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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

WEEKEND

Home of Jessica Floyd

Ballot positions drawn for primary elections

As the March 12 primaries approach, political activity will pick up steam in Scurry County.

One of the early activities of the season occurred Friday afternoon with the drawing of ballot positions at the county clerk's office.

Locally, there are three contested races on the Republican ballot and two on the Democratic slate.

In the two-man county judge race on the GOP ballot, former Snyder mayor Rod Waller will be listed first followed by Ted Crenwelge, a longtime farmer in Scurry County.

Also running for county judge is Janet Stribling, Snyder school board member, who is unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

For Precinct 2 county commissioner there are two Republican candidates. Drawn to be listed first on the ballot was Robbie Floyd, an oilfield chemical company owner, to be followed by Cliff Hall, a farmer and transport company owner.

Democrat Jerry House, a farmer and contract meter reader for Big Country Electric Cooperative, is running unopposed in the primary.

For Precinct 4 county commissioner, there is a contested race on the Demo ballot. Drawn to be listed first was incumbent Chloanne Lindsey to be followed by challenger Ronnie Clawson.

Lindsey is seeking a second four-year term on the commissioners court. Clawson is a fireman for the city of Snyder.

Keith Hackfeld, a Republican, is running unopposed in the primary. Hackfeld is owner of Hackfeld's Family Outfitters.

Both Democrats and Republicans will have contested races for District 72 State Representative.

GOP candidates are Drew Darby, Scott Campbell, Tom Goff and Mark Adams Brown.

All Republican candidates are from San Angelo and all but Campbell are attorneys. Campbell is publisher of a farm and ranch magazine.

The Democratic lineup in the state house race will be Clara "Betsy Johnson, also a San Angelo attorney, and Jeri Sloan, a Christoval resident who owns a business in San Angelo.

A third-party candidate is Libertarian candidate Robert Restivo of Grape Creek.

The new 72nd Legislative District is composed of Tom Green, Coke, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

Running unopposed for reelection as Republicans are County Clerk Joan Bunch, District Clerk Trina Rodgers, County Treasurer Nelda Colvin and Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd.

Incumbent Sheriff Darren Jackson, a Democrat, also is without an opponent.

For the 17th District Congressional seat, incumbent Charlie Stenholm does not have a Democratic foe. The lone Republican candidate is Rob Beckham of Abilene.

Voter registration cards, were mailed earlier in the month. The new cards are orange. Persons who did not receive a voter registration card or who would like to register to vote must do so before Feb. 10. Early voting in each primary election begins Feb. 25 and ends March 8.



GRAND CHAMPION — Malorye Miller's medium cross-breed steer won grand champion honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Miller, a junior at Snyder High, is shown with her prize steer and judge Michael Schertz, Denton County agent. (SDN Staff Photo)

Miller exhibits top steer, reserve heifer

Malorye Miller, a junior at Snyder High School and Scurry County 4H member, exhibited the grand champion steer and the reserve champion heifer at the 2002 Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Friday.

Miller's 1,248-pound medium-weight cross breed was judged the top steer and Jordan Derryberry's heavyweight cross, tipping the scales at 1,324 pounds, was overall reserve champion.

In the heifer division, the grand champion was shown by Cayelea Rhodes, also a member of the Scurry County 4H. Rhodes also won the junior showmanship trophy and Miller captured senior showmanship honors.

In cross steer judging, Miller showed the grand champion breed and Cody Beaver of Snyder 4H was the reserve champion showman.

American steer grand champion was shown by Jada Bilano and Miller exhibited the reserve champion.

Showing British steers, Jordan Derryberry's entry was breed grand champion and Tyrelle Gilbert's steer was reserve champion. Both were Scurry County 4H representatives.

Kaci Waller of Ira FFA exhibited the overall grand champion entry in the lamb show, a 136-pound heavyweight medium-wool. Corbin Smith, a Snyder 4H representative, paraded the reserve grand champion.

Waller also captured the junior showmanship award in the lamb division while Celeigh Sterling, also of Ira FFA, took the senior showmanship honors.

Top finewool breeds were shown by Amber Sanchez, grand champion; Brandon Lunsford, reserve champion. Top cross lamb was shown by Kaci Waller and Amanda Elam's entry was chosen reserve champ. In medium-wool lambs, Waller's entry again was tops and Corbin Smith's entry was the breed's reserve champion.

Judging of goats, which concluded just after 1 a.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum, saw the overall grand champion award captured by Bailey Nickerson of Ira FFA.

Reserve champion goat was exhibited by Wesley Kellner of Ira FFA who also won the senior showmanship honor. The junior showmanship award was taken by Raine Moore, a member of the Snyder FFA.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most opportunities are made, not found."

We love this story, and with the proliferation of cell phones, it could happen.

A group of coffee drinkers was sitting around the table discussing various topics of importance when a cell phone rang.

One of the coffee pals picked it up and answered. A voice on the other end said, "Hi, hon, are you at the coffee shop?"

"Yes, dear."

"Darlin', you won't believe this but I left town to go shopping early this morning. I'm standing in front of the store and there's a beautiful mink coat on sale in the window."

"How much is it?"

"They're practically giving it away. Only $5,000. I can't believe it."

"But don't you already have a fur coat?"

"Please dear, it's absolutely exquisite."

"Okay"

"Thank you sweetheart. Oh, not to keep you much longer, but I passed by the Lexus dealership this morning and saw this sporty new model. It was to die for. I talked to the salesman and no one has bought the convertible on the showroom floor. It's so bight red and has leather seats, power everything. It's beautiful. What do you think?"

"We already have three cars and just two drivers."

"You promised me a new convertible."

"How much is it."

"Discounted to $65,000. The salesman's pitching in all the options."

"Okay, okay."

"You're so sweet. You're absolutely the best hubby that a wife could ask for. Just one more thing. On the way out of town this morning I passed that beautiful place on the edge of town. You know, the one with the circular drive, swimming, pool, maid's quarters and tennis courts.

"There's a realtor's sign. I called on my cell phone and it's a steal. Just $500,000."

"A half million bucks, for a place to sleep?"

"Sweetie pie, you know how I can make our home a special little nest just for you and me."

"Guess, we could cash in some bonds. Go ahead and make an offer."

"This is such a marvelous day," she blurted. "Can't wait to see you tonight and we can really celebrate. You deserve a reward!"

The coffee drinker clicked off the phone and asked, "Whose cell phone is this?"

More appointments expected during county meet Monday

The Scurry County Commissioners Court is expected to make more appointments to county boards when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court is to appoint a replacement for Jim Bob Cave on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board.

On the county welfare board, Sandra Barbosa's term has expired and a replacement is to be appointed. The court also will make an appointment to replace John Fair on the veteran's land board.

Four people will be appointed to the grievance committee.

The court also will consider reappointment of several already serving on county boards.

Joan Bunch is to be reappointed on the library board, while Sylvia Sapsky, Bill Dickerson and Keith Ward will be reappointed to the child welfare board. Bill Dryden also will be reappointed to his post on the board of county development.

Monday's agenda also includes five items of new business, including a fourth-quarter report from county treasurer Nelda Colvin.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd will address the court to request the purchase of a computer and internet service from the county's technology fund and also on reserving the county courtroom.

The parks and recreation committee will submit a list of firms capable of generating a master plan for the revamping of the county's parks.

Committee member Cloyce Talbott said the court can then choose companies from the list and issue requests for proposals on the plan, which could cost as much as $80,000.

The court also will consider county and special purpose district taxes paid to Metropolitan Transit Authorities.

The court is to convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning the courthouse maintenance staff.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will take place in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Banks, post office close on MLK day

Most businesses and offices in Snyder will be open as usual Monday, but the post office and all local financial institutions will close in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Texas Savings Bank, Snyder National Bank, First American Bank, American State Bank and West Texas State Bank will resume regular hours Tuesday.

The Snyder post office will be closed Monday. There will be no home delivery of mail, but mail will be put up in postal boxes.

Also closed Monday is the Snyder chamber of commerce. Classes will be in session at all public schools and at Western Texas College. City and county offices also will be open.

Teens in chase had record

The 14-year-old boy who led 20 law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase through Snyder last week had prior encounters with the law and was on juvenile probation for auto theft in Wichita Falls.

Texas Ranger John Billings said Friday the boy and his 15-year-old girlfriend, a passenger in the stolen pickup, both were listed as runaways in Big Spring.

"The girl had run off a few days prior to the incident from her uncle's house when her dad came to look for her," Billings said. "So the boy and his mother went to look for her the night before the chase occurred and when the mother stopped at an intersection, he jumped out of the vehicle and ran away too."

The pair wandered through several parking lots in Big Spring, apparently looking for a vehicle to take, Billings stated. The juveniles saw a man get out of a pickup truck behind West Texas Discount Flooring and noticed he did not put any keys in his pocket.

"When they saw him get out without his keys they decided to take the truck," Billings said.

Big Spring police officers spotted the pickup immediately after it was reported stolen Jan. 9 and attempted to stop the juveniles.

The teen driver refused to pull over and the chase was on.

Several Big Spring patrol units followed the vehicle on Texas Highway 350 until it crossed into Mitchell County, where DPS troopers joined the chase and all but two Big Spring officers terminated their pursuit.

The juveniles, reaching speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour, led officers from several different agencies through three counties before entering Snyder.

Four miles south of Snyder, a DPS trooper fired one round at the pickup in an attempt to deflate its tires. Moments before the pursuit entered Snyder near Western Texas College, three more shots were fired.

Troopers were successful in deflating the pickup's right rear tire, but the pursuit continued into Snyder.

Billings said all officers involved did a good job because no one was injured.

The pickup, a 1995 Chevrolet, was returned to the owner the same day and sustained an estimated $4,000 damage. That amount will be added to the boy's restitution, Billings said.

Also damaged in the chase was a Snyder police unit, with $1,630 damage and a Scurry County Sheriff's patrol car, which required almost $400 in repairs.

Both juveniles are being held in the Colver Youth Facility in Midland. Billings said it is possible that both juveniles, because of prior convictions, will be ordered to serve time in a Texas Youth Commission facility.

Cocaine delivery trial set Monday

A 47-year-old Snyder woman, charged following a undercover drug investigation in 2000, goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Mary Francis Thompson of 2843 Church Avenue is charged with delivery of cocaine and was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in December, 2000.

A panel of 140 prospective jurors has been called to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case, and defense attorney is Don Richard of Big Spring.

ASK US

Q—Do any dentists in Snyder participate in the CHIPS program? If not, why not?

A—The closest are in Colorado City, Sweetwater and Rotan. Down to four dentists in Snyder, all are busy with regular patients.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 48 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Saturday, 28; no precipitation for 2002.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low near 30; S winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny, breezy; high near 60; SW winds 15-25 mph, becoming NW late.



Myrka Iglanic
Sunny, Breezy

Sunset: 6:07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 18 days in 2002, the sun has shone 18 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Integrity is the glue that holds our way of life together.

—Billy Graham

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Cade Walton

Walton completes OCS on Dec. 14

After completing Office Candidates School on Dec. 14, Cade Walton, a Snyder native, was commissioned into the Officer Corps of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lt. Walton is currently stationed at Quantico, Va., where he is attending The Basic School (TBS).

Prior to attending Officer Candidates School, Lt. Walton worked in public accounting.

He is a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School. He also graduated from Texas Tech University in 1996 and 1998.

Stolen truck found

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities found a truck that had been carrying nitric acid when it was stolen New Year's Eve, but one of the five 100-pound metal canisters containing the hazardous cargo was missing.

The truck, taken from the chemical distribution business Del Amo Chemicals Co., was found parked on an East Los Angeles street Friday afternoon, said Los Angeles Police Officer Don Cox.

The Police Department's bomb squad is involved in the investigation, he said.

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Alamo family to get more than $23M

EDINBURG (AP) — The pharmaceutical company Warner-Lambert must pay more than $23 million to the family of an 80-year-old Alamo woman who took the diabetes drug Rezulin, a jury ruled Friday night.

Beatrice Herrera's children are blaming the drug for liver damage that occurred before her death. She took the drug for three months when she was 78.

The jury deliberated more than four hours before returning the verdict in favor of the family. They are scheduled to return to court Tuesday to consider punitive damages.

The jury awarded $23.4 million. The plaintiffs asked for $25 million for the woman's estate, $2 million for each of her three sons, and $5 million for her each of her two daughters.

Berta Soto, one of Herrera's daughters, told The Monitor in McAllen that she would not comment until the hearing on the punitive damages is complete.

"They misrepresented the facts to the FDA regarding the frequency and intensity of the adverse liver reactions," attorney Michael Gallagher said Friday in summarizing the eight-day case.

Documents presented in the case indicated that Warner-Lambert lied to the FDA about the number of people that had elevated liver enzyme levels after taking the drug during the trial period and once the drug was on the market.

"We tried to stress the effectiveness of Rezulin in treating diabetes," Warner-Lambert attorney Jack Urquhart said. "The fact is that the FDA repeatedly examined the drug and continued to find it safe. We also discussed the issue of the fact that the death certificate states that she died of kidney failure."

David Garza, an attorney for Warner-Lambert, said Herrera began taking the drug at the suggestion of her doctor.

"She had high cholesterol. She had high blood pressure. She had uncontrolled diabetes for 10 years. She was not healthy. She unfortunately went down very quickly the last part of her life," he said.

The case is one of about a hundred Rezulin-related cases now pending against the drug maker in Texas.

FDA research has linked the drug to 63 deaths from liver failure. According to company documents, Pfizer faces more than 4,200 claims and lawsuits over Rezulin.

While a jury in Houston in December ruled in favor of Warner-Lambert, days later a jury in a Corpus Christi case awarded $43 million for the plaintiffs. Lawyers settled for an undisclosed, reportedly lesser, amount.

Area students on Dean's List at 'Angelo'

SAN ANGELO — The Dean's List for the 2001 fall semester at Angelo State University has been announced.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Snyder area:

Tyler Alan Warren, kinesiology; Karol E. Dent, psychology; Adrian Q. Gonzales, accounting; Ashley Lynne Grimmett, marketing; Christina R. Holder, Kinesiology; Joshua C. Hudgins, government-criminal justice option; Keri D'Von Kemp, interdisciplinary studies; Kyle Ross McClendon, government; Mark Gabriel Medley, kinesiology; and Lidia V. Rodriguez, government.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Bonus number 32
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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-11-15-21-27

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-7-3

People for Progress taking applications for CEAP help

People for Progress is taking applications for the 1998 contract of the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

The purpose of CEAP is to assist elderly, handicapped and low-income persons with the costs involved in the heating or cooling of their homes. Eligibility for assistance is determined by state guidelines and limited to households with an income at or below 125 percent of the area median income.

The program consists of three components. The energy crisis program allows a one time payment to assist clients who have an energy crisis directly resulting from unusually severe weather conditions, or high energy costs due to fuel supply shortage.

The co-payment portion assists clients for at least six months. CEAP monies are used to pay a percentage of the client's utility bills on a sliding scale system. The client must enter into an agreement to pay their percentage of the bill on time and to attend scheduled energy conservation and household budget training sessions. If the client fails to meet the agreement they are terminated from the contract.

The elderly and disabled program assists persons aged 60 or more and/or persons who have been disabled for at least 12 months with a maximum of four utility payments per year. This is designed to help defray the costs of heating or cooling their homes.

Applicaants must bring proof of identification, residency, Social Security cards for all members of the household and proof of income (check stubs, award letters, employer statement, etc.) All clients must bring in their current utility bills and obtain a 12-month billing history from their utility company. This can be obtained by calling the toll-free 800 number on your billing statement. An application cannot be taken if you do not have these documents.

To apply for this program or to find out when CEAP staff will be in the Snyder area, call People for Progress at 1-800-592-7433 or 915-235-8455. Calendars of scheduled on-site visits for the year will be available where you apply.

WTC offers health, PE classes

Western Texas College is offering a variety of health and physical education classes this semester. The gym and pool facilities are also available for physical training and recreation.

Gym hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Anyone needing more information about the facilities or course offerings should call Joyce Boyd at 573-8511 ext. 283. The last day to register is Tuesday.

Courses include Personal and Community Health — Internet; Weight Training — MWF, 10-10:50; Beginning Racquetball — MWF from 11-11:50 or TTH, 10:50-12:05; Recreational;

Basketball -MWF, 11-11:50; Volleyball — MWF, 12-12:50; Weight Training — MW; 1-2:15; Aqua Aerobics — MW, 1-2:15; Swimming/Water Gymnastics — MW, 2:15-3:30; Advanced Racquetball - MW, 4-5:15; Exercise and Conditioning — TTH, 8-9:15; Aikido - TTH, 9:25-10:40; Beginning Golf - TTH, 10:50-12:05; Body Conditioning — TTH, 12:15-1:30; springboard Diving — TTH, 1-2:15 ; Diet and Weight Control - W, 6:30-7:30; Advanced Golf for non-majors — TH, 4:30 ; advanced Swimming/Lifeguarding — TTH , 9:25-10:40.



Louise Cates Payblas

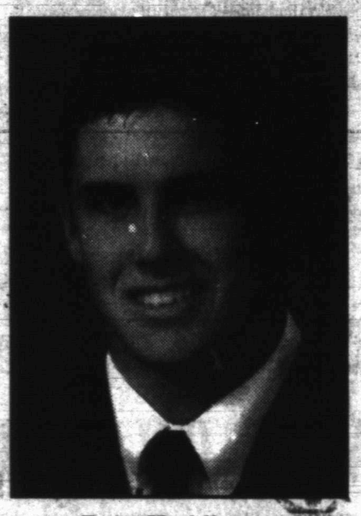
SHS graduate gets master's from UNT

Louise Cates Payblas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDaniel and the late Dale Cates, received a master's degree from the University of North Texas on Dec. 15.

Payblas enrolled in UNT's graduate program in 1998 as a master's- candidate in English and American literature.

She is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1996 honors graduate of Tarleton State University. Payblas completed her master's degree with top academic honors and plans to continue teaching in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Her husband, Philip Payblas, works for Verizon.



Ryan Huddleston

Grandson is recognized

MIDLAND — Ryan Huddleston, senior at Lee High School, was selected as a Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club.

Huddleston, 17, is the son of Donna Huddleston and the late Richard Huddleston.

He is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, varsity basketball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is vice president of Students in Philanthropy.

His awards include Texas Scholar and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He plans to study business.

Huddleston is the grandson of Minnie Buchanan and Don and Sandra West, all of Snyder.

Two from Snyder make Dean's List

DENTON — Two University of North Texas students from Snyder have been named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2001.

The two from Snyder are Whitney Skye Graham and Brandon B. McCraw.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

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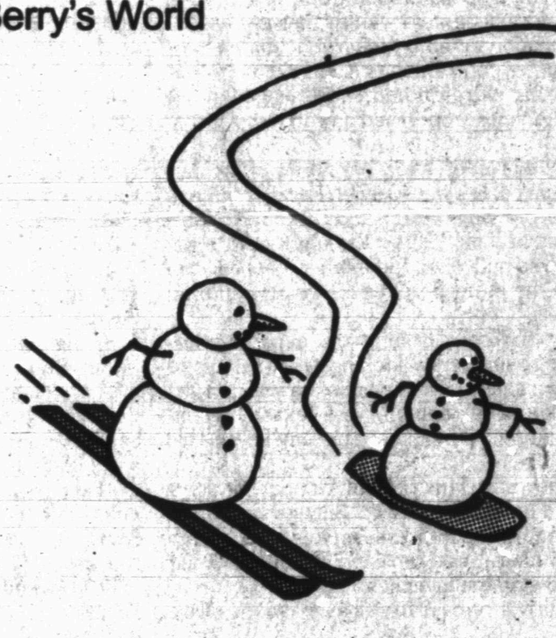
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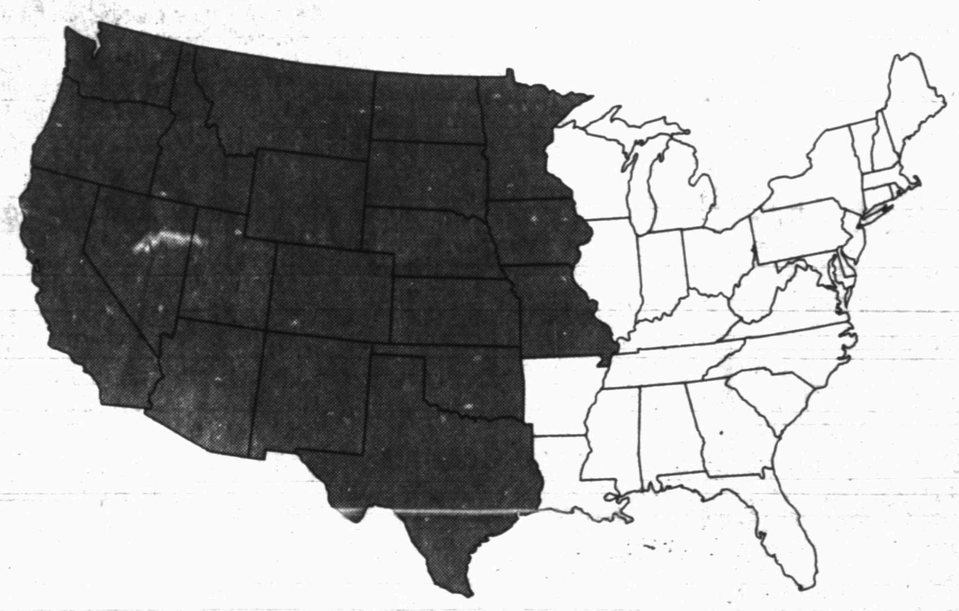


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Lulu Martinez, Diana Baldwin and Miguel "Kaliman" Martinez

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Blood drives in Snyder slated at three locations

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and to help make sure an adequate supply is available, Snyder residents are being asked to roll up their sleeves this week.

United Blood Services will conduct a blood drive at three locations in Snyder.

From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, activities will be centered at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. donations will be accepted in the mobile donor coach located in the parking lot of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

On Friday, United Blood Services will set up at the Price Daniel Unit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As a special thank you for donating blood, donors will be given a newly-designed tee-shirt plus various coupons from local merchants and restaurants. There also will be drawing for door prices.

More than 45,000 units of blood were used at hospitals in the area last year. There is a constant need for an adequate supply because the shelf life for a pint of blood is only 42 days.

"Giving blood is completely safe," according to Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services, "because donated supplies are used only once."

Blood center personnel discuss medical history with each prospective donor to determine qualification. Also checked is the donor's pulse, temperature, blood pressure and iron level. "These measures safeguard the health of the donor as well as the health of the patient who will receive the blood," Teal said.

Pilot is killed in Sinton airplane crash

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A pilot returning from a flight to carry an ill child to Arlington for treatment died in the crash of his single-engine airplane at San Patricio County Airport near Sinton.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation and Safety Board looked through the plane's scorched remains Friday, searching for clues to the Thursday night crash that killed Alfred "Bubba" Thomas, 59, of Sinton.

The plane plowed through a grove of live oak trees and crashed about a half-mile from the airport and not far from his home, officials said.

Thomas was returning from a trip for Miracle Flights for Kids. He had taken a 4-year-old boy from Lufkin to Arlington for treatment and was returning to Sinton at the time of the crash.

Service academy nominees named

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) announces that 24 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 2002.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Ten young men and women were nominated for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., 11 for two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Mary., nine for one slot at the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and two for one slot at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

The individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: Shane Beckley of Granbury, Air Force; Christopher Brundrett of San Angelo Central High School, Merchant Marine; Kevin Ching of Abilene High School, Air Force & Military; Karami Cochran of Clyde, Naval; Carl Crittendon of Gordon, Naval and Military; Christopher Daniels of Decatur, Naval and Military; Blake Davis of Graham, Air Force; Derek DeBoer of Brownwood, Naval; Jeffrey Duresky of Abilene-Wylie High School, Air Force & Military; Joel Ellison of Aspermont, Naval; Benjamin Ford of Tolar, Military; Teddy Gales of Boyd, Merchant Marine; Jeremy Gideon of Abilene, Air Force; Chance Heath of Brownwood, Naval; James King of Abilene Cooper High School, Air Force & Naval.

Others are Wesley Morgan of Baird, Air Force; Christopher Perez of San Angelo Central High School, Air Force; Justin Pitcock of Graham, Military & Naval; Terrell Radford of Mineral Wells, Naval; William Reagan of Sweetwater, Air Force; Carly Snead of Newark, Military & Naval; Angela Synatzske of Stephenville, Air Force & Military; James Michael Thompson of Coleman, Naval; and Justin Wolcott of Abilene High School, Military.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

The Southwest Texas American Red Cross needs financial help

The American Red Cross of Southwest Texas is in need of financial assistance.

Since July 7, 2001, the organization has responded to 111 fires, assisting 398 people, and spending $59,113.

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Q & A

Reader's response

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 and drive. You use. Part 4

A reader's response:

A reader questioned Q&A about a recent column that seemed to imply that the family and friends of a chronic drinker were responsible for his/her destructive behavior. So in this column we would like to examine the part of the **You Drink and Drive (4)** which was subtitled: **"What can I do to prevent a chronic drinker from becoming a repeat offender?"**

One answer to this question would depend on the age of the person who was drinking and driving. For young drivers still living a home, a "zero tolerance" policy, strictly enforced, could reinforce responsible driving practices. This can mean more work for the parents who must continue driving their young people to school or other events instead of letting them drive the car. It also means working with law enforcement personnel to punish violations no matter how small, keeping safe driving as the goal at all times.

All other drivers who choose to drink must bear the sole responsibility for this choice. Friends and family members can help by truthfully telling it "like it is" and not trying to coddle the drinker, spare the drinker's feelings, or assume the drinker's responsibilities. Repeat offenders need the support of their family and friends to make the tough choice to enter rehab or to face life on life's terms.

We all learn by experience, and the chronic drinking driver must be allowed some hurtful experiences if he/she is to make the decision to change his/her behavior. Too often family members spend precious time and money trying to help the destructive drinker avoid, rather than face, the consequences of his/her actions.

This seemingly loving behavior actually reinforces the destructive patterns and hinders the drinker from achieving sobriety. Tough love works, and it is needed to help the repeat offender decide to change his/her drinking and driving habits.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously.

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Stock Show Results

Heifers

Grand champions: Cayelea Rhodes, Scurry County 4H; Reserve Champion: Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H.

Steers

Overall Grand Champion: Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; Overall Reserve Champion; Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4H; Junior Showmanship: Cayelea Rhodes, Scurry County 4H; Senior Showmanship: Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H.

American Breed

Grand Champion: Jada Bilano, Scurry County 4H; Reserve Champion: Joshua Stansell, Scurry County 4H.

Lightweight American: 1. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; 2. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; 3. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H.

Heavyweight American: 1. Jada Bilano, Scurry County 4H; 2. Joshua Stansell, Scurry County 4H.

Cross Steers

Grand Champion Breed: Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; Reserve Champion Breed: Cody Beaver, Scurry County 4H.

Lightweight Cross: 1. Tyrelle Gilbert, Scurry County 4H; 2. Laramie Gilbert, Scurry County 4H; 3. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4H; 4. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4H; 5. Kira Bilano, Scurry County 4H.

Mediumweight Cross: 1. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; 2. Cody Beaver, Scurry County 4H; 3. Cody Beaver, Scurry County 4H; 4. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4H.

Heavyweight Cross: 1. Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4H; 2. Jada Bilano, Scurry County 4H; 3. Joshua Stansell, Scurry County 4H.

British Steers

Grand Champion Breed: Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4H; Reserve Champion Breed: Tyrelle Gilbert, Scurry County 4H.

Lightweight British: 1. Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4H; 2. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4H; 3. Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4H; 4. Laramie Gilbert, Scurry County 4H; 5. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4H.

Heavyweight British: 1. Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4H; 2. Tyrelle Gilbert, Scurry County 4H; 3. Kira Bilano, Scurry County 4H; 4. Laramie Gilbert, Scurry County 4H.

Lambs

Overall Grand Champion: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Reserve Grand Champions: Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; Junior Showmanship: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Senior Showmanship, Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA.

Medium Wool

Grand Champion Breed: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Reserve Champion Breed: Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H.

Light Heavy: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 2. Kamie Drain, Snyder FFA; 3. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 4. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA; 5. Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Mediumwool: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 2. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 3. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Kelbi Pitner, Ira FFA; 5. Meggan Minor, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Mediumwool: 1. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 2. Kellie Pilcher, Ira FFA; 3. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 4. Cayelea Rhodes, Scurry County 4H; 5. Kendyll Pilcher, Ira FFA.

Lightweight Mediumwool: 1. Lacie Thompson, Ira FFA; 2. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA; 3. Kylie Moreland, Snyder FFA; 4. Cliff Beights, Snyder FFA; 5. Tye Holley, Snyder FFA.

Cross Lambs

Grand Champion Breed: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Reserve Champion Breed: Amanda Elam, Ira FFA.

Lightheavy Cross: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 2. Amanda Elam, Ira FFA; 3. Lacie Thompson, Ira FFA; 4. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 5. Lacie Thompson, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Cross: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 2. Amanda Elam, Ira FFA; 3. Cayelea Rhodes, Scurry County 4H; 4. Shannon Chambers, Snyder FFA; 5. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4H.

Mediumweight Cross: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA. 2. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 3. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4H; 5. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA.

Lightweight Cross: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 2. Kendyll Pilcher, Ira FFA; 3. Kellie Pilcher, Ira FFA; 4. Amanda Elam, Ira FFA; 5. Lacie Thompson, Ira FFA.

Finewool

Grand Champion: Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; Reserve Champion: Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Finewool: 1. Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA; 2. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 3. Chelsea Hackfeld, Scurry County 4H; 4. Kelbi Pitner, Ira FFA; 5. Kendyll Pilcher, Ira FFA.

Lightweight Finewool: 1. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; 2. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 3. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Kellie Pilchere, Ira FFA; 5. Lacie Thompson, Ira FFA.

Goats

Overall Grand Champion: Bailey Nickerson, Ira FFA; Overall Reserve Champion: Wesley Kellner, Ira FFA; Junior Showmanship: Raine Moore, Snyder FFA; Senior Showmanship: Wesley Kellner, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Goats: 1. Bailey Nickereson, Ira FFA; 2. Wesley Kellner, Ira FFA; 3. Samantha Berry, Hermleigh FFA; 4. Chance Tatum, Snyder FFA; 5. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Goats: 1. Chad Nickerson, Ira FFA; 2. Ashton Smith, Ira FFA; 3. Jordan Smith, Ira FFA; 4. Wesley Kellner, Ira FFA; 5. Cody Lomax, Ira FFA.

Lightweight Goats: 1. Brittany Scott, Snyder FFA; 2. A'Lex Koonce, Scurry County 4H; 3. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA; 4. Kamie Drain, Snyder FFA; 5. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA.



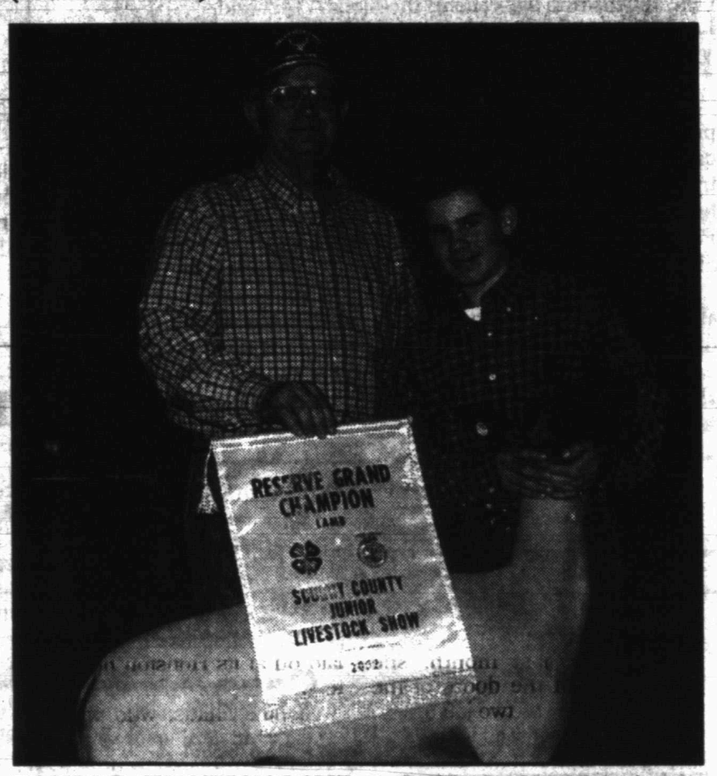
GRAND CHAMPION GOAT — Bailey Nickerson's heavyweight goat won grand champion honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the Scurry County Coliseum. Nickerson, a member of Ira FFA, is shown with her prize goat and judge Jerry Bearden. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT — Wesley Kellner's heavyweight goat was awarded the reserve champion banner in the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the Scurry County Coliseum. Kellner, a member of Ira FFA, is shown with his heavyweight goat and judge Jerry Bearden, retired ag teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)



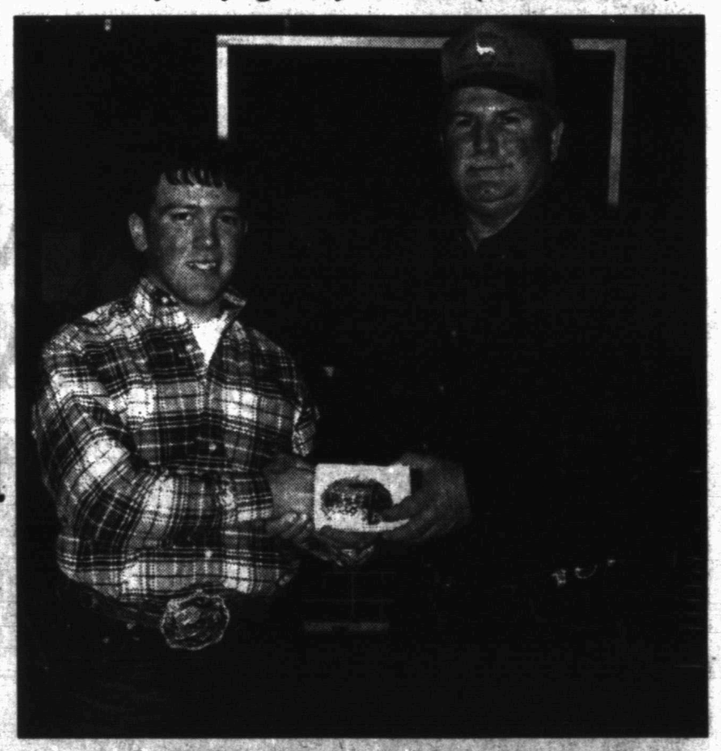
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Kaci Waller exhibited the overall grand champion entry in the lamb show at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Waller, of Ira, is shown with her prize winning heavyweight medium-wool lamb and judge Jerry Bearden. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — Corbin Smith's light heavyweight lamb took home reserve champion honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Smith is shown with his entry and judge Jerry Bearden. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Jordan Derryberry's heavyweight cross was named overall reserve champion steer at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Derryberry is shown with her prize cross breed and judge Michael Shertz. (SDN Staff Photo)



SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION — Chance Tatum, a sophomore in the Snyder FFA, took home senior showmanship honors Thursday night in the hog show at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Tatum received a buckle from stock show president Kirbey Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Two College Savings Options: Coverdell and 529 Plans

If you have children who will be attending college in a few years, you recently got a nice pre-enrollment gift from the government. Specifically the Tax Relief Act of 2001 enhanced the Coverdell Savings Plan (formerly the Education IRA) and Section 529 plans, giving you more attractive options for college funding.

Let's take a look at how these plans compare in some key areas:

•**Tax advantages** — Your contributions to a Coverdell Savings Plan are not tax-deductible, but all earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (The new tax law also allows Coverdell Savings Plans to be used to help fund elementary and secondary school education.)

Section 529 plans are offered as either prepaid tuition plans or state-sponsored college savings accounts. Until the Tax Relief Act, you would have had to pay taxes when you took distributions from your 529 plan. These taxes were based on either the increased value of the tuition contract or the savings account earnings. The taxes were assessed at the student's tax rate, but they still had to be paid. However, starting in 2002, all qualified withdrawals will be free from federal income tax, although the money will appear on the child's tax return.

•**Contribution limits** — Effective in 2002, if you meet certain income limits, you can contribute $2,000 a year to a Coverdell Savings Plan, up from just $500. By contract, section 529 plan contribution limits are typically quite high — more than $200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. You also can contribute as little as $150 per month, although contribution limits vary by state. (Before making any major contributions to a Section 529 plan, you'll want to consult with your tax adviser, because gift and estate tax laws may be involved.

•**Investment options** — A Coverdell Savings Plan offers you an almost limitless array of investment options — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. If you establish a Section 529 college savings account, you can choose from the investment options offered by the particular state's plan that you've selected.

•**Effect on financial aid** — Because a Coverdell Savings Plan must be set up in the child's name, a college's financial aid office will count it in his or her assets when calculating aid packages. Colleges generally require children to contribute about 35 percent of their assets for college costs, compared with less than 6 percent of parents' assets. On the other hand, a 529 plan's savings account is considered your asset, with your child or grandchild the beneficiary. However, any money you withdraw from a 529 plan will show up as income on your child or grandchild's tax returns this year — and this income, although not federally taxed, will be considered for aid the next year.

As you can see, you must consider several factors before establishing either a Coverdell Savings Plan or a Section 529 plan. Fortunately, you no longer have to choose between the two, the new tax laws allow you to invest in both simultaneously, beginning in 2002.

Whichever path you choose, get started soon. College costs continue to increase rapidly — so you'll want to be ready when you get that first bill from the bursar's office.

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WEST A-B HONOR ROLL — West Elementary students who were named to the A-B honor roll for the fall semester include (top photo) from left, bottom row, Angela Amarillas, Kaden Billingsley, Brent Bollinger, Colton Brewster, Cody Burney, Adam Calvert, Ashley Casas; middle row, Kristina Chandler, Ryan Claxton, Samantha Daves, Devin Davidson, Kirstie Davis, Lance Day, Jessica DeLeon; top row, Stacey Elam, Vallie Foreman, Chad Franks, Paul Garcia, Joe Garza, Zane Green, Jodi Guerrero, Laura Gutierrez. Other students (bottom photo) include from left, bottom row, Travis Hatfield, James Hendricks, Kelly Holdren, Santiago Jaimes, Corey Jaramillo, Rebecca Juarez, Blane Knipe, Laura Landa, Ashlei Lopez; second row, Amanda Martinez, Robert Martinez, Brittany Mayes, Heath Maynard, Mark Maynard, Tyler McCormack, Jacob McFatridge, Morgan Moffett, Preston Munson; third row, Tatum Norwood, Kayla Pittman, Cayelea Rhodes, Roy Rivera, Luke Robertson, Cyrstal Rodriguez, Raquel Ruiz, Cecelie Slaughter; top row, Ashley Thatcher, Kendra Tidwell, Alexandra Urias, Megan Velasquez, Christina Villa, Layton Westmoreland, Zackary White, Daniel Burk. Jacob Scifres, Lanxton Cole and Christopher Richards are not pictured. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Funds offering assistance to laid-off Enron staff growing

HOUSTON (AP) — When Rebekah Rushing lost her job at Enron Corp. last month, she stepped out of the doors of the failing company to two job offers.

Now working for a Houston oil and gas exploration company, Rushing has set up a fund to get financial help to laid-off Enron workers who weren't so lucky after the once-mighty energy company went bankrupt.

"I could have easily said, 'Somebody else can do it,'" Rushing said Friday. "Things worked out for me. I want them to work out for everyone else."

The fund, established on Dec. 12, aims to help former Enron workers cover their rent, grocery shopping and other day-to-day expenses. Unfortunately, not enough donations rolled in during the first several weeks to assist any of the 10 people who had requested help.

That suddenly changed on Friday afternoon, when a check for $68,857 arrived from Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, and another $1,000 came from a Wisconsin politician. Both had received campaign contributions from Enron, and had decided to return them by writing checks to Rushing's fund. Other politicians are doing the same.

Through Friday morning, the fund had collected only $170.75 — $90 of it contributed by Rushing.

"I've never gotten a check this big," Rushing said after getting Schumer's contribution Friday. "I'm hoping now that the word is getting out that people will start contributing."

Enron imploded last month after acknowledging it engaged in questionable accounting practices and overstated its profits by more than half a billion dollars over the past four years. Its stock price sank, and thousands were laid off at its Houston headquarters.

Nathan Childs, who was laid off on Dec. 5 after a year and a half at Enron,. is among those requesting help from the Enron Ex-Employee Relief Fund Account.

Childs' troubles go well beyond the loss of his job. Six days after he got his walking papers, he said his wife was hospitalized for an emergency Caesarean section. The day after Christmas his 15-month-old son went to the hospital with a respiratory virus. And in early January, his wife suffered two strokes three days apart.

"After everything has happened to me and my family over the last month, I have become a very humbled man," he said. "I had to ask for the help."

To stretch his severance payments, Childs, who worked in the company's information technology hardware department, has moved his family into a trailer on his parents' property in Kempner, Texas. They used to live in a town house in Houston.

"I'm 36 and starting all over again," he said. "It's been very tough."

Rushing is working with Enron to verify that each person who requests assistance worked for the company. Under the fund, each former worker can get up to $2,000 to help pay for basics like food, housing and utilities.

"I don't really think there has been much focus on the worker bees behind the scenes," Rushing said. "There are so many people who weren't at the management level, who didn't make that much money."

New Hampshire state Sen. Beverly Hollingworth said she decided to send the relief fund a check for $200 as a way to return a campaign contribution from the failed energy giant.

"I felt there was a need there and therefore, I sent them a check," she said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, announced Thursday that she is sending $100,000 she received from Enron and its employees to a fund set up by the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

"I just couldn't in good conscience sit there with that kind of money and know what heartache people are feeling," she said.

The Houston foundation's fund was approved by its executive committee on Friday. The group hopes to set up a framework for the fund by Tuesday.

Emelda Douglas, director of donor services for the foundation, said the group hopes to use donations to help former Enron employees find work and apply for social services.

"What we envision initially is a place or an office where people can come and lay out all their issues," she said. "We know that it is more than financial."

On the Net:
Enron Ex-employee Relief Fund Account:
http://www.eerfa.com



A HONOR ROLL — West Elementary students who were named to the A honor roll for the fall semester include from left, bottom row, Alayna Alexander, Angela Almanza, Bradley Ashworth, Tonya Breedlove, Tanner Butler, Jordan Derryberry, Brooks Gafford; middle row, Kimberly Harlan, Cassandra Hernandez, Erin Hogan, Audrey Jones, Brittany Leatherwood, Nicole Means, Kristen Miller; top row, Gregorio Resendiz, Craig Robertson, Allison Sharrock, Loren Toombs, J.W. Wesson, Nathan Wittie. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Eleven Atlanta church members indicted

ATLANTA (AP) — The pastor and 10 members of an Atlanta church that backs the corporal punishment of children were charged with child abuse Friday for allegedly beating two boys during services last year.

The aggravated assault and child cruelty charges are the latest development in the highly publicized investigation of the 130-member House of Prayer church.

Those indicted include the Rev. Arthur Allen Jr., 69, and 10 parents of children who were taken into protective custody during the investigation.

Allen said he and members of his congregation will plead innocent.

"I will call for a trial by jury," Allen said at his church Friday. "I'm delighted for the opportunity to face these charges, to resolve everything one way or another."

The indictment charges that church members twice beat the boys, then 7 and 10, during services in February, causing "cruel and excessive mental pain." According to prosecutors, Allen directed the beating in which the children were held in the air by congregants while being struck.

Prosecutor Paul Howard said the spankings left both boys with open wounds near vital organs. He said the boys were beaten after refusing to cooperate and just "being kids."

"This is not a normal whipping," Howard said. "These are severe and extreme beatings."

Allen has acknowledged directing the spanking of children during church services, but calls them necessary to maintain discipline. He has accused authorities of violating his congregation's religious freedoms.

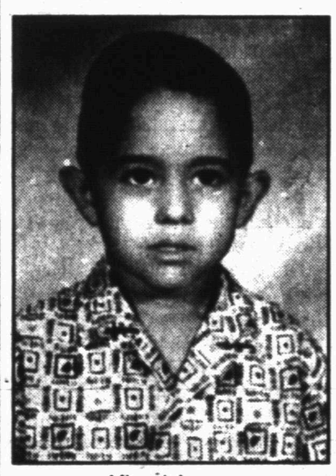
The church members face up to 20 years in prison on the assault charges and up to 10 years on the cruelty charges.

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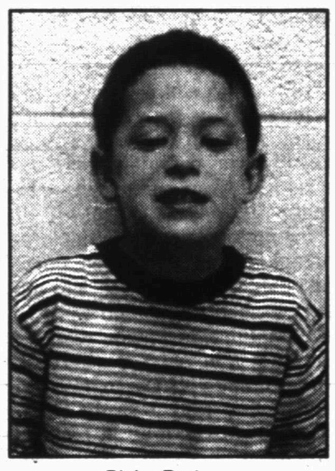
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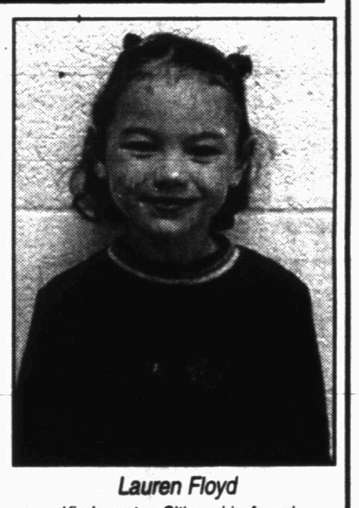
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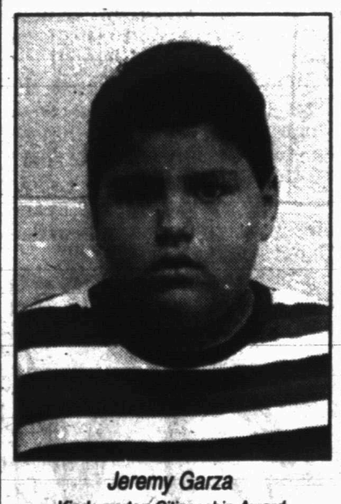
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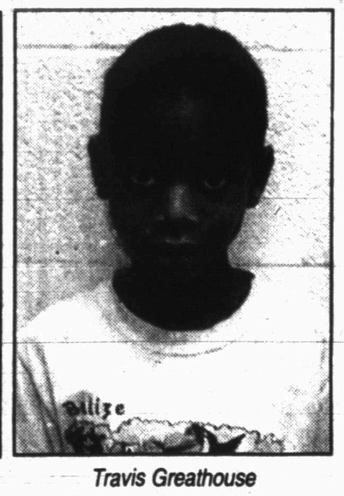
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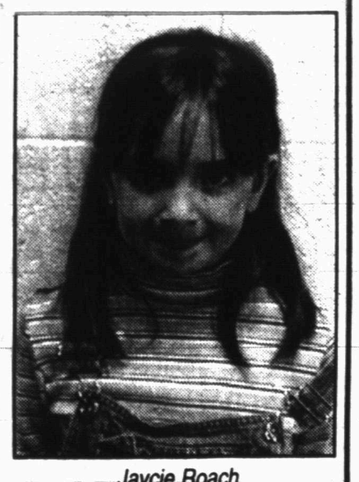
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SPORTS

Loboes gun down Tigers in District 4-4A shootout

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — As a team that prides itself on defense, it's been a long time since the Snyder Tigers surrendered 82 points.

The Levelland Loboes used their trapping press to force 26 turnovers Friday night on their way to an 82-61 victory over Snyder in a District 4-4A boys match-up at Gaino Tubb Gymnasium.

Levelland's offensive outburst included a 30-point third quarter in which the Loboes blew the game open after leading by 10 at halftime.

"We just made way too many mistakes," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We didn't handle the press very well, and there were times when they just beat us down the floor. They outplayed us. They're a good team."

The disappointing outcome overshadowed a stellar performance by Corey Clay. The senior scored a career-high 25 points on an 11-of-13 shooting effort. Clay tallied 14 in the third quarter when the two teams combined for 51 points.

"The third quarter was really frantic," Birks stated. "It seemed like either they were shooting layups, or we were. Unfortunately, they shot a few more than we did."

The Loboes also got off more attempts from the free throw line. Levelland went 21-of-28 from the stripe. The Tigers were a scant 3-for-5, all of them by Clay.

Snyder held the lead for the first 13 minutes of play thanks to a pair of three-pointers from Chris McLeod and another by Nick Landes.

Levelland relied almost solely on 5-11 junior Mark Romero early on. Romero registered nine of his 25 points in the first quarter to keep the Loboes in the game.

After a free throw by Clay gave the Tigers a 20-18 lead in the opening minute of the second period, Levelland closed out the half with a 17-5 run to take a 35-25 advantage at the break. The Loboes spurt was aided by seven Tiger turnovers in a span of four minutes.

Despite trailing by 10 points at halftime, the Tigers shot the ball well in the first half, and continued the trend over the final two quarters. The Tigers converted on 59 percent of their attempts on the night, but turned the ball over 16 times in the second half.

Clay scored 14 consecutive points for Snyder in the third period, but got off only six shots as Levelland's press forced the Tigers into mistakes.

"Corey was open almost all night against the press," explained Birks. "But Levelland was committing all five guys up toward the ball, so our guys couldn't see him. When we did find him, it was an easy bucket. We just couldn't find him enough."

Levelland led by as many as 27 points late in the third. The closest the Tigers could get in the final frame was 17 points.

The setback dropped the Tigers to 2-5 in the standings and 6-16 on the year. The Loboes improved to 5-2 and 14-13 overall.

Snyder is in action again Tuesday at Big Spring.

In other district games Friday night, Estacado whipped Lake View, 61-33, and Frenship downed Big Spring, 62-42.

Snyder	**19**	**06**	**21**	**15 —**	**61**
Levelland	**18**	**17**	**30**	**17 —**	**82**

Snyder
Thompson 4-6 0-0 8, Clay 11-13 3-5 25, Landes 3-7 0-0 9, McLeod 3-7 0-0 8, Bedell 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 2-4 0-0 4, Driggers 1-4 0-0 3, Jones 2-3 0-0 4. **Totals 26-44 3-5 61.**

Levelland
Fortner 2-5 2-4 6, Romero 8-10 8-10 25, Jackson 4-9 6-7 15, Bridges 4-11 0-0 8, Dent 2-3 0-2 4, Fletcher 0-1 0-0 0, Luna 5-7 3-3 14, Rodriguez 0-2 2-2 2, Phillips 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 3-4 0-0 6. **Totals 29-54 21-28 82.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 6 (Landes 3, McLeod 2, Driggers), Levelland 3 (Romero, Jackson, Luna). Rebounds: Snyder 15 (Landes 3), Levelland 21 (Romero 5). Total fouls: Snyder 19, Levelland 10. Fouled out — Scott.



BASELINE JUMPER — Snyder's Corey Clay puts up a shot during district action earlier this season. The senior poured in a career-high 25 points Friday night in the Tigers' 82-61 setback at Levelland. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS girls bow to Loboettes

LEVELLAND — In their first match-up back in December, Snyder suffered a 33-point setback to Levelland. One month later, the Lady Tigers had to relive the experience.

Levelland jumped out to a 29-8 lead in the first quarter Friday night then cruised to a 66-29 victory over Snyder in a District 4-4A girls tilt at Gaino Tubb Gymnasium.

The Loboettes, who got 28 points from post Tara Vaughn in the first meeting, looked to a different player in the rematch.

Junior wing Tawanna Flowers poured in 16 points in the opening period and finished with 24 to fuel Levelland's offensive outburst.

"We didn't have an answer for Flowers, especially early on," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "We couldn't stop her one-on-one, so we had to try to double-team her when she got the ball. She's a great player, and they're a good team."

Levelland pulled out of its press after the first quarter, but still limited the Lady Tigers to only six points in the second period to go on top, 48-14, at halftime.

Snyder's defense improved in the second half, holding the Loboettes to 18 points over the final 16 minutes, but the Lady Tigers continued to struggle on the offensive end.

"We're having some of the same problems on the offensive end that we've had all year long," said Martin. "When you have trouble scoring, then each possession is huge. We can't afford to commit very many turnovers, or give up too many easy buckets, because we can't overcome those mistakes.

"The girls are learning a little more each time they play. Hopefully we'll learn something from this experience that will make us a little better the next time we step on the floor."

Flowers' 24 points led all scorers. Levelland's Amber Rose was the only other player to finish in double figures with 10 points.

Junior posts Zipporah Peoples and Afton Schwertner dropped in six points apiece to pace Snyder.

The setback dropped the Lady Tigers to 2-7 in the standings and 7-16 on the year. Levelland improved to 8-1 and 22-5 overall.

In other games around the district Friday night, Plainview downed Andrews, 64-36. Frenship toppled Big Spring, 56-25, and Estacado knocked off Lake View, 63-23.

Snyder	**08**	**06**	**09**	**06 —**	**29**
Levelland	**29**	**19**	**12**	**06 —**	**66**

Snyder
Russell 1-5 0-1 2, Burleson 2-6 1-2 5, Peoples 3-7 0-0 6, Putnam 0-3 0-0 0, Robinson 1-5 0-4 2, Drum 0-2 0-0 0, Daniell 1-5 2-2 4, Lollar 0-2 2-2 2, Chambers 1-1 0-0 2, Schwertner 2-4 2-2 6, McDonald 0-0 0-2 0. **Totals 11-40 7-15 29.**

Levelland
Vaughn 3-5 1-2 7, Flowers 11-14 2-2 24, Blackshear 0-2 0-0 0, McDonald 3-7 3-4 9, Wilson 4-8 0-0 10, Rose 4-9 0-0 10, Munoz 0-2 2-2 2, Ferguson 0-1 0-0 0, Marshall 1-2 0-0 2, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Franklin 1-2 0-0 2, Childers 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 27-54 8-10 66.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 0, Levelland 4 (Wilson 2, Rose 2). Rebounds: Snyder 24 (Russell 6), Levelland 24 (Flowers 6). Total fouls: Snyder 13, Levelland 11. Fouled out — None.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	7	0	22	5
Plainview	4	2	12	9
Levelland	5	2	14	13
Frenship	5	2	17	7
Andrews	3	3	12	9
Snyder	2	5	6	16
Big Spring	1	6	9	14
Lake View	0	7	6	17

Friday's results: Levelland 82, Snyder 61; Frenship 62, Big Spring 42; Estacado 61, Lake View 33; Andrews at Plainview.

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

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

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	9	0	23	1
Levelland	8	1	22	5
Estacado	7	2	20	6
Andrews	4	5	15	8
Frenship	4	5	15	11
Big Spring	2	7	11	13
Snyder	2	7	7	16
Lake View	0	9	2	21

Friday's results: Levelland 66, Snyder 29; Frenship 56, Big Spring 25; Plainview 64, Andrews 36; Estacado 63, Lake View 23.

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

Parcells turns down offer to coach Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ten years later, Bill Parcells' response to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers was the same.

Thanks, but no thanks.

The two-time Super Bowl champion coach on Friday night turned down an offer to return to the sideline with the Buccaneers, saying he wasn't committed to doing what is necessary to lead the team to a championship.

The move left owner Malcolm Glazer and his sons scrambling to come up with an alternative to the only candidate under consideration to replace Tony Dungy.

"Bill Parcells, early this evening, told us that he would not be returning to coaching," Bucs executive vice president Joel Glazer said in a one-paragraph statement.

"In our continued pursuit of a championship, we remain confident that our new coach will utilize the solid foundation that we have built to achieve our goals."

It's not the first time Parcells has rejected the Bucs. He also did it after the 1991 season, when Tampa Bay thought it had an agreement only to be disappointed at the last minute.

The 60-year-old Parcells called the current Tampa Bay job one of the most appealing he's ever been offered. But he said the opportunity just didn't feel right.

"I didn't want to go down there for one or two years, and then not be able to follow through with what I know to be the type of effort that has to be in place in order to succeed in this competitive industry," Parcells said on Sporting News Radio, which carries his weekly show.

"I'm finished coaching. There aren't going to be any more rumors about me coaching. I just feel like I couldn't make the commitment to do it. ... You just can't kid yourself, you got to know that."

The Bucs fired Dungy, the most successful coach in the team's 26-year history, Monday night — two days after a 31-9 loss to Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs.

Dungy was 54-42 in six seasons, and Tampa Bay is one of just three teams to make the playoffs each of the past three seasons. But two years removed from an appearance in the NFC Championship game, Glazer felt a change was necessary to get to the team to the Super Bowl.

There were rumors all season that Parcells was preparing to come out of retirement with Tampa Bay, which overcame a slow start to make the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

When Parcells spurned the Bucs 10 years ago, then-owner Hugh Culverhouse said he felt like "we've been jilted at the altar." This time, the news struck some as poetic justice because of the messy way the team handled Dungy's firing.

The first sign that the plan to hire Parcells was falling apart came when the Jets announced Friday that Mike Tannenbaum, thought to be Parcells' hand-picked choice to be Tampa Bay's new general manager, was remaining in New York.

Tannenbaum, who interviewed with the Bucs on Wednesday and Thursday, would have replaced Rich McKay as Tampa Bay's primary player contract negotiator and salary cap expert.

McKay was offered the position of team president, but wanted to wait until after Parcells was hired to decide whether to stay with the organization.

"It's hard for me to believe that he's not going to be the coach after everything that has been said and done in the past few days," Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Brooks said.

Earlier Friday, the Bucs confirmed receiving a letter from the NFL warning Parcells and the team that they could be punished for attempting to assemble a staff that included people still under contract to other teams.

Parcells won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and rebuilt New England and the Jets into title contenders before walking out on each of those teams.

Uncertainty about his desire to coach again has had an impact on the Pro Football Hall of Fame ballot the past two years.

He was a finalist for election last January and is among the 15 finalists again this year. But because a coach isn't eligible while he is still working, he would be removed from the ballot if he came out of retirement.

After failing to be elected a year ago, Parcells suggested one reason was the voters thought he might return to coaching. The ballot was released later than usual this year because Hall of Fame officials were concerned that he might take the Tampa Bay job.

Parcells said the issue did not affect Friday's decision. He also was adamant that will not change his mind.

"Absolutely not. I'm done," he told CNNSI.com. "This was the last job I will ever consider. I'm just not doing it any more."

Stars' loss marred by fights

DALLAS (AP) — Florida Panthers coach Mike Keenan wanted to turn Friday night's game against the Dallas Stars into a physical contest, and he got what he wanted.

Marcus Nilson and Niklas Hagman had goals 5:36 apart in the second period and the Panthers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over the Stars in a game that was interrupted by five fights.

"They're a physical team and they play that style of game," Stars wing Brenden Morrow said. "We didn't want to get pushed around and got away from our game. They got the better of us, got under our skins a little and we took some bad penalties."

Viktor Kozlov also scored for the Panthers, who had been shut out in their last two games and three of their previous six.

The Stars seldom fight; they were last in the league in penalties at the start of the night. The Panthers began play as the NHL's penalty leaders.

Panthers enforcer Peter Worrell set the tone for his team with four hits, one fight, and a roughing penalty.

"We came out and played hard all night," Worrell said. "Part of that was that they came into our building last week and kicked our butts."

The Stars won 3-2 in Florida on Jan. 9.

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SPORTS



HOG HUNTER — Will Clay Werner shot this javelina recently on the Koonsman Ranch northeast of Snyder. Werner is the grandson of John Billy and Peggy Koonsman. (Contributed Photo)

Bears, Eagles rely on defense

CHICAGO (AP) — Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter enjoys studying the styles of others who play his position. He can't help noticing Chicago's Brian Urlacher.

"I love to watch him. He runs around and he's fast and he's a playmaker," Trotter said of Urlacher. "I respect his game and I'm sure he respects mine."

They won't be on the field at the same time Saturday in the NFC playoffs when Trotter leads the Philadelphia Eagles and their stingy defense against Urlacher and the Bears. But you can bet they'll be aware of what the other is up to.

"It'll probably be on Jeremiah's mind. I don't think he'll try to do anything spectacular, but I'm pretty sure it will be on his mind," Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said.

"Last week against Tampa Bay I watched John Lynch to see what he was doing. It's a respect thing. It's not that I was trying to out-do him."

Saturday's outcome could hinge on which defense can outdo the other.

The Bears (13-3) gave up just 203 points during the regular season, best in the NFL. The Eagles (12-5) were second, yielding 208, then smothered Tampa Bay 31-9 in their playoff opener last week.

Chicago, like Philly, can mix things up with blitzes, but the Bears have also been successful with the basics.

"They don't do anything really fancy," Eagles tight end Chad Lewis said. "It's just old-fashioned football. I love it. They give you no gimmicks, they just make you make plays."

Blocking the Eagles and handling their schemes will be a huge assignment for the Chicago offensive line, which opened holes all season for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Anthony Thomas.

"They try to make you think too much," Bears center Olin Kreutz said. "They come from all over the place. We've got to beat the blitz to beat these guys."

With hard-rushing end Hugh Douglas, who made 91/2 sacks, and a strong secondary that includes Troy Vincent, Dawkins and Bobby Taylor, the Eagles' defense has not allowed a touchdown in three playoff games the last two years. On the road this season, Philly's defense gave up just four touchdowns.

Trotter made 164 tackles and had two interceptions, returning one for a TD.

The Bears' defense has been the team's best offense at times this season, scoring five touchdowns. Two came on interceptions by Mike Brown to win back-to-back overtime games, and Urlacher had a 90-yard fumble recovery for another TD.

With massive tackles Ted Washington and Keith Traylor clogging the middle, Urlacher and fellow linebackers Rosevelt Colvin and Warrick Holdman have more freedom from blockers.

"Our linebackers are as fast as anyone in the league. We can run with everybody," says Urlacher, who's already drawing comparisons to Bears Hall of Fame linebackers Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary.

"We know we've given up some yards, but it doesn't matter as long as they don't score. That's been our thing all year — give them a few yards, keep them out of the end zone and make them kick field goals."

Keeping versatile Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb under control will be a priority. He likes to drop the ball to backs like Duce Staley, who tied for the team lead in catches.

Throwing to the backs is a way of offsetting the aggressiveness the Bears display, and Chicago has been vulnerable to big plays by pass-catching runners this season.

NFL Playoffs
All Times EST
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9
Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Sunday, Jan. 13
Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15
Baltimore 20, Miami 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 19
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Oakland at New England, 8 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 20
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at St. Louis, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 27
NFC Championship
12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.
AFC Championship
12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 6 p.m.

Australian Open round-up...

Capriati survives third round

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A change of clothes and attitude helped defending champion Jennifer Capriati advance in the Australian Open.

Capriati lost her opening service game in each set, but held on to beat Eleni Daniilidou of Greece 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 in the third round of the Australian Open on Saturday.

The 19-year-old Daniilidou, playing in her third Grand Slam event, built a two-game lead before the top-seeded Capriati won six consecutive games to clinch the first set.

After breaking Daniilidou's serve to close within 2-1 in the second set, Capriati needed her left thigh taped. She said the new tape was just for "cosmetic" reasons because the existing tape supporting her right, injured hip was rubbing her skin and causing rash.

Capriati lost that set and then changed her clothes during a bathroom break, swapping her pink and white two-piece outfit for a blue dress that ushered a new attitude.

She lost her opening serve in the third set on a close call, then won the next six games and served out with an ace on her first match point.

"In the third set, I don't think I let her play any more. I stepped it up and got real aggressive there," said Capriati, who lost just six points in the last five games.

"This is good for me, to have this kind of match. I didn't think I was going to win the whole time, but I still felt confident even though I lost that second set."

Capriati assessed her defense of her first major as "so far, so good."

Eighth-seeded Pete Sampras faces No. 30 Nicolas Escude on center court later Saturday.

In other men's matches, No. 9 Marat Safin beat fellow Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to move into a fourth-round showdown against the Sampras-Escude winner.

Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion, and Sampras, the winner of a record 13 Grand Slam titles, have become the favorites since the top five ranked players either lost or pulled out of the tournament because of injury.

The 21-year-old Safin closed out Youzhny with an ace — his 12th — and had 36 winners compared to his opponent's 16.

No. 11 Roger Federer defeated Germany's Rainer Schuettler 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-4. No. 23 Nicolas Lapentti rallied for a 4-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Argentina's Gaston Gaudio in a match that lasted 4:11. Former No. 1 Marcelo Rios produced the shot of the tournament with a behind-the-back return in his 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (3) victory over Alberto Martin.

Rios, a finalist here in 1998, played a cricket-style shot to a half-volley that Martin smashed at his feet to get match point in the tiebreaker and then sealed it when the Spaniard netted a forehand return.

"Everything is so fast — you do it and you haven't got time to enjoy it, you got to play the next point," Rios said. "I got to see on TV, when they put it Points of the Day, I'm going to enjoy it then."

Martin, who eliminated No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the opening round, said Rios seemed more relaxed than ever, but still has some incredible shots.

"He has an innate talent that's above the average of other players, and that's why he was No. 1," he said.

In women's matches, Germany's Marlene Weingartner upset No. 10 Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Weingartner broke serve in the eighth game of the final set.

Francis fuels Rockets' victory

BOSTON (AP) — Steve Francis thinks Boston's Paul Pierce is the NBA's most valuable player. The Houston star is making a very good case for himself.

The Rockets improved to 12-9 with Francis in the lineup as his fourth career triple-double led them to a 104-101 win over the Celtics on Friday night. Without him, they're 1-17.

"He does so many things for us and he's so valuable," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "He's a guy that opponents have to focus on and he did a good job getting the ball around."

Francis had 26 points — 14 in the fourth quarter — a season-high 15 rebounds and 10 assists. Pierce scored 16 of his 38 points in the third quarter, added 11 rebounds and kept the Celtics close by repeatedly driving to the basket to pick up fouls. He went 9-for-12 in the second half.

"Paul Pierce is the MVP in the league so far," said Francis, who leads Houston in points, rebounds and assists. "I don't care what anybody says about Kobe (Bryant) or Shaq (O'Neal). He's the MVP hands down."

Pierce, the NBA's second leading scorer, became the first player to score 1,000 points this season with a jumper late in the first quarter. But his desperation 3-pointer that would have tied the game missed at the buzzer as Boston's three-game winning streak ended.

"I'm pretty stingy," he said. "It's not bad, but we want all of them. We're a hungry team. I've never been to the playoffs."

The Celtics last made the playoffs in 1994-95, four years before Pierce joined them. Their 23-15 record is third best in the Eastern Conference.

"This was a good win against a good, good team," Tomjanovich said after Houston held off several Boston charges for its fourth win in 19 road games.

Francis, who had missed games with a foot injury, sat out Houston's previous game, a 109-103 loss to Toronto on Wednesday night with migraine headaches. And he started slowly Friday night.

"I wanted to come in and help them do the same thing they were doing" against the Raptors, he said. "So I came out passing the ball and playing good defense."

His crisp passing and the Rockets' outside shooting stymied the Celtics, who led only twice — 20-19 and 42-41. The Rockets hit 12 of 23 shots from 3-point range. Cuttino Mobley was 5-for-8 and Eddie Griffin, who had 19 points, went 3-for-5.

Sports Briefs

Teams sign 32 players through arbitration

NEW YORK (AP) — Scott Rolen led a parade of 32 players in arbitration who agreed to contracts, and the Philadelphia Phillies third baseman got an $8.6 million, one-year deal.

Just 42 players exchanged figures with their teams from among the 93 players who were in arbitration earlier in the week. The other 51 already have settled.

Other players who got big deals were Boston reliever Ugueth Urbina ($6.7 million), Phillies right-hander Robert Person ($6.25 million), Montreal right-hander Javier Vazquez ($4,725,000), Atlanta right-hander Kevin Millwood ($3.9 million), Seattle right-hander Freddy Garcia ($3.8 million) and Chicago Cubs right-hander Kerry Wood ($3,695,000).

Baltimore right-hander Jason Johnson got the only multiyear deal, a $4.7 million, two-year contract.

Among the players who exchanged numbers, the Yankees' Jorge Posada asked for the most, $7.75 million. New York offered $6.7 million to its All-Star catcher, who is negotiating a five-year contract at about $50 million.

Robitaille breaks Hull's mark

DETROIT (AP) — Luc Robitaille scored his 611th goal to break Bobby Hull's NHL record for goals by a left wing.

Robitaille tipped in a shot by Kirk Maltby 1:50 into the first period of the Detroit Red Wings' 3-1 victory over the Washington Capitals.

Kite leads Senior Tour event

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — Tom Kite had two eagles in a course-record 9-under-par 63 to take a three-stroke lead in the Senior PGA Tour's season-opening MasterCard Championship.

Kite, who eagled Nos. 4 and 7 and added five birdies in the bogey-free round, hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation on the Hualalai Golf Club course.

Defending champion Larry Nelson opened with a 66.

Doug Tewell, who had a hole-in-one, was another stroke back along with Bob Gilder and Jim Colbert in the tournament limited to tour winners in the last two years and major champions in the last five.

Tyson's wife files for divorce

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Mike Tyson's second wife has filed for divorce, accusing the former heavyweight boxing champion of adultery.

Monica Tyson seeks an unspecified "reasonable sum," according to divorce papers filed Thursday in Montgomery County Circuit Court.

Mike Tyson countered Thursday by suing for divorce in Las Vegas, claiming incompatibility, spokesman Scott Miranda said.

NCAA Basketball

MEN
By The Associated Press
EAST
Dartmouth 77, Albany, N.Y. 56
Iona 90, Fairfield 79
New Hampshire 75, Stony Brook 68
Seton Hall 81, West Virginia 67
SOUTH
Charlotte 81, South Florida 78
Memphis 73, Southern Miss. 64
MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
Loyola Marymount 85, Portland 77
Montana St. 78, Idaho St. 47
Pepperdine 88, Gonzaga 79
Weber St. 90, Montana 71
WOMEN
EAST
Fairfield 77, Niagara 73
George Washington 54, Temple 53
Iona 76, Canisius 71
Siena 79, Rider 56
St. Bonaventure 51, Fordham 48
St. Peter's 71, Manhattan 57
SOUTH
James Madison 66, N.C.-Wilmington 56
Tulane 60, UAB 50
William & Mary 75, Drexel 71
MIDWEST
DePaul 80, Memphis 59
Marquette 65, Saint Louis 50
SW Missouri St. 81, Wichita St. 66
Xavier 82, La Salle 64
SOUTHWEST
Houston 71, Louisville 68
TCU 73, Cincinnati 57
FAR WEST
Long Beach St. 83, CS Northridge 62
Montana 76, Weber St. 59
Montana St. 81, Idaho St. 67
Pacific 72, UC Irvine 40

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	12	5	1	62	148	105
N.Y. Islanders	23	16	5	2	53	126	123
N.Y. Rangers	22	21	4	3	51	133	149
New Jersey	20	18	5	3	48	114	114
Pittsburgh	17	22	5	2	41	102	131

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	13	3	5	60	137	109
Toronto	25	14	5	4	59	141	118
Ottawa	24	17	4	2	54	148	120
Montreal	19	20	7	2	47	121	129
Buffalo	19	23	4	1	43	125	124

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	22	17	6	5	55	135	145
Washington	19	22	8	0	46	134	148
Tampa Bay	17	22	5	2	41	92	102
Florida	15	26	3	3	36	94	137
Atlanta	11	28	6	3	31	113	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	9	4	2	72	152	105
Chicago	28	14	9	0	65	146	133
St. Louis	25	12	6	3	59	133	103
Nashville	17	22	8	0	42	122	128
Columbus	13	26	7	1	34	92	131

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	16	6	1	57	119	98
Edmonton	24	17	7	2	57	130	118
Calgary	19	19	8	2	48	116	123
Vancouver	20	24	4	1	45	135	134
Minnesota	17	20	8	3	45	118	138

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	24	13	6	3	57	136	111
Dallas	22	15	6	4	54	127	122
Los Angeles	21	17	7	2	51	123	108
Phoenix	18	17	7	4	47	114	123
Anaheim	14	27	6	3	37	108	128

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
Boston 5, Ottawa 2
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 3
Montreal 1, Carolina 1, tie
New Jersey 6, N.Y. Rangers 4
Colorado 3, Phoenix 2, OT
St. Louis 5, Vancouver 4
Nashville 3, Toronto 2, OT
Pittsburgh 6, Calgary 4
Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 2
San Jose 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Friday's Games
Minnesota 3, Columbus 1
Chicago 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie
Detroit 3, Washington 1
Florida 3, Dallas 2
Edmonton 3, Anaheim 1
Saturday's Games
Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Ottawa at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	26	12	.684	—
Boston	23	15	.605	3
Washington	18	18	.500	7
Orlando	20	21	.488	7½
Philadelphia	18	20	.474	8
New York	14	23	.378	11½
Miami	11	26	.297	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	24	13	.649	—
Toronto	23	17	.575	2½
Indiana	21	20	.512	5
Detroit	18	19	.486	6
Charlotte	18	20	.474	6½
Atlanta	13	25	.342	11½
Cleveland	13	27	.325	12½
Chicago	8	30	.211	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	28	10	.737	—
San Antonio	27	10	.730	½
Dallas	27	12	.692	1½
Utah	21	18	.539	7½
Houston	13	26	.333	15½
Denver	12	26	.316	16
Memphis	12	26	.316	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	30	9	.769	—
L.A. Lakers	27	9	.750	1½
L.A. Clippers	20	20	.500	10½
Phoenix	20	20	.500	10½
Seattle	19	19	.500	10½
Portland	19	20	.487	11
Golden State	13	25	.342	16½

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 93, Charlotte 88
Chicago 94, Atlanta 91
Dallas 108, Memphis 97
San Antonio 102, Utah 98
Miami 92, Portland 90, OT
Friday's Games
Detroit 96, Indiana 93
Toronto 89, New Jersey 77
Houston 104, Boston 101
Milwaukee 115, Orlando 110
Denver 96, Seattle 90
Phoenix 103, Minnesota 100, OT
Sacramento 121, Golden State 97
L.A. Clippers 109, Cleveland 103
Saturday's Games
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 9 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 9 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
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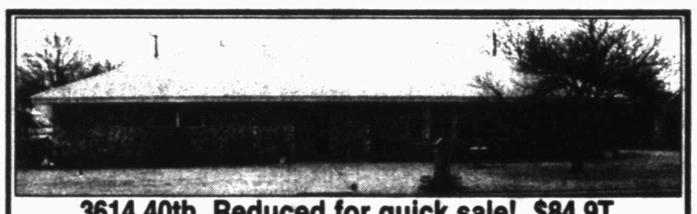
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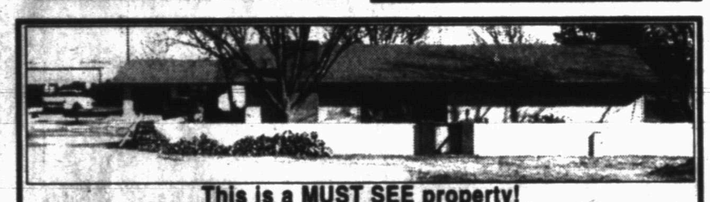
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Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave, or e-mail to gorman@snyderdailynews.com.

For the sake of accuracy, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

Shooting kills 1, injures 2

ODESSA (AP) — A woman died and two others, including a police officer, were injured Friday after a shootout at a drug-screening lab in downtown Odessa.

The officer, Greg Travland, was taking a domestic situation report at the business when the shooting began, said Odessa police spokeswoman Sherrie Thompson. It wasn't immediately clear if the officer was there to gather information from the woman who was killed.

The victim was identified as Estella Ramon of Odessa. She reportedly was shot several times inside Drug Screen Compliance & Consortium of the Southwest.

In the alley behind the laboratory, Travland fired several shots at Joe Ramon, wounding him several times in the upper torso, Thompson said. Travland suffered a bullet wound to the left leg, Thompson said.

Witnesses told the Odessa American that Travland and Ramon traded shots from a distance of about 25 feet, with the officer crouched behind a portable building.

"I heard this 'Pop! Pop! Pop!' and saw these kids running out" from the lab, Pam Holmes, an employee of nearby Southwest Energy Distributors Inc., said in a story in Saturday's newspaper. She was taking a cigarette break with several co-workers, she said.

"I thought it was firecrackers," she said.

A second volley of gunfire followed, said Lisa Twilligear, another employee of Southwest Energy Distributors.

"We heard more of the 'Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!' and I thought to myself, 'Not good,'" Twilligear said.

Both Travland and Joe Ramon were taken to Medical Center Hospital, where they underwent surgery.

Nursing supervisor Patty Iting said Ramon was in critical condition early Saturday morning. Travland's condition wasn't immediately available.

Odessa attorney Richard Abalos said he heard gunshots outside his office — the back door of which opens onto the alley.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave.; or e-mail to gorman@snyderdailynews.com. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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President links MLK to education overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring education "the great civil rights issue of our time," President Bush honored the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday by touting his administration's work on public school reforms.

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would accept no less than an equal concern for every child in America, and neither will my administration," Bush declared in his weekly radio address.

Bush said Americans can say with satisfaction that the United States has overcome the "institutionalized bigotry" that King worked so hard to dismantle. Now, he said, it is time to take on less tangible struggles, such as ensuring equal education.

"Our challenge is to make sure that every child has a fair chance to succeed in life," Bush said. "That is why education is the great civil rights issue of our time."

Earlier this month, Bush signed into law a far-reaching education bill that requires annual reading and math tests for children in grades three through eight beginning in the 2005-06 school year. It also mandates that schools bolster teacher qualifications and develop periodic "report cards" ranking their standardized test scores with other area schools.

Under the new law, schools must improve reading and math proficiency among their students, close gaps in the performances of wealthy and poor students, and white and minority students.

Bush said he would propose, in his 2003 budget plan, a $1 billion increase in funding for federal Title I programs for disadvantaged students, and a $1 billion increase in assistance for "special needs" children under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

"But we want these new dollars to carry to special education the same spirit of reform and accountability we have brought to other education programs," Bush said. "We must have high expectations for children who are more difficult to teach or who have fallen behind."

The president said he planned to hold a ceremony at the White House on Monday to commemorate the federal King holiday. Among those scheduled to attend are King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and one of her two daughters, the Rev. Bernice King, the White House said.

First lady Laura Bush will go to Atlanta, King's hometown, Bush said. She is scheduled to speak at a service at King's church, Ebenezer Baptist.

Bush was signing a holiday proclamation that praised King as "a modern American hero whose leadership rallied people of all races to rise up against injustice," and said the holiday in honor of his birthday takes on greater importance because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Dr. King's unwavering commitment to nonviolent means of bringing the people of our nation together provided a foundation for healing and trust. That trust brought us through our recent tragedy as we reached out to each other without regard to race or religion."

In the Democrats' weekly radio address Saturday, national party chairman Terry McAuliffe called the Sept. 11 attacks "an act of unspeakable brutality that must be avenged," and agreed that the nation should rally around Bush's efforts to do so.

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27 'bugs' found on Chinese plane

BEIJING (AP) — China has discovered 27 bugging devices in a U.S.-made Boeing 767 it bought for the personal use of President Jiang Zemin, published reports said Saturday.

The tiny, highly sophisticated devices were hidden in the jetliner's upholstery, including in the president's bathroom and the headboard of his bed, the London-based Financial Times said, citing unnamed Chinese sources.

It said Jiang was outraged at the discovery.

The bugs were discovered when they emitted static during a test flight after the plane's delivery in August, the newspaper said.

In a separate report, The Washington Post said Chinese army communications experts found the bugs in October, days before the plane's first official voyage. It said the jet is now sitting with its insides torn out on an air base north of Beijing.

The Washington Post report said Chinese officials blamed U.S. intelligence agencies for the bugs. It said the incident would be raised during U.S. President George W. Bush's Feb. 21 summit with Jiang in Beijing.

The reports described the devices as satellite-controlled and more complex than those available commercially.

Chinese officials were puzzled as to how and when the bugs were planted, the reports said. They had carefully monitored the plane's construction at the Boeing plant in the state of Washington and the fitting of its interior by several aircraft maintenance companies in San Antonio, Texas.

Two of the companies, Gore Design Completions and Dee Howard Aircraft Maintenance, issued a statement Friday saying they had received no complaints about their work on the plane, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"I know that we had no culpability whatsoever in this. All we did was put an interior in it," Jerry Gore, president of Gore Design, told the paper.

The plane was parked in a Dee Howard hangar and work began shortly after a contract was signed in October 2000, the Express-News reported, continuing through a contentious period the following spring when Beijing and Washington had a standoff over the forced landing of a U.S. Navy spy plane and China's detention of its 24-member crew.

In San Antonio, the plane was fitted with a spacious bedroom, bath and sitting area.

Terrorist's trial won't be televisied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television viewers probably will not see the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, denying a request by television networks, ruled in suburban Alexandria, Va. on Friday that the ban on broadcasting federal trials was constitutional. Court TV, the network that filed the motion for a televised trial, said it has not decided whether to appeal.

Moussaoui is accused in six conspiracy counts of being an accomplice to the attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He could receive the death penalty if convicted.

Even if the federal court system's rule was changed, television wouldn't be appropriate in this case, Brinkema said. The broadcast could intimidate reluctant witnesses, endanger law enforcement officers who testify and also threaten jurors if their images are shown, she said.

"Today, it is not so much the small discrete cameras or microphones in the courtroom that are likely to intimidate witnesses, rather it is the witness' knowledge that his or her face or voice may be forever publicly known and available to anyone in the world," the judge concluded.

She adopted the argument of prosecutors, who opposed the broadcast on security grounds. Foreign witnesses — who are outside U.S. jurisdiction — especially could refuse to testify out of fears for their safety, Brinkema said.

The Justice Department had contended a worldwide broadcast "might assist al-Qaida in retaliating against the witnesses who testify against it.".

Ex-SLA fugitive given 20 years to life

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An emotional sentencing hearing brought an end to the police car bomb plot case of Sara Jane Olson, but the former fugitive's ordeal in the courts is far from over.

Olson, 55, was sentenced Friday to 20 years to life in prison for trying to blow up Los Angeles police cars in 1975. She was once a 1970s radical linked to the Symbionese Liberation Army, which emerged from the anti-war movement and is perhaps best known for the 1974 kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst.

Immediately after the sentencing, the next chapter in Olson's courtroom saga began. She was arraigned on murder and robbery charges stemming from the 1975 holdup of a suburban Sacramento bank in which Myrna Opsahl, a bystander, was killed.

Olson pleaded innocent to the robbery as the woman's son, Dr. Jon Opsahl, looked on. The charges could bring Olson life imprisonment if she is convicted.

Olson's sentencing hearing in the bombing case drew an outpouring of support from family members who defended the radical-turned-suburban mother. They said Olson was a good person who had devoted her life to public service and to raising her daughters.

"I want to say again that my daughter was never a member of the SLA," her mother, Elsie Soliah, said. She went to her daughter at the defense table and hugged and kissed her. "It's all right. It's OK," Soliah said

Olson's 14-year-old daughter, Leila Peterson, sobbed as she spoke of her mother as "one of the best mothers anyone would ever want."

"I'll be always at your side no matter what," she told Olson, then fell into her mother's arms as sobs wracked her body.

Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler said a change in the law since the time of the offense means the Board of Prison Terms will recalculate the sentence he gave to Olson.

"She could have it fixed as little as five years," Fidler said.

In a written statement submitted to the court, Olson had denied having a role in any SLA crimes. She said she helped members of the group obtain fake identification and rental cars only because she believed they "would be shot to bits if I didn't do my bit to help."

U.S. base may be used to house suspected terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The makeshift prison camp of chain-link cells set up by the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is emerging as a clearinghouse for all manner of suspected terrorists, including some with little or no connection to Afghanistan, the Taliban or Osama bin Laden.

The all-purpose prison camp could allow the United States to scoop up all sorts of suspected international terrorists or criminals, as much for safekeeping as for eventual prosecution, lawyers and security experts said.

"Guantanamo will serve two functions," as a short-term processing center and a long-term holding pen, said Timothy Crawford, who studies U.S. policy in regional conflicts at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Even if never prosecuted by the U.S. government, detainees the military deems dangerous "could sit there for a very long time" before they are released, deported or turned over to a foreign government for prosecution, Crawford said.

The U.S. military has already brought more than 100 captives from Afghanistan to Guantanamo, and housed them behind razor wire in a group of open-air cells collectively called Camp X-ray. Workers are building a permanent prison to hold up to 2,000.

The government calls the prisoners "unlawful combatants" or "detainees" rather than prisoners of war with assigned legal rights, and has lodged no criminal charges. They are universally described as exceedingly dangerous.

Alcohol violations result in 3 arrests

•Arrests

Officers arrested three people on 30th Street at Deep Creek at 11:30 p.m. Friday.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody for making alcohol available to a minor and for possession of marijuana, under two ounces. Also arrested was a 19-year-old woman for public intoxication.

A 22-year-old man also was taken into custody at the location for making alcohol available to a minor.

Just before 1 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 28-year-old man at the VFW for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man in the 2800 block of Towle Park Rd. early today for driving while intoxicated. He was transported to jail and his vehicle was towed.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off at 9 a.m. Friday, but had no description of the vehicle or its driver.

Another drive off was reported Friday from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. The clerk told police a green van headed toward Sweetwater left without paying for fuel, but no report was filed.

Obituaries

Boley Blackard

1910-2002

Boley Brown Rodgers Blackard, lifetime Scurry County resident, died Saturday, Jan. 19, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Blackard, 91, is set for 1 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 28, 1910 in Clairemont, her father, Willis Boley Rodgers, and grandfather, Nonnie Rodgers, were pioneer ranchers in Kent County.

She married Lewis Blackard on Nov. 18, 1933 in Sweetwater and the family lived and farmed east of Snyder. They later moved to a farm west of Snyder and then built a home southeast of Snyder. Mr. Blackard died Dec. 12, 1984.

Mrs. Blackard was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Blackard. The two sisters were married to brothers, Lewis and Cleve.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Rodger and Doris Blackard of Snyder; a niece, Daunel Longan of Tilden, Tex.; a granddaughter and her husband, Audra and Nolan von Roeder of Snyder; a grandson and his wife, Lonnie and Susan Blackard of Snyder; and five great-grandchildren, Casey, Shanna and Larissa Blackard and Wes and Nathan von Roeder, all of Snyder.

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Viola Hampton

1909-2002

ODESSA – Viola Hampton, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Jan. 17, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hampton, 92, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Chapel in Odessa with interment to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 17, 1909 in Dunn, she was one of 11 children of Willie Martha and William Benjamin Stump.

She married Wyatt W. Hampton on Dec. 31, 1988 in Mitchell County. She had been a resident of Brownwood since 1996.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred Lightfoot of Midland; three sisters-in-law, Wanda Stump of Lubbock, Robbie Stump of Oklahoma City and Bessie Martin of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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ONGOINGS

Museum reception Sunday

A reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum will open displays of international kites and Kay Smith's original watercolor paintings. Smaller kites will be exhibited at the museum and the larger kites will be displayed at the Student Center, Fine Arts Theatre, Learning Resource Center and the Administration Building on the WTC campus.

AARP Chapter meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Fran Farmer will be the guest speaker.

Bible study

The public is invited to Bible study at the Iglesia de Cristo from 7-8:15 p.m. Monday. The church is located at 501 N. College Ave.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Stephen: The Spirit-Filled Preacher," followed by "What is a Miracle?"

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Tuesday and again, Tuesday, 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.

FFA booster club

The FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building to discuss major stock shows.

MAWC monthly luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be made at Ira School Wednesday. Also, each class group, K-12, will be photographed. Each student will also be photographed. The friendship pictures have a sitting fee of $2 per person in the picture. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be received. Call 573-2628 for more information.

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland for Stanfield Elementary students and their familes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Five tickets for $1 will be on sale at the school from 8 to 8:30 Thursday and Friday. Entry is through the gym door and is sponsored by the Stanfield Parent-Teacher Council. For more information call 573-5841 or 573-2159.

Sing-a-long

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene, will join Post and Levelland in an old fashioned sing-a-long at 6 p.m. next Sunday at the church in Post, 202 W. 10th.

Maximize child's talent

F. Richard "Rick" Olenchak, Ph.D, director of the Urban Talent Research Institute at the University of Houston, will present a program on identifying and maximizing your child's talents from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29. at Stanfield Elementary School. Dr. Olenchak will present ideas on encouraging and motivating creative and productive behavior in children: He will also present information on parenting gifted children in the 21st century.

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Feb. 1. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Windbreak trees

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

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC have resumed. The classes are held from 8 a.m. until noon and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Daily prayer meeting

Church of God, Ave. D and 21st Street, will have a daily prayer meeting from 7 to 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

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.

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday, Feb. 12. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Ira grant input

Ira ISD is in the planning phase of a TIF Community Networking grant. Persons wishing input into the grant should contact David Brown at 573-3645.

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FOCUS AWARDS — Snyder Junior High School Focus students, Chris Elder and Terrence Wells, were honored with a banquet Thursday at The Shack as they met the criteria set forth for the third six weeks. They also received certificates of recognition for their efforts. They are pictured with Trena Whitmire, Focus director. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



EAST READER — Wal-Mart employee, Lavida Baker, read a book to Cinthia Putnam's fourth grade class at East Elementary School last week. Wal-Mart is one of the school's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Lawsuit says sorority hazing included rape

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Sam Houston State University student is suing a sorority for hazing, which she says included spiking her drink and having her sexually assaulted.

The woman filed the lawsuit against Chi Omega on Thursday, calling her college experience "a nightmare of the darkest magnitude." She is seeking unspecified monetary damages from the national sorority and the chapter and its officers at the time.

Chi Omega has been suspended from the campus in Huntsville, 70 miles north of Houston, after university and sorority officials determined hazing occurred during initiations in the fall of 1999, university spokesman Frank Krystyniak said.

The student's allegation of a date rape plot by her sorority sisters on Feb. 16, 2000 didn't produce any criminal charges because the woman admitted having consensual sex later with the accused assailant, the Walker County District Attorney's Office told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions.

The sorority sisters gave the student — then a freshman — a date rape drug, then drove her to the apartment of a male friend who had sex with her, the lawsuit said.

The woman's family said some sorority sisters began calling the freshman victim "Special K" after the attack in an apparent reference to the date-rape drug Ketamine, which they allegedly slipped into a drink.

The lawsuit said the alleged hazing also included required binge drinking and blindfolding and dropping pledges, including the plaintiff, into a coffin.

The student said the rape allegations and publications of false e-mails and other statements by sorority members destroyed her "reputation in the community" and caused her severe physical and emotional distress.

Chi Omega national officials in Memphis, Tenn., said at the time of the chapter's suspension, "Chi Omega seeks to foster mutual respect for all members.

"Thus, hazing has no place in Chi Omega. In addition, Chi Omega has found that the chapter failed to adhere to Chi Omega procedures."

Chi Omega executive director Lissa Morgan said Friday that the main office had not been officially served with the lawsuit and she declined comment.

Chi Omega has about 240,000 members in more than 170 collegiate chapters.

FDA OKs first saliva-based ovulation test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women wishing to become pregnant are about to get a new way to predict when they are fertile: The government has approved the sale of the nation's first saliva ovulation test.

Women's estrogen levels gradually rise each month, peaking with ovulation, the time each month that they can conceive.

A woman can predict ovulation by measuring her body temperature's rise with estrogen's rise, undergoing a blood test to check hormone levels, or — more common — using a urine test that detects a surge in an estrogen-related hormone 24 to 36 hours before ovulation.

The new TCI Ovulation Tester is a reliable alternative that women may find less messy to use, Food and Drug Administration reviewer Veronica Calvin said Friday.

Roughly 50 years ago, scientists realized that as estrogen surges, the salt content of saliva increases, too, Calvin explained. When the saliva of an about-to-ovulate woman dries, the salt leaves a crystal pattern called fernning — it actually looks like a fern plant — that can be seen under a microscope.

The new test is a round device that pairs tiny slides with a handheld microscope.

Touch a little brush to saliva in your mouth, then dab it onto one of the slides. Let it dry and look through the eyepiece. If there's only a little of the salt — potassium chloride — seen as little dots, then ovulation isn't near yet. Test the next day and you may see the dots starting to form chains. Once a true fern pattern appears, ovulation is imminent.

In studies comparing the saliva test to urine tests, the TCI Ovulation Tester proved more than 90 percent reliable in indicating ovulation, Calvin said.

In fact, "one of the things that's interesting about this test is you may be actually getting a little bit of warning that you're getting close to ovulation" by watching the pattern gradually appear, said FDA medical device chief Dr. David Feigal.

With urine tests, in contrast, women have a chance of missing ovulation depending on when they test, because the results are given as a simple yes or no instead of suggesting whether hormones are increasing, he said.

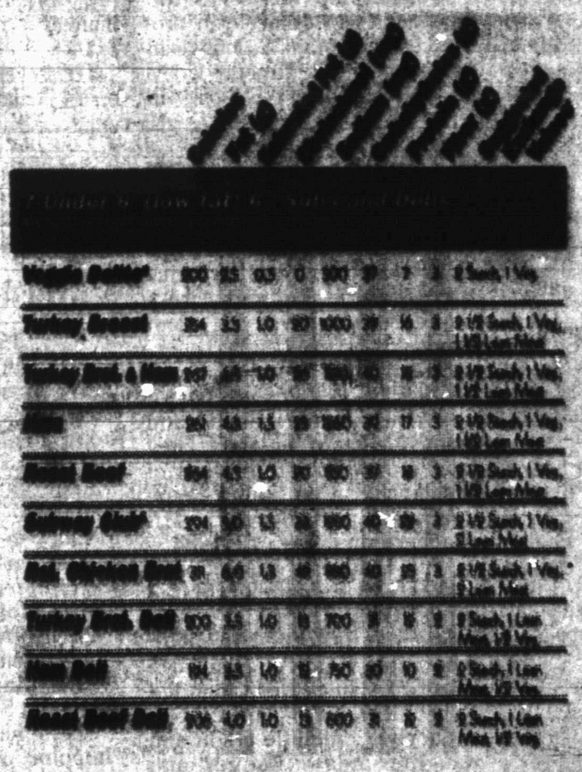
Manufacturer TCI Optics said it will begin selling the nonprescription test, for $59.95, in a few weeks. Sales will begin via the company's Internet site — www.ovulationtester.com — or by telephone at 1-866-OVULATION.

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Dream coming true for Snyder High graduate

Since boyhood, Jonathan Barrow has wanted to be a disc jockey. Now that he has graduated from Snyder High School, he is fulfilling his dream.

For one hour each Friday, Jonathan shares disc jockey duties with Cody Christopher at KSNY, the local country and western radio station.



DISC JOCKEYS — Jonathan Barrow, seated, and Cody Christopher, like to discuss sports on KSNY.

Working one hour a week may not seem like a lot to most people, but Jonathan is unique because he has cerebral palsy. Yet, neither he nor his family and friends have ever let that stand in his way.

Barrow's parents, Johnny and Suzanne Barrow, are among his biggest supporters. They love that their son is getting to do something he has always wanted to do.

A music buff, Jonathan helps pick out which songs to play. He also takes song dedication requests and he loves to discuss sports with Cody.

Before Christmas, he also participated in live remotes that advertised the local drive to collect toys for needy children.

Jonathan is very proud of his job. There is nothing he would rather be doing.

When Jonathan goes to the radio station on Fridays, he is accompanied by his full time nurse, Mary Helen Cervantez. He is enrolled in the Medically Dependent Children's Program, which pays for his nursing care.

The job at KSNY evolved gradually. Jonathan had always talked to Cody at the station so one day Suzanne asked him (Cody) if Jonathan could become a DJ. She said Cody set up a meeting with Dink Foree, radio station owner, who approved her request.

Jonathan also has other activities that he enjoys. SPARTAN Transportation sometimes drives him to the Senior Citizens Center where he likes to play cards and visit with his best buddy, James Patrick. On Wednesdays, Jonathan likes to shop at Wal-Mart, where he is well known, his mother said.

He also likes to watch the family's big screen TV, and often has it on Channel 2, which plays music from KSNY. Jonathan is looking forward to the Feb. 3 Super Bowl because he always invites friends over for a Super Bowl Party.

Jonathan loves sports and his room is filled with memorabilia of his favorite football team, the Green Bay Packers. He knows the names of coaches and quarterbacks for several teams. For Christmas, one of his gifts was a book about all the pro football teams.

When the Barrows built a home on Round Rock Ave., they made it wheelchair accessible so their son could go anywhere in the house. He even has a specially made shower in his room.



FAVORITE STATION — Jonathan Barrow tunes in to Channel 2 on the Cox Communications Cable System so he can listen to KSNY.



LIKES SPORTS — Jonathan Barrow holds the pro football book he received for Christmas.

In August, the Barrows received a special kneel van from Freedom Motors in Kalamazoo, Mich., which makes transportation so much easier, Suzanne said. The van opens from the back so Jonathan can be wheeled in. The conversion took about six weeks, she added.

Jonathan has a new swivel chair in the living room, courtesy of his grandmother, Betty Lawson, which he is really enjoying.

Jonathan is also a member of the Desperadoes Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, something he is very proud of, Suzanne said.

Jonathan graduated from SHS in May 2001. When he first attended the high school, he switched to an electric wheelchair which allowed him to "cruise the hall ways," Suzanne said.

Cervantez also served as his nurse, then working 16 hours each week. Every afternoon she would meet Jonathan when he got off the school bus.

Jonathan liked high school and really enjoyed Shaun Edwards' math class and Beth Bowen's senior English class. He is a No. 1 Tiger football fan, and has a special seat in Tiger Stadium. At a basketball game, he received a basketball signed by all of the players. His sophomore year, he received a football signed by all of the team members.

Jonathan was 10 years old and a fourth grader at East Elementary when he was first featured in Scurry County Folks. He has cerebral palsy, which allows fluid to build up on the right side of Jonathan's brain. Doctors told the Barrows that it was probably linked to his premature birth on Sept. 21, 1981 in Monroe, La. He weighed 101/2 ounces and spent 87 days in intensive care, including two months on a respirator.

At the age of one month his brain started to hemorrhage, but Jonathan was a year old before a neurosurgeon diagnosed his condition.

Jonathan's mobility is limited and his speech is a little impaired, but he has never let either prevent him from having a winning smile, a determined spirit or a zest for life.

In 1992, the Barrows said, "We try to live as normal a life as possible. We do the best we are able to and leave the rest in God's hands."

Then as now, the family has received support from friends, family and co-workers.

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Lacik, Griffin pledge solemn vows in First United Methodist Church

Kelli Nicole Lacik became the bride of James Patrick Griffin at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 4 in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nan Swanson, First Presbyterian Church pastor, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are John Lacik of Snyder and Cindy Lacik of Snyder. Parents of the groom are Merle Griffin of Snyder and Betsy Griffin of Snyder.

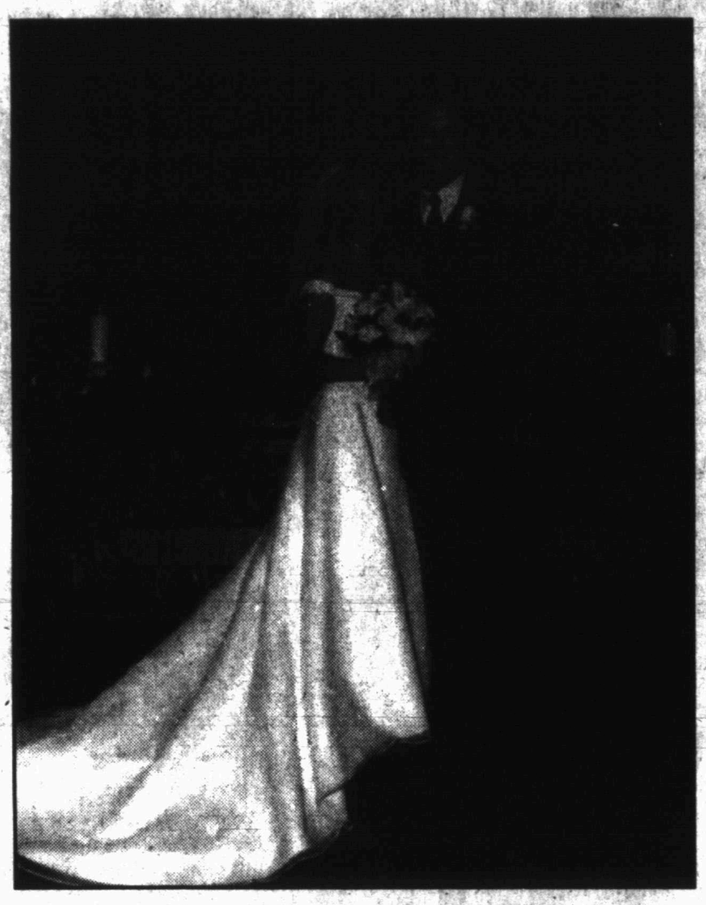
Kelli's grandparents are Leroy and Nona Key and Harold and Irene Lacik, all of Snyder. Jim's grandparents are Betty Bruner of Snyder and the late Don Bruner, and Goldie Griffin of Lubbock.

Robin Key, cousin of the bride, greeted guests at the registry table in the foyer of the church.

Stone urns of white hydrangea, roses and snapdragons with various greenery and ivy, as well as pillar candles atop iron candelabras graced the sanctuary. The altar table held the bride and groom's unity candle, an urn of fresh flowers and the memory candle. Pews were marked with tulle bows and white hydrangea.

Pianist Judy Brown of Snyder provided the musical prelude. Ushers, including Brodie Bruner of Allen and Stephen Morgan, Chad Stevens and Chad Sullivan, all of Dallas, seated guests. Parents and grandparents were seated to "We are Standing on Holy Ground" and "Surely the Presence" while bridal attendants entered to Pachabel's "Canon in D." The bride was escorted into the church by her father as Dayton Robertson of Snyder played Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary."

The bride, presented in marriage by her father, wore an elegant gown of white satin with an organza overlay. The off-the-shoulder bodice and chapel-length train were adorned with white pearls and iridescent sequins. The bride carried a bouquet of long-stemmed Vendela roses and greenery tied with an organza bow.



Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Griffin
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

The bride's wedding gown represented something new. Something borrowed were pearl earrings from her mother as well as a childhood Bible belonging to a close friend, Jennifer Calley. The bride carried a handkerchief with the Greek letters of her sorority embroidered in blue. Brenda Billingsley embroidered the named of the bride and groom and their wedding date on the handkerchief, as well. For something old, she carried a handkerchief that had belonged to her paternal great-grandmother, Phoebe Fleming. The bride also carried pennies representing the birth years of the couple.

After all guests were seated, soloist Jimmy Hall of Houston sang "Ave Maria" accompanied by Judy Brown. Soloist Stacy Aicklen of Austin sang "I Could Not Ask For More" during the lighting of the unity candle.

Paige Martin of Eugene, Ore., served as matron of honor. Kaylee Lacik served her sister as maid of honor. Paige and Kaylee wore floor-length dresses of champagne satin. Bridesmaids included Brooke Kubena of Amarillo and Jiletta Kubena of Dallas. Also attending were Stacy Aicklen of Austin and Whitney Smith of Dallas. Bridesmaids wore one-piece floor-length dresses of champagne satin. Attendants carried bouquets of long-stemmed peach roses with greenery tied with an organza bow.

Audrey Clark of Farmersville and Kelby Greene of Snyder served as flower girls. They wore floor-length white satin gowns embellished with white pearls and sequins. Baby's breath adorned their hair.

Ring bearer was Hunter Key of Midland. He wore a black tuxedo matching those of the groomsmen and carried a satin pillow made by Betty Bruner, maternal grandmother of the groom.

Best man was Joe O'Brien of Tampa, Fla. Jay Griffin of Vail, Colo., and John Griffin of Farmersville served their brother as groomsmen. Jason Greene of Snyder and Craig Lang of Allen also served as groomsmen. The groom wore a black Ralph Lauren tuxedo with an ivory rose boutonniere matching those in a bridal bouquet. His attendants, also in black tuxedos, wore peach rose boutonnieres.

Carolyn Limmer of Snyder served as wedding coordinator.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The entrance held large topiaries adorned with tulle bows. Several ficus trees accented accented with white lights were arranged throughout the ballroom.

Individual tables covered in Battenberg cloth overlays, held ivy topiaries, votive candles and photographs of the bride and groom.

The bridal table, also covered in a Battenberg cloth, featured a three layer Italian cream cake decorated with fresh flowers and greenery. Champagne punch was served from a silver punch bowl. Servers included Robin Key of Granbury and Kari Greene of Snyder.

Teri Bruner of Allen and Amanda Griffin of Farmersville attended the groom's table. The table, covered in an ivory satin cloth with sheer overlay, held a silver coffee service and chocolate layered cheesecake, topped with frosted grapes. Judy Moss of Snyder created the groom's cake.

Each table was centered with arrangements of coral and pink roses.

A buffet table featured various hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches and fruit.

Judy Brown entertained guests with various musical selections.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the country home of Glenn and Janeen Patterson and was catered by Kerry Clay of Snyder. The Robin Griffin Band of Lubbock performed for guests. Tables were covered with black and white checked cloths and centered with hurricane lanterns and sunflower arrangements.

Paige Martin, Cyndee Gayle, Judy Brown and Jaime Hall hosted a bridesmaid luncheon at the home of Cyndee Gayle on the day of the wedding. Other pre-wedding parties included a bridal shower at the home of Jennifer Calley of Snyder and a miscellaneous shower hosted by fellow teachers of the bride in Lubbock.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood and was a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1999 with a double major in management information systems and accounting. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

The couple resides in Dallas where the bride is employed with the Richardson Independent School District as a kindergarten teacher and the groom is employed as a senior consultant for Experio Solutions.

Bridal Registry

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Man stole six-pack of beer so he could be sent back to prison

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A 48-year-old man who spent years behind bars stole a six-pack of beer and told the clerk to call police so he could be sent back to jail.

"I took the beer because I want to go to jail," Robert Fremer said, according to an arrest report. "Take me to jail. I can't succeed in this world. They won't give me a chance."

Fremer was sitting calmly in the parking lot of the Circle K when an officer arrived Sunday. The stolen six-pack of Busch beer was at his side.

Fremer was being held under $5,000 bond on a count of retail petty theft.

"Clearly, there's a need for a social services net that includes temporary housing and a temporary soup kitchen, as well as some sort of vocational training," said Sam Sears, a clinical health psychologist with the University of Florida.



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School Menus

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Bacon
Juice
Wednesday
Biscuits & Sausage
Gravy
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Fruit
Friday
Banana Muffins
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Stromboli
Parsley Potatoes
Carrots
Oreo's
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Apples
Wednesday
Lasagna
Salad
Corn on the Cob
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Chicken Strips & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Cake
Friday
Hamburgers
Chips
Fruit

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is also served with juice.

BREAKFAST
(Classroom)
Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Tuesday
Donut Holes
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
Fruit Muffin Square

(Other Schools)
Monday
Breakfast & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Breakfast Soft Taco
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick or
Soft Taco
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Golden Kernel Corn
Chilled Pears
Tuesday
Peanut Butter & Jelly or
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Frito Corn Chips
Trail Mix
Sugar Cookie
Wednesday
Burrito Grande or
Chili Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Thursday
Roaring 50s Cheeseburger or
All American Chili Dog
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Chocolate Pudding
Friday
Chicken Fry on a Bun or
Vegetable Soup
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Fruit Cobbler

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Cheese Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Sausage
Biscuit
Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Donuts
Friday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Monday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Fresh Peaches
Tuesday
Frank Wraps
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Pineapple Slices
Wednesday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Tossed Salad
Pinto Beans
Tortilla Chips
Fruit
Bars
Thursday
Pinto Beans
French Fries
Buttered cabbage
Corn Bread
No Bake Cookies
Friday
Fried Fish
Potato Wedges
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Cardinal Cake

Tiger escapes from her trainer

PICKERING, Ont. (AP) — A Siberian tiger who sleeps in four-star hotels, travels in a limousine and stars at weddings sent police on an urban chase.

Qadesh, who weighs nearly 500 pounds, snapped her tether while her owner was inside a veterinary office filling a prescription and went on a peaceful romp through her home town of Pickering, northeast of Toronto.

More than a half-dozen police cruisers and a helicopter chased the big cat. It strolled down some railroad tracks and even climbed onto the roof of one of the police cruisers, trapping two officers inside.

"I get this call from the police superintendent who said, 'I need you to get your cat off the roof so my men can get back to work,'" owner Bill Frazer said Wednesday.

Officers followed the tiger around a building, eventually trapping her with several cruisers. Nobody was injured.

"I feel like an idiot," Frazer said. "I have egg all over my face. I can't believe I let this happen."

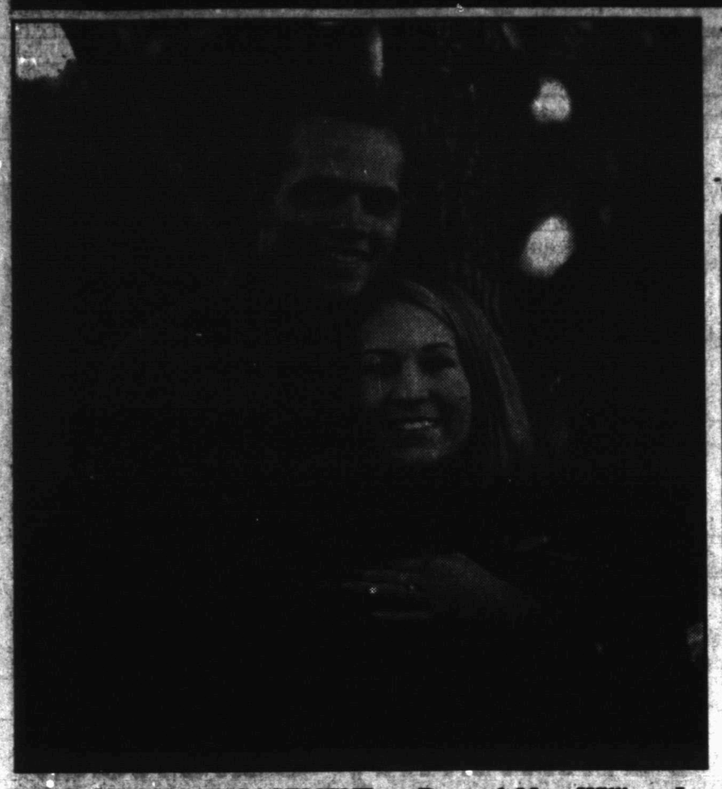
Frazer raised the 13-year-old tiger from a cub and now takes her to schools, day-care centers, fund-raisers, corporate events and even weddings.

Qadesh is accustomed to celebrity life: She shares a bed with her owner and was escorted home after her ordeal in a limousine.

This is her third escape in recent years.

The boysenberry was named after botanist Rudolph Boysen.

Lulu is back from Mexico
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KIDD-GIBSON ENGAGEMENT — Dr. and Mrs. William Jay Kidd of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Joyce Kidd, to Blair Alan Gibson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gibson of Amarillo. A 3 p.m. wedding ceremony is planned for June 1 in the East Side Church of Christ. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002

Last but not least, my favorite deal

By Phillip Alder

Trying to find one more world-championship deal, I checked those written in French in the Daily Bulletins, and was very surprised when I saw this one. If you remember yesterday's deal, you might guess what the declarer did here.

Look only at the North-South hands. Against your contract of three no-trump, West leads the diamond jack. How would you continue?

The deal occurred during Round 10 of the Venice Cup, when France faced South Africa.

The French declarer was Benedicte Cronier. With eight winners in the minors, one option for trick nine was to play a spade to the king, hoping both that East had the ace and that she wouldn't rise with the ace and shift to a heart. As you can see, this wouldn't have worked. Another possibility was to run the clubs, hoping for a defensive discarding error. But Cronier decided that was unlikely.

Have you guessed her play yet? After winning trick one with dummy's diamond ace, she played a heart to her jack — and it won the trick! Immediately, she claimed her contract.

If the heart had lost, Cronier was hoping that West would shift to a spade. And Cronier was the only declarer to make three no-trump.

No doubt you've noticed that East-West have a play for four hearts. And I think West should overcall one no-trump, preferably with a conventional bid that shows hearts and another suit. Four hearts might not be reached, but that contract fails only if the defenders speedily play three rounds of diamonds to effect a trump promotion for South.

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North 01-10-02
♠ 8 6 5
♥ 8 6
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ K J 4 2

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

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

South
♠ K 10 7 3
♥ Q J
♦ K 4
♣ A Q 10 7 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ J



MARCH NUPTIALS SET — Mike and Carolyn Robbins of Snyder announce the engagement and marriage plans for their daughter, Susan Elizabeth Robbins, to Travis Dwayne Goswick. He is the son of Joe and Joyce Groves of Snyder. The wedding is set for 7 p.m. on March 2 in the Calvary Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Monte West directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Jan. 11

A Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
4. Jane Hinton, Margaret Presswood.

B Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Pat Floyd, ElWanda Nall.
3. LaVerne Hood, Margaret Dillaha.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Tizzy Hall.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Two Swiss Teams tied.

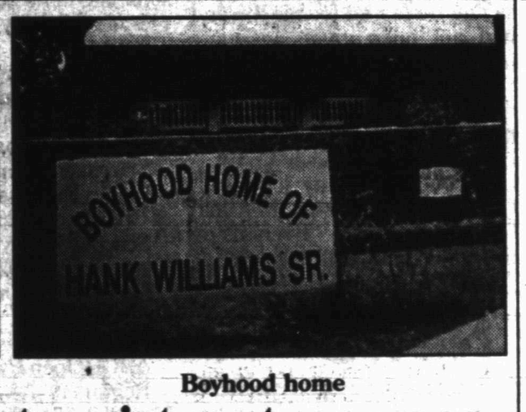
1. Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison, Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton tied with Linda West, Monte West, Louise Thompson, Billisue Stuard.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

1. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
2. J.O. Morrison, Nona Morrison.
3. Linda West, Monte West.



Glenn Huffman



Boyhood home

Former Snyderite donates picture to museum

Former Snyder resident Glenn Huffman, now of Pass Christian, Miss., has recently donated a rare autographed recording company's promotion picture Big Bill Lister to the Hank Williams Museum. The museum is located in the boyhood home of Hank Sr. near Montgomery, Ala.

Huffman, a collector of old cowboy memorabilia, volunteered to donate the picture after visiting the museum and noticing that there was no picture of country singer Bill Lister, although his name appeared on old programs and other literature pertaining to Hank Sr.

The museum appreciated the find as Lister is one of the few remaining musicians and songwriters who toured with Hank Williams Sr.

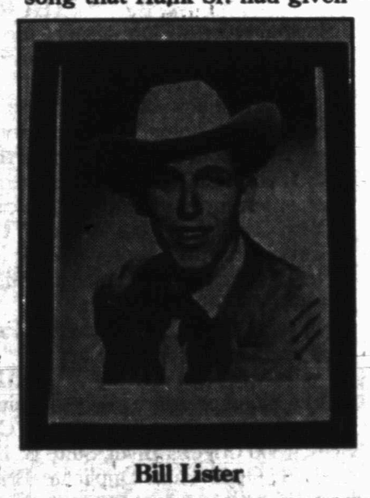
Huffman, a first cousin of Lister, acquired the picture in the early 1950s when he attended the Big D Jamboree in Dallas where Lister was master of ceremony for the performance.

Big Bill recorded for the Capitol label and appeared many times on the Grand Ole Opry. Chet Atkins is a backup musician on some of Lister's early recordings.

A few years ago, Big Bill discovered an old acetate of a song that Hank Sr. had given to him called *There's A Tear In My Beer.* As the story goes, the record company would not allow Hank Sr. to record the song because of his well-known problems with alcohol. Lister did record it and it did well for him. Upon discovering the old acetate, he called Hank Williams Jr. who used it dubbing himself into a video with his dad.

It became a No. 1 hit on country and western charts in 1988. Hank Jr. gave Big Bill a portion of the recording and brought him to Nashville where Lister was awarded a gold record. Big Bill got his name because of his 6-ft., 7½-inch height. Now in his late 70s, he resides near San Antonio where he is active doing old cowboy music festivals.

Glenn Huffman Jr. is the son of the late Glenn and Emma Huffman, the brother of Patsy Massy and the uncle of Lisa and Kevin Roemisch, all of Snyder.



Bill Lister

Births

Donald and Tammi Deere announce the birth of their son, Nathan Deere, at 7:21 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Mitchell County Hospital. Nathan weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

He was welcomed home by two brothers, Corbin and Shawn Deere.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Deere of Runaway Bay and maternal grandparents are E.W. and Linda Hardy of Snyder.

Census Bureau makes mistake

BERTRAM, Iowa (AP) — The Census Bureau admits it made a mistake — there's no college dorm in Bertram, or even a college, for that matter.

Census 2000 figures had included a dorm with hundreds of students across from Town Hall, where an empty house actually stands. The bureau has released a corrected count, reducing Bertram's official population from 681 to 263.

That will have a significant impact on the amount of money Bertram will get in certain local tax revenue, including from a road-use tax that gives municipalities about $80 per resident.

The corrected count also matters a great deal to a nearby town that actually has a college with dorms — Mount Vernon, home of Cornell College.

Several weeks ago, the Census Bureau also corrected Mount Vernon's count, adding exactly the same number of people "in group quarters" to its population — 418 — that it now has taken away from Bertram's count.

Mount Vernon city leaders figure Bertram was mistakenly given credit for one of its dorms.

Because of the miscount, Mount Vernon says Bertram got about $25,000 in tax revenue in the last nine months that should have gone to Mount Vernon.

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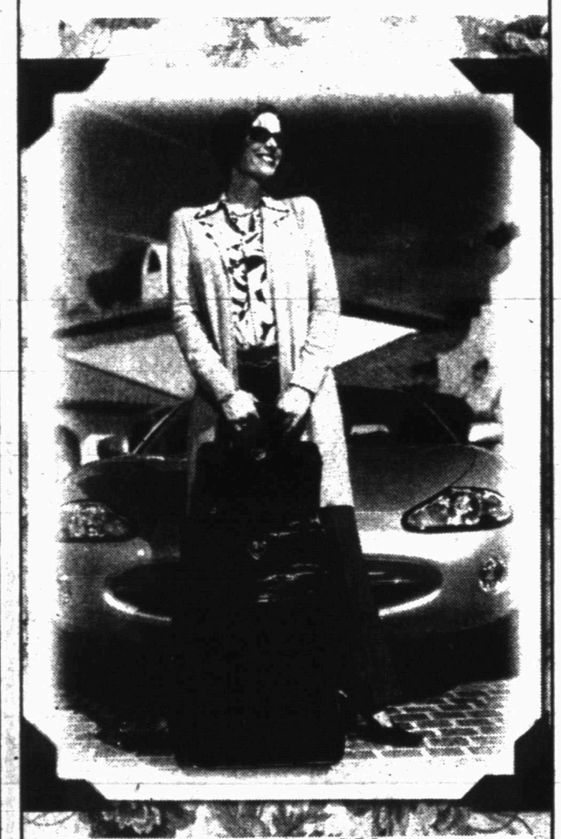
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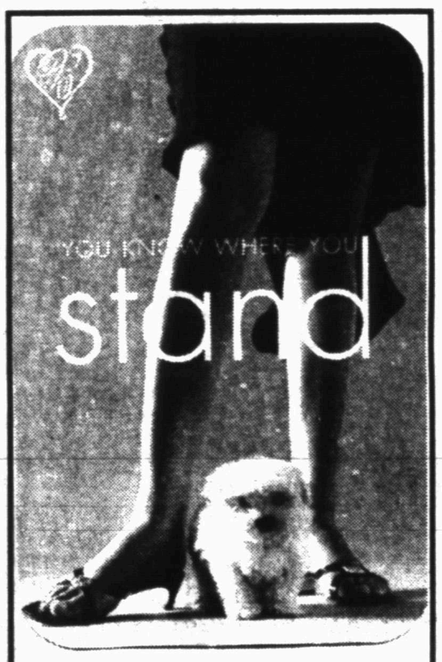
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Jonathan Barrow becomes DJ

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Suzanne is the secretary for the special programs department at Snyder ISD and Johnny works for Kinder-Morgan.

Jonathan's other grandmother is Marguerite Barrow of Delhi, La. His sister, Candace Barrow Stribling, is married and is majoring in special education at Texas Tech University.

Dell says fourth-quarter sales, earnings to beat expectations

AUSTIN (AP) — Dell Computer Corp. said Friday that surprisingly strong consumer sales will lift fourth-quarter earnings past Wall Street forecasts.

Dell, the world's leading maker of personal computers, said sales to consumers in the quarter ending Feb. 1 will grow 50 percent over the previous three months.

That will push total sales, including those to business customers, to $8 billion, Dell said. Analysts had expected $7.6 billion in sales for the quarter.

The boost in sales will lead to quarterly earnings of 17 cents per share, Dell said. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call had forecast 16 cents per share.

But investors reacted to disappointing forecasts from IBM Corp. and Microsoft Corp. and sold technology stocks before the long holiday weekend.

In afternoon trading Friday, shares of Round Rock-based Dell fell 95 cents to $28.

"There is a general malaise right now about the tech sector," said Marc Klee, portfolio manager of the John Hancock Technology Fund. "Investors and companies were hoping to hear that the economy had improved."

The PC industry is struggling — several research firms Thursday said sales declined worldwide last year — but Dell is confident that it can prosper by selling directly to customers instead of through retailers.

That allows Dell to hold down costs and increase PC sales despite the industry decline, analysts said.

Dell was the only one of the five major PC makers whose shipments increased last year, according to the researchers.

Research firm IDC reported that Dell has grabbed a 27.5 percent market share in 2001, an all-time record for a single company since IDC began surveying the industry in 1981.

Gartner Dataquest, which calculates PC share differently, said Dell increased shipments 18.3 percent to about 17 million worldwide and boosted its market share to 13.3 percent.

"They're doing extremely well in a catastrophic downturn, so hats off to them," said Ashok Kumar, an analyst with US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

Dell made its early fortune selling to large businesses, government and schools. Recently, it has increased its focus on consumers by beefing up television and print advertising. It has also spruced up its consumer product line, including adding the $599 SmartStep PC, which comes with one basic configuration instead of many.

But big customers are still important.

Public Records

Filed in District Court

Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch Inc. and Billy Ray Browning vs. Gilbert Conservation Corp. and Jady Gilbert, suit on deceptive trade practices.

Thomas and Brenda Boley, individually and as next friend of Sarah Michelle Boley, a minor, vs. Robert Braden Doolittle, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Thomas Flores Leiba Jr. and Maria Alicia Leiba, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jerry Lynn Bloom and Brenda Faye Bloom, divorce granted.

Deed Records

James and Keitha Brown to J.K.B. Rental Properties, Lot 12 and the south 25 feet of Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Sudie Richter, independent executrix of the Gilbert Oscar Richter estate, to Sudie Richter, Lot 6 in Block 3 of the Bassridge Addition.

J.B. and Wanda Autry to Lance H. and Sherry Autry, the northwest one-quarter of Section 93, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mel Martinez to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 14 in Block K of the Towle Place Addition.

Brenda Faye Bloom to Jerry Lynn Bloom, 11.054 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bryan Hibbitt to Agri-Oro Inc., tract one being the southeast part of Block 14 of the Cody Addition; tract two being the west part of Block 7 of the Cody Addition; tract three being part of Block 14 of the Cody Heights Addition; tract four being Lots 1-13 in Block 2 of the Cornelius Subdivision of Block 7 of the Cody Addition.

David L. and Sherry L. Thompson to Mark N. and Clarke Bostick, 43.091 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Betty Jo Beardsley to David R. Coe, the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 35 of the Blankenship Addition.

Robert Guerrero to Brenda E. Guerrero, the east 40.5 feet of Lot 1 and the west 57.5 feet of Lot 4 and the west 32.5 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 4, all in Block 13 of the Cody Heights Addition.

A.A. and Katherine Ervin to Darrell and Toni Callahan, the southeast part of Lot 4 in Block 7 of the Blankenship Addition.

The Jerald Smith Family Limited Partnership to Concepcion and Elida Gonzalez, Lot 3 in Block 3 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Bruce Ed Burleson, attorney-in-fact for Vada Mae Burleson, to Bruce Ed Burleson, trustee of the Vada M. Burleson Family Trust, 9.34 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 153, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Wayne Eubank, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Linne Faye Eubank, and as Trustee of the M&J Trust Partnership, to Larry Richards, a 0.658-acre tract in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Haitian judge who probed a murder fears for his life

MIAMI (AP) — A Haitian judge assigned to investigate the slaying of a prominent journalist has fled to South Florida, saying he feared for his life.

Claudy Gassant, 36, arrived in Palm Beach County 11/2 weeks ago. He had been ordered to probe the April 3, 2000, killing of Jean Dominique. Dominique, 69, was shot seven times minutes before he was to give his 6 a.m. newscast on Radio Haiti Inter, the station he owned. A guardian of the station, Jean-Claude Louissaint, also was fatally shot.

Gassant stepped down from the case once before in June, saying security concerns had forced the decision. In early May, he threatened to resign, saying he feared for his life and had not been given adequate police protection.

He also said he was intimidated by police officers a few days after the Dec. 17 attack on Haiti's National Palace.

"I couldn't do my job," said Gassant, who at one time had two armed guards. "Even inside the court I did not feel safe."

Library News

By Janie Romine, librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Making Animal Characters in Polymer Clay, by Sherian Frey.

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The Scurry County Library has received some of the Income Tax forms, and will be receiving more as they are published. We have volume one of the forms that may be copied on the Xerox, at a cost of 15 cents per page. The forms are located in the reading room.

NEW NON-FICTION

Born to Fly: The Untold Story of the Downed American Reconnaissance Plane, by Shane Osborn.

Jim Henson's Designs and Doodles: A Muppet Sketchbook, by Alison Inches.

101 Questions Children Ask About God With Answers for Busy Parents from the Bible.

Our Finest Hour: The Triumphant Spirit of America's World War II Generation.

NEW FICTION

The Lighthouse Keeper, by James Michael Pratt.

Aunt Dimity Beats the Devil, by Nancy Atherton.

Dead Man Falls, by Paula Boyd.

The Perfect Witness, by Barry Siegel.

Library Hours

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Mon., Wed. & Fri.

10 a.m to 9 p.m.—Tues. & Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sat.

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.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

MAWC Luncheon-Game Day; 11:30 a.m.; games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. Betty Blevins of Lubbock will lead workshop in watercolors; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 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.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 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.

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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Senior Center Menu

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Tuesday
Chicken spaghetti, chopped broccoli, sliced carrots, tossed salad, cherry cutie pie

Wednesday
Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, baked potato, green peas, carrot raisin salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday
Lasanga, spinach, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, bread pudding

Friday
Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, macaroni salad, white cake w/strawberries

Senior Center News

Seniors are reminded that a volunteer, Bernhard Bartels, will be available on Wednesdays beginning in February to help file income tax returns. Dates and times will be announced.

Swimnastics for senior citizens at Western Texas College has been scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning next week. All seniors are welcome to participate. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. with Juanita Ellington leading a mild exercise program. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet at noon in the conference room.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Newcomers are welcome to join them for the noon meal, meeting and program. Bridge lessons begin at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. The center opens at 6:30 p.m. for game/dance night. The dance begins at 7 a.m. Dancers are asked to donate for the dance.

Wednesday
Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Line dancing and clogging practice will be held be at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Remember the center has stationary bikes and treadmills and Travis Gym is available for walking.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 11 a.m.

Hermleigh Awards

The following Hermleigh students were named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Second grade: Delinda Dacus.

Third grade: Jacob Nachlinger, Duncan Sorrells.

Fourth grade: Dustin Dacus, Caroline Granados, Melanie Karjainen.

Fifth grade: Lelan Shankles, Casey Williamson.

Sixth grade: None.

Seventh grade: None.

Eighth grade: Samantha Berry, Alana Culp, Johnathon McClure, Danni Webb.

Ninth grade: Shae Rinehart.

Tenth grade: Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson.

Eleventh grade: Misty McClure.

Twelfth grade: Sabrina Terry.

The following Hermleigh students were named to the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Second grade: Fabian Fuentes, Carly Gill, Larissa Nachlinger, Brianna Ortiz.

Third grade: Lori Garcia, Matt Williams, Jordan Williamson.

Fourth grade: Naomi Arellano, Jacob Sanchez, Shaun Shankles, Shaye Williams.

Fifth grade: Marissa Davis, Jeremy Eaton, Ashley Luna.

Sixth grade: None.

Seventh grade: Michael Barrera, Alicia Culp, Brittany Kelley.

Eighth grade: Courtney Ethridge, Georgianna Smith.

Ninth grade: Cassie Harbin, Justin Kelley.

Tenth grade: Valerie West.

Eleventh grade: Terrel Culp.

Twelfth grade: Jeremy Roemisch, Mary Spruill.

Alabama House to set up a panel to look into AP report

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama House has voted to set up a panel to study whether the state has illegally taken land from some black residents.

The resolution was introduced by Rep. Thomas Jackson, D-Thomasville, who said he became concerned following a series of stories last year by The Associated Press documenting black land losses across the South.

The resolution passed the House on a voice vote Thursday and now goes to the Senate.

One of the AP stories was about Willie Williams of Sweet Water.

The Williams family lost a pair of 40-acre plots to the state in a 1964 court case. The state had claimed the property didn't belong to the family because of a 1906 federal designation as swampland.

Date Books

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002
Today is the 19th day of 2002 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, Verdi's "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

On this day in 1937, Howard Hughes set a transcontinental flight record by flying across the United States in seven hours and 28 minutes.

On this day in 1955, President Dwight Eisenhower participated in the first presidential news conference to be recorded on film.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), inventor; Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate general; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Jean Stapleton (1923-), actress, is 79; Phil Everly (1939-), singer, is 63; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), entertainer, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Notre Dame defeated UCLA 71-70, breaking the Bruins' 88-game winning streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "With an apple I will astonish Paris." — Paul Cezanne

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 13) and first quarter (Jan. 21).

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002
Today is the 20th day of 2002 and the 31st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Hiram Rhoades Revels was elected to the U.S. Senate. He was the first African-American senator.

On this day in 1952, in Mexico, Patricia McCormick of Big Spring, Texas, became the first female bullfighter from the United States to appear in the bullfighting ring.

On this day in 1977, at his inauguration, Jimmy Carter became the first president to take the presidential oath using his nickname.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ruth Saint Denis (1877-1968), dancer-choreographer; George Burns (1896-1996), comedian; Federico Fellini (1920-1993), film director; Patricia Neal (1926-), actress, is 76; Edwin Aldrin Jr. (1930-), U.S. astronaut, is 72; David Lynch (1946-), director, is 56; Paul Stanley (1950-), singer, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Mass., the first basketball game was played.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "An honest tale speeds best being plainly told." — William Shakespeare, "Richard III"

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Jan. 21).

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Ira Awards

Ira students named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester include:

First grade: McKinsey Ellis, Taylor Hollingsworth, Clay Johnson, Kelly Jones, Sarah Kellner, Jimmy Markworth, Kaleb Presley, Avery Wirsching, David Wooldridge.

Second grade: Travis Hartman, Cristian Ornelas, Gabriel Patterson, Brandee Pinkerton, Conner Smith.

Third grade: Kylor Fine, Laramie Gilbert, Sarah Gunset, Rebecca Jones, Isaac Martin, Baily Nickerson, Lupe Ornelas, Mariana Ornelas, Kolton Stokes, J.P. Willson.

Fourth grade: Olivia Juarez, Rey Juarez, John Martini.

Fifth grade: Austin Calley, Leeja Mauldin, Shandy McMullen, Seth Sanchez.

Sixth grade: Laura Juarez, Josi Presley, Kaci Waller.

Seventh grade: Aryn Calley, Jessica Odom.

Eighth grade: Terryn Autry, Whitney Parks.

Tenth grade: Amanda Calley, Suzie Pendergrass, Lacie Thompson, Jess Wall, Lindsey Wilson.

Eleventh grade: Kali Clements, Eric Dickerhoff, Michelle Nettles, Candace Sanchez, Celeigh Sterling.

Twelfth grade: Nathan Smith.

Ira students named to the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester include:

First grade: Holly Juarez.

Second grade: Moises Ornelas.

Third grade: Trea Fontenot, Paul Martinez, Jacob Mitchell, Kellner Odom, Kellie Pilcher, Alex Rivera, James Zieman-Gernandt.

Fourth grade: Brandon Lunsford, Evian Olvera, Rosemary Rivera, Cheyann Taylor, Daniel Wooldridge.

Fifth grade: Rance Dunn, Kirk Krop, Catrina Mitchell, David Ornelas, Tanner Price, Brandon Ramirez, Ashley Trotter.

Sixth grade: Tony Martini, Colby McMullen.

Seventh grade: Corbin Clements, Kelbi Pitner.

Eighth grade: Brittany Dickerhoff, Wesley Kellner, Chad Nickerson, Eugenio Ornelas.

Ninth grade: Amanda Alexander, Shea Allen, Brandon Crane, Sarah McCown, Amber Sanchez, Justin Taylor.

Tenth grade: Jake Barnes, Franki Briseno, Brandon Graves, Rusty Josey.

Eleventh grade: Michael Allen, Tim Huddleston, Raquel Ornelas, Geoff Pinkerton.

Twelfth grade: Jessie Green, Case Hardy, Jerry Jamison, Lecia Knight, Kendra Krop, Cade Tucker, Todd Wall, Josh Wilson.

FBI asked to investigate drug busts by Dallas PD

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI has been asked to investigate about 60 drug busts by Dallas police involving fake drugs, the Dallas County district attorney said Friday.

District Attorney Bill Hill said he is seeking the FBI's help because the Drug Enforcement Administration announced Thursday that the agency would not conduct a criminal investigation.

"These cases have raised questions in the mind of the public that reflect not just on police procedures, but on the integrity of the entire criminal justice system," Hill said. "It is essential to have an independent agency involved so the results of the investigation will restore public trust."

The DEA, invited to join the investigation by Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton, said it would only look into police policies and procedures. The FBI typically handles cases involving allegations of public corruption.

The district attorney's office is working to dismiss at least 59 drug cases, some involving two Dallas police undercover narcotics officers, who are on administrative leave, and at least one paid confidential informant.

Thirty-nine people had been arrested as a result of the 59 cases, and at least three remain in custody. Several others have been deported.

Hill said the fact that he has asked for the FBI's help is not a reflection on the Dallas police department.

"In fact, it is important to all concerned, including the officers, that this investigation be conducted in a way that will produce results quickly, fair to all concerned and results that are credible to the public," he said.

Special Agent Will Glaspy, a Washington spokesman for the DEA, said that after meeting with police officials Wednesday, his agency might advise the police department about how to improve drug investigations.

He declined to say why the agency had ruled out a criminal inquiry of those involved.

Glaspy said members of a team of DEA auditors who specialize in management issues would begin their review next week.

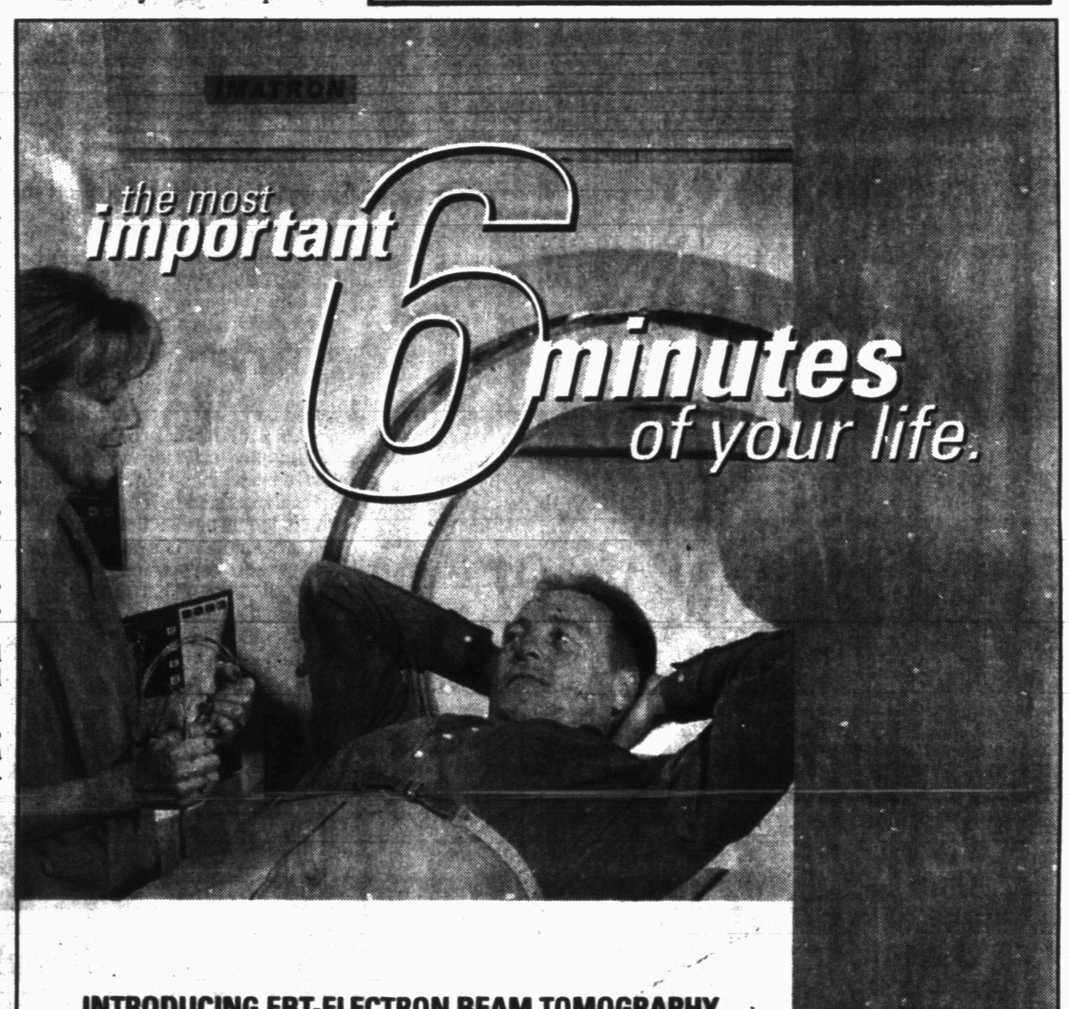
"It's just like a management review," Glaspy said in The Dallas Morning News for its Friday editions. "We're going to look at their investigations, their policies and procedures and see if we can make any recommendations."

Dallas police spokeswoman Janice Houston said the department would move forward with an internal investigation.

Bolton has said the department was reviewing 70 narcotics purchases initiated by the paid confidential informant since 1999 after tests on the seized evidence found no drugs or only minute amounts of illegal material contained in gypsum.

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Panel: Cloning for disease research okay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cloning human beings for the purpose of reproduction is medically unsafe and should be banned but cloning for disease research should be allowed, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences concluded Friday.

The scientific report comes even as White House bioethics advisers are weighing the benefits of medical advances against the moral hazards of human cloning. On Thursday President Bush challenged the ethics group to be the "conscience of the country."

The academy's report said: "Human reproductive cloning should not now be practiced. It is dangerous and likely to fail."

Animal cloning has shown that "only a small percentage of attempts are successful; that many of the clones die during gestation, even in late stages; that newborn clones are often abnormal; and that the procedures may carry serious risks for the mother," said the panel on the scientific and medical aspects of human cloning.

The panel of scientists added that the ban should not extend to cloning of embryos in order to extract stem cells that have the potential to treat life-threatening diseases. That practice is sometimes called therapeutic cloning to differentiate it from reproductive cloning.

The science panel urged that the safety of reproductive cloning be re-evaluated every five years but that the procedure be banned during that time.

"The panel believes that no responsible scientists or physicians are likely to undertake to clone a human," the report said. "Nevertheless, no voluntary system that is established to restrict reproductive cloning is likely to be completely effective."

The panel focused only on medical and scientific issues, saying it was leaving to others any discussion of the ethical, religious or social questions surrounding cloning.

The National Academy of Sciences is a private organization that advises the government on scientific and technical issues.

Across town, the President's Council on Bioethics was diving into the details of human cloning. There is considerable support in Congress to ban the cloning of a human being for purposes of creating another human, but lawmakers are divided on cloning cells for research and medical treatment.

Even as his advisers were deliberating, Bush repeated his opposition to all human cloning Thursday, but said the group can serve an important role in helping Americans understand the issue.

"I have spoken clearly on cloning. I just don't think it's right," Bush told the council, which met with him at the White House. "On the other hand, there is going to be a lot of nuance and subtlety to the issue, I presume. And I think this is very important for you all to help the nation understand what this means."

Bush created the council, a mix of ethicists, doctors, lawyers and philosophers, after wrestling with whether to allow federal funding for research that used stem cells derived from embryos. He said he hopes the group will help as he faces similar balancing acts in the future.

"I really think you can help be the conscience of the country," he said.

Bush said it would help people like him understand how to come to grips with how medicine and science interface with the dignity of life, "and the notion that ... there is a creator."

The 18-member council will examine stem cell research, as well as euthanasia and assisted reproduction, typically in vitro fertilization.

To date, no one has cloned a human, which would be the genetic equivalent of a twin brother or sister born later. Scientists have cloned several animals, and last fall, researchers announced they had created a human embryo clone to provide stem cells for research.

The House has already passed a ban on human cloning and the Senate may take up the issue as soon as this spring. Council chairman Leon Kass predicted the council may have a recommendation by summer.

"We are going to try and do a good job, rather than bend ourselves out of shape to influence the Senate debate," he said.

Many in the Senate favor a ban that excludes research and medical treatments that do not involve implanting a cloned embryo into a woman's uterus. Researchers believe they could clone the cells of a patient in order to create embryonic stem cells that are less likely to be rejected when used in treating his or her disease.

Opponents argue that this sort of treatment would involve destroying the newly created embryo, which they say is a human life on its own, and could lead to more objectionable forms of cloning.

On Friday, the council was debating the merits of each argument.

Thursday's discussion was highly theoretical. The council is dominated by academics, and at times its session resembled a graduate seminar.

Several council members pointed with outrage to advertisements in their college newspapers for egg donors that are specifically looking for women with certain test scores or physical characteristics.

"I'm just disgusted by this," said Robert P. George, a professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University. "It strikes me as quite dehumanizing."

Others wondered what ethical boundaries it crosses. "You certainly wouldn't take eggs from someone with a genetic disease," said Kass, an ethicist at the University of Chicago.

Florida homeowners can file class-action suit, judge says

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A judge has ruled that a group of Florida homeowners opposed to a citrus canker eradication program can sue the state through a class-action lawsuit.

Judge J. Leonard Fleet certified the lawsuit, which could involve about 100,000 homeowners from Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

His decision is the latest move in a battle over a state program that has resulted in the destruction of some 333,000 healthy trees in the Miami area since January 2000.

Canker is a bacteria that causes unsightly brown blemishes on fruit and can cause it to drop prematurely from trees. It does not harm humans.

"This is a very big step in the journey," Robert Gilbert, a Miami attorney representing the homeowners, said on Thursday. "These homeowners' rights were violated when the state destroyed their trees and refused to pay the compensation equal to replacement."

All homeowners who had healthy trees cut down are now automatically part of the suit, Gilbert said. Attorneys for the state Department of Agriculture said they'll appeal.

Wesley Parsons, an attorney representing the Department of Agriculture, said the state is simply trying to remove a nuisance.

"These trees may look healthy, but they need to be removed now before the disease spreads," Parsons said.

Homeowners said the destruction of uninfected trees constituted a taking of private property for a public purpose. They seek damages equal to the replacement cost of the destroyed trees, a figure which could exceed $250 million.

Authors to appear at benefit for Muller

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen King, John Grisham and Pat Conroy will be among those appearing next month at a benefit for Frank Muller, an award-winning audio book reader severely injured in a motorcycle crash last November.

The benefit will be held Feb. 2 at Town Hall in Manhattan.

Muller's audio book credits include everything from works by King and John le Carre to Shakespeare and Herman Melville. Conroy has called him a "prince of language" and a Chicago Tribune critic labeled him the "Laurence Olivier of the (audio book) medium."

A classically trained actor, Muller has appeared on "Law and Order," "All My Children" and other television programs. He sustained multiple fractures, lacerations and abrasions from his accident, which happened near Los Angeles, and suffered severe head trauma.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Old friend becoms new suitor too quickly for divorced mom

DEAR ABBY: I am a 32-year-old divorced woman with a 2-year-old daughter. The problem is, an old boyfriend I dated in college — I'll call him Russell — heard about my divorce and has asked me to marry him.

Abby, I am not ready for another relationship. After several years of trauma, I have just gotten my life in order.

I told Russell we should start off slowly and keep our 15-year friendship as it was, but he won't take no for an answer.

Please don't get me wrong. I really like Russell. How do I let him down gently without jeopardizing our friendship? — **BEWILDERED IN BOSTON**

DEAR BEWILDERED: It's possible that Russell is putting on the full-court press because he lost you once and doesn't want to risk losing you again. However, by pressuring you, he's going about it the wrong way.

It's reasonable and sensible that you want time to regain your balance after a bad marriage. You need time to determine what's best for you and your child. Remember, it is in your power to control what happens. When Russell calls, it's your prerogative whether or not to be available.

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DEAR ABBY: I consider myself a happily married woman, and have been since 1988. My husband has always said he's happy, too, but he is too flirtatious to suit me.

An example: Our attorney hired a new secretary whom we've seen several times. This morning, my husband's cell phone rang, and he was suddenly laughing and talking animatedly with this female about her job and everything else under the sun.

Later he told me who it was on the phone, with a long explanation about why she called. Abby, I think it's dangerous for a married man to become personal so quickly. We own several businesses, and it's always the same thing — he visits female "customers" in the hospital, stops by their work, etc. When I express concern, he says that I'm being jealous — that they're only "friends."

I'm getting more than a little concerned about my marriage. My question is, should a husband have friends his wife has never met? — **ALONE IN PARADISE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

DEAR ALONE: Your husband appears to be a people-oriented person — outgoing, easy to talk to, and a clever businessman. If he hasn't given you any cause to doubt his fidelity since 1988, please give him the benefit of the doubt.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law, "Noel," recently confided to me that she's having an affair with a married man. I know this man and his wife; they have a newborn baby. I also learned Noel has been unfaithful many times during her 11-year marriage to my sweet brother-in-law. Abby, although I find Noel's behavior absolutely disgusting, I have no intention of telling any family members about her adultery.

I need advice on how to handle everything she tells me. Noel and I were once close, but I do not want her to think I support or condone what she is doing. Frankly, I would like to distance myself from her. I think she is bad news. What do you think I should do? — **DISGUSTED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: Be honest with her. Tell her that you think people are going to be badly hurt because of what she's doing — and you want no part of it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have had an unusually close bond with my son's best friend, "Chad." We talk several times a week and enjoy each other's company. Chad is 17. I am 45. He has always made me feel special.

Recently I chaperoned a school dance, and he was there. While checking the back hallway, I saw him kissing a girl. I was stunned by my reaction. I broke down in front of them. I sobbed like a teen-ager whose boyfriend was cheating on her. Other students and adults also witnessed my unfortunate display of emotions. Now I am afraid to talk with Chad — and he's made no effort to call me.

Abby, I honestly don't know how to explain myself. I am afraid this will affect Chad's friendship with my son, as well. I do not want to lose my relationship with this wonderful young man, whom I dearly love. What do I do now? — **EMOTIONAL MOM IN PASADENA, CALIF.**

DEAR EMOTIONAL MOM: I think you have done enough. It's time to put some distance between you and this lad. You didn't mention whether or not you have a husband. If you are single, it's time to concentrate your energies on someone closer to your own age.

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DEAR ABBY: The "Are You an Alcoholic?" test you printed listing 12 questions was good as far as it went — but it didn't go far enough. I'm sure that anyone who was raised by, or married to, or has a friend who is an alcoholic cringed when they read it.

Where were these questions: When you take one or two drinks, can you stop and walk away? Have you ever embarrassed yourself or someone else when drinking? Do you drink every day? How many times in the last month have you awakened with a hangover? Do you spend money you don't have on alcohol? Has this affected your sleeping habits? (Do you pass out, get a drink in the middle of the night, or wet the bed when you sleep because of alcohol?)

There are many "working" alcoholics and many who don't work — mostly women — because they are financially able not to. I know, because between parents, a husband and a good friend, I have experienced it all.

Please rethink your test and add these questions. — **BEEN THERE IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR BEEN THERE: I'll do that. And thank you for the valuable input.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to add a thought to David Broome's words of encouragement to "Scared About the New Job." He said, "Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."

While I appreciate his sentiment and completely agree with his contrasting the success of the ark to that of the Titanic, I must point out that the success of the ark was not due to its contractor, but to its architect. — **GARY SHIRLEY, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.**

DEAR GARY: I'm pleased to "float" your theory.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002

The key to your success in the year ahead will come through that inborn ingenuity you already possess. It will help you discover ways to improve upon both your lifestyle and your work world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today it'll be you who will add zest to any group in which you'll get involved. You won't have to work at it. Your natural charismatic personality will do the job on its own. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Hunches you get today will provide a vision your logic lacks, so follow any intuitive perception you get, especially on ways to gratify your material desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An unexpected invitation may pop up today, and you may question whether you should change your plans. Consider doing so, because the get-together will be fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Respond immediately when you get the first signals that an ambitious endeavor is suddenly taking an unexpected turn for the better. Hop on board and nurture it along.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Listen attentively today to someone's idea about a project that this person has conjured up. Although it might be extremely unique and untried, it could work out quite well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's quite possible your counterpart in an undertaking in which you're both involved might come up with a good idea concerning how to better your gains. Don't be closed-minded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today special benefits might come about through someone asking you to team up with him or her on an activity, rather than from anything you're likely to do on your own. Be a willing joiner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might turn out to be everybody's resource today. It may seem that just about the whole world will be coming to you for help on solving their problems. You're up to the task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your best asset today is your ability to get along with others and the realization that it is people, not things, that make life work. You'll use both constructively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although you may not have any plans to do so, you could end up idling your hours away occupying yourself with small, but significant jobs and turn this day into one of achievement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Break away from your mundane routines, and seek out activities that are fun and different. It'll soothe that restless spirit that's welled in you today and do you a world of good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be alert for unusual developments you come across today concerning your material affairs. You might stumble onto a way to cut your losses and better your holdings.

Monday, Jan. 21, 2002

In the year ahead, your possibilities for progressive development look stronger than they have in the past. Make the most of any opportunities you get to further your progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't get so focused on your own interests today that you fail to respect the interests of others. It is true that you have your rights, but so do the other guys. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your sensitivity might be exceptionally fragile today, so be careful not to get too overly emotional about things or overreact to situations. Let your logic help you sort out fact from fiction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A new friend can be exciting, but today guard against showing any preferential treatment where you hurt an old pal. Disparity where affections are concerned could invite problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Poor behavior on your part which may have previously been ignored might now be severely criticized. You must be very careful today as to how you conduct yourself in public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your insatiable curiosity about almost everything can be one of your more charming assets. However, today if you ask too many probing questions, it could be construed as nosiness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Immediately nip in the bud any misunderstanding today between you and a valued friend. If you don't resolve it at once, it could get out of hand and leave a lasting scar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone you regard very highly could disappoint you today, but remember none of us are perfect. Excuse it as you would your own frailties and don't let it affect the relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't look for the results to be too satisfactory today if you go into a job resenting the assignment. Put your heart in your work instead of your temperament.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be exceptionally mindful of your social graces today, because there is a strong possibility that you might do something others will find offensive or out of line.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if you have a lot of ammunition for an argument, don't fire it. Extra tolerance might be called for in your dealings with loved ones, but it'll pay off in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your mind is sharp and possesses a critical eye today, but it can be used for negative purposes as well as good ones. Use it for praise, not condemnation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Some areas of your life might experience lucky outcomes today, but your financial affairs is not one of them. Be very careful in monetary transactions of all kinds.

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SEC chairman says Enron's collapse sign changes needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s collapse was just the latest in a series of horrific accounting failures at big companies, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission said while calling for a new private-sector agency to regulate the accounting profession.

SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt, making a rare appearance before reporters Thursday, also promised that if anyone at any company or auditing firm is found to have lied or destroyed documents, "then we turn the full wrath of the (SEC's) enforcement powers against those individuals."

At a news conference, Pitt — who once represented Enron's auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP — also said he has had no involvement in the watchdog agency's investigation of Enron and Andersen beyond voting to authorize it.

Pitt, a prominent securities lawyer before President Bush chose him last spring to head the market watchdog agency, had Andersen and the other Big Five accounting firms among his clients. As SEC chairman, he normally would receive updates from agency attorneys on the course of the investigation and would vote along with fellow commissioners on any enforcement action to be taken.

Several Democrats in Congress and the private group Common Cause have called on Pitt to remove himself from the inquiry. The SEC is investigating Andersen's role in Enron's complex accounting, including questionable partnerships that kept about $500 million in debt off the energy company's books and allowed Enron executives to profit from the arrangements.

Attorney General John Ashcroft already has disqualified himself from the Justice Department's criminal investigation of Enron because he received campaign donations for his failed 2000 Senate re-election bid from Enron.

"There is no way that I would ever do anything to compromise the integrity of this agency's actions," Pitt said. Other than having voted with fellow commissioners to authorize the SEC inquiry, Pitt said, "I am not participating in the Enron investigation."

Pitt proposed a new private-sector body to regulate the accounting profession, saying the "tragic" collapse of Enron was the latest in a series of horrific accounting failures at big companies that burned investors and eroded their confidence in the integrity of financial reports. The new body would be dominated by executives and experts from outside the accounting industry.

"The need for change cannot be ignored any longer," he said. "Restoring the public's confidence in the accounting profession" is the primary goal.

Significant accounting problems have occurred in recent years at major companies including America Online Inc., Cendant Corp., MicroStrategy Inc., Rite Aid Corp., Sunbeam Corp., Waste Management Inc. and Xerox Corp.

The SEC has pursued several cases. Last June, for example, Andersen agreed to pay a $7 million fine to settle the SEC's allegations it issued false and misleading audit reports that inflated Waste Management's earnings by more than $1 billion.

Pitt declined any comment on the SEC's investigation of Enron and Andersen.

He did say that in general, the SEC will reserve its harshest punishment "for anyone who lies or obstructs (an SEC) inquiry."

Sanctions normally would include civil fines and other actions. Unlike the Justice Department, the SEC does not have the power to put wrongdoers in jail.

Senior managers at Andersen raised concerns about Enron's accounting practices in February and considered dropping the energy company as a client, according to an accounting firm memo uncovered by congressional investigators.

The e-mail, discovered by investigators for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, indicated Andersen executives may have been aware of potential problems at Enron much earlier than previously acknowledged.

Enron fired Andersen as its auditor Thursday.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton said the Feb. 6 e-mail referred to a "routine annual meeting that Andersen does with every client. It was normal practice."

Wiring plant closing by March 2003

GEORGETOWN, S.C. (AP) — The closing of an electrical product manufacturer here will leave 354 employees without jobs.

Officials at Cooper Wiring Devices said the 24-year-old plant will close by March 2003, but most of the employees are expected to be laid off by the end of this year. None of the employees have been promised transfers.

The company blames the recession.

"The downturn has lasted longer and harder than any of us expected," company spokesman John Breed said. "We ended up with more plants and more employees than we could keep working."

The plant's parent company, Houston-based Cooper Industries Inc., is cutting 4,000 employees and has already closed plants in Chicago and Oregon, Breed said.

Cooper Wiring is the third largest manufacturer in Georgetown County, whose unemployment rate of 9.6 percent in November was the ninth-highest in the state.

Airport X-ray machine destroys film

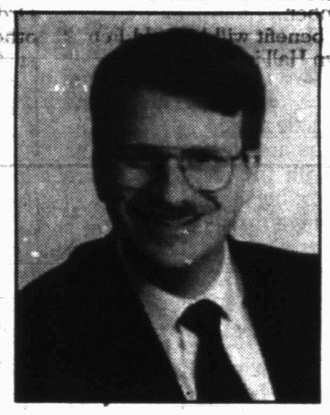
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Actress Parker Posey and Tom Beller, a writer, had only one gripe with the new security system in the Salt Lake International Airport.

Riffling through a bag of luggage, they groaned they hadn't known that film was supposed to be removed from any bag going through computer tomography X-ray machines, which give a detailed analysis of every part of a bag.

"We just lost our whole roll of Big Sur," Posey said with agitation. "They were beautiful pictures. We had two disposable cameras and another roll."

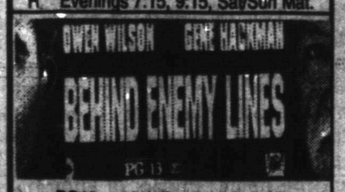


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Letters to the Editor

Eliminate estate tax

Dear Editor:

A consensus emerged early this year in Congress in favor of tax reform. Congress and the President signed into law a tax cut bill that eliminated the estate tax in 2010.

The only problem is the bill expires in 2011. Permanent repeal of the estate tax is still needed to produce a fairer tax system.

Supporters of the federal estate tax argue that most American families will never have to pay the estate tax.

That does not justify retention of a tax that causes great harm to family businesses and farms, limits economic growth, consumes significant resources in unproductive tax compliance activities and raises only a small portion of federal tax revenue.

The estate tax can destroy a family business, farm or ranch. This is the most disturbing aspect of the tax. No family should lose its business or farm because of the estate tax.

Farm Bureau's position is that U.S. tax policy should focus on encouraging greater initiative rather than on attempts to limit inherited wealth.

Marlin Terrell, President
Scurry County
Farm Bureau

To the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County.

Dear Editor:

Since taking over the County Parks and Recreation Department, I have experienced the real spirit of Scurry County.

While very few have had some negative opinions, 99 percent of those my staff and I have encountered have offered help, offered services, encouragement and even a little advice.

Things are starting to fall into place with the parks as we are about to begin the process of preparing a master plan that will guide us several years into the future as far as development and maintenance of new and existing facilities.

This plan will evaluate our need and also identify any grounds or facilities that we do not need. We are and will continue to work to bring our parks back to a level of attractiveness and usefulness that will make all of us proud to call them our own.

We also are committed to making our coliseum a centerpiece for attracting tourism to Scurry County as well as making it a perfect place for our local entities, businesses and citizens to host events of all types.

The Parks and Recreation staff is committed to making all of our facilities the best around and we are committed to allowing God to guide us in any and all of our decisions. He has opened doors for and led the right people to us for staff and services.

A great example comes from a letter to the editor printed in the Snyder Daily News Sunday, Jan. 13, entitled "Refusal of Services Requested."

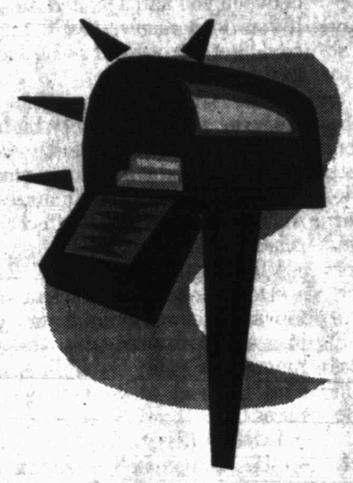
With a new staff at the coliseum we needed a qualified technician to tune our sound system and train us in its operation. So we contacted the technician who originally installed the system and had been servicing the system. Acting on incorrect information, he refused us service which allowed God to lead us to a new sound technician, who operates Texas Tradewinds Sound System in San Angelo.

Brian came in and analyzed our system, showing us how to greatly improve its operation. We are proud to say it is now a great sound system and it has no "Band Aides" anywhere on the system.

There are many other examples of God's presence in our department and we will be glad to visit with all that are interested.

I would like to thank our coliseum foreman, Whit Parks; our park foreman, Tommy Johnson; our office manager, Jackie Roberson; and our entire staff for their commitment to services. And to our citizens to bring the best parks and recreation facilities to the county possible and thanks to you all for your encouragement and support.

Encouraged and excited,
Scott Crenwelge
Director Scurry County
Parks and Recreation









North of Forty by Red Green

Dozer appeal

I know that most advertisers use sex appeal to sell their products, but there may be something even stronger for attracting the long-term attention of men. I'm talking about any kind of heavy machinery. Men are fascinated by anything that shakes, spins, rumbles or moves. And the bigger it is, the more they like it. I think it relates to how men see their own responsibilities.

Historically, men get the heavier jobs in life — building the homestead, getting rocks out of the cornfield, putting in a pool. So when a man sees a machine that does things, his instant hope is that it will somehow reduce his workload. And that leads him to believe that he has managed to defy Mother Nature's plans for him.

My neighbor rented a small backhoe last year to help with the yard work. He was one happy guy sitting there at those controls. He got the yard work done in record time and was enjoying himself so much he started digging holes and moving trees and leveling the garage. He did two or three weeks' damage in less than a day. He did indeed fool Mother Nature. Unfortunately, he wasn't so fortunate with his wife.

NO LAZY DAYS OF WINTER

It's been very cold here the last week or so, and it occurred to me that winter is a pretty good cure for laziness. There are things you can get away with in the summer that just don't work in the winter. You need to provide yourself with shelter of some kind. And clothing is a must. Lots of it. And even with the clothing, you'll need a heat source, which means you'll need fuel, which means you'll need money, which means you'll need a job.

Now I suppose you could cut down a few trees and burn the wood, but I've tried that, and believe me, it's easier to have a job. So if you've got somebody in your family who spends their days lying around not doing anything, I suggest you send them to a cold place for a few months. In the past, you may have told them to go to a certain hot place, but you had it all wrong.

They need to be up north in the deep freeze. Hellfire and brimstone aren't nearly so motivating as chattering teeth and a frozen butt.

THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

Having a successful party is all about who you invite. You need to have the right types of people in the right proportion to guarantee that everything goes smoothly. Here's a guest list that works for me:

— A guy who always laughs, to keep everyone's spirits up.

— A guy who never laughs, to deal with the cops.

— A meek little guy who does whatever you tell him.

— A big tough guy who reminds others of their limits.

— A big eater who gets everyone to the buffet by going first.

— A bunch of dieters so there's enough food.

— A couple of single guys to keep everyone entertained.

— A couple of wives to keep everyone honest.

THE TRUCE SHALL SET YOU FREE

My wife and I have been married for a while now, and I'd have to say that our marriage is better than ever. Partly because we've stood the test of time. Partly because neither of us has regrets in this particular area. But mainly because after you've been married to the same person for a long time, you arrive at a kind of truce.

There's no point in fighting any more over behavioral patterns. You've said and done everything and it didn't work, and ultimately none of it was a deal breaker, so you just both wave the white flag and have a happier life together. Maybe the problems in the Middle East would go away if the two warring factions married each other. Just a thought.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Think hard for an hour each day. Any less and you'll do something stupid. Any more, and you'll lose all your friends." — Red Green

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Frontage roads

When it comes to red-hot Texas transportation issues, frontage roads are suddenly on the front burner. So are "backage roads" — a concept unfamiliar to many Texans.

This issue merits your attention if you drive — or ride in — a car.

City officials throughout the state — particularly those from metropolitan areas such as Fort Worth-Dallas — are perturbed about a proposed new Texas Department of Transportation policy to minimize construction of frontage roads along highways.

Department officials say the policy would save the state money, reduce freeway congestion and improve traffic safety. Construction costs are $1.85 million for each mile of two-lane frontage road flanking a highway.

Under the new policy, "backage" roads often would replace frontage roads. Backage roads have no direct connection to the highway. Motorists would have to turn onto a city street to gain access to the highway.

Here's a typical configuration for backage roads: A highway is built with no frontage road. Commercial development backs up to the highway. Development fronts on the backage road, which runs parallel to the highway.

Officials in Fort Worth and other cities are concerned that not building frontage roads would discourage commercial development along highways, dump more traffic onto city streets and shift costs to cities for constructing and maintaining backage roads.

Transportation Department officials need to listen hard to local government officials and residents as they hold six public hearings around the state — including one in Irving on Tuesday -to get feedback on the proposed policy.

The department is formally proposing "not to construct frontage roads" unless they "are determined to be economically or operationally necessary."

The Transportation Department shouldn't adopt this policy if its only goal is to cut the agency's construction costs and shift a financial burden to cities. The policy should be embraced only if it provides an overall societal benefit.

It makes sense to consider on a case-by-case basis whether frontage roads are needed for specific projects.

Frontage roads can provide relief for motorists when a busy freeway is bottlenecked. Frontage roads also make commercial development highly visible from freeways.

But frontage roads, coupled with multiple on-ramps and off-ramps, also can contribute heavily to freeway congestion and safety problems.

Austin American-Statesman

Mandatory PE in Texas schools

It was a news confluence of exquisite irony.

One day Texas is revealed to have four of the 10 least-fit cities in the United States and the next, the State Board of Education mandates physical education classes in all elementary schools. Although it was just happenstance, the juxtaposition of one news event against the other made an important point.

The education board was only formulating a rule for Texas schools to comply with a law passed by the state Legislature last year. That bill said the board should require 30 minutes of PE each school day and gave it the leeway to design a physical education program and set standards for local school districts. It was a good move for the Legislature to return PE to the lower grades.

Some school districts unwisely gave up mandatory PE when the school curriculum was overhauled seven years ago. Others maintained a cobbled together activity period by combining recess and alternating PE with other courses, such as art, music or foreign language.

While the loss of mandatory PE in elementary school obviously did not translate into Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio's inclusion on the 10 fattest cities list, it has bothered health experts. Doctors, nutritionists and others believe that growing children need at least 150 minutes of exercise a week to maintain good health.

Experts have fretted for years about the unhealthy lifestyles of children who spend hours vegetating in a chair watching television or sitting at a computer. And any parent or teacher knows that a period of exercise — even spirited play at recess — is good for children, not only physically but mentally, too.

Kids need that time away from the desk and the chalkboard to burn off energy and develop physically. It made little sense for the state of Texas to mandate physical education for high school students while ignoring elementary school students who have an even more structured classroom schedule.

The long-term benefits of a physically active lifestyle are well-known. Children who get into a routine of physical activity early are more likely to continue those activities into adulthood. And physical activity reduces the likelihood of obesity and serious diseases such as diabetes, which has shown up in Texas adolescents at an alarming rate.

The Dallas Morning News

Potential hazard for mothers

Not to alarm anyone, but if you're planning to get pregnant, you may want to drink filtered or distilled water until your baby is born.

To understand why, read the report issued on Tuesday by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and the Environmental Working Group, which says that tens of thousands of Texas women are at increased risk of miscarrying or of having children with birth defects because of toxic chemicals that appear in water as a result of chlorination. (The report is available online at www.uspirg.org or www.ewg.org.)

Chlorine makes tap water safer to drink by killing bacteria and other contaminants. But the chemical has a documented downside. It reacts with organic matter in the water to form toxic byproducts that can cause cancer, miscarriage, or birth defects.

The city of Dallas' water supply is safer than most because it also uses other processes and chemicals to disinfect water. At a running three-month average of about 60 parts per billion, the amount of trihalomethanes (toxic chlorination byproducts) in its water is below the federal standard. However, the report says that even at 60 parts per billion, more than 1,000 Dallas women are at greater risk of giving birth to babies with low birth weight, neural tube defects, small body length, and small head circumference.

The risk is greater in some suburbs. The level of trihalomethanes in DeSoto's water is nearly twice as high at 110.6 parts per billion. Mesquite and Richardson measured at 97.9. Garland measured at 97.4, Plano at 99.2.

For long-term solutions, the report recommends that water companies investigate other ways to disinfect water and that government alter agricultural and urban landscaping practices to reduce the amounts of soil, manure, and other organic matter that enter reservoirs. It also recommends that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention track the health impact of chlorination byproducts so that researchers can ascertain whether ameliorative actions are helping.

Screening college students for instability hard

By The Associated Press

After failed law student Peter Odighizuwa allegedly stormed the Appalachian School of Law and killed the dean, a professor and a student, acquaintances said they knew all along he was troubled.

Screening college applicants for instability and removing students with serious mental health problems can be difficult, experts say.

Federal laws bar admissions officers from asking about mental illness, and clamp a shield of privacy over information about students once they're enrolled. Add the communal setting and the culture of openness on college campuses and they are as vulnerable as any community.

"The whole range of behaviors and problems you have in small towns, you have in universities," said Debra Stewart, president of the Council of Graduate Schools. "They're small towns."

Unlike small towns, however, there are some extra rules.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prevents schools from asking about any mental illness in admissions, and requires the school to accommodate afflicted students — which they gladly do, said Barmak Nassirian, policy analyst for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"Regrettably, there isn't a whole lot institutions are allowed to do prior to the commission of a nefarious act," Nassirian said. A "hunch" is not enough to keep someone out of the classroom, he said, "just because somebody is very passionate — shall we say — in their discourse."

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act generally prevents schools from revealing student records to anyone outside the school.

This became controversial after the Sept. 11 attacks. A survey of registrars found 220 schools had been contacted by at least one agency seeking student information — 50 schools by more than one agency from a group that included the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and state and local police.

Most of the time, campuses are generally peaceful havens.

"There's no national pattern of violence on college campuses," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education, which represents higher education groups. "You're dealing with isolated instances that are basically idiosyncratic and very difficult to prevent."

Privacy protections need not be a barrier to safer campuses, said Scott Doner, public safety director at Valdosta State University in Georgia.

Odd or scary behavior should be reported to campus police, who can check it out, he said. That's a lesson learned from the high school shootings in recent years: the shooters often talked about their plans.

"A lot of people do not want to get involved," said Doner, president-elect of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Officers. "But I think because of what happened on Sept. 11, and going all the way back to Columbine, people are beginning to realize they can make a difference."

On the Net:

Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act:
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/ferpa1.html

Americans With Disabilities Act:
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/docs/hq9805.html

Texas man sexually tortured for days in Nebraska town

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) — A Texas man was sexually tortured and held against his will for nine days inside a downtown flower shop by its owner, authorities said Friday.

Business owner Roger Van, 55, is accused of luring the 36-year-old Houston man to this small college town last month via the Internet to begin a sadistic bondage relationship, Wayne County Attorney Michael Pieper said.

Their relationship allegedly included various forms of sex and torture, but authorities would not elaborate. Pieper said another man, 36-year-old Jerry Marshall, also participated.

Van and Marshall were charged Thursday with sexual assault, two counts of assault, false imprisonment and terroristic threats after a search warrant was delivered at Van's business.

A judge set their bonds Friday — $150,000 for Van; $100,000 for Marshall. Both remained in jail.

They are scheduled to appear in court Feb. 4.

Van had been communicating with the victim over the Internet for several months before he arrived in Wayne on Dec. 7, Pieper said. Two days later, the victim decided he wanted to leave, but Van refused to let him, restraining him inside a small confined cell at the flower shop, Pieper said.

Marshall helped the victim escape after nine days in confinement, Pieper said. When he returned to Houston, he contacted authorities there who then alerted the Nebraska State Patrol and Wayne Police Department.

Marshall has cooperated with investigators by providing information in the case, Pieper said.

Van's shop, Nebraska Floral and Gifts, was closed and barricaded Thursday when police delivered the search warrant.

A cadaver dog was used to search the building, which includes a basement and apartments above the flower shop. No body was found and there is no evidence that someone has been killed, said Deputy Wayne County Attorney Chris Connolly, whose office is just across Main Street from the shop, Nebraska Floral and Gifts.

"That was simply a precautionary matter. There is no evidence that anything else took place," he said.

Wayne, a community of 5,583 people, is 85 miles northwest of Omaha in northeast Nebraska. It is home to Wayne State College.

People in Wayne said that Van was single and lived in one of the apartments above his business, which is between a mental health clinic and a beauty salon.

"A lot of people are just kind of shocked. When anything happens here, that is how it usually is," said Aimee Elfers, a junior at Wayne State College who works at a coffee shop across the street.

Elfers said many rumors were circulating about what may have happened at the flower shop.

Ask Hollywood

by Holly Wood

Who wrote 'The Godfather'

Q: Who wrote the screenplay for the second and third "Godfather" movies? - S.W., North Little Rock, Ark.

A: Mario Puzo and Francis Ford Coppola wrote the screenplays for both movies, although some fans would prefer to forget that "The Godfather: Part III" ever happened.

Q: Do you remember a movie starring John Wayne, Lee Marvin and Dorothy Lamour? They had a bar on a small Hawaiian Island. A young woman from Boston came to the island to get reacquainted with her father, who was a doctor to the islanders. The doctor had fathered three children with a beautiful woman, who had died. Marvin played the town drunk, and he played the part to the hilt. He received a toy steam engine train for Christmas, and he set it up and ran it all over the bar. It was a funny and interesting movie, but I can't remember the title. I'm holding my breath in hopes that you can. — E.A., Mesa, Ariz.

A: I had to answer your letter as soon as possible. If you'd passed out from lack of oxygen, it would have been all my fault. The movie you're trying desperately to remember is "Donovan's Reef," released in 1963. You didn't ask, but if you want to buy the video and can't find it at your local store, you can get it on VHS and DVD at Blockbuster.com (http://www.blockbuster.com).

Q: One of my favorite characters on the soap opera "All My Children" was the evil-yet-comical pimp Billy Clyde Tuggle. What happened to the actor who played him? — P.H., Eureka Springs, Ark.

A: Matthew Cowles is still acting — now and then. His most recent movie role was Merle in "Nurse Betty," and he appeared in an episode of "Deadline."

Q: Would you be kind enough to let me know where I can get a video of "Once Around," starring Holly Hunter and Richard Dreyfuss? I've inquired at our local video stores, but they say it is out of print. It is for a dear friend. — M.A., Scottsdale, Ariz.

A: I'm happy to report that the people who work at your local video stores are mistaken. You can buy "Once Around" at Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com) for $14.98.

Q: I am a Western-movie fan. I get the Western station on my satellite television. I watch a lot of the old movie stars who were playing back when I was a boy in the '30s, but I haven't seen a Buck Jones movie. Can you tell me why they don't show any of his movies? He was sure popular back then. - C.B., New Edinburg, Ark.

A: Could it be a vast government conspiracy against guys named Buck? Perhaps, but I doubt it. The decision to show Jones' movies (or not) is made by the people in charge of the station's programming. Give them a call or write a letter. Maybe you can convince them to share the Buck.

TRIVIA: Buck Jones died in December 1942 in a Boston nightclub fire. He was on a campaign tour to sell U.S. Bonds.

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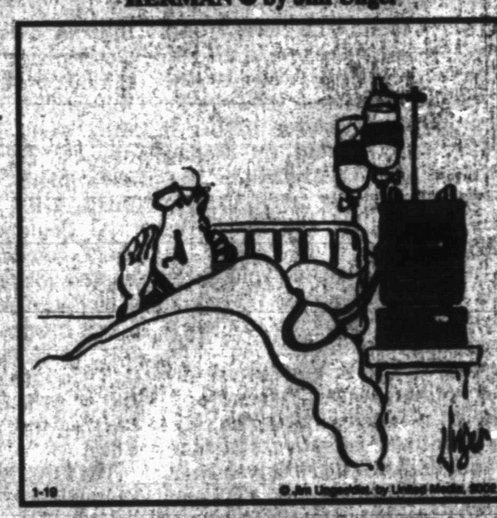
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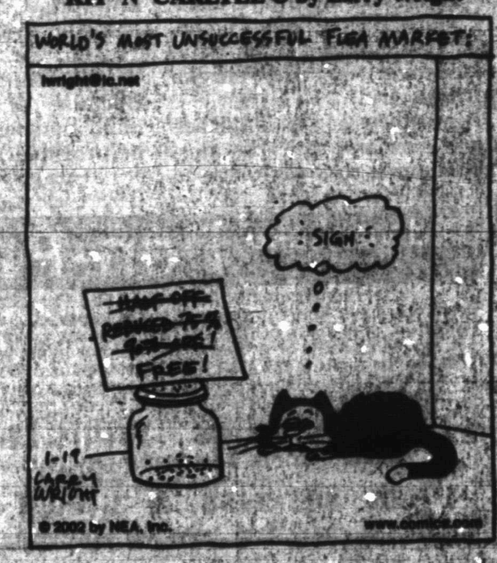


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Fasten
5 Sunflower st.
8 Tent dweller
12 Nee
13 Part of TGIF
14 Sprawl out
15 Wing tip
16 Glacial fissure
18 Barter
20 Here, for monsieur
21 Zippy the Pinhead's word
22 Summertime cine
25 Balance-sheet guru
28 Crude metals
29 Partly open
33 Nags
35 Prima donna
36 Green pods
37 Sheer bliss
39 Fall fruit
40 Smell
42 Joule fraction
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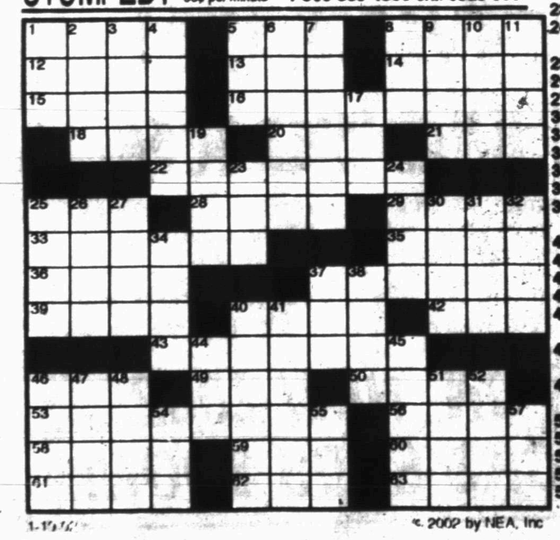
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3 As the — flies
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5 Fast-food acronym
6 Show up
7 Brother's girls
8 Southern st.
9 Promising
10 In addition
11 Used a horn
17 Seven, for Caesar
19 Jab with an elbow
23 Returns org.
24 Nothing, to Juan
25 Mince
26 Jab playfully
27 Faint glow
30 Kid around
31 Say for sure
32 Telephoned
34 None
37 Egg source
38 — out (makes ends meet)
40 Jacked up
41 Luxury fur
44 Historic period
45 Gives out
46 Some August people
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48 Reach across
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New baggage screening underway at airports

By The Associated Press

Airlines began new baggage screening techniques at the nation's airports Friday morning, but passengers who showed up fearing the worst encountered few delays.

A law went into effect Friday requiring airlines to check bags for explosives — either by machine, hand or bomb-sniffing dog, or by matching each piece of checked luggage to a passenger on board. As the travel day got into full swing, there were no immediate reports of major problems.

At the United Airlines check-in counter at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, an airline employee carried passengers' luggage to a new screening machine, temporarily set up outside the gate area. It was the first time the machine, installed a few days ago, was used. Two security workers and a police officer watched a computer screen as the bags went through.

Passenger Carlos Garcia, an analyst with the U.S. General Accounting Office who lives in California, said the entire procedure took only 10 minutes.

"It was pretty easy so far," Garcia said. "As the lines get longer during the day, we'll have to see how it goes."

Delays varied at the three airports where the Sept. 11 hijackers departed. Boston's Logan Airport was filled with long, slow lines, but the queues at Newark International Airport were moving smoothly. At Dulles International Airport near Washington, some seasoned travelers appeared confused and frustrated as they were directed to a line for checked baggage inspection.

At Philadelphia International Airport, the morning flow of passengers through baggage check-in lines appeared to be close to normal early in the day. Lines in New York City's La Guardia Airport, Detroit, Baltimore, Albuquerque, N.M., Tampa, Fla., Manchester, N.H., Columbus, Ohio, Omaha, Neb., Oklahoma City, and Pittsburgh also appeared to be flowing well.

In Boston, passenger Joanne Slotnik said she wished she had given herself more than 90 minutes for her flight home to Salt Lake City.

"This is the longest line I've waited in since Sept. 11," said Slotnik, waiting with two dozen other people at a curbside check-in.

At 7:30 a.m. about 30 travelers stood in the curbside check-in line at a US Airways terminal in Philadelphia. More had complaints about the 30-degree temperature than any unusual delays.

"I didn't even know about this yesterday. If I had known, I would have left my house earlier," said Jill Hannagan, 44, a music teacher from Wilmington, Del., bound for Phoenix.

"I don't mind this at all. I'd much rather they be thorough, even if it takes a little longer. I just wish I had my hat."

At Atlantic City (N.J.) International Airport, Maureen Evans, 44, of Tampa, Fla., arrived at 6:30 a.m. for a 7:45 flight.

"I've been arriving early since Sept. 11 anytime I'm flying," she said, standing in line at the ticket counter. "Of course it's a hassle," she said of the new screening. "But it makes me feel more secure."

Airport officials have said most airlines will use the bag-matching technique, which is designed to prevent someone from checking an explosives-laden bag and never boarding the plane. Critics have said that method would not stop a suicide bomber.

The Air Transport Association, a trade group representing major airlines, advised passengers to check airline Web sites for recommended airport arrival times, estimated wait times at check-in, identification requirements and baggage policies.

The group said it did not expect serious delays.

"We're very hopeful we will not see chaos," said Carol Hallett, president of the Air Transport Association.

Some airports were taking precautions just in case. In Philadelphia, workers dispensed free food and soft drinks from carts.

"From what we're hearing from the airlines, we really don't anticipate any problems," airport spokesman Mark Pesce said.

Under the new law, signed by President Bush in November, bags would be matched to passengers only on the first leg of a trip, not on connecting flights. Experts said that could help prevent lengthy delays.

The provision was denounced by Democrats in Congress, among others. Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, said not matching bags on connecting flights amounts to "an Achilles' heel in the security system."

In Pittsburgh, about one-quarter of all incoming flights were delayed at one point, including one from Knoxville, Tenn., pushed back nearly two hours. It wasn't clear whether the delays had anything to do with the new security procedures.

Airlines will be responsible for security until Feb. 17, when the federal government takes over. Under a congressional mandate, all baggage will have to be screened with explosives-detection machines by the end of the year.

The Bush administration, acknowledging that the transition to beefed-up security could be difficult, asked passengers to be patient.

"I'm not sure that anyone really has a crystal ball that can determine how long those delays will be, but I think today passengers are willing to accept a modicum of inconvenience given the safety and security of the air travel," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"And I think in today's world, patience is a new form of patriotism," he said.

El Paso INS will add inspectors

EL PASO (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service will add at least 67 inspectors to its staff at El Paso's international bridges this year.

The addition comes after the Texas National Guard withdrew 30 troops from border duty Sunday because money wasn't appropriated for them.

"This more than fills the gap," U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, told the El Paso Times in its Friday editions. "Nothing is more important now than to expedite bridge traffic into El Paso while strengthening our security presence at ports of entry."

About 250 INS inspectors work at the nine international crossings in the El Paso sector, INS spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa said.

The addition was made possible by money appropriated through the Homeland Defense Act, said Reyes, who announced the increase.

Reyes said 18 new inspectors will be used to move traffic more quickly through the commuter lanes and work at the INS Registration Center. In addition, 20 Border Patrol agents are staying indefinitely at the bridges.

Under the Homeland Defense Act, INS, the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol each can hire 1,000 new officers a year nationwide for the next five years, Reyes said.

The federal government also allocated to both the INS and customs $10 million a year for the next five years to use for overtime and other staffing needs at ports of entry.

Customs spokesman Roger Maier said the agency will post job listings on its Web site in February.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment for reflux

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experience nausea and heartburn several times a day that are not relieved by antacids, Tagamet or Zantac. On an upper GI series, I was found to have reflux. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Reflux is the backwash of irritating stomach acid up into the esophagus, leading to periodic indigestion, gas and coughing. In my experience, the medicines you mentioned are not consistently effective. I believe that you need stronger therapy. Ask your doctor about Prevacid or Nexium. These drugs, which reduce the quantity of stomach acid, will often relieve the symptoms of reflux within a day or so — and, when taken regularly, should prevent symptoms altogether.

If, after trying these medications, your discomfort is not relieved, seek a consultation with a gastroenterologist. Such a specialist may choose to perform sophisticated tests to identify the extent of your problem. In particular, I believe that you should have endoscopy, a procedure during which the doctor looks down into your esophagus and stomach with a lighted fiberoptic tube, to determine whether the chronic acid damage may have led to a pre-malignant disorder called Barrett's esophagus. If so, you will need aggressive therapy and monitoring.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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: My orthopedic surgeon diagnosed bursitis in my left hip, for which he gave me a cortisone shot that was unsuccessful. My primary care physician prescribed Motrin. That didn't help either. Where do I go from here?

DEAR READER: To your orthopedic surgeon, with a stop-off at your physician's office to get a prescription for Arthrotec. In my experience, this medicine is excellent therapy for uncomplicated joint inflammation, including bursitis, and - unlike many similar drugs - is relatively free of side effects, notably stomach irritation and intestinal bleeding. Also, as you have probably read in the newspaper, Vioxx and Celebrex, two similar prescription medications, have been shown in a study to cause a slight increase in the incidence of heart disease. This finding has yet to be confirmed by other research, so authorities are, at the time of this writing, withholding judgment.

If the medicine is effective, your surgeon will welcome this information. If not, he may choose to give you more cortisone injections or to refer you for physical therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 70 and ride a stationary bicycle about 20 minutes a day. A friend warned me that this practice could lead to prostate problems. Is there any truth to this theory?

DEAR READER: I think not. The seats on stationary bicycles are usually wide and comfortable, unlike the hard and narrow saddles on 10-speed racing bikes (which can cause tissue damage). Therefore, if your bike seat is properly inclined and adjusted to your height, it should cause no discomfort when you ride and will not affect your prostate gland. Keep riding; the exercise is beneficial.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband was recently diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. Is radiation therapy the best approach? I'm afraid that his lungs could be damaged by this treatment. What about chemotherapy?

DEAR READER: Esophageal cancer is notoriously difficult to treat because any therapy is bound to interfere with normal eating and swallowing. Further, this malignancy is ordinarily not discovered until it has grown quite large and may have metastasized (spread) to surrounding tissues.

Modern radiation therapy, during which treatment can be accurately focused on the affected area, is certainly a possibility. While it may not cure the disease — in the strictest sense — it will surely shrink the tumor and permit your husband to eat relatively normally.

Depending on the size and type of esophageal cancer, chemotherapy (with drugs) may also be considered. However, this usually causes side effects (such as hair loss, malaise, poor appetite and pain), which patients may find unacceptable.

Some experts advise radiation treatments (to shrink the tumor) followed by surgery (to remove it).

While it's true that radiation could cause lung damage by burning normal tissue, I believe that the potential benefits outweigh the unpleasant consequences. What you and your husband need most is professional guidance about which treatment will accomplish the greatest benefit. A cancer specialist (oncologist) can supply this information; Therefore, I recommend that your husband's therapy be planned and supervised by such a specialist.

No matter which option your husband chooses, he is - I'm afraid - in for an unpleasant experience and an uncertain prognosis. Nonetheless, an oncologist would be your best resource. Don't make up your mind about therapy until you can obtain more information on which to make a rational judgment.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: What is your opinion about collagen injections to reduce facial wrinkles?

DEAR READER: Collagen injections can provide a temporary cure for wrinkles, but the treatment may be dangerous. Patients may suffer from allergic reactions to the substance, and — Hollywood stars notwithstanding — the beneficial effects are far from permanent. I'd advise against the procedure. Remember that wrinkles often define our features and give us character. They needn't be considered as something awful that must be treated. Leave 'em alone.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am enclosing a complex medical record relating to persisting infection that my wife has had, following hip replacement surgery three years ago.

As you can see, her first prosthesis became infected; so did the second. Despite extensive periods of IV antibiotics, she still has draining sores. What is the next step?

DEAR READER: Removal of the artificial hip, followed by intensive antibiotic coverage until the infection has been eradicated.

From the review you sent (which is too lengthy to be reported in its entirety), I conclude that your wife has a chronic bacterial infection at the site of the original operation.

Although rare, this complication of hip replacement is a nightmare for patients and surgeons alike. Part of the reason is that bacteria, once present at the operative site, tend to "hide" in tissue — much like the Taliban in Afghan caves — and burst out in recurring infections that are, at best, difficult to treat.

For treatment to be effective, the sources of bacterial contamination (such as bone fragments, nails, pins, screws and metal objects) must be removed. Then, intensive courses of antibiotics should sterilize the operative site. Once this goal has been achieved, a new prosthesis can be inserted. In my experience, super-specialists in teaching centers can best handle this serious situation. In my view, your wife should be referred to such a facility.

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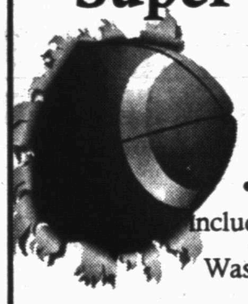
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Kenny Burns was born in El Paso, TX. He moved to Snyder in 1989 and graduated from Snyder High School in 1993. He met and married Korey Smart; they have a three-year-old daughter Sydney and a one-year-old daughter, Chloe. His parents are Cy and Ronna Posey of Snyder and Bob and Melody Burns of Ventura, CA.

Kenny has attended WTC and Angelo State University and plans to attend Midwestern State University starting in the fall through WTC. Kenny graduated from Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy in June of 1997. Kenny began working for the City of Snyder on June 16, 1999 as a Patrolman. Kenny is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. His hobbies are traveling and enjoying time with his girls.

Kenny was nominated by his fellow employees because he takes pride in his job. He is hardworking, dedicated to the City and the Snyder Police Department, dependable, and an asset to the City.

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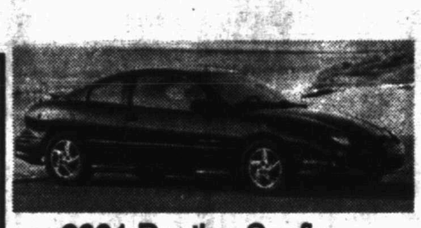
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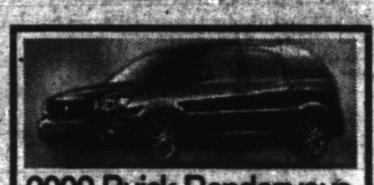
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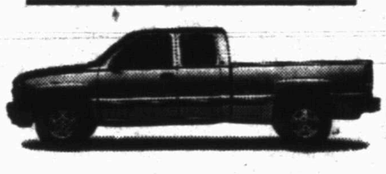
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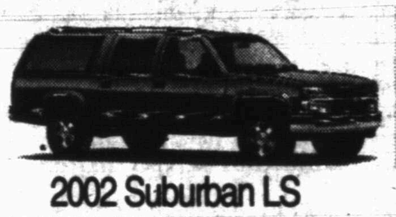
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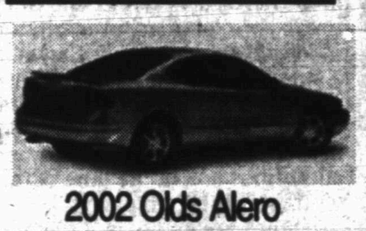
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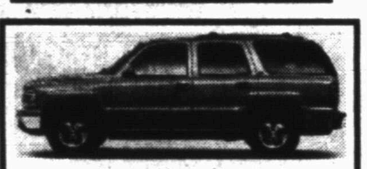
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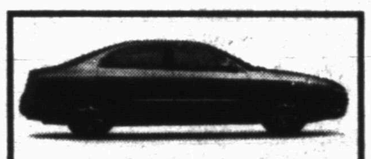
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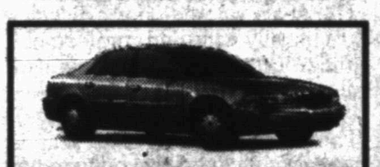
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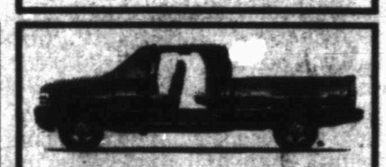
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Overdrive Price
$18,262

MSRP	$21,590
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$1,326
Overdrive Price	$18,262



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