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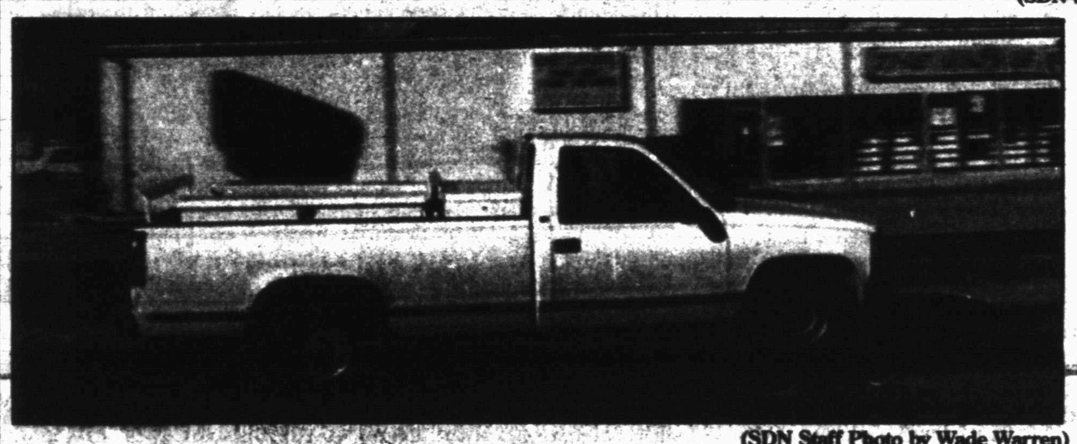
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High speed chase ends in Snyder



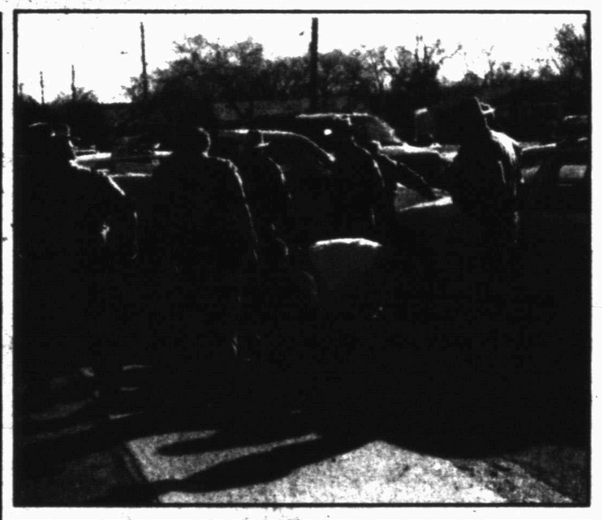
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CHASE — Law enforcement personnel pursue a stolen pickup on Hwy. 350 around 10 a.m. today (top), while the vehicle heads north on College Ave. as the pursuit continues through Snyder (left). Other photos show the arrest of two juveniles in the parking lot of The First Baptist Church.









(SDN Staff Photos by Brian Brisendine)

Pursuit of two 15-year-olds started in Howard County

A high-speed pursuit that began in Big Spring around 9:30 this morning ended in Snyder, just a block from the courthouse square.

Two juveniles – a boy and a girl, both 15 – were taken into custody shortly after 10 o'clock in the First Baptist Church parking lot after law enforcement personnel ended the chase by ramming the stolen pickup the pair was in.

The investigation of the incident is being led by Texas Ranger John Billingsley.

Both juveniles were to be returned to Big Spring later today.

The pickup is believed to have been stolen from a Big Spring convenience store, but no additional information was available at press time.

Local officers were alerted to the chase at 9:47 a.m. by Big Spring police officers and Mitchell County sheriff's deputies who requested assistance after the pursuit crossed the Scurry County line on Texas Highway 350.

Involved in the pursuit were police officers from Snyder and Big Spring, Scurry and Mitchell county sheriff departments and DPS troopers.

Road spikes were laid down to flatten the truck's tires. When the pursuit ended, the back right tire was in shreds.

The chase entered Snyder from the south and continued through town at a high rate of speed on College Ave.

The pursuit then circled the courthouse square and ended just a block away when a sheriff's deputy and a police officer in their patrol cars trapped the pickup.

The juveniles were pulled from the truck and handcuffed, then transported to the county jail.

Ritz auditions are scheduled

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre's production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* are set for Friday and Monday.

The Friday auditions are from 4-6 p.m., and Monday times are 5-7 p.m.

The script by playwright Joseph Robinette recreates the wonderful world of C.S. Lewis' Narnia. It is a heroic tale of love, faith, courage and giving; the life and death struggle for control of Narnia and the triumph of good over evil.

The play requires a cast of 16 performers, plus extras.

Four adults are needed to play Aslan, the great Lion King; Father Christmas, the bringer of gifts; Fenris Ulf, the wolf who is the head of the witch's secret police; and the White Witch, who is the evil queen.

The four children — Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy might be portrayed through sixth grade through high school students.

Boys and girls from the fourth grade to adults are needed for Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, Unicorn, Centaur, Tumnus, the Dwarf, the Elf and the White Stag.

Extras will be needed as the followers of Aslan and the Witch, and the wood nymphs.

The production is directed by Ellie Dryden.

Call 573-9739 for more information about the production.

Report cards to go out on Friday

Report cards for Snyder ISD students will be handed out Friday for the third six weeks and mid-semester grades.

In the future, report cards will be distributed on the Thursday following the completion of the prior six weeks reporting period.

This change is necessary due to a new software program the district is using.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In the 1930s we're told you could watch two movies for a dime. Today, you can see the same two movies on a $600 TV set."

Monday was National Clean Off Your Desk Day, but we're running a little behind.

What did we find on and in our desk:

—A new, unused, shiny chrome 7/16th wrench. Were probably thinking about adjusting our computer.

—A green and blue campaign button for State Sen. Tom Haywood.

—A pictorial directory of the 77th Legislature in Texas. Right next to a pictorial directory of the 74th Legislature.

—A business card before e-mail.

—A Delaware commemorative quarter.

—A ProStaff platinum golf ball with the number 4 on it.

—A 1997 Midwest Electric Coop calendar in the shape of a light bulb.

—A 1997-98 Texas Rangers trading card with a picture of Snyder's Billy Tim Atwood.

—Fourteen black City of Snyder lapel pins.

—A campaign piece for Commissioner Roy Idom that listed emergency numbers of the police, fire and ambulance.

—An orange key chain from Denson's Used Cars.

—A blue key chain from Wilson Motors.

—A campaign pin for Reagan-Bush '84.

—A 100th anniversary pin for Scurry County, 1884-1994.

—A 1979 desk calendar from Ernie Sears Insurance.

—A note to call home. Hope we did.

—A tube of machine oil from Line and Line Oil Co.

—A press card for 1995.

—A Rotary Club program for July 11, 1996. John Gayle was program chairman and the CRMWD's John Grant presented the program. Marvin Sentell was Rotary district governor.

—Some yellow post-it notes with the sticky dried out.

—A Christmas gift from retired principal Charlie Anderson – a Wright Colonial Funeral Home gimme pen in a velvet-lined Cross pen set box.

—A 1998 calendar of the 365 stupidest things ever said. Likely been saving it for a desperate column – much like this one.

ASK US

Q—Does the University of Texas sponsor the state basketball tournaments?

A—The games are played under the rules of the UIL, which operates under the jurisdiction of the university.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 71 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 35; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 40-45; W winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, breezy, cooler; high 55-60; N winds 15-25 mph; 20% rain chance.

Taran Clemmons
Cloudy

Sunset: 5:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.

Of eight days in 2002, the sun has shone eight days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing cures like time and love.

—Laura Nyro

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Soldier wanted to change the world, his widow reveals

PUYALLUP, Wash. (AP) — The first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan was a quiet professional "who just wanted to change the world," his widow said.

Renae Chapman said she and Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman talked about his upcoming Special Forces duty before he left.

"I asked him, 'How important is it, do you want to go?' and he said, 'Yes, it is me, I have to go,'" his wife said Tuesday in a video interview set up by the Army.

She didn't know exactly what he would be doing and said to him, "That's OK, our guys aren't dying over there, we have 4,000 Marines over there ... you'll come home."

He told her, "Honey, there's a 50-50 chance I'm not coming home." He gave her a heart pendant, and they broke it so she could wear half — and then he left.

Chapman, a Green Beret communications specialist, died Friday when he was hit by small-arms fire in an ambush near the Afghan town of Khost. He and a CIA officer had been meeting with local tribal leaders.

Asked why her husband joined the Special Forces, she said, "That's so easy. He had seen so much of the world ... for instance he called me on satellite phone and he said he sees women and children being beaten with sticks just for walking down the street ... and he wanted to fight against that."

Wendy's editing out Thomas in the TV ads already filmed

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Wendy's officials say future commercials will carry on the homespun tradition that founder Dave Thomas used to help turn the hamburger chain into one of the world's top fast-food enterprises.

Thomas, who began pitching his burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989 and went on to become a household face, died Tuesday of liver cancer at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 69. He had been undergoing kidney dialysis for nearly a year and had quadruple heart bypass surgery in 1996.

"We have to carry on the tradition and the culture that Dave started," said Denny Lynch, vice president of communications for Wendy's International, based in suburban Dublin. "It is still Dave's place and Wendy's still cares.

Lynch said Thomas, who appeared in more than 800 of the humorous ads usually wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and red tie, will be edited out of the commercials made four months ago. Older commercials will not be rerun, he said.

"People told us what they like about Dave is that he is very believable, trusting and caring," Lynch said. "And they didn't use those words lightly."

Jim McKennan, executive vice president of Bates Worldwide, the New York-based advertising company which helped create the Wendy's commercials, said the company has prepared for making commercials without Thomas.

"We have had several other campaigns. So, although we were dreading this moment, we were prepared for it," he said. "We designed something that basically had the message and the flavor of Dave ... but without him."

Customers connected with Thomas through his folksy, sometimes self-effacing humor. Five years ago, the company staged a lookalike contest that attracted 1,600 entrants vying for the grand prize: a chance to appear in a commercial with Thomas.

People were endeared to the smiling, bespectacled Thomas, in part because of his rags-to-riches background. Thomas was 12 when he got his first restaurant job, as a counterman in Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1962, Thomas came to Columbus to take over four failing Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants. He sold them back to the founder Col. Harland Sanders in 1968 for $1.5 million, making Thomas a millionaire at 35.

He opened his first Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in Columbus a year later. He named the restaurant after his 8-year-old daughter Melinda Lou, nicknamed Wendy by her siblings.

The chain now has 6,000 restaurants worldwide. In 1996, Wendy's acquired Canadian-based Tim Hortons, a coffee and baked goods chain with more than 2,000 stores. Both have combined sales of more than $8 billion.

Thomas, who was adopted as an infant, created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, an organization focused on raising public awareness of adoption.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 47 years, five children and 16 grandchildren.

A public viewing was planned today and Thursday at Wendy's corporate headquarters and the funeral is scheduled for Friday in Columbus.

Stabbed horse improves

TYLER (AP) — A quarter horse is recovering after being stabbed in an unsolved attack in East Texas during which another horse was killed.

The 6-inch deep puncture wound in Skyraider's chest will probably not cause the 19-year-old registered mare permanent damage, veterinarian Dan Craven said Tuesday.

"She's doing pretty well," Craven said told the Tyler Morning Telegraph for today's editions. "Skyraider should be up and about in three weeks or so."

Skip, a 27-year-old registered stud quarter horse, was killed in the attack near Elkhart. Skip's main artery was hit and he bled to death within minutes.

"There were two large pools of blood," Craven said. "It looks as if he was stabbed, then he walked about 5 feet before collapsing from the loss of blood."

The horses belong to 13-year-old Kimberly Wright and her father Billy Jack Wright.

Wright said the stud was friendly and gentle. He said when the horse did not meet him at the gate last today, he started looking around and found Skip dead.

The incident occurred about 12-16 hours before the horses were found, Craven said.

Skip will leave behind a legacy in the foal Skyraider is due to deliver in about four months.

Anderson County sheriff's Capt. Greg Taylor said the office is investigating.

Injuring or killing an animal is a state jail felony punishable by from 180 days to two years in jail, a fine of up to $10,000 or a combination of a fine and jail.

If the person has been convicted of animal cruelty two times, the third conviction is a third-degree felony punishable by 2-10 years in prison, a fine of up to $10,000, or a combination of prison and fine.

Elkhart is about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
15-18-22-30
Bonus number 28
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-1-7

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
8-31-33-34-38

Faulty drug cases in Dallas spark concerns, closer look

DALLAS (AP) — Jose Luis Vega doesn't understand why he was arrested on drug charges.

But the 35-year-old Mexican immigrant is sadly familiar with what happened next.

He spent nearly three months away from his wife, jailed on a charge of possession with intent to deliver cocaine. A lab test ultimately showed the substance to be Sheetrock, and he was released in November.

"It took something from me economically, and a little bit physically," Vega said through an interpreter on Tuesday. "I lost my job and I'm in debt now."

"Absolutely crazy," said his lawyer, Cynthia Barbare, of the notion that the low-wage auto mechanic was really a big-time drug dealer.

Last fall, prosecutors notified Dallas police that tests on a number of their drug busts showed little or no controlled substance in the evidence seized. In as many as 24 cases, including Vega's, lab tests revealed fake drugs or tiny amounts of the real thing mixed with large amounts of Sheetrock. All involve a paid informant who has not been identified by police.

Subsequently, police began re-examining 70 drug buys initiated by the informant, said spokeswoman Janice Houston. They also initiated a public integrity investigation, which differs from an internal affairs inquiry in that it could lead to criminal charges, she said.

The agency since has revised policy, immediately submitting seized drugs for lab testing.

District Attorney Bill Hill this week suspended prosecution of cases in which lab tests showed trace amounts or no illegal substance. Hill said the prosecutor's office will review all cases since 1999 that involve evidence developed by the informant.

Hill did not return calls Tuesday from The Associated Press.

Police told The Dallas Morning News that the confidential informant has been paid at least $200,000 since 2000 for helping police make drug arrests. He was involved in dozens of drug buys, yielding 35 arrests and large amounts of supposed cocaine and methamphetamine, officials said.

"I have no clue here what is happening," said defense attorney Brady Wyatt.

Date Book

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002

Today is the ninth day of 2002 and the 20th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, Confederate forces fired upon the government-chartered steamer Star of the West in the harbor of Charleston, S.C. The action against the steamer set off the Civil War.

On this day in 1918, the Naval Overseas Transportation Service was founded.

On this day in 1977, singer Emmylou Harris and Brian Ahern were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's rights leader; George Balanchine (1904-1983), choreographer; Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986), writer; Richard Nixon (1913-1994), U.S. president; Judith Krantz (1928-), writer, is 74; Bart Starr (1934-), football great, is 68; Bob Denver (1935-), actor, is 67; Joan Baez (1941-), singer, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Daryl Moreau, a New Orleans high-schooler, sunk his 126th free throw in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To weep is to make less the depth of grief." — William Shakespeare, "Henry VI, Part III"

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 5) and new moon (Jan. 13).

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Inmate reprieved in 2001 slated to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Michael Moore's infatuation with teen-age girls earned him a trip to death row.

Moore, 38, said he looked at pictures in school yearbooks and "made a list of the most attractive girls and started following them around." He faces lethal injection this evening for shooting and fatally stabbing the mother of one of his stalking targets during a home burglary.

He would be the first condemned Texas inmate to be put to death this year and the first of four scheduled to die this month. Seventeen were executed last year.

Moore was set to die in March but received a reprieve from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals one day before his scheduled execution.

"I had prayed to the Lord for more time," he said in a recent death row interview. "I thought I wasn't spiritually ready. He granted me 10 more months."

The court in November dismissed Moore's appeal, clearing the way for today's execution.

"This time, I did not ask for more time," Moore said.

Moore was arrested the early morning hours of Feb. 26, 1994, after police in Copperas Cove, about 50 miles southwest of Waco, pursued a speeding car, its lights off on a two-lane country road. After 20 miles, the car quit and Moore took off running across a field. When police finally nabbed him, he confessed to killing Christa Bentley, 35.

In their investigation, authorities found he had compiled a notebook he called "The Girls of Copperas Cove" that included the names and addresses of some 300 teen-age girls. Several had reported burglaries at their homes and others had received threatening letters.

Weapons left at the Bentley slaying — a knife and a .22-caliber pistol — were stolen in the burglaries.

"I remember on cross-examination I was talking to him about the notebook," Sandy Gately, the former district attorney in Coryell County, recalled. "I asked him if the notebook was a finished product. He said he was still working on it."

The comment showed Moore remained a future danger, answering one of the questions posed to jurors deciding a death sentence in a capital murder case, Gately said.

Prosecutors said Moore had established a pattern of breaking into homes that were occupied and the presence of Bentley's car outside the home led him to believe the woman's teen-age daughter, known as T.R. and whose name was among those in his notebook, was at home. Unknown to him, she was at a friend's house.

Moore, in an interview on death row, said he had been drinking all day — something he learned while serving nine years in the Navy — and contended he remembered little of the fatal attack.

"I remember looking for valuables and I heard a woman's voice calling out," he said.

As he walked by the woman's bedroom, he said she grabbed him.

"I remember stabbing her but only a couple of stabs. I remember shooting at her but don't know if I hit her," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-09-02
♠ K
♥ A 10 7
♦ A K 7 4
♣ K Q 8 5 4

West
♠ 10 9 7 2
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ J 10 3
♣ 3 2

East
♠ Q 5 4 3
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 6 5 2
♣ A J 6

South
♠ A J 8 6
♥ K 9 8 6 2
♦ 9
♣ 10 9 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

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Venice Cup semifinals, here we come

By Phillip Alder

The USA-2 Venice Cup team faced France in the semifinals. France hadn't even qualified for the event, but the field was expanded to permit, as is the custom, the host country to play. And France won this match easily, with a score of 261-148.

Here, both teams reached five hearts. In this auction, after North's two-diamond reverse, South's two-heart rebid promised at least a five-card suit, but made no comment on strength. Maybe North should have bid only three hearts, not four. However, surely South should have passed. If North had a whopping 1-3-4-5, she would have made a three-spade splinter bid.

Both Wests led the spade 10 to dummy's king. The declarers cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in hand, and played a club to dummy's queen. The Easts won with the ace and returned a diamond, the declarers discarding a club and winning with dummy's ace. Now came the club king and a club ruffed with the heart eight. The Wests overruffed with the jack and returned a spade. The declarers cashed the heart king, then led a heart toward dummy.

The American declarer called for the heart ace, thus losing two hearts and one club: one down. For France, Catherine d'Ovidio finessed the heart 10 and made the contract for plus 650 and 13 international match points. Why did d'Ovidio get it right? Because after West's lead, East asked if five hearts denied the heart queen. So, d'Ovidio knew East didn't have that queen. And, yes, West should have overruffed at trick seven with the queen, not the jack.

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Cocaine seized on ship near Miami

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard seized 376 pounds of cocaine stashed aboard a Bolivian cargo ship docked at Miami River.

Authorities discovered the cocaine Tuesday in a false bottom in the bow of the Debbie One.

U.S. Customs spokesman Zach Mann would not estimate the street value of the drugs, but said it was the biggest bust on the river since an effort to root out drug traffickers began last February.

None of the eight crew members was arrested and authorities were not releasing the ship owner's name.

Coast Guard officials became suspicious Monday after they boarded the ship at sea and records showed the ship's registered name had changed from Eclair Express the week before.

"To change names out at sea is very uncommon," customs agent Bobby Rutherford said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grandpa finds little to love in teenager's hateful attitude

DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. Since then, I have had health problems that make it difficult to live alone.

I tried an assisted-living complex, but when I added up the expenses, my son suggested I move in with them. I thought it was a good idea because I would rather give them the money.

The problem is my 15-year-old granddaughter, "Vanessa." My son and his wife are intelligent people, and I don't understand how they have raised this selfish, inconsiderate, insolent, demanding brat. Vanessa thinks the world revolves around her. If she doesn't get her way, she yells, screams, and says terrible things to her parents — and they take it! I want to get up and slap her. Even though she is my granddaughter, I find it difficult to like her.

Abby, there are no rules, no discipline, no punishment, no guidelines whatsoever in their home. I can't take her behavior any longer. I want to move out at the end of the month. What do you think? — **HAD IT IN DENVER**

DEAR HAD IT: Please don't blame your granddaughter for this situation. In a household where there are no rules, no discipline, no consequences and no guidelines, her attitude and behavior are logical.

It is possible that a better living arrangement for you might be to share a home or apartment with someone closer to you in age. Your local area agency on aging may be able to steer you in the right direction. However, before you make any hard and fast decisions about changing your address, I urge you to have a frank talk with your son and daughter-in-law about the reasons you're making the move.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for more years than I can remember, and have always wanted to read the very first letter that appeared in your column. Would you print it again? — **AIMEE IN MACEDON, N.Y.**

DEAR AIMEE: With pleasure! The letter appeared 45 years ago today, on Jan. 9, 1956. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to a paper for advice before, but need help desperately and cannot talk to my family or friends about my problem. I am a private secretary to a well-known executive in the Bay area. I have been employed by him for five years. You may think this sounds cheap, but we are deeply in love. His wife speaks to him only when she wants money and he has no respect or affection for her.

He has told me repeatedly that I am the woman he loves, but we can't consider marriage because it would ruin him financially and socially. In addition to an excellent salary, he has given me an automobile, a fur coat, and he pays my rent. When he takes business trips, I always go along. I am not getting any younger, yet I feel one day he will make me his wife. What do you think? — **CONFIDENT**

DEAR CONFIDENT: I think your boss is a super salesman! He did a terrific job when he convinced an intelligent girl like you to give up a decent, respectable life of her own to be available when he whistles. Of course he won't marry you. Why should he? He is getting the whole show for the price of the amusement tax.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Woman who made wedding dress from parachute dies at 92

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Family and friends will remember a Central Texas woman who not only signed up for the Women's Army Corps during World War II, but was handy enough to make her wedding dress from the silk parachute that saved her husband's life

Funeral Mass will be celebrated today in San Antonio for Frances C. Soikowski, a first generation Polish-American and World War II veteran.

Soikowski, 91, of San Antonio, died Sunday from heart problems.

"We still have that dress and it's something we will always keep," said Soikowski's daughter, Deborah Soikowski, of San Antonio. "It's a beautiful dress. Mother was a beautiful woman."

The Kosciusko native joined the Women's Army Corps in 1943. After completing her basic training in Iowa, she was sent to her first assignment in Fort Lewis, Wash., family members said.

"She wanted to see the world and was a very independent woman," said her son, Gregory Soikowski of Lexington Park, Md.

She left the corps in December 1945 with the rank of corporal.

"In the Army she was assigned to motor dispatch and drove staff cars and Jeeps," Gregory Soikowski told the San Antonio Express-News for its today editions. "That's where she met my father."

Joseph L. Soikowski, who died in July 1985, was part of the support personnel of the famous WWII Flying Tigers bombing squadron. During one of his missions in Southeast Asia, his plane was shot down by friendly fire, Gregory Soikowski said.

"They were mistaken for the enemy and shot at. The plane split in half, and he was able to grab two parachutes and he and a friend made it out all right," Gregory Soikowski said.

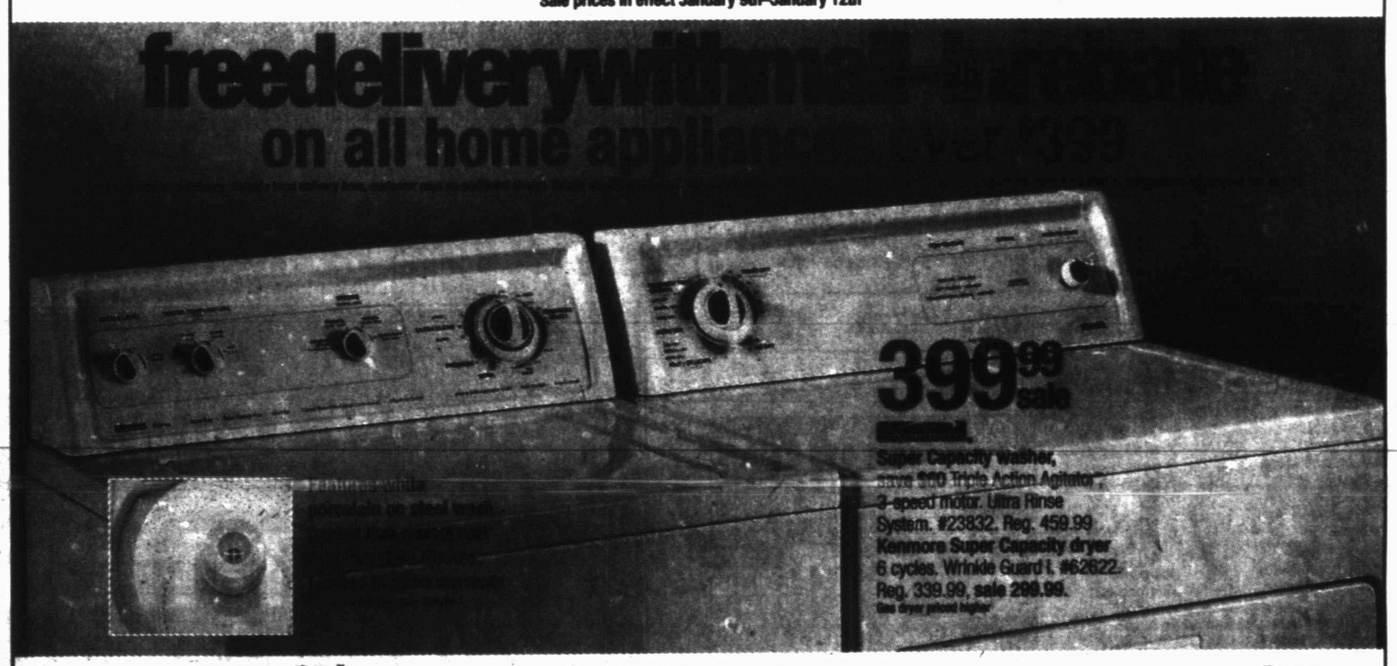
Two years after the war ended, Joseph Soikowski, originally from Tacoma, Wash., handed over the parachute to his young South Texas fiance, who turned it into her wedding dress.

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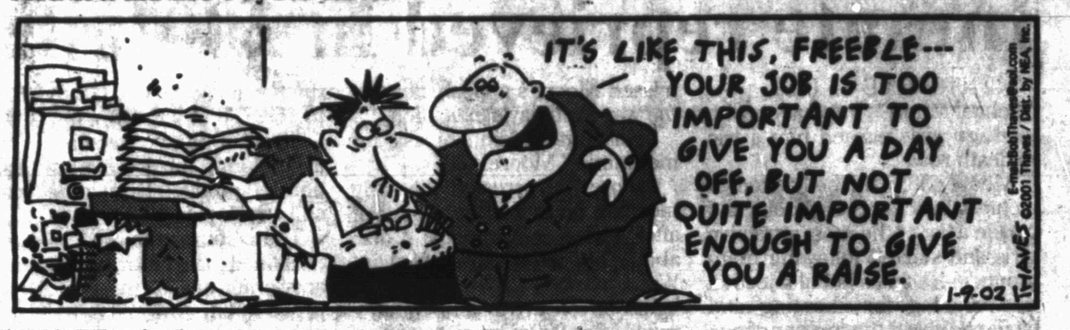
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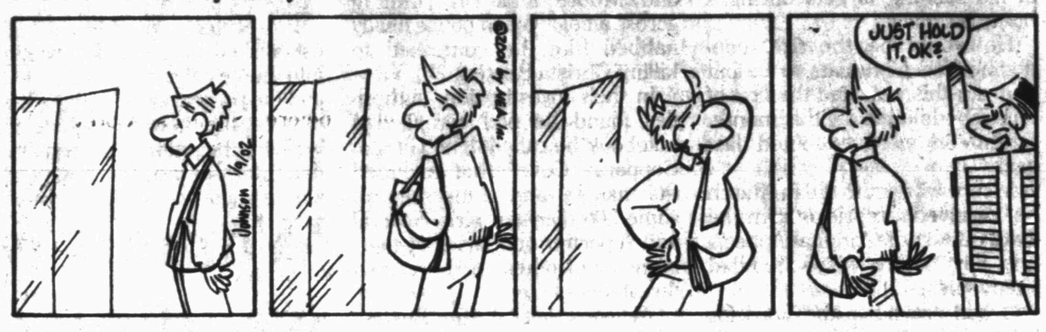
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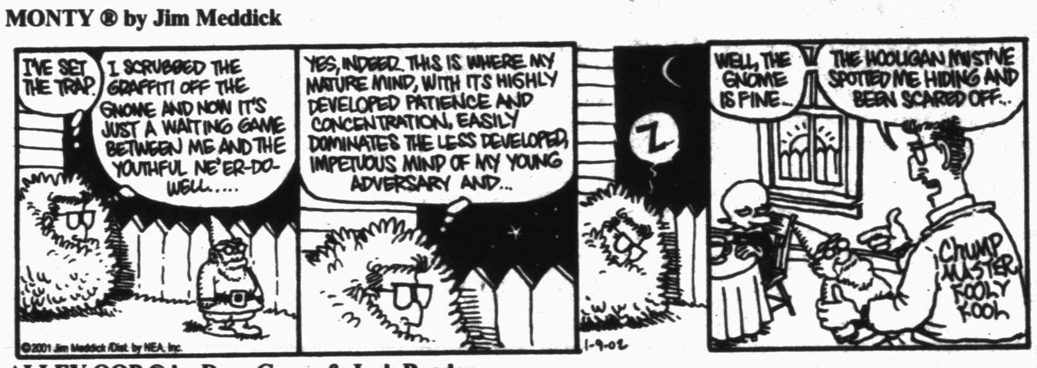
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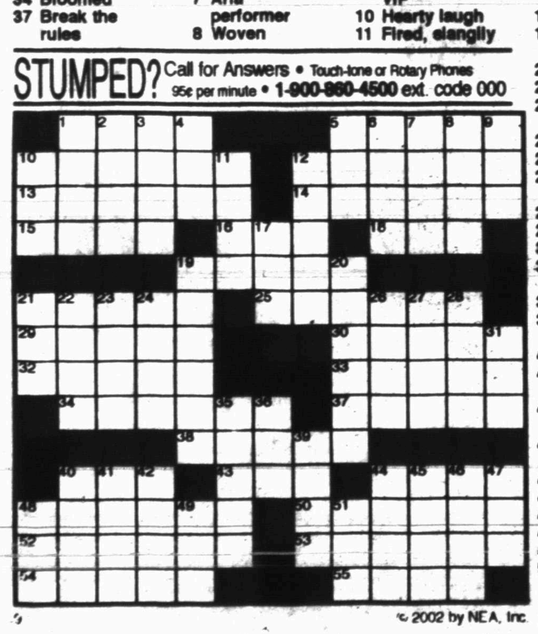
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SPORTS

Tigers come out short in bizarre conclusion

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — In the waning moments of a hard-fought, well-played District 4-4A boys battle, it took a bizarre call to help determine the outcome.

Following a timeout with 25 seconds remaining, a referee put the ball in play before Snyder broke its huddle, forcing a turnover that gave Andrews the room it needed to hold on for a 56-51 victory Tuesday night.

The Tigers had battled back from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit and trailed, 55-50, following a made free throw by Andrews' Kelvin Roberts.

Snyder quickly called timeout, and huddled along its sideline. With both crowds rooting for their squads, the Tigers didn't hear the buzzer to return to play. The referee placed the ball along the baseline and started counting. By the time the Tigers sprinted to other end of the floor, the five-second count had expired.

With Snyder forced to foul, Jason Glasson pushed the deficit to six points with 19 seconds left, and the Tigers managed one free throw by Colby Driggers in the final seconds for the 56-51 result.

"I'll just say it's a shame that kids on both teams play hard all night long, and then it comes down to that," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "I won't say that was the sole factor in the game, because we had some earlier chances that we couldn't convert on. But you hate to see it taken out of the kids' hands in the end."

In addition to the noise level, none of the three referees ever came to the Tigers' huddle to warn the team, as is customary during every timeout throughout the game.

Also, the same incident took place with the same officiating crew during the varsity girls game, prior to the boys contest. The Andrews girls failed to break their huddle after a timeout, but rather than put the ball in play, Lady Mustang coach Randy Courtney was issued a verbal warning.

"I never heard a referee step into our huddle and tell us anything, and neither did my assistant," Birks stated. "They said they blew the whistle, but we couldn't hear it over the crowd."

The unfortunate setback dropped the Tigers to 1-3 in the district standings and 5-14 on the year, while the Mustangs improved to 3-1 in league play and 12-7 overall.

The game was close throughout, with neither team leading by more than six points at any time prior to the fourth quarter.

Snyder junior Colby Driggers connected on four consecutive trips in the second period to knot the tally at 20-20, and Andrews held a 26-24 advantage at the break.

Chris McLeod poured in eight points, including a pair of three-pointers, in the third quarter that helped the Tigers build a 40-34 advantage.

Andrews pulled even when Sydney Hooper followed up a three-pointer at the 1:00 mark with a half-court shot at the buzzer that banked off the glass and fell through.

With the momentum from Hooper's miraculous shot on their side, the Mustangs put together a 12-0 run in the first three minutes of the fourth to go on top, 52-40.

The Tigers clawed their way back thanks to a pair of long-range bombs and a driving layup by McLeod. A 12-foot jumper by Driggers with 2:27 remaining closed the gap to 52-50.

The teams swapped turnovers, before Snyder's Corey Clay missed the front end of a one-and-one with 1:10 on the clock.

On the other end, Colter Bedell was whistled for his fifth foul on Roberts' layup. The bucket and ensuing free throw were good, leading to the bizarre timeout incident.

"Our kids played hard all night. Everyone of them played their tails off," Birks said. "We couldn't make our free throws, and it ended up hurting us."

Snyder was 3-for13 from the line on the night, and 1-for-4 in the fourth quarter.

Hopper finished with a game-high 22 points. McLeod poured in 18 for the Tigers, and Mendoza added 12.

Snyder is in action again Friday when it hosts district-leading Estacado.

Around the league Tuesday night, Plainview took care of Big Spring, 70-53. Estacado downed Levelland, 62-45, and Frenship knocked off Lake View, 63-45.

Snyder	10	14	16	11 —	51
Andrews	15	11	14	16 —	56

Snyder
Mendoza 5-7 2-7 12, Clay 3-4 0-3 6, McLeod 7-12 0-0 18, Landes 0-1 0-0 0, Bedell 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 2-3 0-0 4, Driggers 5-9 1-3 11, Thompson 0-4 0-0 0. **Totals 22-41 3-13 51.**

Andrews
Glasson 2-5 3-4 7, Carrasco 5-10 0-1 10, Hooper 7-12 6-8 22, Kessler 2-4 0-0 5, Willis 1-2 1-2 4, Roberts 1-1 1-1 3, Valles 1-1 0-0 2, Parker 1-1 1-2 3. **Totals 20-36 12-18 56.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (McLeod 4), Andrews 4 (Hooper 2, Kessler, Willis). Rebounds: Snyder 19 (Mendoza 8), Andrews 15 (Hooper 4). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Andrews 16. Fouled out — Mendoza, Bedell.



ANXIOUSLY WAITING — Snyder's Josh Mendoza (34), Chris McLeod (10) and Corey Clay (42) wait for a rebound during Tuesday's district contest at Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS girls bow to Andrews

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Snyder Lady Tigers didn't chalk up a victory Tuesday night, but a rise in their level of play was evident from the opening tip.

Andrews used all of its scoring weapons to topple Snyder, 57-39, in a District 4-4A contest at Mustang gym.

The Lady Tigers slipped to 1-5 in the standings and 6-14 on the year, while the Lady Mustangs improved to 3-3 and 14-6.

After a pair of disappointing showings against Plainview and Frenship, the Lady Tigers battled Andrews for all four qaurters.

"We competed better than we have in the last two games," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "We were more active on both ends of the floor, and that makes a big difference. We still have a lot to improve on, but the kids competed harder and that's one thing we like to see."

Snyder out-rebounded Andrews, 36-30, including 14 offensive boards.

Unfortunately, the extra chances didn't always equal points as the Lady Tigers shot 24 percent from the field, connecting on only nine of 38 attempts.

Andrews got double-digit point production from its three main guns. Guard Mandy Roberts poured in 14 points. Katie Fariss added 13, and Judy Delhierro dropped in 11.

Snyder trailed by only six points midway through the second quarter, before Andrews went on an 11-2 run over the next three minutes.

The Lady Mustangs padded their 31-20 halftime advantage by five points in the third quarter and two more in the fourth.

Erin Burleson's 12 points paced Snyder. Chaelyn Robinson tallied 10 points, and Zipporah Peoples hauled down 10 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers are in action against Friday when they host Estacado.

In other games Tuesday night, Plainview toppled Big Spring, 71-30. Levelland downed Estacado, 71-31, and Frenship knocked off Lake View, 63-45.

Snyder	06	14	08	11 —	39
Andrews	12	19	13	13 —	57

Snyder
Schwertner 1-5 0-2 2, Burleson 4-5 3-4 12, Peoples 0-2 1-3 1, Robinson 1-11 7-11 10, Putnam 0-4 2-2 2, Daniell 2-8 1-2 6, Chambers 0-1 2-4 2, Russell 1-2 2-2 4. **Totals 9-38 18-30 39.**

Andrews
Fariss 4-9 2-2 13, Courtney 1-6 2-4 4, Woods 3-7 1-3 7, Roberts 4-8 5-8 14, Delhierro 3-7 4-4 11, Menefee 0-1 2-2 2, Randolph 0-3 0-0 0, Lopez 0-1 0-0 0, Richards 3-6 0-0 6, Bruton 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 18-50 16-23 57.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Burleson, Daniell, Robinson), Andrews 5 (Fariss 3, Roberts, Delhierro). Rebounds: Snyder 36 (Peoples 10), Andrews 29 (Woods 14). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Andrews 23. Fouled out — Robinson.

Ira splits District 11-A tilts with Borden County

IRA — Fitting of the close competition in District 11-A, Ira and Borden County split a pair of basketball contests Tuesday night.

The Ira boys outlasted the Coyotes, 45-38, while the Lady Bulldogs couldn't overcome a slow start in a 60-45 setback.

In the boys' match-up, both teams came out firing as Ira built a 17-14 first-quarter lead.

Defense dominated play through the next two periods, with the Bulldogs' advantage trimmed to 31-30 entering the final frame. Ira finally put the game away with a 14-8 run in the closing minutes.

Eric Dickerhoff paced the Bulldogs with 13 points, while Nathan Smith and Jake Barnes added 10 apiece.

Cade Tucker tallied four points. Jess Wall posted three, and Todd Wall and Cole Shafer chipped in two each.

The Bulldogs improved to 2-0 in district play, while the Coyotes slipped to 0-2.

Offense also dominated the early part of the girls' tilt as Borden County registered 20 first-quarter points, and held a 32-13 halftime advantage.

The Lady Coyotes stretched the margin to 58-19 in the third quarter, before Ira drained 26 points in the final stanza.

Celeigh Sterling's 19 points fueled Ira's effort. Amanda Calley accounted for 14 points. Lindsey Wilson finished with nine, and Michelle Nettles added three.

The Lady Bulldogs fell to 0-2 in the district standings. Borden County improved to 2-0.

Cardinals fall to Highland

HIGHLAND — Highland ruined Hermleigh's bid for its first conference victory by claiming a pair of District 12-A contests Tuesday night.

Highland dominated the girls game with its defense to chalk up a 59-6 victory, while the Hornets used a third-quarter spurt to hold off the Hermleigh boys, 41-28.

In the girls match-up, Highland held a 12-0 lead after one quarter of play, and owned a 30-2 advantage by halftime.

The Lady Cardinals were limited to two points in each of the last three quarters.

Valerie West posted four points for Hermleigh, and Brittany Jones finished with two.

In the boys tilt, Hermleigh battled its way to a 13-13 tie at halftime, before Highland put together a 16-2 run in the third quarter.

The Cardinals tried to rally with 13 points in the fourth, but couldn't overcome the Hornets.

Terrel Culp, Jimmy Luna and Jeremy Roemisch poured in eight points to anchor the Cardinals' effort.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	4	0	19	5
Plainview	3	1	11	8
Andrews	3	1	12	7
Levelland	2	2	11	13
Frenship	2	2	14	7
Snyder	1	3	5	14
Big Spring	1	3	9	11
Lake View	0	4	6	14

Tuesday's results: Andrews 56, Snyder 51; Plainview 70, Big Spring 53; Estacado 62, Levelland 45; Frenship 63, Lake View 45.
Friday's games: Estacado at Snyder; Big Spring at Levelland; Frenship at Andrews; Lake View at Plainview.
Tuesday's games: Lake View at Snyder; Big Spring at Estacado; Levelland at Andrews; Plainview at Frenship.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	6	0	20	1
Estacado	4	2	17	6
Levelland	5	1	19	5
Frenship	3	3	14	9
Andrews	3	3	14	6
Big Spring	2	4	11	10
Snyder	1	5	6	14
Lake View	0	6	2	18

Tuesday's results: Andrews 57, Snyder 39; Plainview 77, Big Spring 30; Levelland 71, Estacado 31; Frenship 63, Lake View 45.
Friday's games: Estacado at Snyder; Big Spring at Levelland; Frenship at Andrews; Lake View at Plainview.

New Orleans assistant named as Florida coach

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ron Zook will be introduced as Florida's new coach Wednesday, officially ending a cross-country search that put the career assistant in one of the most prestigious coaching jobs in the country.

Zook, who leaves as defensive coordinator of the New Orleans Saints, will be introduced as Florida's 20th head coach at a news conference, sports information director John Humenik said.

The Florida Times-Union reported Wednesday that Zook is expected to get a five-year contract worth $1.5 million annually. That's about $600,000 less per year than his predecessor, Steve Spurrier, made.

Athletic directror Jeremy Foley met with Zook for about two hours Tuesday after another good friend, Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, turned down the job. On Monday, still another friend of Foley's, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, also said "No" to the Gators.

Like Stoops, Zook is a former defensive coordinator at Florida, although his tenure wasn't as successful.

Zook held the position from 1991-93, before Spurrier demoted him to special teams coordinator and linebackers coach in 1994. He did such a good job in that position that Spurrier was going to give him the job back for the 1996 season. But Zook chose to leave Florida for an assistant's job in the pros, in hopes of adding to his resume so he could someday be a head coach.

He spent three seasons as special teams coach with the Steelers and one year as defensive backs coach with Kansas City, before joining Jim Haslett in New Orleans. The Saints were a top-10 defense last season, but struggled this season, allowing 160 points in their final four games.

Sports Briefs

Gonzalez returning to Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez agreed to a $24 million, two-year contract to return to the Texas team where his big league career began and blossomed.

Ozzie Smith elected to Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Ozzie Smith, regarded as the finest-fielding shortstop ever, was elected to the Hall of Fame on his first try by an overwhelming margin.

The Wizard of Oz was the only player picked, with Gary Carter falling just short.

A 13-time Gold Glove winner while with the St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres, Smith was chosen on 91.7 percent of the ballots.

Brewers' loan being investigated

NEW YORK (AP) — Bud Selig and a company controlled by Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad arranged for a $3 million loan to the Milwaukee Brewers in 1995, a deal being called a possible violation of baseball rules.

Mora fired by Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Mora was fired after four seasons as the Indianapolis Colts' coach and two days after he tearfully declared he wanted to stay in the job.

Team president Bill Polian said Mora was fired for refusing to replace defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, who had worked for Mora since 1983.

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New Jersey	22	11	.667	—
Boston	20	13	.606	2
Washington	18	14	.562	3½
Orlando	18	18	.500	5½
Philadelphia	15	19	.441	7½
New York	14	20	.412	8½
Miami	8	24	.250	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	—
Indiana	20	15	.571	½
Toronto	18	16	.529	2
Detroit	16	17	.485	3½
Charlotte	15	18	.454	4½
Atlanta	13	20	.394	6½
Cleveland	13	21	.382	7
Chicago	6	27	.182	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	6	.750	—
Minnesota	24	9	.727	½
Dallas	23	11	.677	2
Utah	18	16	.529	7
Houston	11	23	.324	14
Denver	10	23	.308	14½
Memphis	10	24	.294	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	6	.807	—
Sacramento	26	9	.743	1
Seattle	18	16	.529	8½
L.A. Clippers	18	17	.514	9
Phoenix	18	17	.514	9
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Utah 98, Phoenix 84
Milwaukee 113, Golden State 97

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Potential safety problems not detected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Potential safety problems in the vehicles on American roadways are not always being identified by the federal agency responsible for investigating them, a Transportation Department audit says.

The department's inspector general found the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's database of consumer complaints includes inaccurate and incomplete information.

In some cases, the staff of NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation recommended an investigation after receiving what it considered serious complaints, but no investigation was opened, according to the report, which was released today.

The audit recommends NHTSA overhaul the way it collects and evaluates complaints about potentially dangerous vehicles and establish a peer review panel to ensure high priority cases are investigated.

NHTSA officials today would not discuss the audit, but pointed to the agency's response included in the report. The agency defended its record, noting the number of vehicle recalls has increased steadily in the past decade and that very few serious defects have escaped its attention. Still, it agreed to develop new defect analysis procedures.

There are no set guidelines for when NHTSA must open an investigation. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and factors include the number and seriousness of the complaints. However, the report found inconsistencies in the process, including several cases where deaths did not lead to probes.

NHTSA largely relies on automobile manufacturers and consumer complaints to uncover possible safety defects. Vehicle owners who have experienced a problem can report it to NHTSA through a hot line or on its Web site.

Vehicle manufacturers have not been required to turn over consumer complaints to NHTSA. Critics say that means NHTSA often finds out about a problem long after a manufacturer.

That is supposed to change. Spurred by the investigation into defective Firestone tires, Congress passed a law in 2000 requiring manufacturers to start forwarding to NHTSA information about any serious injuries or deaths related to their products and turn over claims and warranty data.

The reporting system is supposed to be in place this fall, but the report found NHTSA has done a poor job of planning implementation and "is significantly at risk of not meeting quality, cost and schedule goals."

The inspector general's audit was requested by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in September 2000, when Congress started looking into the Firestone tires.

Testimony to lawmakers revealed NHTSA did not begin looking at the tires until May 2000, months after Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. began receiving complaints about sudden blowouts and other serious problems.

"The report verified our suspicion that NHTSA's process for reviewing data was fundamentally flawed," said Ken Johnson, spokesman for House Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, R-La., who led the Firestone investigation.

Joan Claybrook, a former NHTSA administrator who now heads the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, said Congress does not give NHTSA enough money to do its job, but that even with existing funds more can be done.

"A lot of sources of data which are relatively inexpensive to acquire are sitting there waiting to be plucked and the agency has ignored them," she said.

NHTSA hot line: 1-888-327-4236.

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Columbine families seeking fed grand jury investigation

DENVER (AP) — The families of five slain Columbine students asked that a federal grand jury investigate their claims that authorities have covered up evidence that one student was killed by police.

"Lies have been told, beyond any doubt," family attorney Barry Arrington said after he submitted his request to the U.S. Attorney's Office on Tuesday. "The only issue is, why are they lying?"

The families claim an officer accidentally shot 15-year-old Daniel Rohrbough as he fled the school during the April 20, 1999, massacre.

Rohrbough's father, Brian, claims Denver police Sgt. Dan O'Shea told a school administrator he feared he may have shot a student, and that a sheriff's deputy saw the shooting.

O'Shea has said he arrived at Columbine after Daniel was shot.

At a news conference last week, Brian Rohrbough played a tape recording of a voice he identified as Arapahoe County sheriff's Deputy Jim Taylor describing the shooting.

"You could hear glass breaking, you could see kids running everywhere, and that's when I see the boy coming down the sidewalk, you know, and I see him just fall down," the voice says.

Rohrbough said the recording was made without Taylor's knowledge during a March 2000 dinner with Daniel's mother, Sue Petrone, and stepfather, a longtime friend of Taylor's.

In a Dec. 31 statement, Taylor said he didn't see the shooting and told the Petrones only what he had seen on television and read in newspapers.

Arapahoe County Sheriff Pat Sullivan said he agrees the voice on the tape is Taylor's, and that Taylor could face dismissal if he is found to have lied. Sullivan said that Taylor's written statement, not the taped account, was the correct version of his role in the shooting.

Rohrbough has long claimed his son was shot by a lawman rather than by one of the student gunmen firing from inside the school because of the angle of his fatal chest wound.

Authorities have maintained that seniors Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris were responsible for all 13 people killed and the two dozen more wounded. Klebold and Harris committed suicide in the school library.

U.S. Attorney John Suthers said Tuesday that he would meet with the Justice Department's civil rights office and the FBI to decide if a federal crime had been committed. The families argue authorities conspired to violate their constitutional rights.

U.S. District Judge Lewis Babcock in November dismissed eight lawsuits against Jefferson County sheriff's officers and school officials, including those filed by the five families seeking the grand jury probe.

Detectives still working on disappearance of 2 people

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — The Mesa County sheriff's office marked the 35th birthday of a missing woman Tuesday by saying nine investigators are still looking for her and her 6-year-old daughter.

"We're hoping to take this opportunity of her birthday to remind the public that this is still a very active case," sheriff's spokeswoman Janet Prell said.

Jennifer Blagg and her daughter, Abby, disappeared Nov. 13 from their Grand Junction-area home. Michael Blagg called police when he got home and found his wife and child gone and blood in a bedroom.

"We believe foul play is involved in their disappearance," Prell said.

Detectives haven't released the results of DNA tests on the blood.

Authorities have canvassed the Blaggs' neighborhood and searched the Colorado River nearby. They also went to Arizona and plan to go to Texas, South Carolina and California, where the couple lived before moving to Grand Junction 18 months ago.

Prell said the sheriff's office continues to receive fresh information and urged people to call with tips they might have.

"We've followed up on hundreds of leads. We've done more than 400 interviews," she said.

Prell said Michael Blagg has not been ruled out as a suspect but has been extremely cooperative. "We're speaking to him on an almost daily basis," she said.

The sheriff's office allowed him to take back his house in December, but he moved into an apartment. Prell said he returned to work at the first of the year.

Editors: Anyone with information about Jennifer and Abby Blagg can call the Mesa County Sheriff's Office at (970) 244-3500 or anonymously contact Crime Stoppers at (970) 241-STOP.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Have a 'Waltons' holiday

Q: One of my favorite Christmas movies is the "Waltons" reunion movie "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story," starring Patricia Neal. Is a tape available? — **W.T.K., Anderson, S.C.**

A: It's never too late for the holiday warm-and-fuzzies. You can get that film at Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com) for $9.98, or you can buy it at Ike Godsey's Store and Gift Shop for $22.50. Call them at (804) 831-2000, or check out their online store at http://www.waltonmuseum.org. If you're a "Waltons" junkie, you should check out the site — even if you decide to buy the video elsewhere. It has photos of some of the exhibits in the Walton's Mountain Museum, which is in Virginia. The shop has a collection of "Waltons" books, videos, clothes, recipes, caps, postcards and other novelties.

Q: Whatever became of Jack Lord, of "Hawaii Five-O"? I heard he has passed on. — **M.K., Methuen, Mass.**

A: Lord has indeed passed on. He starred on "Hawaii Five-O" throughout its impressive 12-year run and appeared in a couple of movies after the show ended. He died in 1998 of congestive heart failure at the age of 78.

Q: I enjoy watching Priscilla Lane in some old movies, such as "Saboteur," with Bob Cummings. When did she stop making movies? What happened to her? Is she still alive? — **E.L., Chattanooga, Tenn.**

A: Lane, too, is dead. She died in 1995. Despite a few successful movies, her career flagged in the late '40s, and she retired from the big screen. Her last film was the 1948 flick "Bodyguard."

Q: I am writing about an actor, Hardie Albright, who hailed from Charleroi, Pa., and made films in the '30s. I have three questions: What are some of his films? Are any of his movies out on video? When did he die? — **R.F., Charleroi, Pa.**

A: Albright starred in far too many films to list here, but some of the more famous ones are "The Jade Mask," "Saboteur" and "The Pride of the Yankees." Some of his films are on video — check with your local video store.

Albright died in 1975 of congestive heart failure.

Q: I watch the show COPS, and I have a question: Why are some of the faces blurred, but not all of them? — **J.H., New York, N.Y.**

A: It all depends on how proud people are of getting busted by the police. If they're so proud that they want to show their friends and save copies of the tape for their grandchildren, they sign a waiver giving Fox permission to show their faces. If they don't sign the waiver, their faces get blurred. Most people give permission for their alleged misdeeds to be shown to the world.

DEAR READERS: I still remember one of the most unsettling moments of my childhood. There I was, happily watching reruns of "Bewitched," and suddenly there was a different Darrin — who looked eerily like the first one. I eventually got over it, but the question remains: Who was better — Dick York or Dick Sargent? Send me your votes. I'll tally them up, and I'll print some of your comments.

TRIVIA: Jack Lord was considered for the part of Captain James Kirk in the original "Star Trek" series.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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SBC Comm		39.85	39.30	39.48—.26
SaraLee		21.58	21.05	21.45—.16
Scripps EW		69.40	69.13	69.15—.10
SearsRoeb		50.95	50.19	50.35—.05
ShrwinW		27.93	27.38	27.85 + .45
SouthernCo s		24.80	24.55	24.74 + .05
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TXU Corp		46.92	46.41	46.84 + .26
TempleInland		57.47	56.40	57.15 + .69
Textnd		37.40	36.80	37.32 + .57
TexasInst		29.84	28.79	29.68 + .68
Textron		43.75	43.20	43.67 + .39
TriconGlbR		53.08	52.76	53.02 + .17
TrinityInds		26.50	25.99	26.36 + .12
TylerTech		4.60	4.50	4.59—.05
UnionPacif		58.75	57.95	58.11—1.14
USSteel		18.60	18.40	18.40—.01
UnitedTech		66.89	65.25	66.50 + 1.66
Unocal		35.20	34.37	34.80—.08
VerizonComm		49.51	48.83	49.26—.54
WalMart		57.53	57.09	57.21—.63
WellsFargo		43.76	43.51	43.69 + .08
WestrnGasRs		32.85	32.41	32.43—.38
WinnDixie		14.14	13.96	14.04 + .08

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Judge to rule on televising terrorism trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, wants live television of the trial that may show how Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida organization planned acts of terror.

Prosecutors, worried that al-Qaida members would be among the viewers, are opposing the idea.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema must decide whether to allow a televised trial despite a federal rule that bans cameras in U.S. courtrooms. At least some courts in every state allow televised state and local trials.

"Seldom has there been a criminal trial for which televised coverage could be more clearly warranted," Court TV said in asking that cameras be allowed.

Brinkema was hearing oral arguments on the question today.

Others supporting a trial broadcast are the C-Span cable networks, the Radio-Television News Directors Association, CNN, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, NBC, CBS and ABC.

While the position of the news organizations was hardly a surprise, the issue took on a higher profile when Moussaoui's lawyers filed a motion in support of the live broadcast, contending it would help guarantee a fair trial.

Federal prosecutors countered that everyone involved would be endangered by live television: witnesses, jurors, even marshals guarding the courtroom. Al-Qaida members, they said, almost certainly would be tuned in.

"The government has uncovered evidence that high-level members of the organization were kept informed of developments in U.S. criminal trials involving al-Qaida members," the prosecution said.

Among trials of people alleged to have al-Qaida links was last year's convictions in New York of four men in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

Moussaoui faces indictments on six counts, charging him with conspiring with al-Qaida members and the Sept. 11 hijackers to kill and maim thousands of people. Facing a possible death penalty if convicted, he has entered no plea. Brinkema lodged an innocent plea for him.

Bruce Yannett, a defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, has spent his career in federal courtrooms without television. He said a live telecast clearly would force changes in the behavior of those involved.

"It can have the effect of making judges, jurors, witnesses and lawyers very self-conscious about their own conduct," he said. "A judge is going to be acutely aware that not only will the court of appeals be reviewing rulings but there will be national and international assessments and play-by-play analysis by journalists."

TV experts said a televised trial probably would get extensive, if not gavel-to-gavel, coverage on cable news networks CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. Broadcast networks were less certain, in part because jury selection is not scheduled until Sept. 30.

Television cameras have become much less intrusive since the U.S. Supreme Court decided in 1965 to reverse the conviction of well-connected wheeler-dealer Billie Sol Estes. It concluded then that televised portions of Billie Sol Estes v. Texas were prejudicial to Estes' defense.

The late Justice John Harlan said in that case "the day may come" when television cameras could be used in a courtroom and be fair to all sides.

When Harlan was on the bench, Court TV said in its motion Tuesday, cameras were noisy, bright lights were necessary, cables snaked through the courtroom and perhaps a dozen technicians scurried about.

None of these disruptions would be present today, Court TV said in describing a single, stationary camera that televises trials without noise, additional lighting or cumbersome wiring. The network said that legally, there's no difference between a reporter's pen, a sketch artist's pad and a modern TV camera to ensure public access to trials.

The conference banned still photography in 1946, extended the prohibition to broadcasting in 1972 and reconsidered its position in 1994 but refused to make changes. In 1996, the conference stated each court of appeals may decide whether to allow broadcasts in its geographic area.

Greyhound refuses to pay hospital bills

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Greyhound isn't paying hospital bills for passengers injured when a driver's throat was slashed, contending it was a criminal act that also victimized the company.

The Dallas-based bus line advised hospital administrators and passengers who didn't have health insurance to seek help from the Tennessee Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, said Greyhound spokeswoman Lynn Brown.

Hospital administrators said unpaid bills total more than $450,000 from the Oct. 3 bus crash on Interstate 24 near Manchester, about 60 miles southeast of Nashville. Six passengers, including the attacker, died in the crash, a seventh died later at a hospital and the other 34 on board were injured.

"Because it is a criminal incident, Greyhound is as much a victim of the crime as are the passengers," Brown said.

Amy Dunlap, who oversees the crime victims' fund in the state treasurer's office, said Greyhound inquired "what our role might be." The fund, with about $79 million as of July 1, is financed by money from criminal fines and federal grants.

She said bus passengers can apply for up to $30,000 each to pay hospital expenses, any related out-of-pocket expenses, or in some cases reimbursement of lost wages or disability.

The fund has received one application related to the bus accident, Dunlap said.

The state cannot pressure Greyhound to provide insurance or to pay hospital bills for passengers, she said.

"Greyhound didn't make it clear exactly what they are doing," Dunlap said.

Brown said she thought Greyhound had been "working closely with the hospitals."

"We have tried to be helpful to the hospitals and passengers," she said.

Administrators at some of the half dozen hospitals that treated the injured said Tuesday that unpaid medical services contribute to higher costs for other patients.

Some of the hospitals in Chattanooga, Manchester, Murfreesboro and Nashville are attempting to collect from insurers for the injured.

Brown said a hospital and radiology group at Tullahoma waived their charges "in view of the tragic circumstances."

"The thing that has to be done with each individual incident, you have to assess legal responsibility," Brown said. She said Greyhound "isn't legally culpable."

Tennessee Hospital Association President Craig Becker said "the question is who should pay."

"In this case, these people were under the care and responsibility of Greyhound. It would be our contention that is where it should come from," Becker said. "This is the old story that it's somebody else's problem. Someplace the buck has got to stop and to us it is Greyhound. Whether they are legally responsible, I don't know about that, but from a moral standpoint they are."

Bobby Couch, administrator at Manchester Medical Center where the driver and 10 passengers received care for broken bones, cuts and other injuries — in some cases for several days — said Greyhound representatives informed him they did not intend to pay bills totaling more than $50,000 at that hospital.

Couch said Greyhound's attitude differs considerably from "when they were trying to get treatment for these people."

He said the hospital agreed to accept a percentage of the bill due for the driver's injuries as a workers compensation claim. The driver, Garfield Sands, suffered two 5-inch long, 2-inch deep cuts on his neck.

Jan Powell at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga said that hospital was notified Nov. 4 by Greyhound that the bus company would not pay bills totaling more than $400,000 for medical services provided to three passengers.

Among those three was a Saginaw, Mich., woman who was seriously hurt and stayed in the hospital longer than a month. Powell said Erlanger was attempting to collect from the patients' private insurance.

"I don't feel like we have any recourse against the bus company," she said.

At Coffee Medical Center in Manchester, financial officer Ben Jacobi said the hospital's unpaid bills from the bus accident total more than $15,000.

"I would say this is very unusual," Jacobi said. "Most corporations are proactive now and they take care of their customers."

The crash happened just after 4 a.m. near Manchester when, investigators said, passenger Damir Igric slit the driver's throat with a box cutter. The bus, which originated in Chicago, was headed for Orlando, Fla.

A brother of one of seven people killed in the crash has filed a lawsuit in Fulton County, Ga., against Greyhound, as well as the bus manufacturer and driver, claiming their negligence contributed to the deaths. Greyhound has declined comment on the lawsuit.

On the Net:
Tennessee Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund:
http://www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury/index.htm

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 436 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 3, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-42.50
Canner and low cutters: 31-36
Slaughter bulls: 48-55
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-93
600-700: 81-85
700-800: 77-83
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 77-84
600-700: 75-81
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-90
700-800: 70-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-850
Grade: 575-650
Springers: 400-725
Baby calves: 100-150
Doodlers: 150-250

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 916 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 5, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows were steady. Pairs were too few to test.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 112-116
400-500: 89-105
500-600: 90—94
600-700: 74-79
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 103-108
300-400: 96-104
400-500: 88-96
500-600: 79.50-86
600-700: 73-78
700-800: 70-74
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 550-660
Bred cows (3-7 months): 425-550
Cow & calf pairs: 770-845
Aged pairs: 650-730
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 36.50-40.75
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 40-43.75
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 36-42
800-1000 Lbs.: 434-39
Under 750 Lb.: 28-35.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 48.50-52.75
High dressing: 1500-2200 Lbs.: 54.25-57.50
Low Dressing: 1000-1500: 43.50-45.50

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TXU Electric Company and its successor transmission and distribution utility ("TXU Electric") hereby publishes notice that on or about December 31, 2001, TXU Electric, together with the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and various other parties interested in TXU Electric's rates and services, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("P.U.C.") a Stipulation and Joint Application for Approval Thereof, Including a Request for Expedited Interim Relief ("Stipulation"). The primary purpose of this filing is to seek the P.U.C.'s approval of a settlement entered into by the parties filing the Stipulation. If the settlement is approved, TXU Electric will recover its regulatory assets through the issuance of $1.3 billion of transition bonds; TXU Electric's non-regulatory asset stranded costs will be set at $0.0; TXU Electric will refund $350 million to retail electric providers before January 1, 2004; in 2004 and 2005, under certain conditions, TXU Electric will pay a credit to retail electric providers serving price-to-beat customers; TXU Electric will not seek further recovery of its December 31, 2001 unrecovered fuel balance; and TXU Electric will not conduct a fuel reconciliation proceeding related to fuel used prior to December 31, 2001 and will not file a 2001 Annual Report pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Section 39.257.

In addition, if the settlement is approved by the P.U.C. and becomes final, numerous cases pending at the P.U.C. and in various courts will be resolved, including the following:

- *Remand of Docket No. 21527 (Application of TXU Electric Company for Financing Order to Securitize Regulatory Assets and Other Qualified Costs)*, PUC Docket No. 24892;
- *Application of TXU Electric Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rate Pursuant to PURA § 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule § 25.344*, PUC Docket No. 22350, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1015;
- *Remand of Docket No. 9300 (Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Authority to Change Rates)*, PUC Docket No. 22652, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1968;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-02885 in the Travis County District Court, 353rd Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-03687 in the Travis County District Court, 200th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03171 in the Travis County District Court, 345th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03825 in the Travis County District Court, 53rd Judicial District;
- *Texas Utilities Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. 96-10874 in the Travis County District Court, 261st Judicial District;
- *In re: TXU Electric Company*, No. 01-0547 in the Supreme Court of Texas; and
- Any appeal by TXU Electric of the Commission's adoption of Substantive Rule 25.263.

All of the customers and classes of customers of TXU Electric's affiliated transmission and distribution utility in all territories historically served by TXU Electric will be affected if this settlement is approved except those customers located in the certificated service area of TXU SESCO that will receive delivery service over the facilities of TXU Electric's affiliated transmission and distribution utility on and after January 1, 2002.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this matter may contact Chris Schein at TXU Electric, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, 214-812-5338 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing may be viewed at 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201 (contact Debra Anderson).

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512)936-7136.

La compañía de TXU Electric en representación de sí mismo, sus afiliados, y sus sucesores en interés, han llegado a un acuerdo con varios partidos sobre temas relacionados a la transición a competencia de nuestra Compañía, y que también están relacionados a la Comisión y el proceso judicial. Personas con preguntas ó que desean más información sobre este asunto, pueden comunicarse con Ray Granado en TXU Electric al 214/812-4067 ó 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201 durante horas normales de negocio.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002

Formulate a good game plan for the year ahead and your chances for success in achieving your goals and ambitions will have greater than usual odds to work out to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're a clever strategist to begin with, and today this talent will be accentuated, but without revealing your hand or crossing up anybody else. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — What makes you such a good salesperson today is you'll know how to incorporate an element of mystery in your presentation. People can't resist having their curiosity satisfied.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though you may take on an unassuming posture today to deal with events, your innate drive to satisfy your purposes will be strong, undeterred and will be reached.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you hope to pacify your restless nature today, seek involvements that offer some adventure and glamour. The fun and excitement will exhilarate your attitude and outlook.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even though you may not place too much dependence on others today, you could luck out when the right people unexpectedly come through for you at just the right moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When it comes to social involvements today, selecting your allies on an emotional preference is OK, but choose your business associates on logical considerations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You might be aware of the fact that several of your co-workers are vulnerable to being taken advantage of today, but you'll have none of that and will respond protectively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Those who are on the timid side could be especially drawn to your charismatic and stimulating personality today. As they seek your fun but safe shelter, you'll protect them under your wing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The secret to your success today is your powerful, positive attitude. This dynamic energy always lets you accomplish your aims with or without the help of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — That wonderful live-and-let-live demeanor you possess will serve you well today. Not even someone who has a nasty disposition will negatively influence your good nature.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Chances are you'll be a pretty generous person today, but yet without putting any strains on your pocketbook. What you do for others will be more in the vein of kindness than dollars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — People want to help you achieve your personal desires today, not through any intimidation on your part, but because of your ability to reach out to others and satisfy their needs.

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Teen pilot told friend to watch news

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Two days before Charles Bishop killed himself by crashing a small plane into a skyscraper, the 15-year-old student pilot told his best friend to keep an eye on the news.

"He said an airline was thinking of hiring him and he'd be on the news Saturday," the friend, Emerson Favreau, said Tuesday.

Favreau didn't think much of the claim, since Bishop had said the same thing twice before and nothing had happened. But that Saturday, Bishop, a freshman at East Lake High School, stole an airplane from a flight school at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport and crashed it into the 28th floor of the Bank of America Plaza in downtown Tampa.

A note expressing sympathy for Osama bin Laden and support for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks was found in Bishop's pocket.

On Tuesday, law enforcement officials said Bishop had been prescribed an acne medication whose links to suicide and depression have been the subject of federal inquiries.

A prescription for Accutane, used to treat severe acne, was found at Bishop's home, Pinellas County Sheriff's Maj. Sam Lynn said.

"We don't know if he was taking it, how long," Tampa police spokeswoman Katie Hughes said.

Toxicology tests that will determine if any drugs were in Bishop's system will be completed in about two weeks, said Lee Miller, an associate medical examiner with the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office.

Calls to Bishop's family were not returned Tuesday.

The Food and Drug Administration says 147 people taking Accutane, which affects the body's central nervous system, either committed suicide or were hospitalized for suicide attempts from 1982 to May 2000.

An estimated 12 million patients have used Accutane since it was first marketed as an acne drug in 1982.

A congressional investigation into the possible suicide link is being spearheaded by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Michigan, whose 17-year-old son committed suicide while taking the drug.

There has been no conclusive evidence that the drug causes depression or suicide, and the manufacturer maintains that it is safe. But the FDA is concerned that the depression of a few patients eased when they quit Accutane and came back the next time they took the drug.

In another development Tuesday, Hughes said the FBI has found no evidence worth pursuing on the computer hard drives taken from the homes of Bishop and his grandmother.

Bishop had no history of psychological problems and had never tried to commit suicide before. His family, teachers, friends and flight instructors describe him as intelligent and friendly — and not likely to take his own life.

"People who commit suicide don't usually talk about what they want to do in the future," Favreau said. "He talked all the time about being an airline pilot. He wanted to fly 747s."

The two teen-agers used to message each other by computer almost every day. But Favreau, 15, said his friend had recently seemed to brush him off, ignoring his messages.

Favreau also said that in spite of the note found in Bishop's pocket, the teen-age pilot "hated bin Laden." He said Bishop had expressed sympathy for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks in a class paper.

"I think he wrote the note to get publicity so people would know who he was when he died," Favreau said. "And they do."

In Maryland...

Hijacker's traffic stop 2 days before attacks 'routine'

PIKESVILLE, Md. (AP) — A Maryland state trooper who pulled over one of the Sept. 11 hijackers for speeding two days before the attacks says nothing about the stop would have justified detaining the man.

"No red flags at all," said Trooper Joseph Catalano, who stopped Ziad S. Jarrah on an interstate highway in Maryland. "It was a routine traffic stop."

A videotape of the Maryland traffic stop was released Tuesday by Maryland State Police. Col. David B. Mitchell, the superintendent of state police, said Jarrah was "extremely calm and cooperative."

"There were no circumstances to question the gentleman more than we did," he said.

FBI agent Michael Clemens said Jarrah had a valid visa and was not on any federal lists of suspected terrorists at the time of the stop.

Jarrah was later identified as one of the four hijackers on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania,

The tape of Jarrah, taken from a camera mounted on the officer's dashboard, is fuzzy and focuses on the rear of Jarrah's rental car. Jarrah is never seen in the tape.

Catalano can be seen telling Jarrah he was pulled over for going 90 mph in a 65 mph zone. After a few minutes, Catalano returns and tells Jarrah the fine is $270, gives him a few instructions on how to pay and tells him he is free to go.

Mitchell said Jarrah had a valid Virginia driver's license indicating that he lived in Springfield, Va.

In their only verbal exchange, Catalano asked Jarrah if he still lived at the address. State police said Jarrah answered yes, though his response cannot be heard on the tape.

After the attacks, FBI found the speeding citation in the car that Jarrah had rented, which was parked at the Newark, N.J., airport.

Jarrah spent some time in Maryland before the attacks. Credit card records show Jarrah stayed at a Laurel hotel in August.

Jarrah, a Lebanese citizen, had been detained and questioned in the United Arab Emirates in January 2001 after spending two months in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A United Arab Emirates official, who would not say why Jarrah was questioned, told The Associated Press last month that Jarrah left the next day for Germany.

Another Sept. 11 hijacker, Hani Hanjour, received a traffic summons for speeding Aug. 1 in Arlington, Va., Arlington County police detective Jim Page said.

Hanjour was stopped while driving a van with New Jersey plates. Page said Tuesday that Hanjour, who has been identified as one of the hijackers aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon, had a Florida driver's license and told an officer he lived in New York City.

Police gave him a ticket, which Hanjour later paid.

Commissioners approve new repair costs for some courts

HOUSTON (AP) — Commissioners who approved the opening of a previously unoccupied floor of the flood-damaged Harris County Criminal Justice Center have delayed the Civil Justice Center project.

The County Commissioners Court voted Tuesday to again delay the $119 million Civil Justice Center project at least until a financial plan can be reviewed during budget hearings later this month.

And the cost of fixing the Criminal Justice Center rose to $19.6 million with the approval of opening the new floor.

The criminal courthouse has been closed since June, when Tropical Storm Allison flooded its basement and damaged vital electrical systems.

More than $18 million has been spent on repairs and renovations, including moving the electrical systems to higher levels, Art Storey, the director of the county's Public Infrastructure Department, told the Houston Chronicle for today's editions.

But county officials said the moves will create a space crunch on the first floor, so the court approved spending $1.2 million to open the 12th. The 12th floor has been unfinished since the $100 million center opened two years ago.

Storey said he expects the work to be done in time for the courthouse's scheduled reopening April 1.

Storey also told the court that officials were ready to seek bids on the Civil Justice Center, the county's planned civil courthouse downtown. Construction is expected to cost $84 million, and officials expect to spend $35 million more for computers, phones, fees and moving costs. That would bring the overall budget for the courthouse to $119 million — the amount of bonds approved by voters in 1999.

If the court approves the project this year, the building could be open by 2004. But court members have been wary of the project's costs and its impact on the county's property-tax rate, so they asked County Budget Officer Dick Raycraft on Tuesday to devise a financing plan for review later this month.

Robert Reich to run for office

BOSTON (AP) — Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich has his eye on the Massachusetts governor's mansion.

More than four years after leaving the Clinton White House, Reich has decided to re-enter politics and run for governor, a campaign adviser said Tuesday.

Reich, a Democrat and professor of social and economic policy at Brandeis University, planned to formally announce his candidacy today, the adviser said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Reich, 55, would not comment Tuesday. A native of Scranton, Pa., Reich left President Clinton's Cabinet in 1997 and has never run for elective office.

Republican acting Gov. Jane Swift, Massachusetts' first woman governor, is seeking re-election this fall.

Former national party chairman Steve Grossman and former state Sen. Warren Tolman are the only other Democrats so far to have formally announced their candidacies.

Reich raised his profile in Massachusetts in November when he criticized state lawmakers' budget proposals as "inhumane" and called Swift "an embarrassment in terms of her incompetence."

Last month, Reich circulated an e-mail asking for support and contributions.

GOP spokesman Rob Gray predicted that most Massachusetts voters will find Reich's stances on issues too liberal for their taste.

Reich needs the support of 15 percent of the delegates at the party convention in June to qualify for the primary in September. The general election is in November.

In a recent interview, he said he began considering a run for office after the Sept. 11 attacks led him to think about ways to contribute to the community.

"In the back of my mind, I wonder about entering the fray once again," he said. "I love writing and teaching. ... But the question for all of us is, 'How can we make a contribution?'"

On the Net:
Reich: http://www.robertreich.org
Swift:
http://www.state.ma.us/gov

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



New therapy for the side-effects of hormones

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 66 and for the past 15 years have successfully used hormone replacement therapy, while accepting the small but real risks of uterine and breast cancer. This year, however, I suffered a bout of deep venous thrombosis for which I was prescribed Coumadin for six months. My physician explained to me that the hormone therapy increases my risk of future blood clots, and he insists I stop the estrogen. I don't want to because I feel so good. Do I have any other options?

DEAR READER: Until recently, I would have said "no" and, like your physician, would have urged you to discontinue hormone therapy. However, based on a large study of over 125,000 Canadian women, as reported in "The Archives of Internal Medicine" Volume 161, 2001, I may be able to modify my position. The researchers discovered that the use of "statin" cholesterol-lowering drugs was associated with a 22-percent risk reduction in DVT (blood clots in the leg veins) among women 65 or older. This finding may well revolutionize therapy for prevention of these serious blood clots. (Incidentally, a previous study showed a 50-percent reduction in DVT risk.) Ask your doctor about this. If he is willing to prescribe low doses of a statin drug, you may be able to continue your hormone therapy.

As an aside, I might mention an equally spectacular study in "Circulation" Vol. 103, 2001, in which Scottish researchers found that Pravastatin (a type of statin to lower cholesterol) reduced by 30 percent the risk of developing diabetes in over 5,000 middle-aged men.

What does all this mean? Simply that these drugs have far more beneficial effects than previously recognized, and their use for situations other than high serum cholesterol may lead to significantly improved health.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a chronic, dull ache around the left side of my breastbone. The discomfort sometimes travels to my shoulder. What could cause this, and what do you recommend?

DEAR READER: Chest pain has many causes. Two of the most common are costochondritis (inflammation of the cartilage attaching the ribs to the breastbone) and intercostal myalgia (irritation of the muscles between the ribs). The cause of these conditions is unknown, and they are difficult to diagnose because the pains are vague and there are no confirmatory lab tests. However, patients with these afflictions almost always show point tenderness over the inflamed tissue, so this diagnostic characteristic is important. These benign causes of chest discomfort can ordinarily be treated with anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen.

Of course, chest pain can also reflect serious diseases, such as lung problems and angina (heart muscle cramps).

Finally, chest aching can often be caused by inconsequential muscle strain and over use.

I recommend that you be examined and tested by your family doctor. In my opinion, you should have chest X-rays, a cardiogram (or stress test) and — possibly — an X-ray study of your upper intestinal tract (to rule out peptic disease). The treatment of chest pain depends on the cause, which your physician is trained to discover.

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John Clark Gable files for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Clark Gable, the 40-year-old son of fabled actor Clark Gable, has filed for divorce from his second wife.

Citing irreconcilable differences, Gable filed for divorce Monday from Alexandra Remlin Gable, whom he married in 1999. He has two children, including 12-year-old son Clark, from a first marriage that ended in 1990.

John Clark Gable was born about four months after his father's death on Nov. 16, 1960. His filmography is short; "Clark Gable: Tall, Dark and Handsome" (1996); "A Burning Passion: The Margaret Mitchell Story" (1994); and "Bad Jim" (1990). He has done stunt driving for films.

Gable is also an off-road racecar driver, riding motocross since he was 5, as well as a ceramist who has made pottery since he was 9. His Malibu home not only has a garage where he works on his motorcycles and racing vehicles, but also a studio with a giant-kiln where he creates vases, teapots, bowls and figures.

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Perry outlines election goals at kickoff

ADDISON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is using his statewide campaign swing to make a pitch for the sought-after Hispanic swing vote.

During a stop at a suburban Dallas flight museum Tuesday, Perry touted his record with border issues while serving as Texas governor.

"One of my proudest accomplishments during my time as governor has been raising the profile of that border region so that it's not an afterthought in the making of public policy, but part and parcel of every major initiative in Texas," Perry, 51, told a cheering crowd. "There are more Texans that now realize the border is not our back yard, but the front door to our state and our nation."

Perry, who has taken Spanish lessons, is running unopposed for the Republican nomination for governor. Millionaire businessman Tony Sanchez and former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales are the front-runners for the Democratic nomination.

"We will soon be improving road conditions of the colonias so that buses and emergency vehicles can reach residents after a heavy downpour," Perry said, referring to an amendment he backed and voters approved in November.

Republicans and Democrats will vie for support from the state's 2 million registered Hispanic voters in the November election.

Flanked by four Texas flags and one American flag, Perry walked onstage to the music of Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American." He was introduced by Alicia Landry, the widow of former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry.

"Our family thinks the world of Rick Perry and his family and we feel honored to be his friend," Alicia Landry said. "Every day I miss my husband Tommy and every day I need his advice. This is one of those days because I know he wouldn't want me to mess this up."

Should he win in November, Perry is promising continued advances in transportation, health care, business and education.

Perry also made a campaign stop today morning at Fort Worth's Lockheed Martin, which recently was awarded the government's largest contract ever to build the Joint Strike Fighter jet.

"You are an important part of the Texas entrepreneurial spirit ... and will be an important part of job creation for many years in this state," Perry said.

Sanchez is looking forward to debating Perry about those issues, said Michelle Kucera, a spokeswoman for the businessman's campaign.

Two top al-Qaida leaders are captured

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials are hoping that two senior al-Qaida fighters and their computers and cell phones will provide valuable information in the fight against the terror network blamed for the attacks on Sept. 11.

U.S. forces found the two men late Monday among 14 suspected al-Qaida members captured in eastern Afghanistan near an extensive training base.

The huge Zawar Kili complex of caves, tunnels and buildings was used as a training camp and most recently as a place for fleeing al-Qaida members to regroup, possibly preparing to move from Afghanistan into Pakistan.

American forces have focused their offensive in and around the Zawar Kili area in recent days as they wrapped up operations in Tora Bora, another mountainous area dotted with al-Qaida caves and hide-outs.

The two suspects found Monday were taken immediately to the U.S.-run detention center in Kandahar, in southern Afghanistan, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the war's commander, said clues to the pair's importance included "the way that they carried themselves, their language skill and that sort of thing." Franks, head of U.S. Central Command, which covers Afghanistan and nearby countries, spoke Tuesday night on PBS' "NewsHour."

Besides the computers and phones, "some small arms and training documents were also found," Myers told a Pentagon news briefing Tuesday. "We're exploiting those as we speak."

American warplanes have struck repeatedly at the cave complex and at other areas around Khost in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province. U.S. special forces teams are on the ground in that area, where a Green Beret soldier was killed Friday in an ambush.

As U.S. forces sweep through the area, they have found a large network of buildings, bunkers and a warren of underground caves, Myers said.

"We have found this complex to be very, very extensive. It covers a large area. When we ask people how large, they often describe it as huge," the Air Force general said.

U.S. bombers struck a cache of tanks and other weapons in the area on Sunday. They launched two new strikes on additional buildings and bunkers found nearby late Monday, Myers said.

An F-14 fighter jet dropped two precision-guided bombs on one building, and an F/A-18 jet dropped two more guided bombs on a bunker, he said.

Paktia province has long been known as an area where al-Qaida terrorists had a large training and supply complex. One camp hit this week was struck by U.S. missiles in 1998 in retaliation for bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa blamed on al-Qaida guerrillas.

Earlier Tuesday, officials said that three more people identified as top al-Qaida leaders are believed dead in the fighting across Afghanistan.

Democrats asking Bush White House about any ties to Enron

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because of Enron Corp.'s sudden bankruptcy, congressional Democrats have won their first victory in a nine-month effort to squeeze information from the Bush White House on its ties to the energy industry.

For the first time, the White House is acknowledging that representatives of Houston-based Enron met six times with Vice President Dick Cheney or his aides on energy issues last year, most recently in mid-October just before the investing public realized the company was heading for disaster.

Since last April, Cheney had fended off congressional requests for the identities of business executives and lobbyists who met with the White House as the administration formulated its pro-industry energy plan.

The picture changed when Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., began pressing the White House about last month's crash of Enron, whose CEO, Ken Lay, is among President Bush's biggest political supporters.

"It is appropriate to ask whether Enron communicated to you or others affiliated with your task force information about its precarious financial position," Waxman wrote the vice president. "This is especially important since this information was apparently hidden from investors and the public until quite recently."

The vice president's office said the last Enron meeting with a Cheney aide was Oct. 10, just six days before the first in a series of public admissions by the company about its true financial condition that sent it careening into bankruptcy court.

Enron's financial position wasn't discussed in any of the meetings, vice presidential counsel David Addington insisted in a letter.

One Republican candidate withdraws from 17th Congressional District race

It's back to a three-person race in the 17th Congressional District as one of the two Republicans hoping to unseat Rep. Charlie Stenholm has withdrawn.

Abilene airline pilot Russell Gill removed his name from the ballot Tuesday, leaving fellow Abilene city council member Rob Beckham to oppose the incumbent Democrat in the general election in November.

Another Abilene airline employee, Fred Jones, is running as a Libertarian for the 17th District congressional seat.

The 17th District includes 35 counties, including Scurry.

Snyder Fire Department responds to 2nd house fire

•House fire

The Snyder fire department responded to its second house fire in as many days Tuesday afternoon.

The firefighters were dispatched to 3309 Ave. A at 4:15 p.m. after the fire was reported by the home's occupant Rebecca Capetillo.

Owner of the home is Steven Tyler.

Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey said Capetillo was lighting incense in a bedroom when curtains in the room caught fire. Capetillo reportedly attempted to extinguish the fire before calling for assistance, but Posey said the intensity of the blaze increased rapidly.

Fire damage was extensive in the home's bedrooms, while the rest of the house suffered heavy smoke damage, Posey said.

Capetillo and her daughter were in the house when the fire started, but escaped unharmed.

Twenty-five firefighters responded to the residence with four fire trucks and remained on the scene until 6 p.m.

•Arrests

Officers arrested Norris Lee Williams Jr., 19, of 1106 33rd Street at 9 a.m. Tuesday on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on a Tarrant County warrant for theft by check.

•Thefts

A man reported Tuesday night that he had received a number of bills for long distance phone calls made by someone else. Officers contacted the man and filed a report for Class A theft.

Dave Lyle reported damage to a vehicle while parked at Snyder Lanes Tuesday evening. An officer was dispatched to the location and advised a report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

•Juveniles

Rosa Valadez reported three juveniles destroying property in the 2900 block of Ave. F Tuesday afternoon. An officer was dispatched to the location, but the juveniles had left the area. Mrs. Valadez advised she would call back if they returned.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and County North reported a drive off worth $17.44 at 1:20 Tuesday afternoon, but could not describe the vehicle. No report was filed.

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Avvis Willis

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ABILENE — Avvis Willis of Abilene, mother of Linda Holley of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, at her home in Abilene.

Service for Mrs. Willis, 85, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Community Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kevin Ueckert officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born April 2, 1916 in Hanesville, La., she married Foster Willis in 1938 in Colorado City. He died in 1987.

Mrs. Willis moved to Abilene in 1943. She was a member of the Southside Baptist Church and the Women's Sunday School Class. Mrs. Willis, a beautician for 62 years in the Abilene area, was active in the Senior Citizens program and enjoyed bowling for many years.

A son, Kirk Willis in 2001; her parents, Monroe and Effie Jane Pair Kirkpatrick; and a sister, Annie Laurie Dobbs, also preceded her in death.

Survivors also include a son-in-law, Henry Holley of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Mary Ruth Kirkpatrick of Abilene; three grandchildren, Terri Lee of Midland, Sherri Leuck of Abilene and Scott Willis of Hawley; six great-grandchildren, Kirstie, Kirsten and J.W. Leuck, and Tanner, Dylan and Zachary Lee.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, 79605.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lady Tiger softball booster club

The Lady Tiger softball booster club will meet at 6 p.m. this evening in the girls gym at SHS. All parents are needed to attend.

First Baptist Church program

First Baptist Church's Sunday morning service on "Biblical Marriage Counseling" will be on Channel 2 at 3 p.m. Thursday.

FBC support groups

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

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Technology booster meeting

The SHS technology student association booster meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the shop classroom. The project will be painting yard signs.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will resume on Tuesday. The classes are held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Weight Watchers

Persons interested in attending Weight Watchers meetings in Snyder should contact Mary at 766-3139 or Kathy at 573-1289 and leave name and telephone number.

Scurry County Retired Teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Donna Greene will share travel tips.

Relay for Life meeting

The Scurry unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be made at Ira School on Wednesday, Jan. 23. 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.

Funeral expense account

An account has been opened at West Texas State Bank for donations to assist in funeral expenses for accident victim Stacy Copeland. Contact Lisa Williams at 573-2980 or Beth Bowen at 573-2670, for additional information.

Windbreak trees

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

VFW membership drive

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

Nurse testing dates

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

MAWC monthly luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 23. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Medical expert testifies one punch could have killed hockey father

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A medical expert hired by a hockey player's father accused of beating another father to death testified today that one punch could have been enough to cause the fatal injury.

Thomas Junta, 44, is accused of manslaughter in the death of Michael Costin, 40, who was beaten unconscious by Junta after an argument over rough play at their sons' hockey practice.

Junta maintains he was acting in self-defense and punched Costin only three times during the July 5, 2000, fight. Some prosecution witnesses have said Junta beat Costin's head on the floor and pummeled him repeatedly, landing at least 10 blows, by one account.

Both sides agree the fatal injury was the rupture of an artery on the left side of Costin's neck. Dr. Ira Kanfer, a pathologist, testified today that Costin's artery could have ruptured with one punch.

"It's a rare injury caused by minimal force, and it's just one of those things that happens," Kanfer said. "I don't believe it's cumulative; I believe it's one blow."

On cross-examination by prosecutor Sheila Calkins, he conceded it may not have been the first blow that was the fatal blow.