from floor to ceiling," said Mike Hinojosa, resident agent in charge for customs in Brownsville.

Arrested were Mexican citizens Avellardo De La Verde, 41; Juan Alberto Cobarubias Aguilar, 27; and Fabio Garcia Martinez, 26. Also arrested were Brownsville residents Rolando Jesus Arambul, 25, and Juan De Dios Trevino, 30.

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State wants to shut down one successful tribal casino

EL PASO (AP) — Growing up on the desperately poor Tigua Indian reservation, Roger Hernandez watched as family members slowly drifted away.

"They left because there was no employment here. This valley was dirt poor," said Hernandez, 66, now a tribal elder.

Then, eight years ago, the Tiguas opened Speaking Rock Casino, giving Hernandez's far-flung family reason to return. The casino offered some 850 jobs at about $18,000 a year — $2,500 above El Paso's average. It generated enough revenue last year to disburse $15,000 to each of 1,200 members while supplying housing, health care and scholarships, and in the process, injecting millions into El Paso's struggling economy.

But if the state gets its way, the good times will stop rolling.

Attorney General John Cornyn has waged a long legal battle against Speaking Rock, contending Texas law prohibits casino-style gambling. The Tiguas argue they are a sovereign nation, giving them the same rights as Texas. If the state's lottery is legal, they say, so is the casino.

Cornyn won an order from a federal judge that branded the casino a "public nuisance" and ordered it closed. But an appeals court recently blocked the order while the Tiguas appeal. A hearing was set for Jan. 9.

The tribe, in pleading its case, has placed full-page ads in the state's major newspapers, run commercials on El Paso television stations and staged rallies.

El Paso's City Council, the Commissioners Court and chambers of commerce all have passed resolutions supporting the tribe.

"I've had some issues myself regarding gaming. It wouldn't be my first choice," Mayor Ray Caballero said. "But when you have economically depressed areas, you don't have a lot of options."

If Speaking Rock, about 15 miles southeast of downtown El Paso, is closed, he noted that gamblers can always drive another 15 miles to a casino in Sunland Park, N.M.

According to a 1999 study commissioned by the tribe, the casino has injected more than $200 million into the local economy, including $50 million in salaries and more than $150 million in goods and services bought from local businesses. The vast majority of those who work at the casino don't belong to the tribe.

"We've become the biggest asset this city has," Tigua Gov. Albert Alvidrez said.

But Speaking Rock's value to the local economy is irrelevant to Cornyn.

"I cannot, as the attorney general, as the chief law enforcement official of the state of Texas, enforce laws selectively," he said. "It is certainly within the power of any individual to have the law changed. That is, I believe, the proper recourse."

In ordering the casino to close, U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Eisele expressed sympathy for the tribe.

"The court agrees the defendants will, regrettably, suffer significant financial injury and hardship if the stay is not granted," Eisele wrote. "But, that is not a justification for delaying the enforcement of a clear and unambiguous law."

Speaking Rock, which resembles a Southwestern trading post, started with high-stakes bingo and slot machines, and has added blackjack, poker and craps.

Lawyers for the tribe argue that the games are structured to comply with the state Lottery Act. Further, the tribe disputes claims that the casino is a nuisance.

While assaults in the neighborhoods around Speaking Rock rose from nine in 1996 to 20 in 2000, nuisance crimes — like public intoxication, indecent exposure and disorderly conduct — dropped 69 percent during that period.

"There are lots of lights, there are lots of security guards," said Gloria Valdiviez, who lives two blocks away. "We're not worried."

Meanwhile, the value of properties around the casino rose about 28 percent between 1994 and 2001, from $31.3 million to nearly $40 million.

Even if Speaking Rock is closed, the issue of Indian gambling seems unlikely to disappear in Texas.

On the far side of the state, the Alabama-Coushatta tribe was granted federal recognition at the same time as the Tiguas under the 1987 Restoration Act.

That tribe opened its own casino late last month to capacity crowds, and Cornyn has promised another legal fight there.

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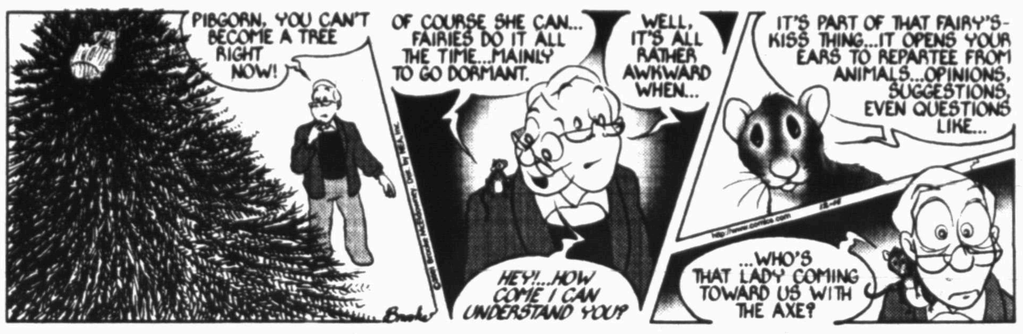
The state bird of Alabama is the yellowhammer.

A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney



William Shepherd retired Friday from the U.S. Navy

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Capt. William Shepherd, the first commander of the international space station, retired Friday from the Navy, ending a 30-year career capped by 141 days in space.

Astronauts who succeeded Shepherd aboard space station Alpha called from orbit to wish Shepherd well during a retirement ceremony at the San Diego Aerospace Museum.

"Your impacts on this space station are everywhere," astronaut Dominic Gorie said from his orbit 220 miles above the Earth.

Shepherd's Navy career took him from running covert CIA operations against Soviet-backed revolutionaries in Latin America in the early 1980s to working hand-in-hand with Russian cosmonauts.

He returned to Earth from the space station March 18.

"It's a strange world," said Shepherd, 52. "I found that being with the Russians, maybe I had changed too."

More than once, Shepherd — known as "Mr. Garage Mechanic" to his NASA colleagues — sent flight controllers into his garage at home to dig for tools he needed during his sojourn in space. He built a kitchen table out of space station scraps.

Despite his covert background, which at one time included forming a CIA attack force of high-speed powerboats confiscated from drug runners, the highlight of his career, he said, was his time in space.

On his second day in orbit, he recalling gazing out the window at the vast, snowfields of Central Russia — not a road or a track for a thousand miles in any direction.

"So, I'm thinking to myself, looking at this white expanse, thinking: Why this shouldn't be the surface of another planet?" he said. "I've thought about that a lot since I've been back."

Shepherd remains on active duty with NASA.

Three drown while trapped in flooded elevator in Quito

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Three family members drowned while trapped in an elevator flooded by a torrential storm, the Red Cross said Thursday.

A 40-year-old man, his 39-year-old wife and their 17-year-old son died Wednesday night after the elevator lost power and got stuck in the basement of an apartment building in an upscale northern suburb, Red Cross spokesman Ricardo Camacho said.

Minutes later, the rain that had been pouring for more than two hours flooded the building's basement, quickly filling the elevator, he said.

He's a 'mama's boy'

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Timberlake has to admit it: He's a "mama's boy."

"We're best friends," the 'N Sync singer says in the January issue of YM magazine.

"I've done some stupid things, but there wasn't anything that I couldn't talk to my mom about. She told me, 'You're gonna do dumb things and you're gonna do great things.'"

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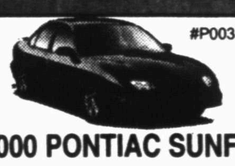
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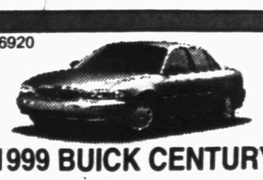
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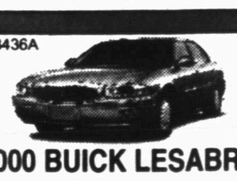
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Trinity Methodist pastor held variety of jobs

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth article in an occasional series on new ministers in Snyder.)

It might be easier to list the things Tom Woodward hasn't done.

This multi-talented man pursued jobs in other fields for many years and then began a second career in the Methodist ministry 21 years ago. Now it's his only career. Since June he has pastored Trinity United Methodist Church.

Woodward's background includes architectural engineering, advertising, ROTC, Army Corp of Engineers, and being a chaplain. He has also "rodeoed" and the photography buff once worked as a free lance photographer. He also scuba dives.

During his college years — the early 1960s — Woodward studied architectural engineering at Texas Tech University for 31/2 years, but dropped out because he did not have good enough grades to get the position he wanted. He graduated from Tech in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in business.

He also entered the ROTC program at Texas Tech. After he completed four years, he chose to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was one of the 11 percent of non-engineer graduates that the Corps accepted that year.

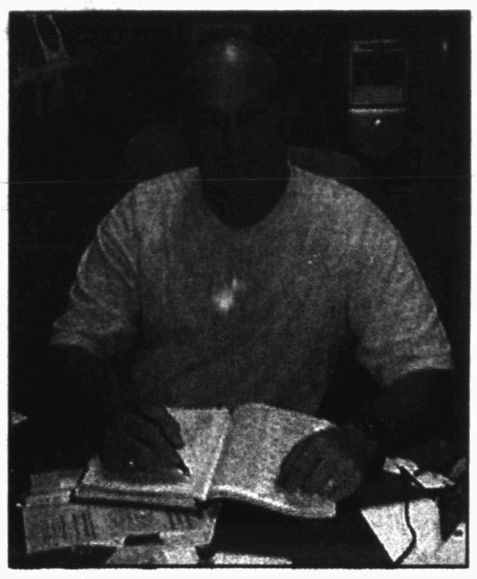
Woodward was assigned to the Computer Development Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He said they put together war games based on the then futuristic 1985. At the time, Woodward said they considered them pretty unbelievable.

He had expected to be stationed in Vietnam, but received a letter giving him the option of getting discharged six months early. He accepted.

While at the CDC, Woodward said he began to attend church meetings where missionaries from Bangledesh told their stories. They had been forced to leave the country because war had broken out. He began to hear what he later learned was the "call" to the ministry.

Woodward said he "fought it and fought it" for many years.

Accepting the call would not come easy for the local pastor who had not grown up "religious." During his college days he also had a negative experience with a church. The deacons gave him an ultimatum — quit the band he played with or the church. Since he needed the money, around $100 a night, he stayed with the band. However, thoughts of entering the ministry never completely went away.



TRINITY PASTOR — Before becoming a fulltime pastor, Rev. Tom Woodward held a variety of jobs. (SDN Photo)

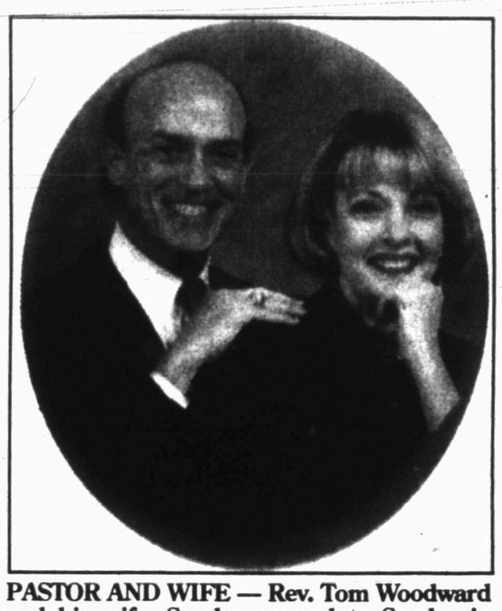
After he was discharged from the Army, Woodward worked for TV and radio ad agencies in the Amarillo area for seven years.

He also sent resumes, without success, to various churches inquiring how to become a pastor. Instead he served four years as a chaplain for the California Institute of Men's Prison while he attended a non-denominational seminary in California. He described the chaplain's post as the "most intense ministry one can choose." "I grew emotionally my first six months on the job."

When his stepdad died, Woodward returned to Amarillo, his hometown and where his mother still lived. At the time, he also sent a resume to the Methodist Church, one of the denominations he had not contacted.

He was admitted into the Clinical Pastoral Education program, but only a few of the classes he had taken at the California seminary were accepted. The first courses he took in the CPE program were through correspondence. Then he studied at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He was advised to take courses in crisis and intervention counseling.

While he pastored a Methodist church at Wildorado, Woodward also served as a chaplain at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The work was very intense. As a crisis counselor, he was called whenever a Code 3 or above emergency was reported. Notified at the same time as the trauma team, it was Woodward's job to intervene between the family and staff. He noted that it was very tough for him to learn how to deal with the deaths of so many of the patients.



PASTOR AND WIFE — Rev. Tom Woodward and his wife, Sandra, moved to Snyder in June. (Contributed Photo)

Woodward said he had to learn to become a "non-anxious presence." Sometimes he would sit with someone all night as his reassuring presence was desperately needed by patients and/or family members.

Woodward recalled the very cold and snowy Saturday he and other hospital staffers moved patients and equipment to the new Northwest Texas Hospital. Area ambulances, as many as could be spared, helped move the patients who were hooked to machines and babies in incubators. The ambulatory patients were transported by car.

"It was amazing to see the way everyone was moved," Woodward said. "We didn't lose a patient."

He noted that the other hospital chaplain was from Minnesota, and since he had never seen a "blue norther," he wanted to see that one come in.

Woodward said they stood in the parking lot watching the "blue clouds" move in and then they began to help transfer patients.

Throughout his years as a Methodist minister, Woodward has performed weddings underwater and on ski slopes. Before he was appointed to Snyder, Woodward had served three years as pastor of two New Mexico churches, Carrizozo and Capitan. He had also pastored several churches in Texas, including Crosbyton, Dalhart, Spade and Amarillo.

Woodward and his wife, Sandra, have three children and three grandchildren. Brandie Rackler lives in Lubbock, Trent Woodward lives in Austin and Megan Woodward lives in Mineral Wells.

Woodward's hobbies include golf, photography and scuba diving.

Woodward's wife, Sandra, is also multi-talented. She likes hospitality, making wreaths and interior decorating. She has also taught women's Biible studies.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Russian may avoid prison time if he testifies at firm's trial

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A Russian computer programmer accused of violating electronic-book copyrights will avoid possible prison time and a fine by testifying at his company's trial.

Dmitry Sklyarov, 27, had faced federal charges in the first criminal prosecution under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act. He could have faced up to five years in prison and a $500,000 fine.

Sklyarov and his employer, ElComSoft Co. Ltd. of Moscow, were charged with releasing a program that lets readers disable copyright restrictions on Adobe Systems Inc. electronic-book software. The program is legal in Russia.

Adobe's eBook Reader gives publishers a format for selling books online. It is designed to prevent the transfer of materials between users and devices without publishers' consent.

Sklyarov found flaws in the software's encryption scheme and created ways for users to make backup copies of e-books or transfer them to other devices, such as handheld computers. ElComSoft used the techniques in a program it sold as the Advanced eBook Processor.

After the software became available for download in the United States, for around $99, Adobe complained to the FBI.

Sklyarov was arrested after speaking at a hacking convention in Las Vegas on July 16. He was freed on bail in August but was required to remain in California while the case proceeded. He now will be allowed to return home with his wife and two children.

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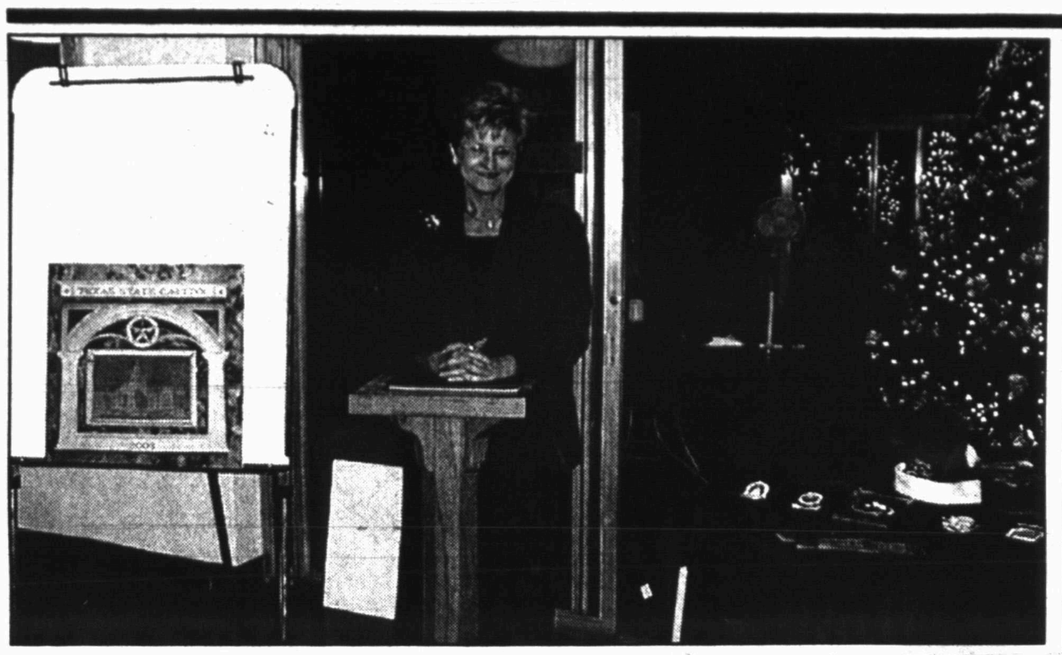

LANEY GIVES PROGRAM — Atheneum Study Club and DAR members met in a joint meeting Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to hear a program by Nelda Laney, designer of the State Capitol's ornaments and calendar. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Nelda Laney speaks to DAR and Atheneum club members

Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and designer of the Capitol ornament and calendar, spoke to members of the Atheneum Study Club and Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Mrs. Laney of Hale Center who maintains an active role in both family and state government served as co-chair of the Capitol Fund Drive. This raised private funds for furnishing the renovated Texas Capitol and she served as vice chair of the Texas Capitol Restoration Celebration.

Her creation of a series of collectible Texas Capitol ornaments generates funds for the preservation of the Capitol and educational programming. She has dedsigned collectible ornaments since 1996.

The ornament project has raised more than $1.5 million, and Nelda handles all phases of the project — design, marketing and advertising.

A 1961 graduate of Plainview High School, she graduated with honors in 1965 from Texas Tech University, where she met her husband. She has been a classroom teacher and substitute in the Hale Center schools.

Mrs. Haney serves on numerous state boards and was the first recipient of the "Woman" of Achievement Award from the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and was honored with a Special Recognition for her work on the Capitol Restoration by the Texas Women's Alliance. She was named Plainview Woman of the Year in Plainview and Hale Center and is a Lifetime member of the Girl Scouts.

When the Capitol was completed in 1888, it didn't look exactly like architect Elijah Myers' original vision for the Texas State Capitol, but his 1882 watercolor drawing of the grand building is making somewhat of a comeback this year in the 2001 edition of the Capitol Ornament Series created in 1996 by Mrs. Laney.

The latest ornament features the artwork of Myers, who designed the state Capitols of Michigan and Colorado, and was one of eight architects who submitted 11 designs for the Texas Capitol. The board approved Myers' design and he was hired for $12,000.

He made several major revisions, including a change from a square dome to a round one. The Capitol board also insisted on the use of red Texas granite, instead of the limestone envisioned by Myers. That eliminated some of the ornate stone carvings and many decorative finials from the limestone plans.

The original plans also called for each of the side entrances to have two-story column porticoes, but these were never built. Other changes included the roof being covered with copper instead of slate and the wainscoting being wood instead of marble.

Previous versions of the ornament series include designs of the Texas State Capitol, the State Seal, the Lone Star Flag, the Texas Lone Star, and the reverse side of the State Seal.

"These ornaments are a great way for Texans to show their Lone Star pride and help preserve the Capitol," Mrs. Laney said. "They make beautiful additions to holiday arrangements and raise funds that help enhance the experience for Capitol visitors year-round."

The First Lady of Texas Anita Perry, Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff's wife, Sally, and Nelda launched the Donate a Phone campaign in Texas in April and will continue through May.

Used cellular phones are collected, refurbished and reprogrammed to call 911 and the Texas Council on Family Violence hot line at the push of a button.

Cingular Wireless will provide free airtime for the emergency calls. FedEx Express will ship the phones, free of charge, to centers where they can be distributed to shelters in Texas and across the country.

Mrs. Perry said she hopes the program will shed light on the issue of domestic violence by bringing it out into the open. A women is physically abused in this country every nine seconds, more than one in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic violence, she said, and there is hope that the Donate a Phone campaign can be a powerful tool that they can use as a lifeline during emergencies.

Anyone having a phone they are not using and can donate it, call the Gateway Family Shelter office at 573-4351.

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Another deal from abroad

By Phillip Alder

To end the week, here is a deal from another spot on the globe. You bid to seven clubs. West leads the heart queen. You win with dummy's ace and cash the club king, expecting to claim immediately, but when East discards a heart, play must continue. What would you do?

The deal occurred during a high-stake rubber-bridge game in London. I saw it in Zia Mahmood's column in The Guardian newspaper (which is commonly known as The Grauniad in England). North opened with a strong Acol two-bid. South's three clubs was a positive response, guaranteeing at least eight points and five or more clubs. That was enough to persuade North to employ Blackwood.

If the trumps split 2-2 or 3-1, you can claim these 13 tricks: three spades, two hearts, two diamonds, five clubs and a heart ruff in the dummy. But with trumps 4-0, you cannot take those tricks, because you do not have the necessary communications.

The declarer planned to use dummy's diamond suit. He drew all the trumps, then played a diamond. However, when West discarded the contract was history. South grumbled about his bad luck, but North was unsympathetic, especially when he thought how much money his partner had lost him.

North pointed out that after winning with the heart ace and cashing the trump king, South should lead the spade queen and overtake with his ace. He ruffs a heart in the dummy, draws trumps, cashes the ace-king of diamonds, leads the diamond jack and ruffs away East's queen, cashes the heart king, crosses to the spade king, and — at trick 13 — cashes the diamond 10.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Dec. 7

Jane Hinton directed at the Snyder Country Club.

A Group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

B Group
1. Pat Floyd, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.
3. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

Sunday, Dec. 9

No Game

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Monte West directed.
1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison tied with Pat and Robbie Floyd.
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Lewie and Gene Thomas

Lewie and Gene Thomas celebrate 60th anniversary

Lewie and Gene Thomas will be married 60 years on Dec. 20 and they chose to honor their family at their home on Dec. 15-16 to combine their Christmas and their 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

"We wanted to host the party to show appreciation to the children, in-laws and grandchildren for the love, joy and happiness they have given us in the 60 years," Gene explained.

Their children are Leslie Thomas of Snyder and his wife, Jan; Glenn Thomas and his wife, Linda of Abilene; and John Thomas and his wife, Janey of Canyon. They have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lewie was born on April 22, 1920 in Eastland and Gene Penix Thomas was born on July 7, 1922 in Mingus. The couple met at Lueders High School and they married in Anson.

Living in Lueders, Fort Worth, Ranger and Snyder during their 60 years marriage, Lewie retired as a pumper for Monsanto. They are longtime members of the First Baptist Church.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Beta Sigma Phi meeting/social for ladies only; home of Betsy Griffin; 6 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.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; Michael Gibson, program; Margaret Dillaha and Jan Harrell, hostesses.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; WTC; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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CMH was recognized for safety

In a recent ceremony, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital was awarded $10,677 for the enhancement of their safety efforts. The award comes from the Worker's Compensation self-insurance pool in which the hospital participates. The fund is collectively owned and operated by Texas counties, and administered by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

In 2001, the hospital improved workers' safety by implementing several safety measures recommended by the State Association of Counties safety staff.

The criteria for earning the incentive requires — a comprehensive, audited safety effort on the part of each county, using multi-faceted, working safety programs which include management commitment and communication, analysis of losses, employee training and education, accident investigation, appropriate record-keeping and documentation, hazard identification and inspection, and regular review and revision.

A board of county officials oversees the self-insurance pool's operations which involve approximately 300 other Texas counties and political subdivisions. The board has "invested" this money with these entities, confident that the comprehensive safety efforts will pay off for the organizations and their employees, as well as other members of the self-insurance pool.

TAC provided safety specialists at no additional charge to the pool members to assist in realistic, cost effective measures for accident prevention.

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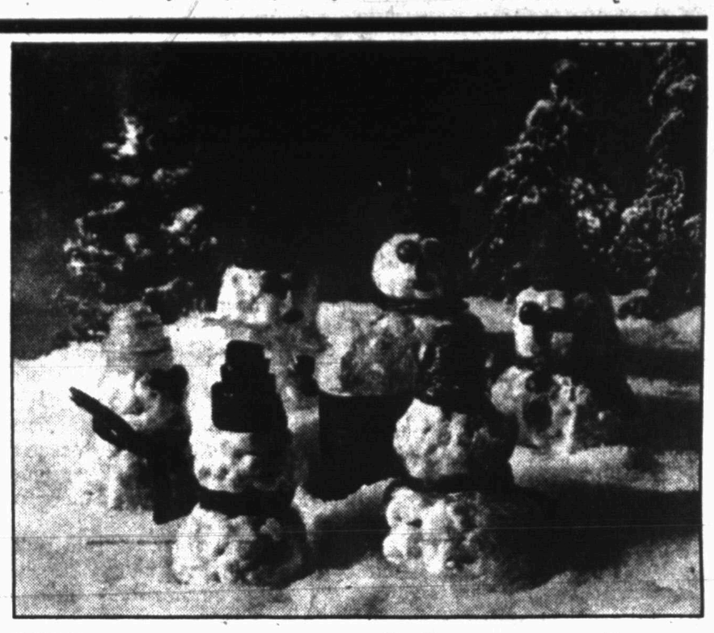
The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.



Warm up cold weather with lunch box treats

Warm up the cold weather months with a wonderland of fun. These Frosty Snowmen are perfect for lunch box treats, parties or when Mom needs an easy project for kids on a snowy day.

FROSTY SNOWMEN
Ingredients list:

Clear plastic wrap
Colored plastic wrap
1 bag (about 3 oz.) microwave popcorn, popped
1 package (10 oz.) regular marshmallows
¼ cup butter or margarine
1½ cups vanilla ready-to-spread frosting, divided
6 chenille stems
Candy coated chocolate candies, multiple colors

POP a 3 oz. package of microwave popcorn; pour in extra large mixing bowl, discarding unpopped kernels. Microwave a 10 oz. package of regular marshmallows in ¼ cup butter on High power 1 to 2 minutes in large microwave-safe bowl; stir.

Microwave on High power 30 to 60 seconds longer; stir until smooth. Pour over popcorn; stir until well coated.

GENEROUSLY spray hands with nonstick spray. Shape popcorn into five 3-inch balls and five 2-inch balls. Stack two balls to form each snowman. Microwave ½ cup vanilla ready-to-spread frosting on High power about 20 seconds until melted. Drizzle and spread frosting over two snowmen. Press on candy coated chocolate candies to make eyes and buttons. Cut two candies in half; press on to form noses and mouths. Repeat to make remaining snowmen. Let stand 30 minutes or until hardened.

WRAP each snowman in a 10-inch sheet of clear plastic wrap, overlapping on back; press to secure. Center a chenille stem on a 12-inch sheet of color plastic wrap. Fold plastic wrap over chenille stem; roll into a thin strip. Wrap strip around your finger, gently pull up to the center and place on snowman's head to form stocking cap. Secure in back with a small piece of invisible tape. Fold a 6-inch sheet of color plastic wrap into a thin strip. Tie around neck to form scarf; trim ends. Repeat for remaining snowmen.

Makes 6 snowmen

School Menus

Snyder

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

All meals are served with choice of milk, and breakfasts are served with juice.

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Cinnamon Texas Toast
Friday
Teddy Grahams w/Cereal

(Other Schools)
Monday
Waffles w/Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Sausage & Cheese on a Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Biscuits w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Sloppy Joe on a Bun or
Tacos
Spicy Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Crunchy Corn Dog
Corn on the Cob
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Cinnamon Chocolate Quesadilla
Wednesday
Chicken BLT on a Bun or
Patty Melt
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickle Cup
Chilled Pears
Thursday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy or
Oven Baked Barbecue Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Friday
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or
Picnic Wrap
Potato Chips
Pickle Wedge
Trail Mix

Hemleigh

All meals are served with milk, and breakfasts are also served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Patty
Tuesday
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
Banana Nut Muffins
Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
Monday
German Sausage
Au Gratin Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Chili Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Orange Slices
Wednesday
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Thursday
Barbecue Sandwiches
Pickles & Onions
Fritos
Fresh Fruit
Friday
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Pickle Spears
Tortilla Chips
Apples

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Tacos
Hash Browns
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Juice
Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Friday
French Toast
Bacon
Fruit

LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Beans
Peaches
Tuesday
Ham & Dressing
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Jell-O w/Whipped Cream
Wednesday
Frito Pie
Corn
Salad
Shape-ups
Thursday
Pizza
Salad
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Friday
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Austin family rejoices that son is safe after B-1 crash

AUSTIN (AP) — As Air Force Capt. William Steele rested safely in a faraway hospital after ejecting from a B-1B Bomber over the Indian Ocean, his mother and stepfather were dancing a victory two-step around their Austin home.

Sherry Steele's celebration capped eight uneasy hours since a Wednesday morning radio show broadcast news of the crash during a bombing run to Afghanistan.

Sherry Steele told the Austin American-Statesman for its Friday editions that she knew her son was piloting the bomber. A call from her daugther-in-law in South Dakota a few hours later confirmed her fears.

Sherry Steele spent the rest of the day on the telephone and surfing cable news shows.

She knew the four-member crew was rescued before she knew for sure her son was on board. That helped, but it wasn't until she heard his voice, piped into a Pentagon briefing room from the Navy ship that rescued the four, that she could let go of the "quiet panic" that had been building for hours.

"It's heart-stopping. You can't get enough air," Sherry Steele said of hearing her son's voice.

She called her son as Wednesday turned into Thursday and convinced a nurse to walk a portable telephone to his room.

"I was really exhausted, but until I talked to him I couldn't sleep," Sherry Steele said.

The captain was reassuring, glossing over injuries to keep his mother from worrying. It wasn't until a Thursday morning interview on "Good Morning America" that she learned his mustache had burned away by pyrotechnics that blew off the canopy and lifted his ejection seat from the bomber.

William Steele, 32, described the flashes and bangs and cockpit smoke he experienced when his crewmates ejected at 15,000 feet. He went last.

The mustache was no loss because his wife hated it, he joked before being overcome with emotion at describing the lonely descent into a dark ocean.

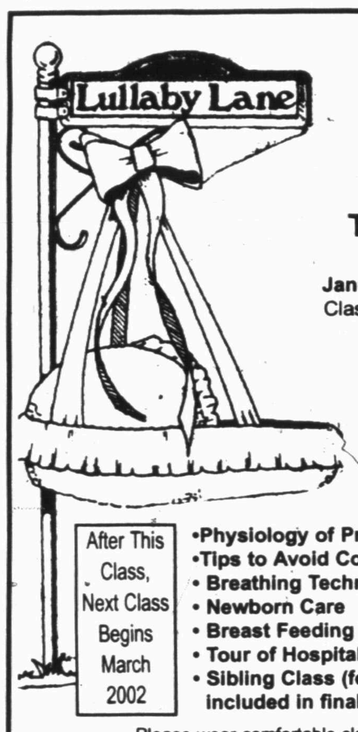
"The worst feeling in the world is not knowing if your crew members are alive," he said. "I thought I was the only one. My primary radio was not working."

Then he saw a crew member and learned that everyone was OK," William Steele said.

Sherry Steele said her son wants to continue making the 2,000-mile, 15-hour bombing runs to Afghanistan. She also said he also looks forward to moving to Abilene this summer, which will get him closer to his family.

Nothing, however, will compare with the joy of hearing his voice on Wednesday night.

"It's a very early, very wonderful Christmas present," she said.



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January 10 through February 7, 2002

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Instructor: Bonnie Carroll, RN

After This Class, Next Class Begins March 2002

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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Fernandez has girl

MIAMI (AP) — Now there will be a different kind of racket in former tennis star Mary Joe Fernandez's house.

The Olympic gold medalist, who was ranked No. 4 in the world three times, gave birth Tuesday to her first child, a daughter.

Isabella Maria Godsick was born at Baptist Hospital to Fernandez and her tennis agent husband, Tony Godsick, their publicist said. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

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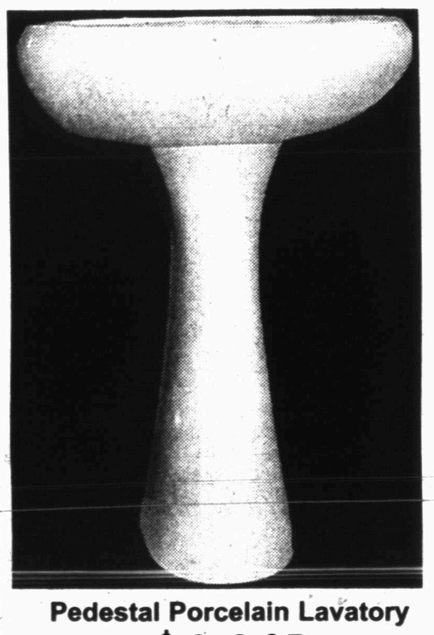

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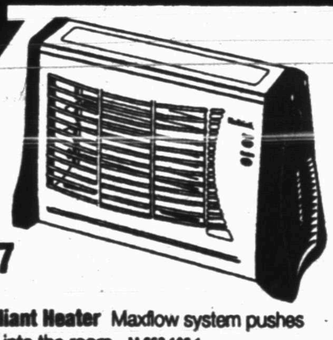

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Doyle Dorvil Kerr vs. Troy Wayne Jones Jr., breach of contract.

Action in District Court

Steve Rich, individually and as next friend of Randall Rich, a minor, vs. Stafford Gray, a minor, and William Taylor Cotton, a minor, agreed judgment.

Barbara Richards, individually and as next friend of Stephan Kirk, a minor, vs. Stafford Gray, a minor, and William Taylor Cotton, a minor, agreed judgment.

Barbara Richards, individually and as next friend of Stephan Kirk, a minor, vs. Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

Sharon D. Applin to Lawrence Barfoot, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jesus and Concepcion Esparza to Francisco and Felisa Esparza, the south 100 feet of the west 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 18 of the Blankenship Addition.

Mayzell Fenton, independent executrix of the estate of Lynn Fenton, to Mayzell Fenton, Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill North Addition.

Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson, co-Trustees of the Charles H. and Sandra F. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, to 3 Way Enterprises, tract one being an 0.65-acre tract in Block 3, Section 179, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.33-acre tract in Block 3, Section 179, H&GN survey; tract three being Lots 2 and 3 in Block 18 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Mary Lou Zorola to Manuel and Soledad Realzola, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to Stanley Morris Noah, 78.27 acres in the south one-half of the north one-half of Section 142, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patsy Faye Eaker to Russell D. and Laura A. Fisk, all of Block 39 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Calvin Neil and Patricia Kay Hyer to Cendrant Mobility Financial Corp., 0.61-acre in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Opal Davis to Opal Davis, Trustee of the Opal Davis Trust, the west 50 feet of the south 140 feet of Lot 4 in Block 48, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Billy Joe and Wanda Falls to Darryl E. Calley, 36.093 acres in the west one-half of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bertha Mae Botts to Donna M. Morris, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 23 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Myron Fenton to Shannon Mhoon, 16.89 acres in Section 206, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Martha Lynn Dillard, part of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Melinda Sue Partee, Trustee for Dorothy Dublin Garrett Revocable Trust, to Melinda Sue Partee, Trustee for Sue Garrett Partee Trust, the east one-half of the northeast one-half of the southwest one-quarter, the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter, the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, the northeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, the southeast one-quarter, the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter and the southwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, all in Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey.

35 charged in drug smuggling

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal officials charged 35 people in an international scheme to smuggle drugs inside cans of baby formula, and said some of the smugglers rented infants from their parents so that customs agents would not get suspicious.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald announced three indictments Friday alleging Chicago-based conspiracies in which cocaine and heroin were smuggled into the United States from Panama and Jamaica for distribution in Chicago, New York and England between 1996 and 1999.

"Renting babies for the purpose of allowing drug dealers to smuggle cocaine and heroin is truly a new low in drug smuggling," Fitzgerald said, adding that one infant took six trips — the first at 3 weeks old.

Those charged included alleged suppliers in Panama and Jamaica, nine organizers, couriers and four Chicago parents, authorities said.

Q & A

Drink & drive you lose

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

You Drink & Drive. You Lose.
Part 1 of 5
America's New Impaired Driving Campaign

*Reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities is one of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) top priorities. The National goal is to lower the death toll to no more than 11,000 by the year 2005. To meet this challenge, NHTSA launched the **You Drink & Drive. You Lose.** Campaign as part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.*

Impaired Driving is an American Tragedy.

Last year, 15,935 people were killed as a result of impaired driving. More than 300,000 were injured. That's one person dead every 33 minutes and one person injured every two minutes. An estimated 1.5 million people were arrested. In fact, the average American has a 30 percent chance of being killed or injured by an impaired driver during his/her lifetime. And while the number of alcohol-related fatalities are at an all-time low, impaired driving is still a leading cause of death for people under the age of 30.

The purpose of **You Drink & Drive. You Lose** is to help support the hard work already being done nationwide by law enforcement and community leaders to prevent impaired driving in their counties, cities and neighborhoods.

The You Drink & Drive. You Lose goal is to enhance national awareness about the deadly toll impaired driving exacts on America's communities and to generate a greater national urgency to stop the senseless killing and injury on our nation's highways.

What is Impaired Driving and Who is at Risk?

All drivers risk impairment when consuming alcohol or drugs — whether legal over-the-counter and prescription medications or illegal substances such as marijuana, cocaine or other illicit drugs. The campaign's message is a simple one: Make the right choice — don't drink and drive. Yet, we know that thousands of Americans every year continue to make the wrong choices.

There are three high-risk populations identified as most likely to drive while impaired. **You Drink & Drive. You Lose.** speaks directly to these groups:

21- to 34-year-olds, underage drinkers between the ages of 16 and 20, high BAC and repeat offenders.

How the Campaign works

While **You Drink & Drive You Lose** serves as the voice for reaching Americans with this lifesaving message. It is much more than just a public service campaign. **You Drink & Drive. You Lose** offers a framework for states, counties, cities and neighborhoods to develop their own comprehensive impaired driving prevention programs through the creation of national and local partnerships.

As the campaign develops, campaign partners will reach out to communities and learn from each other. By providing best practices and guidance on how to implement programs that extend beyond traditional efforts, the campaign emphasizes that there is no one solution to this national challenge. Current national campaign partners include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and Operation C.A.R.E.

For more information on impaired driving, visit the NHTSA World Wide Web site at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

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By Abigail Van Buren

Girls win self-confidence through competitive sports

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter recently won the national gold medal for teen-age girls in the Gold's Gym-sponsored National Sports Aerobic Championship. While she is petite and shy, I watched her become 10 feet tall on stage, demonstrating self-confidence, strength and real beauty.

Besides being proud, I would like to remind other parents that exercise and sports competition can greatly help teen-age girls with their body image. They learn grace and confidence, and become aware that they are much more than their outward physical appearance.

In sports aerobics, for example, the confidence girls gain by mastering the moves and intensity of the competition will carry them forward for a lifetime. So, encourage your daughters to get physical. It makes all the difference in how they feel about themselves. I've seen it with my daughter, and I've seen it with her friends. — **PROUD MOM IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR PROUD MOM: You and your daughter are a winning team. The support of a proud and loving parent can help any girl to feel like a champion.

I know from personal experience the wisdom of your praise of exercise and sports. Both can produce many positive rewards, including the confidence, fitness and good physical and mental health you have described.

For girls who are less comfortable with organized or competitive sports than your daughter, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offers many helpful tips on its Web site at www.girlpower.gov: "Each day ... do about 30 to 60 minutes of moderate physical activity, like walking or riding a bike. Or, at least three times a week, challenge yourself to 15 to 20 minutes of more intense activities. ... Choose activities that you like to do. If you pick a sport or exercise program that you think is boring in the beginning, you might have a hard time staying with it."

Girl Power! provides a bonanza of sound information to help girls become champions in whatever they choose. They also offer tools for grown-ups who want to help girls make the difficult transition from adolescence as successfully and safely as possible. It's all free, through the Girl Power! Web site — or call toll-free (800) 729-6686. Ask for Girl Power! and tell them "Dear Abby" sent you.

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DEAR ABBY: Before my mother died last year, she revealed to me that "Todd," an old schoolmate of mine, told her that he had to leave the state on the day I married someone else because Texas wasn't big enough to hold his grief.

Todd had never even asked me out on a date. He hung around our house, but I thought he was just a friend of my twin brother.

Abby, please tell all those shy boys out there that if they want something, they should speak up. (I definitely would have married Todd had he only let me know how he felt.) We both would have been much happier. — **REGRETFUL IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

DEAR REGRETFUL: Maybe so — maybe not. While there are no guarantees, it does seem sad that a chance at true love was stillborn because one of the parties had low self-esteem. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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DEAR ABBY: As a 65-year-old, I am no youngster. I have a big problem. I have a friend, "Manny," who is 74; his wife, "Alice," is 73. Every time I visit their home, Alice beats up on Manny. Not physically, but mentally. She cusses and yells and puts him down. I am considered a family friend, so she does not ask me to leave or step out of the room. She just starts in on poor Manny.

This is a terrible situation. Alice has driven away every friend Manny's ever had. I could go on and on. It makes me sick. I feel caught in the middle, and I don't want to be in the middle of a man-and-wife problem.

I don't want to tell Manny I can no longer be his friend because of his wife's behavior, and I also don't feel it's my place to protect him from his wife.

Manny has a lot of medical problems. He has emphysema and is on oxygen 24 hours a day. He also recently got a pacemaker. For obvious reasons, he's no longer handy around the house. I try to help, but sometimes I feel what's the point in visiting them? Any suggestions? — **BILL IN PALM SPRINGS**

DEAR BILL: Take Alice aside and tell her you are worried about HER. She seems to be experiencing caregiver burnout. Perhaps if she gets additional help and some time for herself, she'll be more tolerant. If she refuses, tell her you have no choice but to report her to adult protective services for elder abuse.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I separated three years ago, right after the birth of our second daughter. He said he didn't love me anymore and was no longer attracted to me.

We are now divorced. Abby, he never comes around to see the girls. He won't even call once in a while to find out how they're doing. The only time he sees them is the rare occasion when I call upon him to baby-sit.

As a single mom with a demanding career that takes me out of town on a regular basis, I am blessed to have two devoted baby sitters. One is my mother, and the other is a good friend and neighbor who happens to be male. His name is "Anthony." In the last year, the girls have grown very fond of Anthony and have started calling him "Daddy," since they spend far more time with him than with their own father. Anthony doesn't seem to mind. In fact, he says he's proud to be part of their lives, and has talked to me more than once about becoming a permanent part of ALL our lives.

Anthony is divorced with two children of his own. Would it be inappropriate for me to start something romantic with him, or should our friendship be left alone? Above all, I want what's best for my little girls. — **CONFUSED BUT HOPEFUL, SANTA MARIA, CALIF.**

DEAR CONFUSED BUT HOPEFUL: There's nothing inappropriate about two single people dating. Start slow — dinner, movies, walks. Plan activities that include your children and his. Find out how you all relate to one another. If you have a romantic future with Anthony, you will know it soon enough. If there is no romantic spark, maintain your friendship and a good-neighbor policy.

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Acquaintances of daughter charged in her dad's killing

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Three friends are accused of fatally stabbing a prominent biophysicist with a 2-foot sword in a "planned assassination" that investigators said had ritualistic overtones.

The suspects knew the teen-age daughter of the victim, Robert M. Schwartz. Schwartz, 57, was found dead at his isolated farmhouse Monday after co-workers became concerned that he did not show up for work.

The Washington Post, citing unidentified law enforcement sources, reported that Schwartz was stabbed repeatedly with the sword and an "X" was carved in the back of his neck.

Police in Maryland arrested Kyle Hulbert, 18, of Woodbridge, on Tuesday. Michael Pfohl, 21, and Katherine Inglis, 19, both of Haymarket, were arrested Wednesday during a traffic stop in Manassas. All three were charged with murder.

All were acquaintances of Clara Schwartz, 19, a James Madison University student, said Loudoun County Sheriff Stephen O. Simpson.

"We don't know how familiar they were with the father, but we know they knew him," Simpson said.

Clara Schwartz has not been implicated in the slaying, authorities said.

At a bond hearing Thursday, prosecutor Robert Anderson said Inglis and Pfohl admitted their involvement.

"There were statements made that these individuals were involved in the planning, execution and cover-up of this planned assassination," Anderson said.

Hulbert was interested in witchcraft, reading books on the subject, dressing in black and forming a "coven" with friends who also were interested in the occult, said Fran Broomall, who let Hulbert stay in his Woodbridge home this fall.

Hulbert's father told the newspaper his son had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and had been off his medication for months.

"Kyle's had a rough life," Broomall said. "He was kicked around from foster home to foster home."

Pfohl had lived with Inglis and her family in Loudoun County after his parents kicked him out.

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Autopsy shows slain girl was not raped

EL PASO (AP) — An autopsy report shows that the 5-year-old San Elizario girl who was abducted and killed last month was not sexually assaulted, and the burns over much of her body were inflicted after her death.

The El Paso Times obtained the autopsy report Thursday after filing several Texas Public Information Act requests.

Family members said it brought them some peace to know that Alexandra Flores did not suffer the indignity of rape.

"Of course we feel better," said Jaime Flores, Alexandra's father. "But it's still hard."

A 32-year-old registered sex offender, David Renteria, was arrested Dec. 3 and charged with capital murder.

The autopsy findings don't change the prosecution planned for Renteria, said District Attorney Jaime Esparza.

A killing committed in the course of another felony, such as kidnapping or aggravated sexual assault, can be prosecuted as capital murder and the death penalty can be sought, Esparza said. But the same applies to the killing of a child younger than 6. Esparza has said he will seek the death penalty.

Renteria, who is being held without bond, is accused of cruising an El Paso Wal-Mart for 40 minutes before zeroing in on Alexandra. The girl was seen in a grainy store surveillance tape following a man out of the store who appeared to look like Renteria.

Alexandra, the youngest of eight children, had wandered away from her mother while the family was Christmas shopping. Her nude body was found the next day in an alley.

The autopsy concluded that Alexandra's killer had strangled her.

Her head was covered with a partly burned plastic bag, from which detectives were able to lift a palm print that matched Renteria's, police said.

She had second- and third-degree burns covering much of her body, according to the autopsy.

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Marines unleash the power of goo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The newest weapon in the nation's military arsenal can best be described as slime.

It is a whitish, highly viscous gel, about the consistency of syrup or thin gravy. As slick as ice, it can be sprayed on roads, lawns, walkways, even the walls, doors and windows of buildings, making it impossible for vehicles or pedestrians to get traction.

Scientists at San Antonio's Southwest Research Institute developed the chemical for the U.S. Marine Corps, which expects to use it to keep crowds and vehicles away from embassies, piers or military bases.

The Marines hired Southwest Research to develop the gel to help with the Corps' mission of providing security for vital installations around the world, said Capt. Andrew B. Warren, project officer for the Marine Corps System Command in Quantico, Va.

"We are finding ourselves in more situations and missions where we need a stand-off distance between crowds and friendly forces," Warren told the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions.

The Marines expect to have the product ready for the field by mid- to late 2003.

The project, named the Mobility Denial System, was unveiled Thursday. Volunteers strapped into safety harnesses and attached to a pulley tried valiantly to walk across a section of lawn that had been sprayed with the gel. Later, a van attempted to traverse an area that had been coated with the product.

Both times, a game of slip-and-slide ensued.

The pedestrians' feet flew wildly into the air and the van tires slid and spun — gouging long, deep ruts in the grass.

The gel is transferable — once it is on shoes, hands or tires, it can come off on any uncoated surfaces that are touched, making them slippery as well, project scientists noted.

It also is non-lethal and non-toxic. The gel's main ingredient is a commercially available polymer, similar to the type used in contact lenses and oil well drilling mud, said Bill Mallow, a retired chemist from the institute who was a consultant on the project.

But the formula is like one of those closely guarded family recipes.

"It's the combination of materials that matters," said Ronald Mathis, principal engineer of the project for Southwest Research Institute. "It's like baking a cake. They all have flour and sugar and butter, but not everybody's cake tastes the same."

Scientists tested the gel's ability to withstand heat and sustain vehicle speeds.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

ACE inhibitors may protect kidneys from damage

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 46-year-old diabetic. My sugar levels are well controlled with diet and Glucophage pills. My weight is stable, I exercise regularly and my blood pressure is fine.

My doctor wants me to take an ACE-inhibitor drug to protect my kidneys from diabetic damage. However, I'm reluctant to do this because I don't want to affect my blood pressure. It's my understanding that ACE-inhibitors are primarily used to treat hypertension. Is it safe for me to take this medicine?

DEAR READER: Diabetes often causes kidney damage, as does high blood pressure. Recent studies have confirmed that low doses of ACE-inhibitors may protect the kidneys of diabetics, so more physicians are endorsing the use of these drugs. I recommend that you follow your doctor's advice. For obvious reasons, you will want to monitor your blood-pressure levels - perhaps with a device that you can use at home. If your blood pressure remains normal, fine. If it drops too low, however, and causes faintness or lightheadedness, your physician will want to adjust the dosage accordingly.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I admire your honesty and forthrightness when you discuss issues pertaining to the delivery of health care. Here are some of my thoughts along this line.

Today's patient has the ability to think, read and judge. There are many sources of medical information. The doctor should not act as though patients are out of order when they want to learn more about what ails them. Patients have the right to question procedures; a good physician should not resent this. Patients should be able to ask for alternative treatments; a good doctor should respect this. Patients need a human touch; the capable physician should be able to see his patients as people, too.

DEAR READER: I agree with your conclusions. Thank you for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Four months ago I was told that I have candidiasis. Since then, I've been unable to find any doctors who are able to treat me for this condition. Can you tell me about the current treatment for this?

DEAR READER: Candidiasis, the presence of a yeast infection, is a common consequence of antibiotic therapy because the drugs kill bacteria that ordinarily inhibit the growth of yeasts. Also, candida infection can be a real problem in diabetics and in people whose immune mechanisms are suppressed — for example, in cancer patients who have received chemotherapy. In these instances, doctors usually have to control the basic disease (or stop the antibiotic) before the yeast will clear up completely.

Candidiasis is readily treatable by the use of prescription, anti-yeast drugs, such as nystatin. The medicine is available in most pharmacies and can be prescribed by any licensed physician.

Please remember that candidiasis may be a fad ailment. Although there is a "real" candida disease, there is also a phony variety that has been touted by many nonscientific authors. Most experts do not believe that candida causes the horrendous array of symptoms (from digestive trouble and headache to allergic reactions, tiredness and mood disorders) that have been popularized by certain unscrupulous promoters.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 68-year-old wife has been through a nightmare that I want to share with you. Last Mother's Day, she suddenly developed tingling and cramping in her left hand. We went to the emergency room and were assured she had not had a stroke. An MRI was ordered for the following week. She was discharged.

Three days later, she lost strength in her hand and could not comb her hair or put dishes on the table. Again, we went to the ER. She was placed in a cervical collar and told: "you'll be better in five days. Guaranteed." Her blood pressure was 200/94.

One week later, at home, she fell in the bathtub. I dressed her and again took her to the ER. The doctor immediately diagnosed a stroke, ordered a CT scan, gave her medication to lower her blood pressure, and admitted her to hospital. Subsequently, she was transferred to a nursing home for rehab, until she was discharged two weeks later.

Now she suffers from uncontrollable left-sided itching that tends to occur at bedtime and during the night. As you can imagine, this is driving her crazy. Her current medications include aspirin, Zantac, Premarin, Cozaar, atenolol, amiodarone, Beclofen, Lipitor, Celexa, Trazadone, and heparin. What advice can you offer?

DEAR READER: When I initially read your letter, which consisted of seven pages including the hospital record, I was fully anticipating you would be infuriated that your wife's stroke was not treated early in the course of its development. Thus, you can imagine my surprise when you asked me about her itch. Let me back up a minute. I need to condense some of the details of what you wrote.

On Mother's Day, your wife had neurological symptoms that progressed over a 10-day interval. I cannot fault the ER doctors for missing a stroke-in-progress but I am surprised, frankly, that they failed to take aggressive action during her second ER visit. At that time, they diagnosed "cervical radiculopathy," a pinched nerve in the neck. In retrospect, further testing would have been appropriate. I'm also concerned about your wife's blood pressure, which you documented as being high, but was normal (134/71) in the ER.

Once the stroke became obvious, she apparently received standard care that, unfortunately, includes a huge amount of powerful medications. On my count, your wife has been prescribed 11 drugs with a wide variety of actions. Heaven only knows how these multiple medicines may be cross-reacting in her body. This brings me to the last point.

In my opinion, any patient on medication who develops an itch or rash must be considered to be having an allergic reaction. Such a reaction need not be fatal (although many are), but it can be troublesome. Your wife could be reacting to any one (or more) of her medicines - or, perhaps, the drugs are interacting in a dangerous way.

I urge you and your wife to sit down with her doctor for an extended discussion about health issues, the possibility of overmedication and the chance of allergic reactions. If I were the physician in charge, I'd begin immediately to discontinue medications, while closely supervising the situation. In my view, your wife has been put through enough, without having to live with the unacceptable consequences of physician-induced health problems.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Austin woman convicted of kidnapping

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin woman who was extradited to California on two counts of felony child abduction has been found guilty of kidnapping her children from her ex-husband, who is a sex offender.

Debra Schmidt faces up to three years in the California penitentiary. Schmidt, whose children remain in Austin with relatives, is scheduled for sentencing in January.

"I'm pushing for her to go to prison unless those children come back to California," said Alameda County, Calif., prosecutor Robert Hutchins.

Mitch McKenzie, another ex-husband who supports Schmidt's cause, said they will appeal because the jury was not permitted to hear about Manuel Saavedra's sex offense, his status as a registered sex offender or allegations of domestic abuse.

"I don't blame the jury for doing what they did," McKenzie told the Austin American-Statesman for its Friday editions. "They had no idea. They were not allowed to hear the truth."

Saavedra, 44, pleaded guilty in 1992 to lewd conduct with his 13-year-old niece. After completing a sex offender program, a counselor deemed he was no risk to children if he did not drink alcohol. Saavedra was granted visits with his children, Lora, 9, and Eliana, 7.

Schmidt protested that the visits were not well-supervised. She and the children moved to Texas in 1997. Two years later, Saavedra won custody of the girls through a California court.

Schmidt refused to give him the children. She spent more than three weeks in Travis County Jail before bringing the children to Travis County District Judge Jeanne Meurer.

Meurer later awarded Schmidt full custody, despite the California order. Gov. Rick Perry refused to extradite Schmidt to California on the kidnapping charges until he was ordered to do so by a federal judge in Austin.

Now Schmidt's future is in the hands of a California judge. Schmidt could receive probation if she returns the children to California, Hutchins said.

"I think the judge would go along with that if she returns the kids," Hutchins said. "That's the whole object of what I've been doing here."

The fate of the children remains uncertain.

Saavedra has appealed Meurer's custody decision with the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin. Meurer has recused herself from the case. All future matters will be handled either by the appeals court or another Travis County district judge.

If returned to California, the children would be placed in foster care.

Gets recognized

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The new state office building in downtown Topeka has been named for Charles Curtis, a former Kansas congressman who served as vice president under Herbert Hoover.

Curtis spent 38 years in Congress, including time as Senate majority leader, and he was vice president from 1929 to 1933. He is the only American Indian to become vice president.

The choice for the building's name was between Curtis and former Kansas Gov. Robert Bennett, who died last year. The Topeka Public Building Commission voted unanimously Tuesday in favor of Curtis, who died in 1936.

The five-story building, in use for more than five months, had been known until now as the Signature Office Building. Use of the Curtis name had been endorsed by the Kansas Legislature, the Capitol Area Plaza Authority and the Topeka City Council.

"Finally! At last, he gets recognized somewhere," said an exuberant Ann Andrews after the meeting.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001
Knowledge and skills you've acquired over a long period of time will be put to a very practical, yet rewarding use in the year ahead. It's a time to reap what you have sown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you have more Christmas shopping to do, this might be a choice day to do so. The bargains and sales could be larger and better than they have been all season. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The most important thing for you today is to be able to have the freedom to do what you choose. It might be wise not to make any plans that would saddle you down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Give adequate time to review all the facts at your disposal today regarding something essential to you. If it is of a secretive nature, don't discuss matters with others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Because you'll be a realistic dreamer today, you can make something good happen for you. What you envision will be possible and instilled with a great deal of hope.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Any compliments showered on you today can be taken to heart. The types of people who will make them don't give out accolades freely or readily.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's not that you won't treat serious involvements with the respect that they deserve; your lightheartedness will be because you know how to view things philosophically.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — New vitality can be breathed into a joint endeavor today that you have with another appeared to be somewhat stagnant lately. Even if it's an old method, give it a try.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Make plans to get together with some good pals today, because before the day is over, you're likely to feel a real need for some good companionship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will not be one to waste your time today, instead you'll look for ways to do something productive and gratifying. Chances are what you accomplish will give you a real lift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Business and pleasure can actually make for a profitable mix today, but it must be blended in proper proportion, so if you're socializing don't let money get the best of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even though you might start out today a bit sluggish, don't be hesitant to tackle a tough assignment. It'll serve to invigorate you and give you self-satisfaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your ideas and remarks may register and carry a great amount of weight today. Even though you may feel you don't have people's attention, they take in more than you realize.

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Monday, Dec. 17, 2001
In the year ahead, your talents and luck can blend together in a manner that will assure you success where your work or career is concerned. It could be quite significant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something beneficial could result today if you reopen lines of communication with those that you have lost contact. Make it a point to get in touch with one or more. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could be somewhat luckier than usual today in matters pertaining to your financial security, so don't waste this day on less profitable pursuits or endeavors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You get the most satisfaction and success today from a situation on which you put your personal imprint. Don't delegate anything important that you're better equipped to handle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Spend your time in solitude today where you're free to sort out your thoughts. It will do you a world of good. You don't have to be around a lot of people in order to be happy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're ready to start the week off with vigor and gusto. If you want to feel fulfilled, take on activities that challenge your resourcefulness and innovative abilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Recognition for a past effort that you never got, but deserved, may be forthcoming today. Be gracious as to how you handle this. Better late than never should be your motto.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your edge over your competition today is that you're able to grasp the essence of new ideas and concepts quicker than your peers. This keeps you a few steps ahead of them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Triggered perhaps by an outside influence today, you might be able to bring about a change of condition that would better your position that involves a joint endeavor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — What pleases your companions so much about you today is that it isn't important to you to be number one, and you show it. You're happy when everybody is happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although others may want to indulge in frivolous activities today that offer them enjoyment, you, on the other hand, won't feel content unless your time is spent productively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your leadership qualities will definitely need to be expressed today, but you'll assert yourself in some a manner that'll ingratiate others rather than irritate them. Hail to the chief.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If your day starts off with difficulty in finalizing matters you need completed, persistency and tenaciousness will bring you the victories you seek.

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House passes Bush plan for education

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is expected to hand President Bush a bipartisan victory next week on his top domestic priority, taking up his education bill after House lawmakers passed it by a wide margin.

If the Senate passes the bill Tuesday as expected, Bush could sign it before Christmas.

"These landmark reforms will bring purpose to a federal law that has lost its focus and never met its promise," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who chaired the House-Senate education conference committee. The House approved the bill Thursday on a 381-41 vote.

Foremost among the bill's proposals is a requirement that millions of students take annual reading and math tests. For the first time, the scores could affect how much federal funding schools get and how they spend it.

The House vote was hailed by both Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers spent months refining the massive Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the funding and overall regulation for K-12 education.

"We can no longer accept the level of failure that we have in the past, and this legislation says that we won't," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., who helped write the bill.

During last spring's debate, the legislation was criticized by both liberals and conservatives — mainly for what was left out.

Conservatives complained that removing government vouchers, originally sought by Bush, meant the bill was little more than an expensive testing mandate without an "escape valve" for families whose children attend low-scoring schools.

On Thursday, several voted to reject the measure, including Majority Whip Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas. In all, 33 Republicans, six Democrats and both of the House's independent members voted against the bill.

Several Democrats said it's still unclear whether the funding included in the bill will help low-income students.

"It is a giant step forward, but we are still far away from making sure poor children do not end up with a poor quality instructor and poor quality teaching materials," said Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa.

In addition to testing, the bill would require schools to adopt plans to close the achievement gaps between low-income and middle-class students and between white and minority students.

States and school districts also would get more freedom in how they spend federal dollars. Money intended for teacher improvement, for example, could instead pay for salary increases or additional instructors.

Districts would have to submit annual "report cards" showing a school's standardized test scores compared with other schools, both locally and statewide.

Schools would have to test students with limited English skills in English after students had spent three consecutive years in a U.S. school. Schools also would also get a share of Bush's signature reading program, which provides nearly $1 billion per year for the next five years, in hopes that every student can read by third grade.

Overall, the bill authorizes $26.5 billion in federal spending on elementary and secondary education in the 2002 budget year, which began Oct. 1. That would be about $8 billion more than the year before, and about $4 billion more than Bush requested, but nearly $6 billion less than Senate Democrats wanted. The actual amount could be lower, once Congress makes its yearly specific spending decisions.

Captain removed when aircraft carrier fails inspection

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Navy officials removed the captain of the USS John F. Kennedy after the aircraft carrier failed an inspection.

Capt. Maurice Joyce was removed after the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey gave the Kennedy an unsatisfactory rating last week.

"It's pretty unusual," said Navy spokesman Mike Maus. "It hasn't happened in a while. But a commanding officer of a ship has responsibility over the ship. He is the man in charge."

Navy officials in Washington said the ship's failed inspection had nothing to do with its combat readiness. The problem was the ship's "material condition."

Joyce has not been fired, but this action makes it highly unlikely he will gain promotion, Navy officials said.

The ship was expected to go to Puerto Rico for training in January in preparation for a six-month deployment.

"We're confident the ship will be able to meet any commitments it has," Maus said. He would not comment on what those commitments are.

Joyce had been captain of the ship since October 2000. The carrier is now under the command of executive officer Cmdr. Jim Gregorski.

Maus said Navy officials were considering canceling holiday leave for the Kennedy's crew so the ship can pass inspection. The 5,000-member crew began leave Thursday.

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A Remembrance Tree For Our Loved Ones

With the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it is important for us to pause for a moment to think of those who are or have been the shining lights in our lives. Some, sadly, are gone now, but the warm memories of moments shared with them, will remain with us always.

In our front yard, we have placed a special outdoor remembrance tree. Each one of the hundreds of lights is shining brightly to honor those special people in our lives. We hope you will drive by to see the lights and be reminded of the ones who have been the guiding lights in our lives.

Most of all, we trust that this Christmas season will reflect upon the One who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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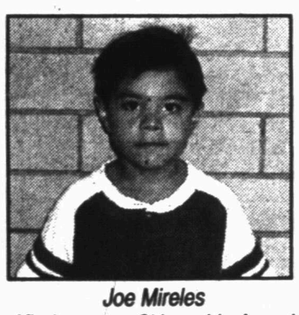
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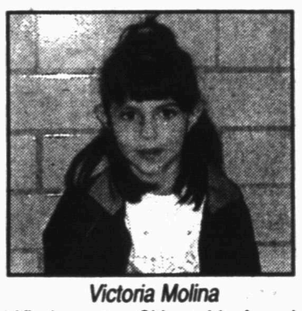
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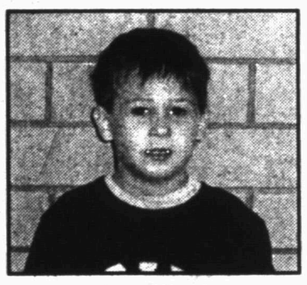
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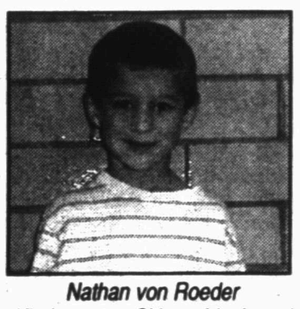
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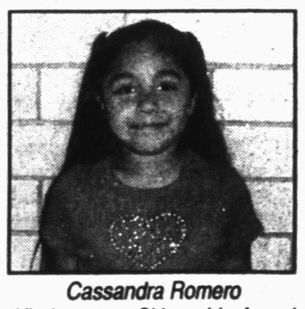
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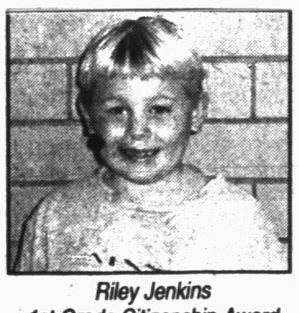
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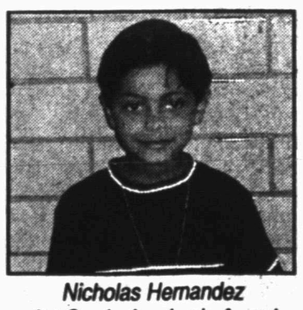
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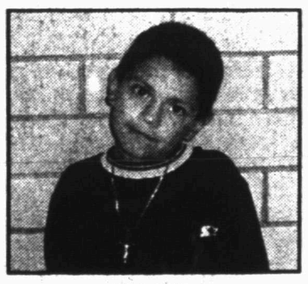
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Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

Remembering the Andy Hardy movies

The new edition of the "Video Movie Guide" (Ballantine, 2002) is out. One change I have noted is that the Andy Hardy movies, which received a two-star rating in the old book, now get three stars.

I wonder if this tells us something about ourselves — that in these days of mounting stress in our lives we are getting to appreciate once again the things that used to give us a good feeling, such as the Andy Hardy movies.

Are we coming to realize that "the things that belong unto our peace" may lie more in the past than in the present, and that our future happiness may depend on our rediscovery of some of the secrets we have lost in our mad rush toward the present?

Nostalgia, as novelist John Cheever has reminded us, can be more than a long, loving backward look. Finding ourselves not in the world we love but knowing how deeply we love it, there is kindled within us the conviction that we will find a way to return to it in the future.

The Hardys — like the Arnold family on television's "Wonder Years" (coming back in reruns) and the Berger family on "Brooklyn Bridge" — showed us the happiness and satisfaction that can come from a simple lifestyle, domestic stability and a virtuous life. When we watch them we feel better.

Today, the Hardy family is all but forgotten. Or was. At the library where I went a few years ago to borrow a videotape from the Hardy series, all 16 were on the shelf. "Nobody ever asks for them," said the librarian. Maybe that will change now that the series has earned a three-star rating.

The endearing (and enduring) Hardy series ran from 1937 to 1946. Based on a play about a small-town judge and his family, the first Hardy movie, featuring the young Mickey Rooney, cast Lionel Barrymore as the tolerant Judge Hardy, and Spring Byington as Mrs. Hardy.

The film was such a box-office hit that MGM decided to make it into a series. It became MGM's all-time biggest money-maker. The series was a stepping-stone to stardom for Judy Garland, Esther Williams, Lana Turner, Donna Reed and Kathryn Grayson.

When Barrymore, after the first movie, turned down a chance to continue playing Judge Hardy because of the arthritis that eventually put him in a wheelchair, the role went to the courtly Lewis Stone.

The Hardy series were made in the days before sexual harassment was on everyone's minds, so some things that would have ended up on the cutting-room floor today slipped by innocently.

In a scene from the 1938 movie, "Love Finds Andy Hardy," Andy is trying to get his girlfriend Polly Benedict (Anne Rutherford) to let him kiss her.

She plays coy and says no.

"You let me kiss you last night," Andy reminds her.

"You kissed me last night by force, Andy Hardy!" she replies.

"It's good that way, too," says Andy, with that ever-present gleam in his eye. Andy lived for cars and girls.

Given today's sensitivity to anything suggesting sexual harassment, we don't even kid nowadays about forcing our affections on someone else. But back in the 1930s and '40s, Andy's antics came under the heading of good, clean fun. Which they were — especially by today's gross standards.

Something else I miss today from the Hardy series is Judge Hardy's man-to-man talks with Andy, which were a staple of the series.

When Andy comes to his father after breaking up with his girl of the moment, the judge consoles him with this thought: "There is no sorrow in the world, Andrew, that a lot of other people couldn't match."

Trite? Maybe. But when Judge Hardy said it, it sounded wise and comforting. We could use some of the old-fashioned moralizing of our parents.

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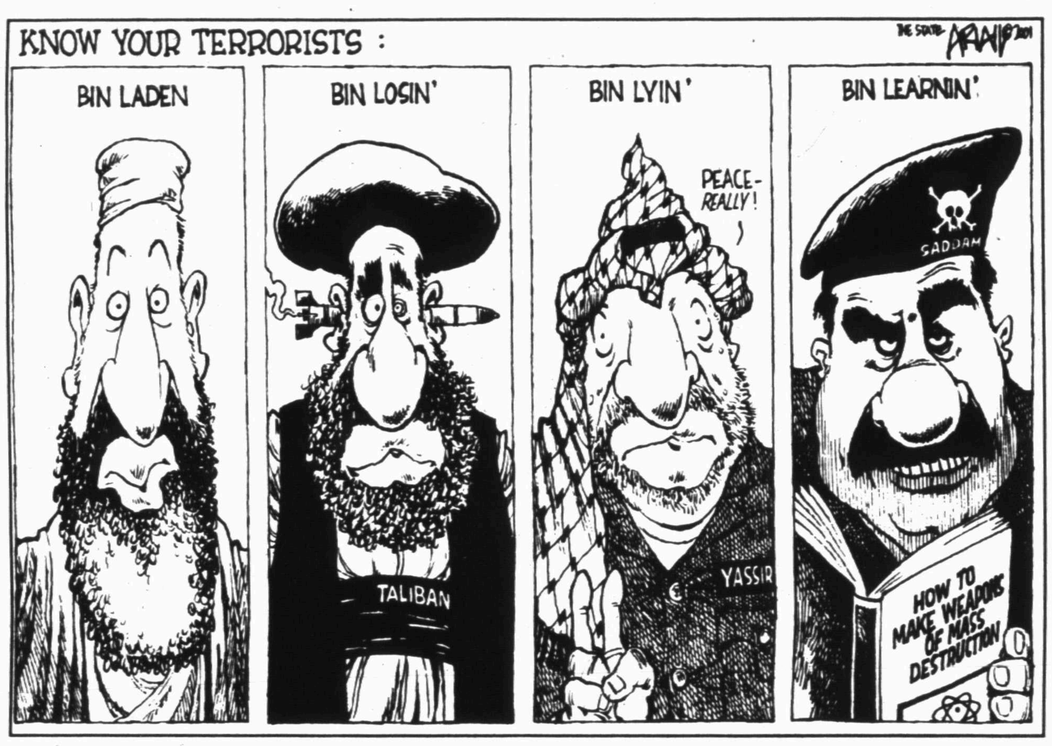

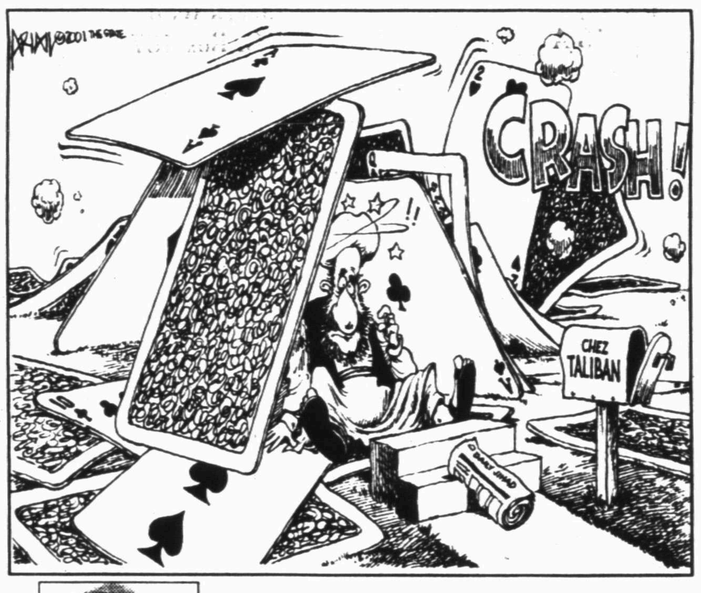

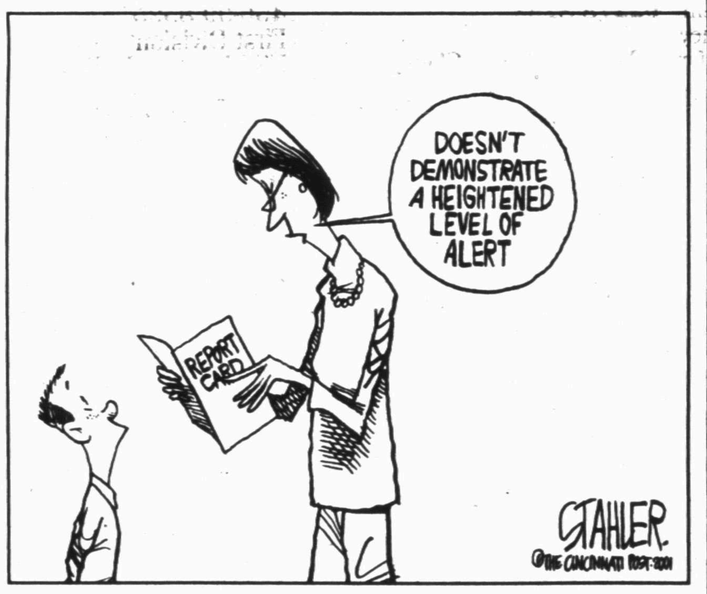

North of Forty by Red Green

Off-hand questions, on-target answers

I've been married for quite a while. In fact, I've been married longer that I was single. You'd sense that in a flash if you saw me in person — the hunched shoulders, the cautious gait, the avoidance of eye contact. And if there's one thing I've learned about women in all this time, it's that you have to watch out for the off-hand questions. Don't worry about the straight-out, interrogation-style stuff where she stands directly in front of you and asks, "Where have you been?" or "Do you know what time it is?" or "Why is the shed on fire?" Those are the easy ones. You can say anything you want because she's already guessed the answer and probably doesn't even expect one.

The important questions are way sneakier. She'll be reading the paper or looking for something in the fridge or removing her make-up, and she'll put on her most casual just-making-conversation voice and say "Did you notice that blonde woman in the blue dress?" Your instincts tell you to say "no" — but don't do it. Just say, "Which woman?" She'll then say, "The one you were talking to over by the pool." (Aren't you glad you didn't say "no"?) Now you have a problem because this next answer will determine your immediate future, especially if it's bedtime. More important than the content of this answer, it must be the perfect length and tone. She asked in a fake-casual way, and your answer should match. Eight words are perfect. Any more or less, and your wife'll be suspicious. I suggest, "She's our new receptionist. I think she's gay."

KEEPING TRIM

I spend most of the winter in Florida. I'm not bragging, I just want to add credibility to my next piece of advice. Old guys should have short hair. There is nothing masculine or artistically whimsical about straggly wisps of curly white hair framing a wrinkle farm. Even if your hair is thick, you must keep it short. Generally, your hair looks older than you are, so letting it proportionately dominate your appearance will make you seem even more ancient than you deserve. When you're 18, maybe it looks good to see long, unkempt hair as a sign that you're just starting out. But at 60, you're not starting out, you're finishing up. And presenting yourself as "struggling" at that age does not enhance your overall image. So if you're an older guy, get your hair cut as often as you can. If you're cheap, get your wife to do it. Just make sure she has her glasses on and she's in a good mood.

THE NAME SAYS IT ALL

Big corporations spend a lot of time and money selecting names for their products and services. But in these days of so many entrepreneurs starting their own businesses, they often don't have the resources to pick their names carefully. If that's your situation, here are some names to avoid:

— A crematorium called "Fired, But Not Forgotten."

— A laxative called "Sprint."

— A steakhouse called "Meat Here."

— A large-sizes clothing store called "Grandiose Designs."

— An after-hours vasectomy clinic called "Nick at Night."

WATCH OUT FOR THE PLUS-MINUS

I was watching hockey on television when I heard the sportscasters talk about a player's "plus-minus." This statistic represents the number of goals scored by his team while he's on the ice, minus the number of goals scored against his team while he's on the ice. For a good player it's a positive number, for a not-so-good player, it's not so positive.

I wondered whether this stat could ever be applied to a married man. His plus-minus would be the number of happy times his wife has when she's with him, minus the number of unhappy times his wife has when she's with him. If it's a positive number, he'll probably finish his career on her team. If it's a negative number, he'll probably be traded for someone younger, and future considerations.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "You should always be ready for the call. It could be a pardon from the governor." — Red Green

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Underlie Mideast violence

Four Arab and Israeli leaders have won the Nobel Peace Prize. Two were assassinated by countrymen who wanted no part of peace on reasonable terms, and there is no peace in the Middle East.

Today marks the seventh anniversary of the awarding of the peace prize to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Rabin was killed by a Jewish fanatic in 1995. Arafat, by choosing violence over coexistence, has all but forfeited any claim he might have had to being a peacemaker.

There is reason to suspect that Israelis and Americans might desire a Palestinian state more than Arafat. The leader and symbol of Palestinian aspirations might be unable to make the transition from a revolutionary leader presiding over a corrupt, ruthless, implacable regime to the head of a modern, peaceful, democratic state.

Although the situation is discouraging, it has been bleaker on more than one occasion for both the Israelis and the Palestinian organizations that Arafat leads. If the blueprint for a lasting peace cannot be found in the Oslo accords that won Rabin and Arafat their Nobel, it is starkly apparent in the peace prize shared on 1978 by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

At that time, two enemies decisively put aside their animosity and seized the chance for lasting peace. The result has not been perfect amity, but all-out war between Israelis and Arabs has been kept at bay.

Egypt's ambassador to the United States, Nabil Fahmy, visited Houston last week and made several salient points about Egypt's role in the Middle East. On balance, Egypt's role (as does Jordan's) deserves recognition and sets an example to its Arab neighbors.

Fahmy said the Arab world's anger directed at the United States is only skin deep and reflects a frustration at stagnant economies and low standards of living. By making peace with Israel, he said, Egypt has been able to concentrate on expanding the private sector of its economy.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Guns or butter

President Bush should resolutely ignore the natterings of his GOP colleagues who are in a swivet over the economy.

President Bush has many puzzles to figure out in making his decision about what precisely to do about Iraq after the fighting in Afghanistan has concluded, but one of those puzzles should not be whether it is more important to address the nation's economy than to make sure that Saddam Hussein won't send millions of us to early graves.

There is an economy-vs.-Iraq debate now going on among Bush advisers, according to some reporters, who go on to explain that, in the view of some of those advisers, presidential neglect of the economy could spell grave misfortune for Republicans in next year's congressional elections. Maybe it would, and maybe taking the war on terrorism into Iraq would make economic recovery more difficult, but the more important issue is whether neglecting Iraq would endanger American lives.

It is known for a fact that Saddam has developed biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction and that he is trying to develop a nuclear bomb, and it is known, too, that this fiercely anti-American dictator has supported terrorists. Bush has vowed to continue the war on terrorism until the terrorist networks are broken and the countries that harbor terrorists have ceased to do so. The U.S. effort in Afghanistan has so far been hugely successful and the American citizenry is behind Bush. It could be a disastrous mistake to interrupt the momentum for any reason other than careful calculations of tactics or fresh intelligence that Saddam is harmless, after all.

The economy is important, too, obviously, and pursuing the war may do it some harm. But ending the war will not in and of itself right the economy, and pursuing the war does not mean that current economic ills cannot possibly be conquered. Unlike Lyndon Johnson, who created huge economic difficulties by trying to have both guns (the war in Vietnam) and butter (expensive social programs), Bush does not have a long list of costly new programs he wants to enact.

Amarillo Globe-News

American Taliban

John Philip Walker appears to be a troubled young man. He also appears to be a traitor who took up arms with an enemy force with whom the nation of his birth is at war.

So, why the apparent angst among some Americans over what to do about this young man?

Walker, 20, was captured the other day by U.S. forces fighting in Afghanistan. Several years ago, he converted to Islam and then joined the Taliban. The Bush administration developed evidence rapidly that linked the Taliban to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. President Bush then ordered the armed forces into battle against the enemy — which apparently includes John Walker, formerly of Fairfax, Calif., U.S.A.

Walker suffered serious shrapnel wounds during a fierce firefight at a prison holding Taliban fighters. He now is in U.S. custody and is recovering from his wounds.

What should happen to him? He should be returned to the United States and tried in the federal courts on a charge of treason. He deserves only the consideration to which he is entitled as a U.S. citizen, namely a fair and public trial.

If the court convicts him, then he deserves the sentence that the court deems warranted. If that sentence is death, then the government is obligated to carry it out.

However, let us not waste time wondering — and worrying — about how this young man could turn on his country. The judicial system must decide whether he did and determine the price he must pay.

San Antonio Express-News

Judges have right to opinions

The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to hear a Minnesota dispute over whether judicial candidates can discuss their positions on issues that might come before their courts.

Many states, including Texas, prohibit judicial candidates from detailing their positions on specific issues.

The rules enhance the appearance of judicial impartiality, but some candidates say their freedom of speech is being limited.

A litigant understandably will question judicial fairness if a judge has taken a public stance against the litigant's arguments in a case.

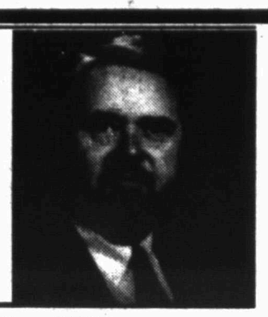
But the rules are a farce. Judges have opinions about key issues even if they keep mum.

An examination of contributors to most judicial candidates already gives a good indication of their philosophical leanings.

If judges must campaign for office, they should be allowed to express their views when they consider it prudent.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



You Can't Fire Me, I'm Your Wife!
(Last of two parts)

Last week in the first part of this series, we pointed out that two-thirds of family-owned business don't survive to the second generation. However, there are guidelines you can use that will increase your chances of survival and success. This week we'll focus on six more attributes commonly found in successful family businesses.

* **Family members establish short-range and long-range financial goals.** Successful family-owned businesses have short-term financial goals that include fair pay for all employees. They also focus on reducing debt, decreasing accounts receivable and saving money by taking advantage of supplier discounts when paying for products and services that are used in the business.

Long-term financial goals include building enough wealth in the business to ensure successful retirement of the older generation and successful transition of the business to the younger generation. In addition, they often invest outside the business to diversify holdings and spread risk.

* **They work as a team.** Successful families realize that certain qualities must exist for the family team to function at an optimum level. For example, they must share similar values. Core values may include family compensation and work schedules; deciding whether to stay debt-free or expand the business through extensive borrowing; hiring non-family members and general planning strategies. Sharing values does not mean that family members will always see eye to eye, but they do provide a foundation for agreement.

Another quality that inspires teamwork is sharing power across generations, between spouses, and among siblings. Each team member must feel that he or she has a stake in the decision-making process even when a hierarchy of authority is maintained in the business.

* **They plan their work and work their plan.** They use four basic plans to establish the framework for decision-making, informing, motivating and involving the family members and non-family members in the business.

Each business prepares a well-written business plan that contains their overall goals with steps outlined to meet the goals. In addition, a family strategic plan is also in place. This plan spells out the family's conception of the business and overall guidelines for future generations.

The third plan is an estate plan that outlines the transfer of ownership, distribution of wealth and appropriate legal and tax advice. Finally, they have a well-defined succession plan that outlines the procedures and guidelines for choosing a successor to take over the family business.

* **They know when to call in the pros.** Often the lines between family and business become blurred which causes difficultly in making objective decisions. Emotions, relationships and business practices become entangled and impossible to separate. When those times occur, professional, trusted advisors are invited to sit in on business meetings. They help clarify the issues and bring unbiased opinions and insight to the table for consideration.

* **Successful families include everyone.** They build solid relationships based on honesty, respect, integrity and trust. Family members and non-family employees receive fair, equitable treatment. They are paid fairly, receive on-going training and are evaluated honestly for promotion.

* **Successful family businesses have established traditions.** Family businesses have activities and/or rituals that bring them together both as families and as a business. One activity that comes to mind took place when we owned the lawn and garden center. Prior to the Christmas holidays, we would build a poinsettia tree in our front display window. We all looked forward to it, even though it was hard work, took many hours and involved handling hundreds of potted poinsettias. The results were always beautiful and left us all with a feeling of accomplishment as we constructed our gift to the community. It quickly became a tradition that we looked forward to each year.

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Minor injuries sustained in accident

HOUSTON (AP) — Four Houston firefighters and the driver of an otherwise empty school bus sustained non-life threatening injuries when the vehicles collided early Friday.

Police said that shortly after 6 a.m., four firefighters aboard a fire truck were returning to their station when the bus exited the south end of Interstate 610 and hit the truck, pushing it onto its side.

Police said the firefighters and the bus driver were taken to Houston hospitals, but none had serious injuries.

Americans shoudl carry on with traditions

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter said he hopes Americans will find comfort in holiday traditions even as they remember the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"This year our country is drawn together, I think, in a spirit of unity and prayer," said Carter, who was president from 1976-80. "My hope is that this year no family will celebrate Christmas without remembering the 4,000 or so families that will have a sorrowful Christmas because the terrorists killed one of their family members."

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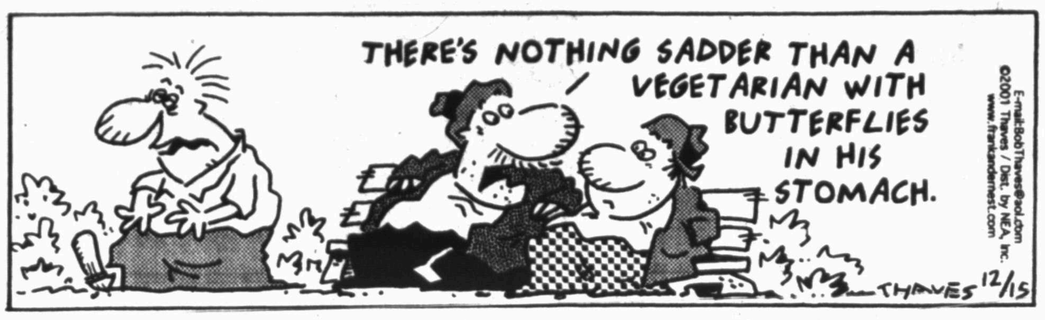

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6 Gravy no-no's
11 Farewell
12 Chinese or Korean
13 Straw hat
15 Nap
16 Shirt feature
18 Recipe qty.
19 Cheerleader's shout
21 — Wiedersehen
22 Earring's place
23 Bias
25 Dutch airline
28 Entertain
30 Before
31 Common pronoun
32 Make lace
33 Do yard work
35 Boutiques
37 Naval off.
38 Mountains or river
40 Rocky Mountain people
41 Sis's sibling
42 "The — Squad"
43 Green parrot
46 Obi's companion
48 Emphasis
50 Harangue
54 German river
55 Embankment
56 Inn
57 Lawn tool

DOWN

1 Blank space
2 Spud st.
3 Shark warning
4 Gives lessons
5 Type of wrestling
6 Fox's abode
7 Exploit
8 Atomizer output
9 Caresses
10 Be grouchy
14 Sorrowful exclamation
15 More secure
17 Not so hot
19 Juno devotee
20 Touches
22 Better than never?
24 "Scream" director Craven
25 Temple city of Japan
26 Strode along
27 Rumple
29 Ostrich's cousin
34 Moon's path
36 Good — (cheerful)
39 Stolen goods
43 Actor Maiden
44 Repeat
45 Tart
46 Elbow opposite
47 Nefertiti's river
49 MIT grad
51 Std.
52 Fiddle-de—
53 Constantly, to Keats

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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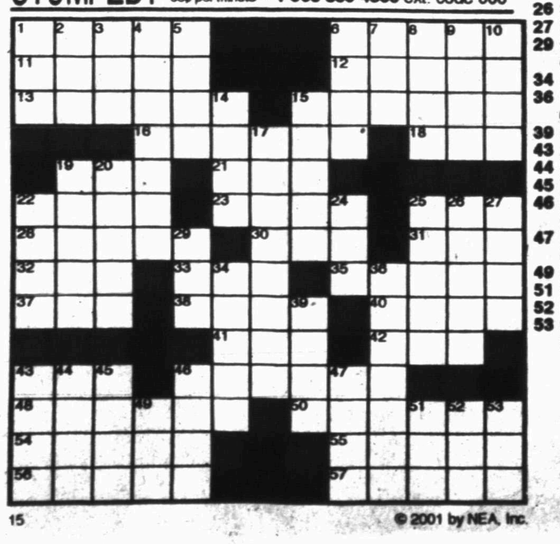

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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Do hospitals set a bad example?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My mother is recovering from a heart bypass operation. While she was improving and still in the hospital, every meal she was served had margarine and an artificial coffee creamer, both containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. I was aghast given what is known and what you have been saying about this ingredient. It is dangerous and makes absolutely no sense. Why would a hospital do this? - **E.B., Evanston, Ill.**

Dear E.B.: I have no answer to your question of "why." It makes no scientific sense to me, either. How disappointing that such "foods" would be given to a patient who had just undergone heart bypass surgery — a procedure carried out when there is a blockage in one or more of the arteries that service the heart. Granted we are dealing with small amounts of partially hydrogenated fats in those individual serving containers, but what kind of lesson are we giving when hospital food contains the very ingredients that patients should be avoiding? Partial hydrogenation creates trans fatty acids (TFAs), and these components appear to represent more of a health risk than saturated fats. The consumption of TFAs is correlated with a number of unhealthful effects as regards heart disease. TFAs:

1. increase blood cholesterol
2. increase low-density lipoproteins (LDL — the least desirable lipoprotein)
3. decrease the level of high-density lipoproteins (HDL — the highly desirable lipoprotein)
4. increase Lp(a), also called "L P little a," a special type of lipoprotein that research has shown is closely correlated to the risk of heart disease.

The evidence against TFAs began with a landmark study in the New England Journal of Medicine (August 16, 1990), and the finding has been repeated in numerous research studies since. Most recently, studies have appeared in the journals Lancet (March 10, 2001), the Journal of Nutrition (February 2001) and Biological Research (April 1999). TFAs are not listed specifically on the Nutrition Facts Label, but the FDA is proposing to add this important information. Until then, consumers should check the ingredient statements to see what it is they are buying. There are spreads that contain no TFAs; there is even a TFA-free shortening. Any such product will announce this fact on the label.

As for your mother, I encourage her or whoever does the shopping to stick to a whole-food diet — rich in greens, grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds — and "bypass" all those processed foods that contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. I wish her a speedy recovery.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there any value to Tahitian Noni Juice? - B., San Diego, Calif.

Dear B.: The botanical name for the noni plant is Morinda citrifolia, and it has a long history of use in Hawaii and Polynesia. A study in Plant Medica reports how noni extracts have analgesic (pain-killing) and sedative properties, which would tend to jibe with the plant's folkloric names of "headache tree" and "painkiller plant." Claims about anti-cancer and immune stimulant properties have little if any evidence to support them. There is a small amount of animal research , but it can be classified as preliminary at best.

How can one decide when there is insufficient reliable information to assess the effectiveness of a product? The ironic part is that the product, or fractions of it, may indeed have healthful properties. There may, however, be dangers as well. A basic tenet of toxicology is that "it's the dose that makes the poison." With the lack of information about this product, how do you know what you're doing to your body? Arm yourself with as much information as possible before you decide. If I were you, I would stay away until more is known.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Julia Roberts concentrating on friendship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Ocean's Eleven" star Julia Roberts is concentrating on friendships.

Roberts will be the host of the A&E documentary "Old Friends," which examines the enduring nature of friendships. It's scheduled for broadcast next year.

"Old Friends" focuses on three women from a small town outside Chicago. Mildred Mulligan, Helen Klipinger and Ann Pritchard met in elementary school in 1906. Now, 95 years later, they remain good friends.

Mulligan and Klipinger live in a retirement community in West Covina, where the three women celebrated Klipinger's 103rd birthday. The event was filmed for the documentary.

Profits will be shared

HONOLULU (AP) — The families of two Samoan women who passed on knowledge of a tree's healing powers will share in profits from any AIDS drug developed from the rainforest plant.

In an agreement announced Wednesday, the nonprofit ReSearch Alliance promised to give the government of Samoa and the healers 20 percent of any commercial revenue it gets from an experimental anti-HIV compound called prostratin.

Scientists hope to begin the first clinical trials on humans within a year.

The drug, if successful, could earn millions of dollars a year for the Samoans, said Irl Barefield, executive director of ReSearch Alliance, which is licensed to research the drug by the National Cancer Institute.

The federal National Institutes of Health would get 5 percent of any profits. All other profits would go toward AIDS research, he said.

"It could be Samoa's gift to the world," said Dr. Paul Cox, who first brought the herbal compound out of a small Samoan village nearly a decade ago and was rebuffed by pharmaceutical companies that he tried to interest in researching it.

Cox now heads the National Tropical Botanical Gardens in Hawaii and Florida, set up by Congress to conserve tropical plant diversity.

"These healers were heirs to thousands of years of knowledge," Cox said by phone from an AIDS forum in Los Angeles. "They were bright people. Talking to them about the plants was like talking to another Ph.D."

The medicine women used the mamala tree to treat hepatitis.

Date Books

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001

Today is the 349th day of 2001 and the 85th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1795, the U.S. Senate rejected President George Washington's nomination of John Rutledge to be chief justice of the United States.

On this day in 1890, Native American leader Sitting Bull was killed by federal troops on a reservation in South Dakota.

On this day in 1973, singer Jermaine Jackson and Hazel Gordy were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 68; Don Johnson (1949-), actor, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, the Detroit Lions won the NFL championship by defeating the New York Giants 26-7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is little to him that feels it with great sensibility." — Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Dec. 14).

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001

Today is the 350th day of 2001 and the 86th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1835, a great fire destroyed 600 buildings in New York City.

On this day in 1899, the Brooklyn Children's Museum opened in New York City. It was the first children's museum in the United States.

On this day in 1985, Sylvester Stallone and Brigitte Nielsen were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), composer; Jane Austen (1775-1817), writer; George Santayana (1863-1952), philosopher; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright-actor; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-), writer, is 84; Liv Ullmann (1939-), actress, is 62; Lesley Stahl (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, in a game between the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets, O.J. Simpson became the first NFL athlete to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a single season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The little word 'is' has its tragedies: It marries and identifies different things with the greatest innocence; and yet no two are ever identical, and if therein lies the charm of wedding them and calling them one, therein, too, lies the danger." — George Santayana

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 14) and first quarter (Dec. 22).

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Two hurt in blast

LONGVIEW (AP) — Two workers suffered minor injuries in an explosion at the Eastman Chemical plant on Thursday.

Authorities said a 9,000-gallon catalyst chemical tank ruptured.

"At about 1:35 p.m., Eastman experienced the failure of a tank containing maleic anhydride. Currently we do not anticipate this incident to impact human health or the environment off the plant site," company spokesman Keith Holman told the Longview News-Journal for a story in Friday's editions.

Both injured workers were treated at the scene. The company sounded the all-clear on the emergency at 4:30 p.m., Holman said.

Maleic anhydride is a chemical used in plastics production, said Virgil Fernandez, spokesman for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. He described the chemical as "moderately toxic" if it comes in contact with skin.

"It is very corrosive and could be harmful to your eyes or skin," he said.

Commission officials were told the tank had about 2,000 gallons of the chemical in it at the time of the explosion.

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Circus trainer will go on trial for abusing one elephant

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — This is the moment animal activists have all been waiting for: One of the biggest stars of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is going on trial for allegedly abusing an elephant with a metal hook during a show.

Protesters have complained for years that circus animals are trained with painful methods and inhumanely chained, caged and handled. But few circus workers have ever faced criminal charges.

Activists hope Monday's trial of animal trainer Mark Oliver Gebel, son of the legendary circus showman Gunther Gebel-Williams, will lend more credibility to their allegations against "The Greatest Show on Earth."

"This is going to be a very interesting trial, mainly because it is Ringling, which bills itself as the top-of-the-line circus, with the best record, best resources, best treatment of animals," said Richard Farinato of the Humane Society of the United States.

Gebel, 31, is charged with animal abuse for allegedly puncturing an elephant's hide. The offense carries up to six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

His attorney, James McManis, calls the case preposterous. He said Gebel would never be anything but kind to animals, having grown up around them during the 21-year Ringling Bros. career of his animal-trainer father, who died in July at age 66.

In the circus program, Gebel says his bond with the elephants "is as powerful as between any friends."

"I think these animal rights people are making a big mistake if this is where they're going to make their stand on animals in the circus, because nothing happened here," McManis said. "This is going to be a big embarrassment"

Humane Society officers and a San Jose police sergeant were monitoring the animals at a show here on Aug. 25 when they allegedly saw Gebel, wearing a flamboyant coat with a high collar and tails, lunge at two elephants and yell at them to move faster. They say an elephant named Asia quickly jolted forward.

The elephants went into the arena and performed, but after the show, the witnesses noticed "a nickel-sized red bloody spot" on Asia's left front leg.

The witnesses believe Gebel punctured Asia's hide with an ankus, a hooked metal stick that resembles a fireplace poker. Ringling Bros. says the ankus, or bull hook, is used to guide elephants like a leash, not to cause pain.

McManis contends that Asia's red mark disappeared when she was washed later that day, and that a veterinarian found no sign she had been injured. He said the witnesses were too far away to clearly see what Gebel was doing and had an anti-circus agenda.

Last year, the same witnesses said they found cuts and puncture wounds on seven Ringling elephants performing in San Jose. Prosecutors said then that there was not enough evidence to bring charges.

This time, the witnesses' reports were enough to persuade prosecutors to take the case. Prosecutor Carolyn Powell said she has gotten hundreds of supportive letters and e-mails from animal lovers around the world.

Among the supporters is Tom Rider, a former Ringling barn worker who now travels the country protesting with animal rights activists at Ringling performances.

"They use the bull hook in an aggressive manner every day at Ringling," Rider said. "They hit them on the head, trunk, legs, shoulders — it's systematic, daily abuse."

In 1998, Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, settled a complaint from the U.S. Department of Agriculture by agreeing to pay $20,000 to elephant-related causes after an ill elephant was forced to perform before it could be examined by a veterinarian. The animal died.

Cancer drug shipment headed to Cuba

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas humanitarian group that helps provide medical supplies to Cuba is delivering $3 million worth of medicine for cancer patients to the Caribbean nation this weekend.

Volunteers for MedAid, an Austin-based nonprofit aid and cultural exchange organization, are delivering the drug Zofran in Cuba on Sunday.

Zofran helps alleviate the debilitating side effects of chemotherapy. On the open market, the prescription medication typically sells for $83 per pill, making it too expensive for the Cuban medical establishment.

Glaxco, the drug's manufacturer in the United States, along with MedAid and two Cuban oncologists have arranged for the shipment, estimated to be enough to treat every cancer patient in Cuba for a year.

"When we contacted Glaxco, the goal originally was to obtain enough Zofran to treat pediatric cases, but we were able to obtain enough to supply the whole country," said Charles Hornung, president of MedAid.

An auction a year ago of Cuban art in Havana organized by the Casa de Americas group, the chief cultural organization in Cuba, raised the initial seed money — about $70,000 — for the Zofran purchase.

Since 1995, MedAid, or the U.S.-Latin American Medical Aid Foundation, has helped in the exchange of medicine and culture between Cuba and the United States.

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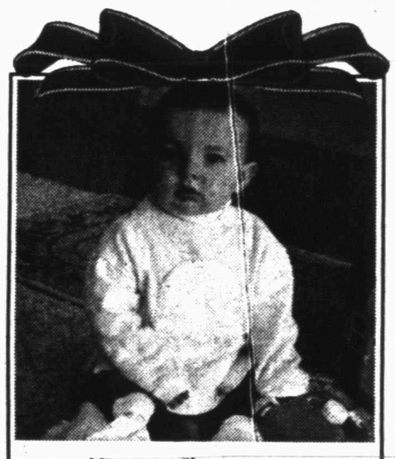

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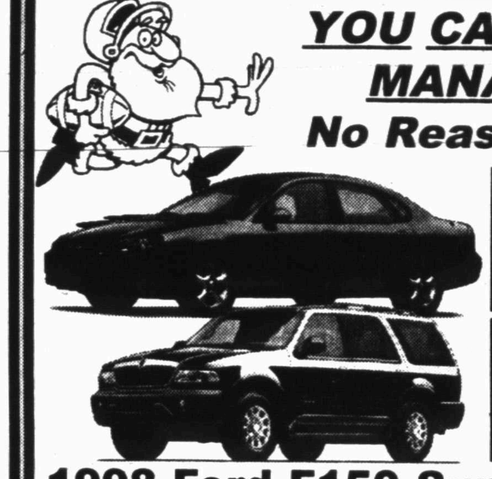

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