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WTC REGISTRATION — Tosha Walker of Ira, a sophomore at Western Texas College, completes registration for the spring semester this morning by updating her ID card with the help of Donna Billingsley, right, and Laura Ritchey, center. The spring session begins Wednesday. Anyone needing information may call 573-8511, ext. 230 or ext. 313. (SDN Staff Photo)

In board meeting tonight...

WTC coaches to get final stamp of approval

Western Texas College board of trustees will consider ratifying employment of baseball and softball coaches at its regular monthly meeting at 7 tonight, bringing the new programs a step closer to reality.

James King has been selected to head the baseball program. King is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and Lubbock Christian University and has 14 years experience as a college baseball coach, in addition to nine years at the high school level.

King played professional baseball for three years with the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers baseball organizations.

King's honors include being named "Coach of the Year" five times at the college level along with five conference championships and three conference tournament championships.

While coaching high school baseball, King took his team to the Texas state playoffs all nine years. He also has 22 years experience directing baseball camps and tournaments.

To direct the softball program, WTC has selected Rodney McNeill.

McNeill is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and has been head softball coach at DeSoto High School and Texas Wesleyan University and was an assistant coach at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Prior to coaching softball, McNeill served as a firefighter in Kennedale and was a patrolman in Everman. His accomplishments include several conference championships.

Also on the meeting's agenda are five items of new business for consideration, including a letter of agreement from Tamkin Development Corporation, a potential candidate to construct new dorms on campus.

The letter of agreement is necessary for the company to move forward with feasibility studies concerning the on-campus housing facility.

A resolution concerning pension plans for part-time employees also will be considered to comply with new IRS regulations.

The board will look at eliminating selected fees for concurrently enrolled students, to include building fees, student service fees and technology fees.

A resolution for the Scurry County tax assessor and collector and a possible $2 per semester hour increase in tuition also will be considered.

The meeting will take place in the boardroom in the administration building.

Bush fainting spell reminds everyone to chew and chew

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was doing well and back at work today after fainting briefly in the White House residence while choking down a pretzel a day earlier.

"I feel great," Bush told reporters on the White House lawn as he prepared to board a helicopter for a two-day trip to the Midwest and Louisiana.

"My mother always said, 'When you're eating pretzels, chew before you swallow,'" Bush said. "Always listen to your mother."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president had been checked by his physician, Dr. Richard Tubb, this morning and his vital signs are normal. Bush had never before had a fainting spell, Fleischer said after checking with the president.

"I hit the deck," Bush said in recounting for reporters how, alone in a room with his dogs, he had passed out while watching a football game on television. "Woke up and there was Barney and Spot showing a lot of concern."

The president looked a bit tired but otherwise fit when he stopped to assure reporters that he is doing well. Bush shared few details about the episode.

"I didn't realize what happened before I looked at the mirror and my glasses cut the side of my face," the president said, pointing to an abrasion on his upper left cheek. "I had good blood pressure last night. Good blood pressure this morning."

Texas attorney general looking to move to D.C.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn has been talking about it for months and today he made it official — he wants to trade in his Austin job for a more prestigious one on Capitol Hill.

Cornyn returned to his hometown to formally announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat held for nearly two decades by Republican Phil Gramm.

"On Nov. 5, Texans will have a clear choice, a choice for values, a choice for experience and choice for our president," Cornyn said at the Bexar County Courthouse, the first of four statewide stops. He was scheduled to later visit Houston, Dallas and Austin.

"Ultimately, this election will be decided on three issues: the first is which candidate possesses the conservative core values that Texans cherish, the second is which candidate has the experience and the demonstrated leadership to get the job done.

"The third issue is whether we send to Washington a strong ally for President Bush — a senator who shares the president's commitment to education ... to getting the American economy moving and to winning the war on terrorism."

Cornyn, 49, was elected attorney general in 1998, the year the GOP swept to victory in every statewide race. In doing so, he became the first Republican to be elected to the state's top legal official in more than a century.

He has four little-known opponents in the March 12 primary: Lawrence Cranberg, an 84-year-old Austin physicist; San Antonio businessman Douglas Deffenbaugh; Bruce Rusty Lang of Dallas, who listed his occupation as Christian physician; and Dudley Mooney of Santo.

On the Democratic side are U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston; former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk; former Gramm challenger Victor Morales of Crandall; 1992 Senate nominee Gene Kelly of Universal City; and Austin attorney Ed Cunningham.

Second escapee's trial started today

DALLAS (AP) — Prison escapee Donald Newbury's written statement to police will be used as evidence in his capital murder trial, State District Judge Vickers Cunningham said before opening statements began today.

The statement was made after Newbury's capture in Colorado six weeks after he and a gang of violent felons escaped a South Texas prison and went on a spree of armed robberies, killing Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins during the Christmas Eve 2000 holdup of an Irving sporting goods store.

Prosecutor Toby Shook told jurors that Newbury confessed to shooting three times during a barrage of gunfire at Hawkins. More than 20 shots were fired from five different guns. The officer was struck 11 times.

"He will admit to taking part in the robbery," Shook said. "He will admit to being in the back area when the shooting of Aubrey Hawkins occurs. He will admit firing."

But defense attorney Doug Parks said that is not enough for jurors to convict Newbury of capital murder.

"Just being present at the time and place Officer Hawkins was killed is not enough to convict Donald Newbury," he said.

Parks said Newbury never intended to participate in a shooting. "This was a carefully planned robbery in every detail just so something like this would not happen."

But to prove Newbury guilty, prosecutors do not have to show that bullets fired by Newbury were the ones that killed Hawkins. Texas law allows holding Newbury liable for the conduct the other escapees are accused of if he promoted or assisted them during any crimes.

Newbury is the second of six inmates to go on trial in the Dec. 24, 2000, fatal robbery. Defense attorneys had contended Newbury's eight-page written statement was illegally obtained and should be thrown out.

George Rivas, the confessed ringleader of the gang of seven escapees, was given the death penalty in August after a jury convicted him of Hawkins' death.



TIME WARP IN SNYDER — The Scurry County Coliseum resembled a different place and a different time Saturday as hundreds of people from several states were on hand for a meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Melinda and Doug Turnage, from left, of Denton and Barclay Campbell and Heidemarie Branides, both of Oklahoma City, dressed in pre-17th century costumes for the event. (SDN Staff Photo)

Auditions set tonight for Ritz play

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre's production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* will be held today from 5-7 p.m.

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 by 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 play has performances scheduled for March 8-10, and 15-17.

The production is directed by Ellie Dryden.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for sweeping streets within the city limits?

A—The city street department is responsible for city-owned streets and TxDOT sweeps highways going through town.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 57 degrees; low, 32; high Sunday, 60; low, 37; 7 a.m. Monday, 37. No precipitation for 2002.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low 30-35; SE winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly clear, low 30-35, SE winds increasing to 15-25 mph.



Priscilla Molinar
Sunny

Sunset: 6:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 13 days in 2002, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Just remember when you are over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.
—Charles Schulz

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Snyder FFA Stock Show winners announced

Snyder FFA recently held its chapter FFA livestock show, where over 100 students exhibited lambs, goats and hogs. James Bevel, agricultural science teacher at Haskell, was the judge.

"Overall, the quality of livestock was incredible and the students did a wonderful job," David Frazier, SHS' FFA sponsor and ag science teacher, said.

The lamb show proved a family affair as animals exhibited by Meggan and Bailey Minor took grand and reserve champion honors, respectively.

In the goat show, Kelly Moore's entry won the grand champion honors and Kylie Moreland's goat followed as the reserve grand.

In the hog show, Cody Wall's entry was named grand champion out of the 150 entries and Corey Longorio's hog received the reserve grand prize.



FAMILY AFFAIR — The lamb show was a family affair with grand and reserve grand honors going to Meggan Minor (l) and Bailey Minor (r), respectively. (Contributed Photo)



RESERVE GOAT — The reserve grand champion goat was exhibited by Kylie Moreland. Aryn May holds the trophy for Kylie. (Contributed Photo)



GRAND CHAMPION — Cody Wall's crossbred pig was named grand champion swine. (Contributed Photo)



TOP GOAT — Kelly Moore's goat was named grand champion. Kelly's sister, Rainie, is also pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Frazier said, "The show went over very well. The students did a wonderful job showing their animals. The booster club helped with the show. They are one of the best assets of our program and we couldn't possibly run this show without them."

Winners included:

Swine

Berkshire

Annie Stribling, 1st; Jacinda Judah, 2nd; Annie Stribling, 3rd; Stetson Kincheloe, 4th.

Chester White

Lightweight

Jenna Neff, 1st; Annie Stribling, 2nd; Soslan Jusoyev, 3rd.

Heavyweight

Chance Tatum, 1st; Cliff Beights, 2nd; Jacinda Judah, 3rd.

Breed champion: Jenna Neff.

Reserve breed champion: Chance Tatum.

Duroc

Lightweight

Jacinda Judah, 1st; Laci Hackfeld, 2nd; Laci Hackfeld, 3rd; Joe Bishop, 4th; Stetson Kincheloe, 5th.

Mediumweight

Jacinda Judah, 1st; Soslan Jusoyev, 2nd; Sydney Glass, 3rd; Emma Nunley, 4th.

Light heavyweight

Jacinda Judah, 1st; Jacinda Judah, 2nd; Ashton Wall, 3rd; Denise Thomas, 4th; Chance Tatum, 5th.

Heavyweight

Jacinda Judah, 1st; Ty Burton, 2nd; Ricky Early, 3rd; Dylan Early, 4th; Conor Johnson, 5th.

Breed champion: Jacinda Judah.

Reserve breed champion: Jacinda Judah.

Hampshire

Lightweight

Chance Tatum, 1st; Allison Swigert, 2nd; Joe Bishop, 3rd; Chris Ward, 4th; A.J. Frizzell, 5th.

Mediumweight

Ashton Burton, 1st; Ty Burton, 2nd; Bailey Minor, 3rd; Zane Berryhill, 4th; Kelly Moore, 5th.

Light heavyweight

Wes von Roeder, 1st; Keagan Herrley, 2nd; Jacinda Judah, 3rd; Tyler Thompson, 4th.

Heavyweight

Amanda Whisenhunt, 1st; Laci Hackfeld, 2nd; Keagan Herrley, 3rd; Tanner Bloom, 4th.

Breed champion: Amanda Whisenhunt.

Reserve breed champion: Ashton Burton.

Landrace

Shane Kitchens, 1st; Kendra Tidwell, 2nd; Sarah Carpenter, 3rd.

Breed champion: Shane Kitchens.

Reserve breed champion: Kendra Tidwell.

Poland

Kendall Tidwell, 1st; Terrie Bullock, 2; Daniel Burton, 3rd; Chris Ward, 4th; Amanda Whisenhunt, 5th.

Breed champion: Kendall Tidwell.

Reserve breed champion: Terrie Bullock.

Spot

Lightweight

Dylan Early, 1st; Ricky Early, 2nd; Kendall Tidwell, 3rd.

Heavyweight

Corey Longorio, 1st; Cliff Beights, 2nd; Shana Blackard, 3rd; Rainie Moore, 4th.

Breed champion: Corey Longorio.

Reserve breed champion: Dylan Early.

Yorkshire

Lightweight

Ricky Early, 1st; Chance Tatum, 2nd; Keagan Herrley, 3rd; Annie Stribling, 4th; Dylan Early, 5th.

Mediumweight

Corey Longorio, 1st; Jackie Thompson, 2nd; Sarah Carpenter, 3rd; Soslan Jusoyev, 4th; Chris Ward, 5th.

Light Heavyweight

Joe Bishop, 1st; Sydney Glass, 2nd; Shane Kitchens, 3rd; Michael Parsley, 4th; Jake Harvey, 5th.

Heavyweight

Jacinda Judah, 1st; Meggan Minior, 2nd; Larissa Blackard, 3rd; Jacinda Judah, 4th; Larissa Blackard, 5th.

Breed champion: Corey Longorio.

Reserve breed champion: Jacinda Judah.

Cross

Lightweight

Emma Nunley, 1st; Sarah Carpenter, 2nd; Michael Parsley, 3rd; Jake Harvey, 4th; Averie Pearcy, 5th.

Light mediumweight

Cody Wall, 1st; Ricky Early, 2nd; Kendall Tidwell, 3rd; Terrie Bullock, 4th; Laci Hackfeld, 5th.

Heavy mediumweight

Laci Hackfeld, 1st; Corey Longorio, 2nd; Stetson Kincheloe, 3rd; Kendall Tidwell, 4th; Wes von Roeder, 5th.

Light heavyweight

Dylan Early, 1st; Cody Wall, 2nd; Tyler Thompson, 3rd; Remington Bloom, 4th; Denise Thomas, 5th.

Heavyweight

Darrell Cook, 1st; Jenna Neff, 2nd; Ashton Burton, 3rd; Ashton Wall, 4th; Averie Pearcy, 5th.

Breed champion: Cody Wall.

Reserve Breed Champion: Dylan Early.

Grand champion: Cody Wall.

Reserve grand champion: Corey Longorio.

Goats

Class 1

Annie Stribling, 1st; Brittany Scott, 2nd; Jenna Neff, 3rd; Stetson Kincheloe, 4th; Kelly Moore, 5th; Dawn Thomas, 6th; Rainie Moore, 7th; Dawn Thomas, 8th; Kelly Moore, 9th; Jamie Treat, 10th; Chance Tatum, 11th.

Class 2

Kylie Moreland, 1st; Kylie Moreland, 2nd; Rainie Moore, 3rd; Brittany Scott, 4th; Brance Scott, 5th; Brittany Scott, 6th; Kendall Tidwell, 7th; Kelissa Craig, 8th; Acee French, 9th.

Class 3

Amanda Covington, 1st; Paige Anderson, 2nd; Acee French, 3rd; Kylie Moreland, 4th; Eric Guadarrama, 5th; Stetson Kincheloe, 6th; Jenna Neff, 7th; Stetson Kincheloe, 8th; Paige Anderson, 9th; Aryn May, 10th.

Class 4

Kelly Moore, 1st; Chance Tatum, 2nd; Chance Tatum, 3rd; Kelissa Craig, 4th; Annie Stribling, 5th; Aryn May, 6th; Aryn May, 7th; Kelissa Craig, 8th; Kendra Tidwell, 9th; Stetson Kincheloe, 10th.

Class 5

Amanda Covington, 1st; Jenna Neff, 2nd; Casey Long, 3rd; Eric Guadarrama, 4th; Brance Scott, 5th; Emily Long, 6th; Casey Long, 7th; Emily Long, 8th.

Grand champion: Kelly Moore.

Reserve grand champion: Kylie Moreland.

Lambs

Finewool

Jenna Neff, 1st.

Breed champion: Jenna Neff,

Finewool cross

Lightweight

Tye Holley, 1st; Jenna Neff, 2nd; Shannon Chambers, 3rd; Kylie Moreland, 4th.

Heavyweight

Shannon Chambers, 1st; Beth Parsley, 2nd; Kylie Moreland, 3rd.

Breed champion: Tye Holley.

Reserve breed champion: Jenna Neff.

Mediumwool

Lightweight

Jenna Neff, 1st; Michael Parsley, 2nd; Tye Holley, 3rd; Tye Holley, 4th.

Mediumweight

Bailey Minor, 1st; Bailey Minor, 2nd; Beth Parsley, 3rd; Cliff Beights, 4th; Kylie Moreland, 5th.

Heavyweight

Meggan Minor, 1st; Meggan Minor, 2nd; Jenna Neff, 3rd; Cliff Beights, 4th.

Breed champion: Meggan Minor,

Reserve breed champion: Bailey Minor.

Grand champion: Meggan Minor.

Reserve grand champion: Bailey Minor.



RESERVE PIG — Cory Longorio's Yorkshire pig won reserve grand champion. (Contributed Photo)

Birthday Bash CASH!

If Your Birthday Numbers Match Birthday Bash Cash Numbers

All You Have To Do Is Come To The Snyder Daily News And Claim Your Prize.

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-BASH CASH increases $10 each time there is no winner.
-NEW BASH CASH numbers will be published Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday Editions of The Snyder Daily News.

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-Employees of the Snyder Daily News , their spouses and children are not eligible.

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-In case of multi-winners prize will be divided equally.
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Special smoke detectors send alarm to the hard-of-hearing

DEAR ABBY: Your Dec. 21 column featured a letter from a reader who is concerned because an elderly friend is unable to hear the audible signal from his smoke alarm. Your reader is right to be concerned. Smoke alarms provide the early warning of fire that makes it possible to escape. Every household needs working smoke alarms on each level of the home, and all members of the household must be able to react quickly to the alarm.

For people with hearing impairments, special smoke detection devices with louder alarms or strobe lights are available.

In addition to common audible-signal smoke alarms, many manufacturers now market a wide variety of signaling devices that — when combined — meet the needs of all people. Residents interested in purchasing these devices should contact their local fire department for information on manufacturers and local distributors.

Smoke alarms are an essential element of home fire protection. Everyone should have the life-saving protection afforded by this important technology. Thank you for helping your readers with hearing impairments learn how they can be better protected. — **GEORGE D. MILLER, PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

DEAR GEORGE: And thank YOU for continuing to be a valuable resource for my readers and me. My readers will be pleased to know that detailed fact sheets on smoke alarms and other fire protection devices can be downloaded by visiting the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) online at www.nfpa.org.

Not only are smoke alarms with strobe lights as well as audible alarms available, there's even one that can be placed beneath one's pillow or between the mattress and box spring that vibrates when smoke is detected.

A magazine called Hearing Loss, published by Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3015, also keeps subscribers abreast of other safety products such as assisted-living devices, doorbells, special telephones, etc.

Every household needs at least one working fire alarm. The inability to hear one is no longer a reason for not having that kind of essential protection.

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DEAR ABBY: My boss, "Adam," is 43. I am 50. We are both divorced. We have become very close during the three years we have worked together. I have two adult children. He has none.

Adam and I spend a great deal of time together — at work and socially — but always on a platonic basis. The problem is, I have fallen in love with him. I realize that an on-the-job romance — especially between a boss and a subordinate — would be a big mistake. However, I know he cares a great deal for me, although he does not share my romantic feelings.

Abby, I am having a hard time hiding my emotions when he dates other women. It impacts my work performance. I feel it would be best for me to look for another job. He told me that if I were a true friend I would want him to be happy and to marry someone who could be the mother of his children. I do want Adam to be happy, and I love my job, but I have deep feelings for him. He thinks it is selfish of me to want to leave. Do you? — **IT'S TOUGH TO BE IN LOVE BY MYSELF**

DEAR IT'S TOUGH: I do not think your desire to leave is selfish. Quite the contrary. It's selfish of him to try to make you feel guilty for wanting to leave. You'd have to be a masochist to stay.

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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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Zale pulls tanzanite due to possible terrorism links

DALLAS (AP) — Zale Corp. has removed from its display cases jewelry containing tanzanite because of its possible links to terrorism.

The Irving, Texas-based jewelry retail chain pulled the rare blue-violet stones from its stores as of Jan. 1 after its own investigation of reports that proceeds from tanzanite sales possibly were used to finance Osama bid Laden's al-Qaeda terrorism network, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

Susan Lanigan, Zale's senior vice president and general counsel, handled the investigation personally. She said she believed that the corporation could not "comfortably" protect the Zale brand's integrity.

"This is one of the murky situations where everyone can tell you a pretty compelling story about why it isn't true and why it is true," Lanigan told the newspaper. "We have not been able to prove or disprove there is a link."

Evidence presented in last year's federal trial in New York into the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania detailed Al-Qaeda's traffic in the gemstone trade, including tanzanite.

Four followers of bin Laden were convicted, including Wadih el Hage. The former Arlington resident had served as bin Laden's personal secretary.

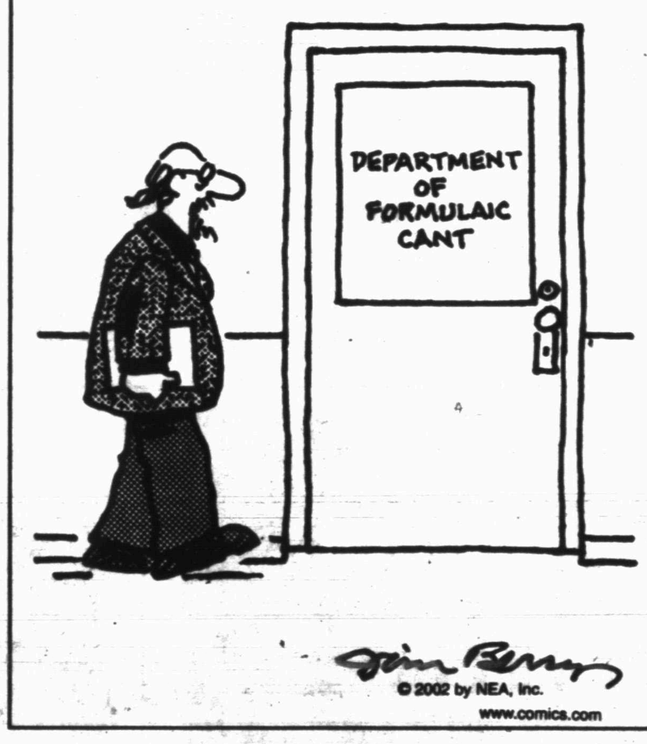
In a note to customers at its stores, Zale also is offering to take back any tanzanite products purchased from the store.

The gem is found only in northern Tanzania, an impoverished nation on Africa's east coast. Once mined, the stones make their way through a Third World labyrinth of dealers, then cutters and polishers largely based in India and Thailand. The gemstones are sold to jewelers, who supply stores.

Zale's action mirrors a November decision by QVC Inc., a large jewelry retailer that suspended tanzanite jewelry sales through its Web site, retail outlets and television network.

Zale is the nation's largest operator of specialty jewelry stores, with more than 2,300 stores that operate under such names as Zales, Gordon's Jewelers, Bailey Banks & Biddle and Piercing Pagoda.

Berry's World



Date Book

Monday, Jan. 14, 2002

Today is the 14th day of 2002 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1813, the Chesapeake, a U.S. frigate, captured the Hero, a British vessel.

On this day in 1881, the U.S. Senate got its first telephone.

On this day in 1989, "Back in the USSR," an album by Paul McCartney, was released in the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general-turncoat; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), missionary; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-commentator, is 83; Yukio Mishima (1925-1970), writer; Julian Bond (1940-), U.S. politician, is 62; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 61; Lawrence Kasdan (1949-), director-screenwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, the Miami Dolphins became the first NFL team ever to finish a season without a loss when they defeated the Washington Redskins 14-7 in Super Bowl VII.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is none so deaf as he that will not hear." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Jan. 13).

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Tarrant County is looking for more room to store evidence

FORT WORTH (AP) — Have you ever had a closet full of items you hadn't looked at since the last time you moved?

Tarrant County has that same kind of problem now with its evidence room.

So many trial exhibits need to be preserved that District Clerk Tom Wilder has run out of room.

Nothing as flashy as the glove from O.J. Simpson's trial, but on the shelves of the county's stuffed-to-the-gills evidence room are baseball bats, axes, tire irons, garden shears, storyboards with photographs and hundreds of boxes of other evidence.

Plus, in a sheriff's department evidence room nearby, there are a couple of dozen bicycles, including the one owned by Amy Robinson, an Arlington teen-ager who was abducted as she rode to work in February 1998 and later killed.

Also in that room, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its today's editions, are car seats; furniture; and a chair from the 1992 Tarrant County Courthouse shooting in which two lawyers were killed.

Wilder said he has doubled the size of the evidence room since he took office in 1995.

"Just because a trial is over and a judgment is rendered, that does not mean there won't be a further need to review evidence," Wilder said.

Too, new state rules require courts to retain biological evidence, such as blood-stained items, so the DNA can be tested.

Wilder asked the Commissioners Court last year for more storage space, and the court in September gave him more than twice the area he now has for evidence.

Half of that space is needed for the current spillover, he said.

Of 45,000 court cases that were filed last year in Tarrant County, only about 5 percent of those went to trial, Wilder said. Some court reporters' closets are filled with exhibits, Wilder said.

"We had a case about sewer lines, and we had pieces of sewer line in the closet for several years," said Ellen Frels, court reporter for the 342nd District Court. "We are overflowing with exhibits."

In civil cases, evidence must be retained for three years. In criminal cases decided after 1993, evidence must be held until the conviction is final or, if the sentence exceeds five years, until two years after the conviction becomes final.

Biological material must be kept until the defendant is executed, dies, is released on parole or completes a sentence. There are no provisions for when evidence in capital cases must be destroyed.

Defense attorneys say it's vital that evidence be kept.

"Have you ever heard of someone getting on the stand and lying?" asked defense attorney Warren St. John of Fort Worth. "If you discover it later, you need the evidence. A piece of evidence could put someone in prison the rest of their life or free an innocent person."

Tarrant County's evidence is catalogued on a computer.

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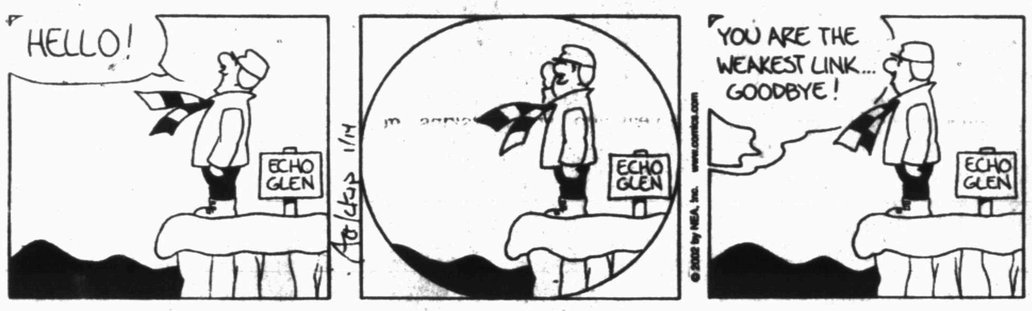
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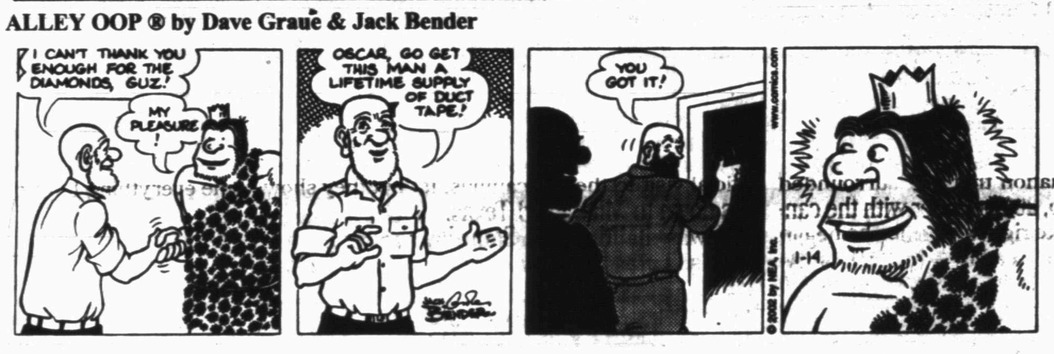
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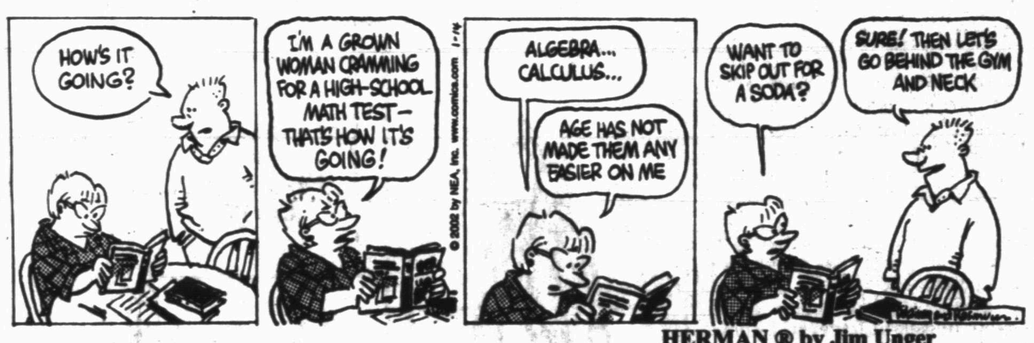
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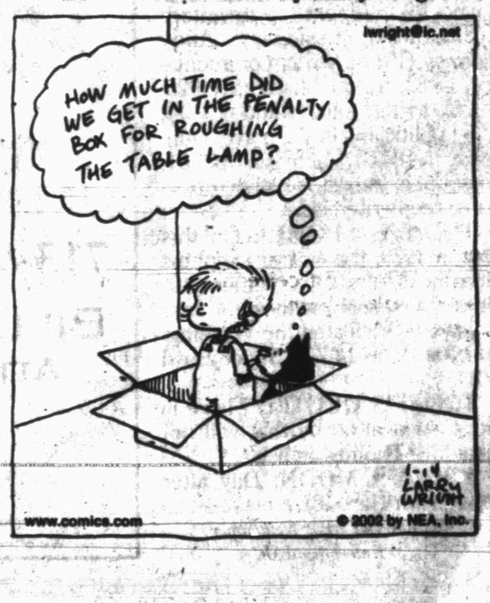


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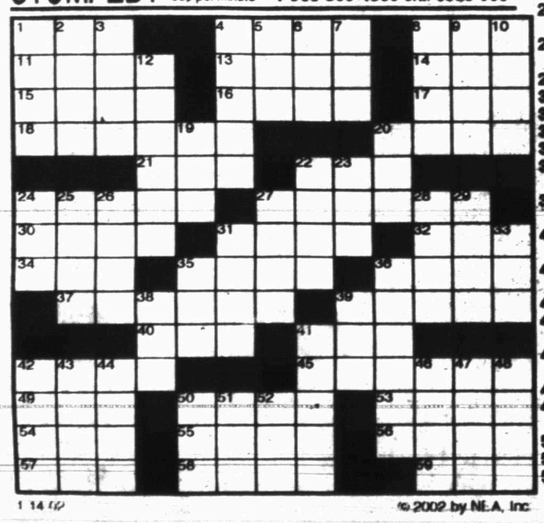
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SPORTS

SHS gridders earn Big Country honors



Pechacek Driggers Knox Mendoza

Four Snyder High School football players were rewarded for their efforts this past season by earning a spot on the 4A/5A All-Big Country Football Team.

Justin Pechacek was the only senior of the four to garner recognition. The linebacker led District 4-4A in tackles and was a first-team all-district honoree.

Joining Pechacek on the defensive unit was junior free safety Colby Driggers who finished the season with three interceptions.

Two more SHS juniors received honors on the offensive side of the ball.

Josh Knox, who was named the Tigers' offensive lineman of the week seven times, earned All-Big Country honors at center.

Josh Mendoza was recognized at tight end. The junior hauled in one touchdown pass, and was a key blocker in the Tigers' potent rushing attack.

To make room for Spurrier...

Schottenheimer ousted in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twelve months ago, owner Dan Snyder declared that the Washington Redskins were "Marty Schottenheimer's organization from the standpoint of the final word."

Snyder later decided that he'd given the coach too much power, and last week asked for some of it back. Schottenheimer refused and was fired Sunday night, setting the stage for Snyder to hire his preferred choice all along: Steve Spurrier.

Spurrier, who rejected Snyder's overtures before Schottenheimer was hired a year ago, has reached an "agreement in principle" with the owner for a five-year contract worth about $25 million, a source with knowledge of the Redskins' negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

Snyder met several times during the last week with Schottenheimer, including twice Sunday, in an attempt to get the coach to renegotiate a clause in his contract that gave him the ultimate authority over player-related matters. That clause was highly touted by Snyder when he gave Schottenheimer the title of director of football operations, but debatable personnel moves made the owner decide that he'd swung too far from hands-on to hands-off.

"Coach Schottenheimer gave 100 percent of his efforts to the Redskins and made positive contributions to the team," Snyder said. "Our decision was a difficult one and was based on philosophical and management issues, not on coaching ability."

Spurrier, on the other hand, has said he doesn't want to be anything more than a coach. The Redskins will now hire a general manager or someone with a similar title, with Bobby Beathard, Ron Wolf, Bruce Allen and Vinny Cerrato among the possible candidates.

Schottenheimer will receive the $7.5 million remaining on the four-year, $10 million contract he signed a year ago. The Redskins went 8-8 in his only season, becoming the first NFL team to go from 0-5 to 5-5.

Spurrier became the country's most-wanted coach after he suddenly quit Florida on Jan. 4 and declared himself ready to take on the NFL. A colorful sideline presence and a mastermind at offensive game-planning, Spurrier won six Southeastern Conference titles and one national championship and went 122-27-1 in his 12 seasons with the Gators.

On Saturday, Spurrier denied he had met with Snyder, but the source said the contact has been primarily with Spurrier's representatives. Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Spurrier on Sunday night were not successful.

His hiring would represent the type of high-profile signing preferred by Snyder, whose players have included Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and Jeff George.

Spurrier's offense would offer a stark contrast from the conservative approach used by Schottenheimer.

"If it's Steve Spurrier, you're talking about an individual who's going to come in here with some real energy, an offensive mindset," cornerback Darrell Green said. "Offense is what puts people in the seats and excites the team. That's something we need desperately."

While Snyder felt Schottenheimer's job as coach was acceptable, the owner was perplexed by Schottenheimer's decision to release fullback Larry Centers, who was signed by Buffalo and had a Pro Bowl year. Schottenheimer also stuck with George — with no experienced backup — through training camp even though it was apparent the quarterback didn't fit Schottenheimer's West Coast system.

Those decisions, and the early losing streak, soured a Snyder-Schottenheimer relationship that started out so well. The two vacationed in Europe together, the coach called the owner "Dan" in public, and the they even wore matching straw hats at training camp.

Top recruit verbally commits to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas has landed the oral commitment of a player generally regarded as the nation's top high school prospect — Houston Madison quarterback Vincent Young.

Young, who in three seasons at Houston Madison High School passed for more than 5,000 yards and ran for almost 4,000, visited the University of Texas over the weekend, touring the athletic facilities and talking to Longhorns coach Mack Brown.

His decision on Sunday ended speculation that had surrounded the 6-5, 200-pounder with the cannon-like right arm since he began making headlines in 1999 as the Marlins' wiry, but undeniably talented sophomore quarterback

Young decided before heading home Sunday to orally commit. Oral commitments are nonbinding. The first day a football player can sign a national letter of intent is Feb. 6.

"Coach Brown came in and told me they don't want me to play any other position but quarterback," Young said. "That's all I needed to hear. I liked the school, but I want to play quarterback. And I can do that at Texas."

Young led the West to a 26-6 victory over the East on Jan. 5 in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, a national high school all-star game played in San Antonio. He was 4-of-9 for 79 yards and added 74 yards on the ground in 10 carries and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

After that game, Young said he had narrowed his list of prospective colleges to Texas, Miami, Arkansas and Southern Miss. By the time he left for his weekend official visit to the UT campus, it was down to Miami and Texas.

It was halftime of Saturday night's Texas-Baylor basketball game when Longhorns fans received a good sign — literally — that Young was headed their way.

He was making his way across the Erwin Center floor to the tunnel so that he could exit the building when he was recognized by a group of fans, who proceeded to ask about his college plans.

Young, wearing an orange sweat suit, simply smiled and raised his hand with index and pinkie fingers extended. His "Hook 'em, Horns" sign said it all.

Young told the Houston Chronicle he knew he was going to commit to UT after Saturday night's basketball game, when Longhorns wide receiver B.J. Johnson, Young's host for the weekend, took him to Sixth Street, where Young was approached by even more Texas fans.

"I love when the fans show that kind of love," Young said. "I wasn't planning on committing until I was through with all of my visits, but they showed me everything I needed to see and another thing was to see my uncle and my mother smiling (throughout the trip)."

Young's mother, Felicia, and an uncle, Keith Young, also made the weekend trip.

In evaluating UT and Miami, Young conceded that the decision Thursday of Florida backup quarterback Brock Berlin to transfer to Miami played a part in his decision.

"I was waiting to see what he was going to do, but I was still going to go to Austin," Young said.

SHS netter captures title

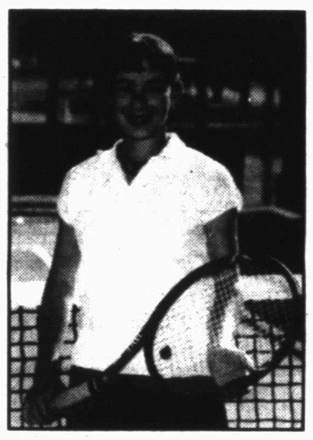
MANSFIELD — Andra Dunham, a sophomore tennis player at Snyder High School, strung together four consecutive victories over the weekend to capture the girls singles title at the Walnut Creek Northwest ZAT competition.

The title qualifies her for the champions tournament to be played later this spring.

After receiving a first-round bye, Dunham took care of Big Lake's Cassidy Schubert, 6-1, 6-0.

The quarterfinal round proved to be Dunham's toughest match as she held off Madison Golightly of Amarillo Tascosa, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

Dunham earned her spot in the finals with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Wichita Falls' Cayla Herold.



Andra Dunham

Brittany Roberts of Burleson was no match for Dunham in the title match as the SHS netter chalked up a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Packers use defense to preserve win over 49ers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Just when Terrell Owens was about to break the Packers' hearts with late heroics again, Mike McKenzie did what Green Bay couldn't three years ago.

With the Packers clinging to an 18-15 lead with just under five minutes left Sunday, Owens got behind McKenzie and was wide open down the right sideline for the go-ahead score.

But Jeff Garcia's pass hung ever so slightly and McKenzie closed in to punch the ball away and right into the hands of fellow cornerback Tyrone Williams at the Green Bay 7.

Brett Favre then engineered an eight-play, 93-yard touchdown drive that sealed Green Bay's 25-15 wild-card victory and secured a trip to St. Louis for the semifinals.

"I'm not going to sit here and say I tried to tap it to Tyrone," McKenzie said. "But I definitely was able to get a good play on the ball and I was able to kind of tap it up in the air."

Besides, the Packers (13-4) will take a lucky bounce after what happened the last time these teams met in a playoff.

On Jan. 3, 1999, Owens caught a 25-yard touchdown pass in the midst of four defenders with three seconds left to give the 49ers a 30-27 wild-card victory over Green Bay.

The remarkable reception quickly became known as "The Catch II," in San Francisco after the original, Dwight Clark's game-winner against Dallas in the 1982 NFC championship.

"That would have been like The Catch III," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci lamented. "McKenzie got his hand up at the end and the darn ball bounced into their player's hands, and that doesn't happen very often."

McKenzie acknowledged his fortune, from the lucky bounce to the fortuitous manner in which Garcia floated the pass after Owens beat him off the line of scrimmage.

"He was so wide-open, so I believe Garcia said, 'This is easy pickings.' He didn't want to overthrow him," McKenzie said.

McKenzie's play came two weeks after he sealed a victory over Minnesota with an interception return for a touchdown, which helped the Packers secure a home playoff game, where they improved to 13-0.

This one meant much more.

"That was a huge play in the football game for us and obviously for them," Packers coach Mike Sherman said. "They were getting into scoring position and were marching right down the field. I didn't know if he could make a play on the ball and typical Mike McKenzie, he sure showed up. That was a tremendous play."

Owens, who led the league with 16 touchdown catches this season, was held to four receptions for 40 yards and didn't get into the end zone.

Favre improved to 31-0 at home when the temperature is 34 degrees or colder.

Sports Briefs

SHS football banquet

The Snyder High School football banquet is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

A chicken fried steak dinner will be served, and all SHS football honors will be awarded. A highlight video from the past season is also scheduled.

Tickets are $10 for the general public, and $5 for SHS football players. Tickets can be purchased at the Snyder High School athletic office or from Tiger booster club president Steve Rich.

O'Neal loses temper

CHICAGO (AP) — After years and years of being on the receiving end of the Hack-a-Shaq defense, Shaquille O'Neal finally snapped when he was fouled hard by Brad Miller and Charles Oakley of the Chicago Bulls.

O'Neal immediately went after Miller and threw two roundhouse punches while Miller had his back turned. The first punch was the most ferocious, and fortunately it missed. The second one connected before O'Neal and Miller fell to the floor and a full-scale melee broke out. A multi-game suspension seemed likely.

Kelly gets first PGA Tour victory

HONOLULU (AP) — Given a fourth chance to win on the PGA Tour, Jerry Kelly wasn't about to give the Sony Open away to anyone — least of all John Cook.

Tentative throughout the final round, Kelly produced two flawless swings to set up a two-putt birdie on the final hole for a one-stroke victory over Cook, giving him his first PGA Tour victory in his 200th career start.

Agassi withdraws from Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Gustavo Kuerten was upset in the first round, and Andre Agassi and Serena Williams pulled out of their matches during a busy opening day at the Australian Open.

Kuerten, the three-time French Open champion and former No. 1, lacked his usual zip and received treatment for upper leg pain in wasting a two-set lead and losing 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 to Julien Boutter of France, ranked No. 53.

Agassi injured his right wrist in an exhibition loss Saturday to Pete Sampras and, after meeting with the tournament director and doctor, advised organizers late Sunday that he was pulling out.

Agassi, seeded third, was trying to become the first man to win three consecutive Australian Open titles since Roy Emerson, who won five in a row from 1963-67.

Serena Williams twisted her ankle playing Meghann Shaughnessy in a semifinal last Friday in Sydney, but waited until matches started on outside courts to inform organizers of her withdrawal.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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

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

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

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

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	24	11	.686	—
Boston	22	14	.611	2½
Washington	18	16	.529	5½
Orlando	19	20	.487	7
Philadelphia	16	20	.444	8½
New York	14	22	.389	10½
Miami	8	26	.235	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	21	13	.618	—
Indiana	21	17	.553	2
Toronto	20	17	.540	2½
Detroit	17	18	.486	4½
Charlotte	17	19	.472	5
Atlanta	13	23	.361	9
Cleveland	13	24	.351	9½
Chicago	7	29	.194	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	27	9	.750	—
San Antonio	25	9	.735	1
Dallas	25	11	.694	2
Utah	19	17	.528	8
Houston	12	24	.333	15
Memphis	12	24	.333	15
Denver	11	24	.314	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	8	.765	—
Sacramento	27	9	.750	—
Seattle	19	17	.528	8
L.A. Clippers	19	19	.500	9
Phoenix	19	19	.500	9
Portland	18	19	.486	9½
Golden State	12	23	.343	14½

Saturday's Games
Boston 115, Atlanta 91
Minnesota 108, Washington 100
New Jersey 91, Orlando 85
Milwaukee 102, New York 97
Detroit 104, Charlotte 76
Houston 98, Denver 86
Chicago 106, L.A. Lakers 104, OT
Dallas 111, Indiana 102
Memphis 97, Utah 95, 2OT
Phoenix 108, Miami 74

Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers 79, Toronto 72
Sacramento 103, Phoenix 100
Portland 96, Cleveland 64

Monday's Games
Dallas at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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Memo ordering destruction of documents eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The timing of an accounting firm's memo directing the destruction of documents raises the serious possibility of obstruction of justice, says the chairman of a Senate committee investigating Enron Corp.'s collapse.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Sunday he was troubled that a lawyer at Arthur Andersen & Co., Enron's accounting firm directed the destruction of Enron documents. The memo from a lawyer was dated Oct. 12, 2001, when Andersen and executives of the energy giant "knew that Enron was in real trouble and the roof was about to collapse on them," Lieberman said.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, senior Democrat on the House Commerce Committee, said today that panel's investigation will focus on allegations of insider trading, "payoffs for the company executives who were permitted to sell" their Enron stock and "most importantly, the fact that papers were destroyed and there were instructions to do so."

"There's pretty strong evidence of insider trading, there's clear evidence of failure to file honest and correct reports," Dingell said on CBS' "The Early Show." "False accounting appears to be a very major problem."

The memo from an Andersen lawyer was uncovered by congressional investigators and first reported by Time magazine.

Andersen, one of the nation's biggest and most influential accounting firms, disclosed last week that some documents related to Houston-based Enron had been destroyed, but the company gave no additional details.

On Sunday, after the memo became a subject on the television talk shows, Andersen released a statement acknowledging "there were internal communications that raise questions" in connection with the Enron documents.

"Andersen is committed to getting the facts and taking appropriate actions in the Enron matter," the statement said, adding that "it would be inappropriate to comment further."

Lieberman, whose Governmental Affairs Committee plans the first Senate hearings into the Enron matter Jan. 24, said that at the time of the Andersen memo, executives of both companies knew "a corporate scandal" was brewing.

"So this kind of memo raises very serious questions about whether obstruction of justice occurred," Lieberman said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Four days after the memo, Enron disclosed a third-quarter loss of $618 million and a week later the Securities and Exchange Commission began an investigation into Enron's use of partnerships to mask losses.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee, said his panel has issued 51 subpoenas and plans to focus on the "deceptive practices" of Enron, and the failure of its auditors to raise flags about the energy company's business practices and of its directors as corporate watchdog.

"Managers (at Enron) lined their pockets with hundreds of millions of dollars of stock sales at the same time a corporation was going under, and the stockholders and employees were holding the bag," Levin said on ABC's "This Week."

Enron filed for bankruptcy on Dec. 2. By then its stock had plummeted from about $83 a share a year earlier to less than $1 a share. In recent years many Enron executives sold their stock, though some continued to hold large amounts, worth about $1.1 billion. Other Enron employees were barred from selling stock in their 401(k) retirement fund as the company's problems became more serious.

Meanwhile, two top Cabinet officers who were contacted by Enron chief executive Kenneth Lay last fall as the company was struggling to keep its credit rating from falling said they never viewed the matter seriously enough to discuss it with President Bush.

Commerce Secretary Dan Evans said that in a telephone call on Oct. 29, Lay "reached out to me" in search of ways the government might help Enron head off a possible downgrading of its credit rating. "I considered it and said, 'Thank you for the call,'" Evans said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The next day Enron's credit rating, in fact, was downgraded.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill also said Lay called him about the same time, on Oct. 28, but "asked for nothing." He said Lay gave him a "heads up" that Enron was being scrutinized by ratings agencies and that his company's situation was similar to one that had faced another company in which the Federal Reserve took action to help.

Lieberman said that so far there is no evidence that the Bush administration "was somehow involved in wrongdoing in the collapse of Enron" and he saw no reason for a special counsel to investigate any connection, as some have suggested.

"There's absolutely no evidence that the Bush administration in any way did anything improper," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said on CBS.

But McCain and Lieberman said Enron's vast campaign contributions to Bush as well as to members of Congress raises questions.

"We're all tainted by the millions and millions of dollars that were contributed by Enron executives, which ... creates the appearance of impropriety," said McCain, a longtime voice for campaign finance reform.

Since 1990, Enron and its employees contributed $5.77 million to political campaigns, about three-fourths of it to Republican candidates. About half of the money was spent in the 2000 election, with Bush a major beneficiary. McCain said he received $9,500 from Enron during two Senate campaigns and Lieberman said he received $1,000 in 1994.

'Lord of the Rings' remains top film for fourth weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers weary of pre-Oscar seriousness escaped to "Orange County" over the weekend, but the teen comedy couldn't quite match the struggles of a hobbit and a mathematician at the box office.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" was in first place for the fourth weekend in a row, grossing $16.2 million and pushing its total take to $228.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"A Beautiful Mind," which stars Russell Crowe in the true story of a schizophrenic math genius and expanded to wide release last weekend, held its second-place spot with $15.8 million over the weekend for a total of $59 million.

In contrast to those Oscar contenders was "Orange County," which stars Tom Hanks' son Colin Hanks as a student who goes to wild extremes to get into Stanford. The film opened with $15.1 million over the weekend.

"'Orange County' certainly capitalized on a marketplace long on Oscar contenders and short on outrageous comedies," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "It came into a pretty serious marketplace and shook it up."

Besides Hanks, "Orange County" showcases industry progeny Schuyler Fisk (Sissy Spacek's daughter) and Jake Kasdan (son of director Lawrence Kasdan, whose credits include "The Big Chill").

Fisk plays the girlfriend of Hanks' character and Jake Kasdan directed the film. The main character's dopehead brother is played by Jack Black, who recently starred with Gwyneth Paltrow in "Shallow Hal."

"We're very pleased with it. It's on the high end of our expectations," said Paramount distribution president Wayne Lewellen. "Obviously the appeal is to the younger teen-age audience."

"A Beautiful Mind" which added 369 new theaters over the weekend, showed impressive staying power, falling just 5 percent from its take last weekend. "Lord of the Rings," in contrast, dropped 30 percent.

Overall the weekend's top 12 films grossed an estimated $89.9 million, down 14 percent from last weekend and down 28 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Save the Last Dance" and "Cast Away" topped the box office. However, the same weekend last year was the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

This year the King holiday comes next weekend, which should contribute to another solid round of box office numbers, Dergarabedian said.

"Black Hawk Down," Ridley Scott's combat story about the failed U.S. military sortie in Somalia in 1993, will be expanding into wide release. The big new release is Disney's "Snow Dogs," starring Cuba Gooding Jr. as a Miami dentist who inherits a pesky team of snow dogs in Alaska.

"There's a lot out there. There's a lot of movies that people want to see, Dergarabedian said. "It seems to me to be a very strong January."

Study finds many doctors do not follow guidelines for urinary tract infections

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors may be inflating the costs of treating urinary tract infections — and possibly promoting resistance to antibiotics — by ignoring treatment guidelines, according to a new study.

The study, published in today's Archives of Internal Medicine, suggests that doctors are driven by drug company promotions to use newer, more expensive drugs.

"If every drug can work and one drug is promoted more heavily, doctors tend to prescribe the one they've heard more about," said co-author Dr. Elbert Huang, of the University of Chicago.

Researchers from the University of Chicago and Stanford University studied 1,478 cases of patients with urinary tract infections nationwide from 1989 to 1998.

They found that only 24 percent of the patients' prescriptions were written for antibiotics recommended by the Infectious Disease Society of America, down from 48 percent a decade earlier.

Huang said some of the drugs being prescribed are many times more expensive than the recommended medications.

The guidelines call for using trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazole, which costs $1.79 for a 10-day course. But 30 percent of the cases studied involved prescriptions of nitrofurantoins, such as Macrodantin, which cost $20.34 for the same period. Doctors prescribed a third class, fluoroquinolones such as Cipro, to 29 percent of patients, at a cost of $70.98 for 10 days.

Huang said there also is a concern — though "it's very theoretical" — that having several classes of antibiotics in use at the same time might cause infections to become resistant to all those classes at once.

He said the guidelines were established with the idea that the recommended drugs could be used until they were ineffective, and that another class would then take their place.

But other physicians say the risk of resistance is unclear.

Dr. Thomas Hooton, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Washington in Seattle who was not involved in the study, said he doesn't fault doctors for choosing alternatives.

"I do it myself," said Hooton. "It really depends on one's point of view. Some say, 'Resistance (to trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazole) is increasing, and I want to use the antibiotic that is most likely to succeed.' "

He said West Coast doctors are especially justified in prescribing alternatives because one-third of urinary tract infections there are resistant to the recommended antibiotic. That compares to just 7 percent on the East Coast and 14 percent in the Midwest.

"The debate is, what level of resistance is too high and when do you go to the other antibiotic?" Hooton said.

Woman jumps from vehicle after argument with husband

Disturbance

A woman jumped from a moving vehicle on Huffman Avenue Saturday evening after an argument with her husband.

Dispatchers received several calls about a man and woman involved in a disturbance on Huffman Ave. near U.S. 84 at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Officers contacted woman who told them she argued with her husband then jumped from their vehicle. She said he continued driving, possibly en route to Lamesa.

The woman said she was not assaulted, but she did sustain minor injuries when she jumped. She advised she was staying in Snyder and requested no further assistance.

Arrests

Several people were taken into custody from the VFW Saturday night on alcohol-related charges.

A 26-year-old man was arrested at 11 p.m. for public intoxication.

At 12:30 a.m. Sunday, a 48-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and two men, ages 32 and 31, also were taken into custody on the same charge.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old man on Ennis Creek Rd. early Sunday morning on outstanding warrants from Virginia, contempt of court and juvenile delinquent charges. He was transported to the sheriff's department and later released to his parents.

A clerk at Allsup's reported a man dressed in military fatigues loitering in the store Sunday morning. Officers were dispatched and advised a 41-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers took a 20-year-old man into custody in the 1800 block of Scott at 3 a.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated.

Assault

A woman requested officers at her residence on 28th Street just after midnight Sunday after her boyfriend allegedly assaulted her. The man had already left when officers arrived and an offense report was filed for Class A assault and family violence.

Harassment

A man reported being harassed Saturday afternoon by a former Burger King employee over a theft incident and requested she be issued a criminal trespass warning advising her to stay away from the restaurant.

Criminal trespass

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning to a woman Saturday morning ordering her to stay away from a residence on 26th Street where she previously caused a disturbance.

A man requested officers serve his ex-wife with a criminal trespass warning Sunday afternoon advising her to stay away from his residence. The woman was issued the warning.

Accident

Officers responded to a minor two-vehicle accident in the 500 block of 29th Street at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Involved in the mishap were a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jason Rios, 28, of 422 38th Street and a 1995 Ford pickup driven by Angelica Almanza, 28, of Stanton.

Juveniles

A woman reported several juveniles walking in Towle Park and smoking. Officers contacted the juveniles, confiscated cigarettes and issued citations.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Lithgow, Shatner hit Twilight years

Q: My friend and I are avid fans of the "Twilight Zone." There was an episode in which a passenger on an airplane saw a creature on the wing, and the creature was trying to pull off an engine to cause the plane to crash. I say the passenger was John Lithgow, and my friend says he was William Shatner. — J.B., Saginaw, Mich.

A: You can both walk away happy, because you're both right. The episode "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" originally starred Shatner, but it was remade for "Twilight Zone: The Movie," starring John Lithgow. I'm sorry I robbed one of you of an "ah-ha!" moment.

Q: I can't find a movie I recall seeing years ago. It starred Burt Reynolds, Clint Walker and Angie Dickinson. I recall Burt riding around on a horse and singing a song about a woman who loved whiskey and gin. What movie was it, and where can I get a copy? — M.S., Winchester, Ind.



Burt Reynolds

A: You're looking for the 1969 film "Sam Whiskey," but it's not available on video. I guess not everybody thinks it's a great flick.

Q: I have a question about a lady from the old MGM days, Marta Eggerth. She appeared opposite Judy Garland in two films, to my knowledge: "Presenting Lillie Mars" and "For Me and My Gal." I have been trying to find information about this beautiful woman, who had one of the most impressive voices I have ever heard. You are my last shot at this. I would like to know what happened to this very talented, operatic lady. — D.S., via e-mail

A: Eggerth's most recent TV appearance was in 1998's "Tatort — Nie wieder Oper." She married Jan Kiepura in 1936, and they were married until his death in 1966. Eggerth starred in American movies in the '30s, '40s and '50s, but her popularity waned in the United States, and she continued her career in Europe. Today, she is retired and living in New York.

Q: Please help me find two videos: "Folks!" with Don Ameche and Tom Selleck, and "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. — D.S., Grand Juntion, Mich.

A: You can get "Folks!" At Barnes & Noble.com (http://www.bn.com) for $16.99, and you can buy "The Long, Long Trailer" at CDconnection.com (http://www.cdconnection.com) for $11.80.

Q: Has the young Canadian actress Megan Follows made any movies other than "Anne of Green Gables" and "Anne of Avonlea"? She certainly did a fine job in those two. — P.B., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A: Follows has had a lengthy film career dating back to 1978, when she appeared in "Clare's Wish." Her most recent film was the TV movie "The Stork Derby." She has also appeared in several TV series, including "The Outer Limits," "Law & Order," "ER" and "The X Files."

TRIVIA: Lucille Ball was voted No. 4 on the Top 20 list of best actors in "TVLand to Go" (Simon & Schuster, 2001).



Lucille Ball
Desi Arnaz

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Births

Allan and Catalina Jones of Snyder, along with their daughter, Kalysta Xalyn Jones, announce the birth of their son and brother, Paxton Blaze Jones, at 9:34 p.m. on Jan. 11 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Paxton weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Doris Jones of Hermleigh. Great grandmothers are Bessie McCauley of Snyder and Lois Jones of Lakewood, Colo. Maternal grandparents are Amado and Elena Garcia of Snyder.

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Entergy	41.14	40.85	41.13	+.13
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FstBksAm	32.68	32.68	32.68	+.08
FootLocker	15.75	15.20	15.25	—.28
GenDynam	78.35	77.46	78.05	+.65
GenElec	38.45	37.93	38.00	—.23
GenMills	48.87	48.27	48.87	+.39
GenMotors	49.86	49.29	49.40	—.37
GaPacific	24.20	23.54	23.69	—.47
Goodrich	25.62	25.10	25.35	—.46
Goodyear s	23.96	23.60	23.68	—.55
GtAtlPac	25.25	24.70	24.70	—.46
Halliburtn	11.40	10.76	11.03	+.08
Hanson ADS	33.59	33.50	33.50	+.29
HarteHanks	28.13	27.80	27.95	+.07
HomeDepot	50.55	50.07	50.20	—.26
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IBM	120.09	118.68	118.70	—1.61
IntlPaper	40.90	40.25	40.26	—.78
JohnsonJn s	59.09	58.46	58.83	+.60
K mart	3.11	2.55	2.79	—.51
KinderMorg	55.73	55.00	55.53	+.20
Kroger Co	20.75	20.50	20.62	+.06
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PNM Rescs	28.65	28.47	28.57	—.12
Penney JC	25.47	25.11	25.14	—.33
PepBoys	15.30	15.15	15.22	—.28
PepsiCo	48.93	48.38	48.93	+.48
Pharmacia	41.72	41.12	41.23	—.05
PhelpDodge	33.13	32.43	32.53	—1.09
PhilipPet	59.50	58.43	58.64	—.61
PilgrmPrd B	13.77	13.70	13.76	+.01
Praxair	52.25	50.90	50.95	—1.54
ProctGamb	78.60	77.25	78.60	+1.39
RadioShack	29.40	29.10	29.25	—.14
ReliantEngy	25.92	25.52	25.71	—.12
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SBC Comm	38.30	37.72	38.07	+.24
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SouthernCo s	24.88	24.53	24.83	+.09
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TylerTech	4.50	4.40	4.40	
UnionPacif	58.15	57.35	57.55	—.63
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UnitedTech	63.25	62.74	63.25	—.59
Unocal	33.85	33.44	33.64	—.27
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WinnDixie	13.18	13.01	13.07	—.11
Xerox Cp	9.70	9.59	9.61	—.06

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Former Enron employees very angry by treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — Losing his retirement investment in Enron Corp. was one thing. What really hurt, says Charles Prestwood, was realizing that his unwavering corporate loyalty ran only one direction.

"We had great trust, great loyalty," said Prestwood, 63, who retired as a plant operator in 2000. "We were trained loyalty above everything. And we were loyal. When you have that type of indoctrination for many years, it's going to get in the way of your life eventually."

More than a month after Enron shed more than 5,000 worldwide jobs and its stock bottomed out, retirees and laid-off workers from all walks of life are still facing up to the ways the enormous debacle has stung them.

Enron employees whose 401(k) accounts were filled with company stock watched helplessly as ceaseless bad news obliterated their value last fall, while a bookkeeping mechanism barred them from cashing out.

"I'll never trust my employer quite the same again," said Tim Dalton, a corporate security specialist who was among the 4,500 Houston workers laid off in December.

Enron chairman Kenneth Lay "was like the Pied Piper. We followed him like lemmings into the sea," said Deborah DeFforge, who might have to leave Houston for the West Coast to find work.

Congressional committees as well as the Justice and Labor departments want to know why many senior Enron executives and board members sold their stock when it was still valuable, while workers were barred from selling stock in their 401(k) funds.

Enron says its stock price, which stood at about $80 a year ago, already was down to $13.88 when a coincidental 10-day freeze on 401(k) transactions was implemented because the plan changed administrators. By the time transactions could resume, the price was $9.98. It now sells for about 68 cents.

The peak value of Prestwood's retirement account, about $1.3 million, might sound lavish. But he had intended to live simply off the dividends, plus Social Security and a small pension, withdrawing money only for things like "replacing the lawn mower or refrigerator if they break."

"What so hurts about the whole deal is that something you devote your whole life to, you see it destroyed right in front of your eyes," he said from his home on a quiet wooded country lot 40 miles north of Houston.

Prestwood is one of a number of former Enron workers who have filed lawsuits over their 401(k)s.

Dalton has funneled some of his energies into a Web site, http://www.thecrookede.com, where he sells Enron-bashing T-shirts. Some of the proceeds go to a fund he's established to help fellow Enron exes.

"We told someone we hope to sell some T-shirts for four to five months until it dies down," Dalton said. "'Die down?' they said, 'You'll be selling T-shirts all year as all the dishonesty and crookedness is exposed.'"

The anger also hasn't diminished for DeFforge, who is a plaintiff in "every suit I can get my hands on" and doesn't want to rest "until they're behind bars."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002

Mentally you already have drawn the blueprints, and in the year ahead you'll have the courage to put them to work. Your secret ambition will spring into action with everybody standing in awe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Small packages can contain the largest rewards today, so be unrestricted and unprejudiced as to how you view things. A pipeline you didn't know existed could be uncovered. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. 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) — Instead of letting others set the pace for you, disengage yourself and let them try to keep up with you. You'll need to run the race unencumbered in order to win.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll be able to size up critical situations with remarkable accuracy today when no one is looking. Find a seat in the background and watch the parade unfold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Alternate roles today with you and your friends — first play teacher and then play student. You'll be amazed at what will reveal itself in progressive ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Several unique opportunities may present themselves today that could further your work or career. You might have to make some forward-looking reforms, however.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Hearing from someone you haven't seen in quite some time might come as a surprise today, and once you start sharing the news, you'll be back to old times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because of your innate ability to sense what is behind the thoughts of others, you'll be able to use this knowledge in productive and advantageous ways for everybody's benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can garner an opportunity today to win someone over who has been unreachable through unbiased discussion on a matter of mutual concern and interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you're looking for ways to increase productivity while lowering stress at work today, try brainstorming with your co-workers. Some rather surprising ideas could come out of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Unusual circumstances might involve you socially today with someone you never thought you'd meet. Surprisingly, you could find you have much in common.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although it might require the full use of your imagination and resourcefulness, something can be finalized to your satisfaction today. The outcome may amaze you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An unusual turnabout could occur today. Someone you thought you were going to help ends up being your mentor instead. Gems of wisdom can come from the most unlikely places.

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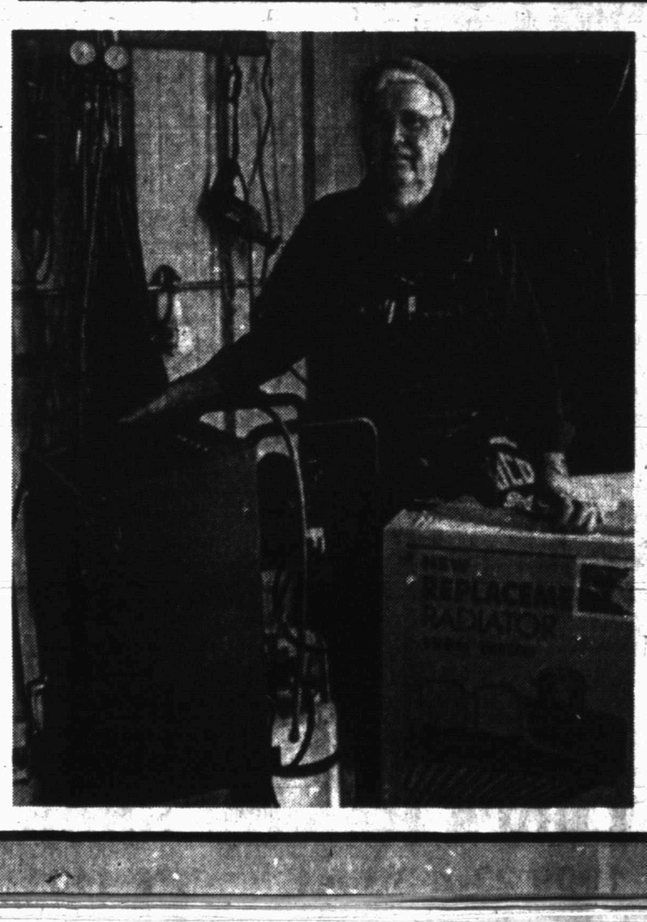


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Martin's Quick Service is also your authorized dealer for automotive air compressors. "We have the lowest prices on compressors anywhere," Martin said. In stock are compressors that fit most American made cars and trucks. Compressors for imports are also available at Martin's Quick Service, located at 1701 College Avenue, or you can give him a call at 573-4325.

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Proposed pig farm sparks controversy

PAMPA (AP) — As an engineer who helped install a wastewater facility in town, Dale Roth knows all about foul odor. Now retired, he fears a new kind of smell will overwhelm his community.

Roth lives about eight miles from the site of a proposed pig farm planned by National Pig Development USA, a subsidiary of a North Carolina food company.

Roth doesn't think the planned 45 acres of storage lagoons will be enough to cope with the manure smell generated by as many as 50,000 pigs in this town about 35 miles northeast of Amarillo. But his chief concern is that heavy rainfall or an overflow from the lagoons could taint the Ogallala Aquifer, the region's major source of water.

"They call them lagoons. I prefer to call them cesspools," he said. "The lagoon system is a pollution device."

National Pig Development has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a permit for its $18 million genetic research facility planned 11 miles east of Pampa.

"We will always meet the TNRCC requirements and, at times, exceed it," said John Carter, the company's general manager. "We have just as much interest in protecting the environment."

It isn't just the Pampa facility that worries some Panhandle residents. An influx of pig farms, they say, is putting the region's environment at risk.

In 1990, the Panhandle was home to only about 8 percent of the state's pigs. A decade later, after a national campaign to attract the industry to the region, the Panhandle had 85 percent of the state's 920,000 pigs.

Texas ranks 17th nationally in pig production, according to the National Pork Board.

Proponents claim the industry creates jobs and fits well with the economies of small towns struggling to survive population loss.

Ken Horton, president of the Texas Pork Producers Association, points to Perryton, home to a Texas Farms Inc. pig farm. "This little town had empty businesses up and down Main Street and now it's bustling," he said.

When residents first heard that Texas Farms was considering putting its $100 million pig operation in Perryton in the mid-1990s, they too expressed concerns about the environment. Since then, Texas Farms has added more than 300 jobs to the economy and proved itself a good neighbor, said Cheryl Hardy, Perryton's economic development director.

The company adheres to state requirements, maintains its property, encourages employees to participate in civic organizations and donates $20,000 a year to the chamber of commerce for community development, Hardy said.

"They have to go through a rigorous permitting process," Brad Jones, regional director for TNRCC in Amarillo, said of pig farms. "From our standpoint, we want to make sure they don't have a negative impact on the environment."

Marilyn Yanke, a Panhandle resident since 1955, lives in Sunray near where Seaboard Farms has obtained a permit to operate a facility of up to 88,000 pigs. Seaboard also may be considering nearby Moore County for a multimillion-dollar pork-processing facility, a prospect that Yanke said would lure even more pig farms.

"I know that we have economic problems but a development that will in the long run hurt our water and the health of our people is a detriment to our area," said Yanke, who is working to oppose the pork-feeding operation.

Environmentalists and National Pig Development officials dispute that the industry damages the region's environment. They cite a dry climate that is good for pig growth and leads to increased evaporation from the lagoons. They also note that the region typically doesn't get heavy rainfall, making it unlikely that the lagoons would overflow.

Jones noted that the state's ground water has never been contaminated by a confined animal feeding operation for pigs, cattle, sheep, chickens, turkeys or horses.

On the Net:
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission: http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us
Pork: http://www.otherwhitemeat.com

Ex-secretary of state Cyrus Vance dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Cyrus R. Vance, who resigned as President Carter's secretary of state over an ill-fated attempt to save American hostages from Iran, died Saturday. He was 84.

Vance died at Mt. Sinai Medical Center after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, said his son, Cyrus R. Vance Jr. He said he did not know the cause of death.

Heading the State Department was the highlight of Vance's career, but his duties on behalf of presidents, the Congress and the United Nations spanned more than three decades. He used his peacemaking skills to ease conflicts in foreign lands, racially torn American cities and even corporate boardrooms.

"A champion for peace and human rights, he was a suberb statesman, who served me and other presidents well," Carter said in a statement from himself and his wife Rosalynn. "We will miss his friendship, and the world will miss his humanitarian work and goodness."

Quiet and self-effacing, Vance was a study in contrasts with Henry Kissinger, his flamboyant predecessor at the State Department. Vance's politics were far more liberal than Kissinger's, and his political leanings often put him at odds with Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Vance enjoyed several successes during his early period as secretary of state but suffered setbacks later on. He played a key role in normalizing relations with China, winning approval for new Panama Canal treaties and helping negotiate the Camp David treaty between Egypt and Israel.

"He was the first to take up post-Cold War issues even as he dealt with the Cold War world," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in a statement. "He was a man of principle, whose quiet contributions were often the difference between success and failure, as at the historic Camp David conference."

But Vance's tenure also saw an expansion of Soviet influence in a number of areas, as well as the collapse of the pro-American monarchy in Iran and the seizure of American hostages in Tehran.

When Carter approved a military operation for the rescue of the hostages in April 1980, Vance resigned because he felt he could not support such a plan. His skepticism proved prescient; the operation ended in disaster.

Eight servicemen died when a Marine Corps helicopter crashed into a plane parked at a clandestine refueling site in Iran. The 52 hostages became an issue in the 1980 presidential campaign and were held for 444 days before their release on Ronald Reagan's inauguration day.

Vance Jr. said his father acted on his own principles, whether the presidents he served agreed with him or not.

"My father believed if he held true to his principles the chips would fall where they may," he said.

One of Vance's most difficult diplomatic undertakings took place long after he left the State Department, when U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar asked him in 1991 to try to end the fratricidal war in the former Yugoslavia. He helped achieve a cease fire in Croatia but peace eluded him in Bosnia.

His strategy in Bosnia was the subject of considerable controversy. Vance felt strongly that negotiations were the only way to halt Serbian advances, rejecting critics who argued that his tactics amounted to appeasement of an aggressor.

He quit in despair after struggling with the Bosnian conflict for almost a year.

It wasn't long before he plunged into an entirely different kind of peacemaking: resolving rival creditor claims involving a debt-ridden commercial real estate firm with extensive holdings in New York City. Vance helped the parties reach a settlement in July 1993.

Vance retired several years later, when Alzheimer's disease began to curtail his activities, his son said Saturday.

"He was working full-tilt until he couldn't anymore," he said.

Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., on March 27, 1917. After graduating with honors from Yale Law School in 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy, serving as a gunnery officer in the Pacific during World War II.

A year after his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he married Grace Elsie Sloane, of a prominent family specializing in home furnishings. He joined the New York law firm of Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett, with which he maintained a relationship for decades.

Vance entered civilian government service for the first time in 1957 when he served as special counsel for Senate Armed Service subcommittee on preparedness.

Vance became general counsel for the Defense Department in 1961 during the Kennedy administration, working closely with then-Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

He was appointed secretary of the Army in 1962, and in January 1964 President Johnson named him deputy secretary of defense. He became known in that role for his hawkish views on Vietnam.

During his three years of service as the No. 2 figure at the Pentagon, Vance was dispatched by the White House on trouble shooting missions to Panama and the Dominican Republic.

He left the Defense Department for health reasons in June 1967 but agreed at Johnson's request to go to Detroit to help assess the cause of race riots in the city. By November, he was leading a negotiating effort that helped head off a war between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus.

Over the next few months, he went on a peacekeeping mission to Korea and helped develop a peace-keeping plan for Washington D.C. following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During the last nine months of the Johnson presidency, Vance served as deputy chief of the U.S. delegation to the Paris peace talks.

Before Johnson left office, he presented Vance with the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. "He has always placed his country before himself," Johnson said of Vance. "He has served the United States with remarkable skill. He is a man of energy, uncompromising intellect and remarkable wisdom."

In 1975, Vance and social scientist Daniel Yankelovich founded Public Agenda, a nonpartisan, nonprofit public opinion research and citizen education organization based in New York City.

Vance is survived by his wife, five children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Goodpasture's syndrome is serious

DEAR DR. GOTT: About eight years ago, I developed Goodpasture's syndrome and spent almost two months in intensive care. I've been unable to obtain information about my condition. No one seems to know much about it. What can you offer?

DEAR READER: Goodpasture's syndrome is an unusual, very serious autoimmune disease characterized by anemia, bleeding into the lungs and kidney failure. The precise cause is not known.

Blood tests show antiglomerular basement membrane antibodies, meaning that patients have developed a life-threatening reaction to their own kidney tissues.

Therapy consists of high-dose steroids and other drugs, as well as dialysis (artificial kidney support) when needed. With prompt treatment, the outlook is favorable, although chronic dialysis or kidney transplant may be necessary. In my opinion, patients with this syndrome should be closely monitored by both pulmonary and renal specialists.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: The lymph nodes in my neck, underarms and groin are sore and swollen, yet blood tests for mono come back negative. What is my problem?

DEAR READER: The body's lymph glands serve many protective functions. In particular, they act as filters (to trap infected material and microorganisms and thereby prevent infection from spreading), and they participate in the production of blood cells and antibody proteins that are essential for a healthy immune system. Consequently, lymph nodes will enlarge and become tender when they are overworking.

All of us are familiar with the swollen neck glands that accompany sore throats. Or, if there is an infection on the hand, the glands under the arm may temporarily enlarge. This is a normal response to infection in an area of the body.

On the other hand, generalized lymph-node swelling (lymphadenopathy) may reflect a more serious condition, such as systemic body infection, mononucleosis (and similar ailments) or lymph-node cancer (lymphoma).

Because you appear to have persisting, painful lymph adenopathy, you will need further testing to rule out one or more of the ailments I mentioned. For example, histoplasmosis (a fungal infection) and cytomegalovirus infection (which resembles mononucleosis) are common causes of swollen glands and can be diagnosed with appropriate blood tests. Should the tests fail to reveal the cause of your problem, you will need a biopsy to discover whether a lymphoma (or other blood disorder) is to blame.

Return to your primary care physician for additional testing and advice. If he or she is unable to reach a diagnosis, seek a consultation with a hematologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a young man, I was encouraged to add epson salts to my bathwater, and I have continued the practice for decades. I am now 89. Recently, a friend advised me that this could be harmful. How?

DEAR READER: Beats me. Your practice simply adds salt to the water — in essence, it's similar to swimming in the ocean, which, as far as I know, is not a hazard to health. At 89, you have every right to your bathing ritual. Keep at it if you choose.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Exxon Mobil will drill the No. 1WS Sharon Ridge Canyon unit in the Diamond M field, eight miles southeast of Ira. Planned for a depth of 900 feet, location is in Section 99, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Exxon Mobil will drill the No. 3WS Sharon Ridge Canyon unit in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southeast of Ira. Contracted for a depth of 900 feet, drill site is in Section 125, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Exxon Mobil will drill the No. 4WS Sharon Ridge Canyon unit in the Diamond M field, eight miles southeast of Ira. Planned depth is 900 feet, and location is in Section 122, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Monday, Jan. 14, 2002

The final championship in Paris

There was one other event in Paris during the world championships: the 3rd Transnational Teams. There were 74 entries. After 15 10-board matches played under the Swiss format (teams with the same score opposed each other), four qualified for the semifinals. These were won comfortably by a quartet from France and a team with players from Brazil and the United States.

The final was a one-sided affair, with Gabriel Chagas-Diego Brenner (Brazil), Geoff Hampson-Eddie Wold and Michael Passell-Michael Seamon (U.S.) winning 120-49.

In this deal from the final, Wold's two-spade cue-bid announced a maximum pass with at least three-card heart support. Then, when his partner showed diamond values, Wold put the contract into the unbeatable three no-trump.

West led the club four, won with declarer's 10. Wold cashed two hearts ending in the dummy, then ran the club nine to West's jack. As he was out of hearts, whichever suit West led now would give South his ninth trick. West tried the diamond king. Wold won with dummy's ace and played a second diamond. East went in with the queen and returned a spade. Wold claimed the remainder for an overtrick when his jack brought out the ace.

At the other table, North was in four hearts. This can be beaten if the defenders are passive. For example, after a spade lead to the jack and ace, West exits with either a trump or spade. However, the contract was allowed to succeed, so Wold's good decisions didn't gain points. Perhaps they would have avoided a loss, though, if Hampson had failed in four hearts.

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Some in Dumas are trying to dissolve development board

AMARILLO (AP) — Officials with the Dumas Economic Development Corp. want to dispel the suspicion of some residents that they changed their bylaws to protect themselves from voters angry about possible compensation for a pork processing plant.

A special meeting of the DEDB board of directors has been called for today after resident Arlie Bownds spearheaded a petition drive to dissolve the DEDC.

"We wanted to lay out our involvement for the proposed Seaboard plant," said Brian Walters, DEDC executive director.

Seaboard Farms, which is looking for a plant site, visited Dumas in December. Questions have been raised about the DEDC's decision to change its bylaws after that meeting.

Shortly after the December visit, the board voted to change its bylaws to a corporation that allows communities to spend money on civic projects not allowed under the old corporation. But, under the new bylaws, the development board could no longer be dissolved by voters when placed on a ballot by a petition with 10 percent of the regular voters.

Bownds said that while placing the dissolution of the DEDC on the ballot was no longer an option, he intended to proceed with the petition and present it to the city council.

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Bodies of six Marines returned to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bodies of six Marines have returned to the United States as the search continued for the seventh lost in last week's air crash in Pakistan, a Pentagon spokeswoman said today.

"Six sets of remains were recovered. They have arrived at Dover" Air Force Base in Delaware, Victoria Clarke told reporters at the Pentagon.

The bodies were flown first to Germany on Sunday, then on to Dover later in the day.

Clarke said military officials in a mountainous area of southwest Pakistan were pressing ahead with the search for the seventh Marine, lost in the Wednesday crash of a KC-130 refueling plane.

"The search will continue," Lt. Col. Martin Compton of the U.S. Central Command said Sunday. "The Marines will leave no one behind."

The base chaplain, Lt. Col. Jim Barlow, led a short prayer before the flag-draped coffins were taken to the base mortuary. Clarke said she did not know when the bodies would be flown to their final destination. All were based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego.

Clarke said U.S. warplanes flew missions Saturday and Sunday to attack targets near the Zawar Kili terrorist complex in Afghanistan.

Initial strikes may not have closed off certain cave entrances or destroyed targets sufficiently the first time around, so re-strikes are often required, she said.

"The goal is to disable them as completely as possible," she said. B-1, B-52 and F/A-18 strike bombers were used in the raids, she said.

The Pentagon says the area was used as an underground hide-out by al-Qaida and Taliban members. After more than a week of strikes, Sunday's bombing appeared to be the heaviest attack since last month's strikes on the al-Qaida cave complex at Tora Bora farther northeast.

Clarke declined to say when the transport of 30 additional prisoners at a high-security jail in Cuba would be completed.

The prisoners left for the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Base in Cuba from the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, three days after an initial group of 20 prisoners was transferred to the facility.

Man wanted for killing family arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has apprehended a man accused of killing his wife and three children last month and dumping their bodies into the Pacific Ocean, the agency said today.

"I can confirm" that authorities have Christian Longo in custody, spokesman Bill Carter said.

The bureau had placed Longo on its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list on Friday.

It said at the time that Longo should be considered "armed, extremely dangerous and an escape risk."

Longo was captured sometime over the weekend in the outskirts of Cancun, Mexico, a law enforcement official said today.

This official, discussing the apprehension only on grounds of anonymity, said the apprehension was to be announced later today by officials in the FBI's Portland, Ore., field office.

Jim Baker of Traverse City, Mich., father of Longo's wife, Mary Jane, said police notified family members early today that Longo had been caught but provided no details. He described his reaction as "a sigh of relief."

Baker said the delay in catching Longo had not burdened him greatly, but had been difficult for his other children.

"I was so busy taking care of things about my daughter that I'd pretty much blocked out thinking about him ... but my kids wanted him caught. They wanted him to pay for what he did to our family," Baker said. "I knew they'd get him eventually. I feel very good about it."

Longo, 27, is accused of killing his wife, who was 34, and children, Zachary, 4, Sadie Ann, 3, and Madison, 2, then dumping their bodies into two Pacific Coast inlets.

The first hint of what happened came Dec. 19, when a child's body was spotted floating in a coastal inlet near Waldport, Ore. No one claimed the child. A little girl was found in the same shallow inlet three days later.

On Christmas Eve, a tip led investigators to Michigan, where family members identified the children as Zachary and Sadie Ann. Their parents had moved to the Newport, Ore., area from Ypsilanti, Mich., about three months earlier, police said.

Divers found the bodies of Mary Jane and Madison two days later in a marina in Newport. Authorities charged Christian Longo with aggravated murder and launched a nationwide manhunt.

Longo was believed to have purchased a plane ticket to Cancun using identification fraudulently obtained from an Oregon man.

The Dodge Durango that Longo allegedly stole from an Oregon car lot was found at San Francisco International Airport in early January. He had been spotted in San Francisco twice in late December, and spent two nights in a city youth hostel.

Supreme Court refuses to review FBI informant case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man fired after secretly helping the FBI investigate an anthrax threat lost in the Supreme Court on today.

The court turned down a chance to decide if First Amendment free speech rights cover a public employee's cooperation with law enforcement, even when that assistance is against the wishes of their bosses.

Since Sept. 11, justices have not agreed to review a case that directly implicates terrorism. They declined to take this one without comment.

At the heart of the case is the 1998 investigation of man who wrote a book on how to make anthrax and other weapons. He also was questioned in the recent anthrax mailings but not charged.

The FBI was told about Timothy Tobiason by an unlikely source, an investigator for poor criminal defendants.

Daniel Rupp was praised by his employer, the federal public defender in Wichita, Kan., for notifying the FBI after Tobiason allegedly talked to him at a gun show about anthrax and his angers with government.

Rupp was told to let federal agents handle the matter from there because of a potential conflict. He worked for an agency that provided legal defense for people investigated by the FBI.

Months later, he lost his job after the public defender's office learned that Rupp had met another half dozen times with the FBI and had corresponded with Tobiason about his anthrax plans as part of the investigation, court records show.

"It just seems amazing to me that your rights to report something like that can be that limited," Rupp said today.

He now works as an investigator for a state public defender.

"This case is more than a run-of-the-mill government employee speech case. It is a case presenting a public issue of enormous importance to the nation," Rupp's attorneys wrote in urging justices to hear his appeal.

A judge had dismissed his case, and the 10th U.S Circuit Court of Appeals also said the firing was proper. The appeals court noted that he was not fired for reporting the alleged threats. His other involvement, after telling his boss he would no longer help the FBI, was not free speech, the appeals court said.

"Once Mr. Rupp had tipped the FBI, it was certainly capable of carrying out an investigation of Mr. Tobiason with or without Mr. Rupp's help," the court said.

Obituaries

Pete Beaver

1912-2002

Nathan Lee "Pete" Beaver of Snyder died Monday, Jan. 14, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Beaver, 89, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Pete Beaver

Born April 1, 1912 in Frederick, Okla., he married Inez Gleghorn on May 6, 1931 in Lovington, N.M. Mr. Beaver was a farmer, cotton gin manager and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

A daughter, Betty Ann Beck, preceded him in death in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Inez Beaver of Snyder; a son, Roy Lee Beaver of Brady; a daughter, Nell Parks of Snyder; a sister, Inez Whitson of Milford; a brother, Frank Beaver of Snyder; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Maurine Kelly

1919-2002

BRONTE – Maurine Kelly, the mother of Doug Kelly of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 11, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kelly, 82, is set for 2 p.m. today in the Central Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1919 in Hamilton County, she married Joseph Douglas Kelly on Dec. 20, 1941. He died in 1988. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Nell Kelly; two brothers; and three sisters.

Mrs. Kelly, a licensed vocational nurse, had worked in several area nursing homes and was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include another son, Jerry Kelly of Maryneal; two daughters, Elaine Ensor of Oklaunion and Millie Boyd of Shep; three brothers, Paul McGuire of Parker, Colo., Kenneth McGuire of Beckville and Edwin McGuire of Santa Fe, Tex.; two sisters, Willie Murphy and Edith Monse, both of Ballinger; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Howard Hurry

1910-2002

SWEETWATER – Howard Hurry, the sister of Hazel Phillips of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 10, in a Lubbock hospital.

Service for Mrs. Hurry, 92, was set for 2 p.m. today in Evangelical Methodist Church with the Rev. William Mayo officiating. Burial was to follow in the Garden of Memories under the direction of Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 7, 1910 in Delta County, Tex., she was married to W.D. "Bill" Hurry who died on July 16, 1980. She also was preceded in death by several sisters and one brother.

A retired teacher and home demonstration agent, she was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Survivors include three other sisters, Georgia Slaton and Wanda Stevens of Sweetwater and Clyde Franklin of Lubbock.

Laura Roberts

1917-2002

AMARILLO – Laura Elizabeth Roberts, the sister of two Snyder residents, died Friday, Jan. 11.

Funeral service for Mrs. Roberts, 84, is set for 2 p.m. today in the Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Chapel with the Revs. Windell Taylor and Chuck Neal officiating. Burial will follow in the Llano Cemetery.

Born in Hugo, Okla., she married Surry Odell Roberts in 1935 in Clayton, N.M.

A resident of Amarillo since 1940, she was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson in 1990.

Survivors include three sons, Larry Roberts of Amarillo, Farris Roberts of Rochester, Minn., and Ronald Roberts of Tulsa; a daughter, Lesly J. Stark of Valencia, Calif.; two sisters, Mary Ann Key of Snyder and Aileen Alexander of Farmers Branch; a brother, J.O. Morrison of Snyder; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Southeast Baptist Church or to the Parkinson's Disease Association.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Technology booster meeting

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

Foster care meeting

Persons interested in knowing more about foster care or adoption are invited to a meeting at 6:30 this evening in the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service office at 3610 Vine in Abilene.

Stanfield reading night

Stanfield reading night will be held at 6:30 today in the cafeteria followed by a parent council meeting at 7. Pizza and drinks will be served and babysitting is provided.

Baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the athletic film room. Help is needed for the upcoming season.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What God Would Tell a King," followed by "A Legacy of Division."

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will resume on Tuesday. The classes are held from Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m. until noon, and 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.

Mesquite Country Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City, 1025 15th St. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

ESL, GED classes

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

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizen Center.

Relay for Life meeting

The Scurry unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life meeting from 5-5:45 p.m. Thursday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on Channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

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.

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 Tuesday, 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.

FBC support groups

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

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.

Red Cross volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the American Red Cross in the Snyder area. For information, call Sherry at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Profits to be shared with Enron, creditors

NEW YORK (AP) — The Swiss investment bank that is buying Enron Corp.'s power trading business will share a third of its profits with Enron and its creditors, a source familiar with the situation said today.

The plan, being presented in bankrutpcy court, also calls for UBS Warburg to purchase the unit without paying any cash up front, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The terms were expected to be made public this afternoon in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.