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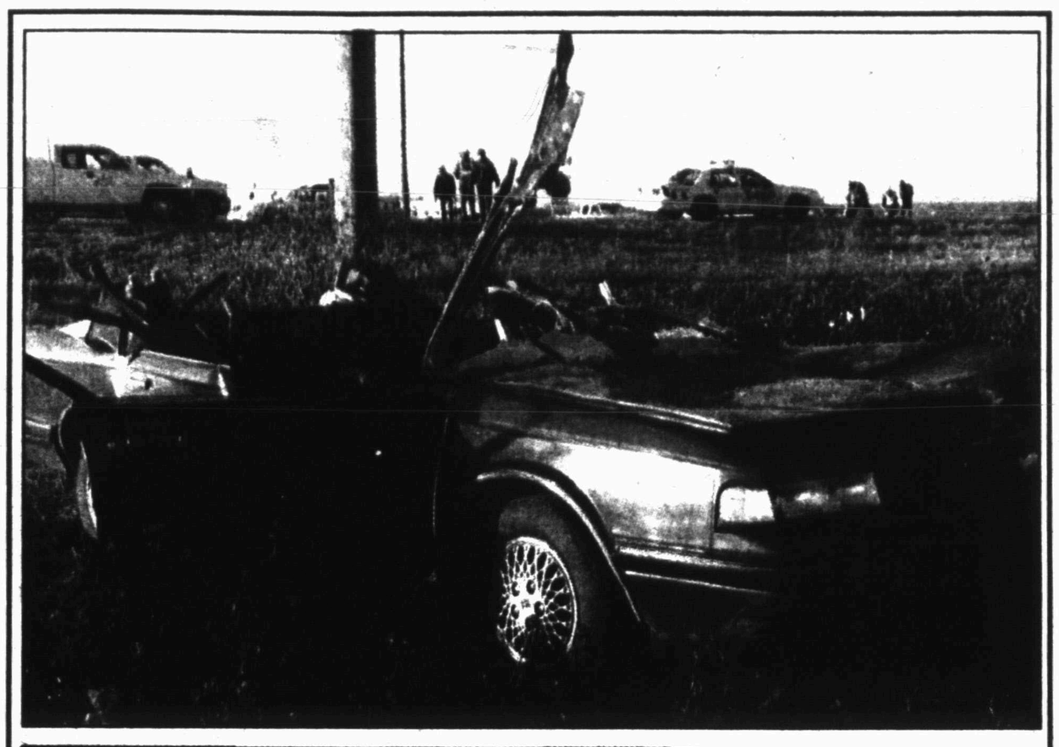

FATAL ACCIDENT — A senior at Snyder High School died this morning in a two-vehicle accident. Stacy Copeland was driving the Oldsmobile when it traveled underneath a truck-tanker, shearing the top off the vehicle. At left, JP Deborah Boyd and DPS trooper Rick Campos examine the truck where the vehicle passed under. (SDN Staff Photos)

SHS student dies in two-vehicle accident

A Snyder High School senior was killed instantly early this morning in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of U.S. 180 and FM 1611, just west of Snyder.

Stacy Copeland, 18, was pronounced dead at 8:27 at the scene by Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd. The accident was reported to dispatchers at 7:59 and occurred during a period of dense fog.

Copeland was driving an Oldsmobile Cutlass eastbound when the vehicle ran underneath a Smith Vacuum Service truck-tanker that was southbound on FM 1611.

Driver of the vacuum truck was Darin Manlief of Snyder. He was not injured.

Manlief told investigating DPS trooper Rick Campos that he stopped his vehicle at the stop sign on FM 1611, did not see anyone coming, and then pulled out to cross the intersection.

Manlief said he was in the middle of the intersection when he saw the lights of the Oldsmobile, but that it was too late for him to avoid the oncoming car.

Manlief said he thought the Copeland vehicle had missed his truck because he did not feel any impact.

Stacy Copeland

The truck driver added that he did not realize that his truck had been struck until he looked back and saw the top of the car lying in the road.

Copeland's vehicle traveled completely underneath the tank and the top was sheared.

The Oldsmobile continued eastbound and then veered left and came to rest in a cotton field.

The intersection is controlled by stop signs and flashing lights in the north and south bound lanes of FM 1611. Traffic on U.S. 180 is through-traffic.

Services for Miss Copeland are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home. She is the daughter of Carolyn Copeland of Snyder.

At SHS, she was a member of DECA and choir.

Larry Scott, SHS principal, said she moved to Snyder in the spring semester of 2001.

Scott said this morning that Copeland's teachers were first notified of the accident, and then her classmates.

Copeland, the only occupant in the vehicle, apparently was en route to school from her home on CR 243 when the mishap occurred.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anybody who knows it's only 13 days 'til Christmas still believes in Santa."

All we want for Christmas is a brother-in-law in another state.

And we have found the solution.

If ole what's-her-name wants to share family pictures, the inconvenience of sending a cassette – or worse, having relatives drop by – is solved in modern technology.

According to Popular Science, the new Replay TV 400 is the first hard-disk recorder with networking capabilities.

It can be sent to relatives electronically, so you can have all the Christmas fudge to yourself.

The recorder stores up to 320 hours of video and, like other hard disk recorders, allows the viewer to skip through commercials.

For 40 hours of storage, the cost is $699. For 320 hours of family album storage, the cost is just a buck under $2,000.

And if they send you one in return, nobody will know if you choose not to view it and gorged on that awful fruitcake instead.

In an effort to help eliminate the stress of holiday shopping, we've found these not-so-common gift suggestions.

—The Salt Rock Lamp: Ever notice how the air feels fresh after a lightning storm? This is because the storm generates trillions of negative icons. A crystal salt lamp will refresh the air much the same way. $125.

—It's neater than picking up one on the side of the road. It's the Armadillo handbag. Only $15.96

—If two heads are better than one, then what about two brains? Get Dr. Karlosis' Think Tank. The glowing life-like brain comes in a bubbling self-contained unit. Tell your brother-in-law you're growing one for him. Only $225.00

—Get into the game for only $19.95. Each checkers game comes complete with a game board and 24 helmets, 12 each in the NFL teams you select.

—Get your very own supply of Unfortunate Fortune Cookies. Only $5.95. Each contains a hilariously rotten prediction.

—Why hunt Bambi down when you can blow him up? The inflatable deer head is perfect over the fireplace. Just $19.95

—For the computer geek wannabee. Pay back that nasty high tech contraption with a Voodoo Computer. Since you can't stick pins in a real computer, the Voodoo Computer is the next best thing. $11.95.

—And for her, just in case she ever complains about not being talked to any more. Give her the Talking Spatula for only $16.95. She'll surely have a few things to say to you.

New deadline set for terrorists to surrender

TORA BORA, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan tribal commanders set a new deadline today for the surrender of a group of al-Qaida fighters cornered in a mountain canyon under heavy U.S. bombardment, demanding that top terrorist suspects, possibly including Osama bin Laden, also turn themselves in.

U.S. airstrikes sent smoke and debris billowing into the air as they pounded the desolate canyon where the al-Qaida fighters were boxed in after being forced out of their caves in the Tora Bora region of eastern Afghanistan. An earlier deadline this morning passed without the men's surrender.

Claiming they wanted to end the carnage, tribal eastern alliance leaders gave a new ultimatum, giving the men from bin Laden's terror network until noon Thursday to surrender. The alliance said it would not accept their surrender unless any top leaders with them also turned themselves in.

This would include bin Laden and others on Washington's list of most wanted terrorist suspects, if they were at Tora Bora, said Ghafar, the mayor of the nearby city of Jalalabad.

"But we don't know where Osama is," said Ghafar, who like some Afghans goes by one name only. He said the alleged terrorist chief might be hiding in thick alpine forest along the nearby border with Pakistan. Other leaders might have escaped during a failed cease-fire overnight, he said.

The Pentagon underlined that it doesn't want to see a deal that lets al-Qaida leaders go free. "We have made it very clear what our intents are," Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today. Some U.S. officials and Afghan tribal leaders suspect bin Laden is in Tora Bora, though others believe he is hiding in southern Afghanistan.

Tora Bora — an extensive network of caves and tunnels in the White Mountains near the Pakistani border — is the last "effective" stronghold of al-Qaida, according to Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Tribal alliance fighters overran some of the thousands of caves in the area on Tuesday, driving out an undetermined number of al-Qaida fighters who became trapped in the canyon and asked to be allowed to surrender.

The eastern alliance agreed to pause fighting until today morning to surrender unconditionally. The cease-fire fell apart, apparently after the trapped fighters set new surrender terms.

Cobb found guilty today

A seven-woman, five-man jury returned a guilty verdict this morning in the 132nd District Court trial of Snyder resident Welton Cobb, charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free area.

Jurors were released for a break after the verdict was announced, and the sentencing part of the trial was to resume today.

District Attorney Dana Cooley and defense attorney H. Thomas Hirsch of Odessa rested their cases Tuesday afternoon and the jury deliberated for less than an hour this morning before returning the verdict.

Cobb, 45, of 1201 29th Street was among 26 persons arrested last December in a county-wide drug sweep.

He has been out of jail on $10,000 bond following his arrest.

The trial began Nov. 26, but after one day of testimony, snow and ice forced the recess.

Jurors heard from a Department of Public Safety lab worker, an undercover police officer and a private citizen working undercover with the police officer.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Plea brings prison term

A 49-year-old Lubbock man with four prior convictions will now serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea entered Monday in 132nd District Court.

Kenneth Ray White pleaded guilty to a March 11 offense of felony driving while intoxicated. District Judge Ernie Armstrong handed down the 10-year prison sentence.

White had two previous DWI convictions and two theft convictions.

Ferrell Ray Broyles, 55, of 3101 Ave. Y pleaded guilty to three counts of DWI, offenses that occurred on Aug. 24, Sept. 2 and Sept. 4.

On each count, Broyles was sentenced to serve 10 years in prison, probated for 10 years. He also was fined $1,000 on each count and was ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a court-approved substance abuse program. The three sentences will be served concurrently.

Also pleading guilty in district court was Katrina McGaha Balkcom of Lubbock. The 29-year-old pleaded guilty to an April 16 charge of forgery by passing.

She was accessed a two-year sentence in a state jail facility, probated for five years. She also was fined $750 and ordered to make $1,192 in restitution. She also must serve an indeterminate term in the Taylor County Restitution Center.

Jackie Wayland Kincaid, 18, of 10319 Roadrunner Path pleaded guilty to burglary of Snyder Junior High on Sept. 3.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Kincaid to two years in a state jail facility, probated for four years. Kincaid also was fined $500 and ordered to make $792.38 in restitution.

AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN — City of Snyder employees Anson Luna and Gil Almanza worked Tuesday to demolish the former Cozy Courts on North College Avenue. The facility had been declared unsafe by the city. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—How old is NFL hall-of-famer Sammy Baugh?
A—87.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 30; NW winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy; slight rain chance; high near 50; west winds, 5-15 mph.

Jami Robbins
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.
Of 345 days in 2001, the sun has shone 332 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.
—Walt Disney

Lebanese man arrested on weapons charges Tuesday

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Lebanese man arrested on weapons charges allegedly told authorities he had received training at guerrilla camps, and a search of his home turned up a calendar with Sept. 11 highlighted on it, police said.

Authorities also found two guns with 1,000 rounds of ammunition in the suspect's car and a plaque with the word "Hamas," Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker said Tuesday. Hamas is the name of a militant Palestinian group.

It was not clear whether the suspect, Ali Khaled Steitiye, had highlighted Sept. 11 on his calendar before or after the attacks, or whether he had any link to the attacks, Kroeker said.

Steitiye, 39, was arrested by Portland police after a gun dealer alerted authorities in August that he had tried to fraudulently buy an assault rifle, lying about prior felonies in Oregon and Oklahoma. Portland authorities made the arrest on Oct. 24.

The arrest was made public Tuesday after a detention hearing in which federal prosecutors used the evidence to argue Steitiye should be kept in custody while the investigation continued.

Police found fraudulent Social Security cards, credit cards and an immigration green card at the suspect's Portland home, Kroeker said. They also found a pistol, an assault rifle and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition in his car.

"A man going around the city of Portland with an assault rifle, a machete and a 9mm pistol is certainly a threat to the public," Kroeker said. "Obviously, this is a violent individual."

Steitiye said during the hearing that he had noted Sept. 11 on his calendar because it was a sad day for him.

"I care about this country," Steitiye said. "I care about the interest of this country and the security of this country."

His lawyer, Dennis Balske, said authorities were overreacting to a basic gun case because of the terrorist attacks.

"There is a little bit of hysteria in the air," Balske said. "I think we need to look at this calmly. They're making this out to be a lot bigger than it is."

A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney

Dozens of workers at Salt Lake airport arrested, charged with lying to get jobs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Dozens of illegal immigrants have been charged with using fake documents to get jobs that gave them access to restricted areas at Salt Lake City International Airport.

Federal indictments accused 69 airport workers with using fake immigration and Social Security documents to get security badges, U.S. Attorney Paul Warner said Tuesday.

He said there were no known links to terrorism, but called the indictments important to national security.

"People who have lied to get access, they become much more subject to blackmail," he said. "We picked them (for prosecution) because they worked in the most secure areas of the airport."

The indicted employees worked for airport subcontractors serving food, fueling aircraft, handling cargo and other tasks.

Besides the indicted employees, 200 more were fired for allegedly working with phony credentials. They will not be prosecuted because they worked in less secure areas.

Salt Lake City will host the Winter Olympics in February. The upcoming Winter Games lent urgency to the airport investigation, Warner said.

Some $300 million has been earmarked for security, including thousands of guards, radar planes and biological and chemical detectors.

About two dozen indicted airport workers had been arrested by late Tuesday and officials hoped to have the rest in federal custody today, said Robert Flowers, head of the state Department of Public Safety.

"I've seen the disappointment on their faces, but some didn't seem that surprised," Flowers said.

About 20,000 people work at the airport, including contract employees. The records of some 9,000 people were checked during the investigation, authorities said.

Most of those arrested were from Latin America. None was from the Middle East, Warner said.

The firings and arrests are not expected to disrupt operations, said Tim Campbell, executive director of Salt Lake International.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, aviation security has been a top issue for state and federal authorities.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson said the airport is now double-checking the Social Security numbers of all employees who seek security badges.

Family of 'American Taliban' receives letter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The American captured with Taliban fighters and now in U.S. military custody has sent a letter to his parents saying he is safe and regrets not contacting them sooner.

John Walker, 20, who is being held at a Marine base in southern Afghanistan, apparently dictated the letter to an International Red Cross volunteer.

The lawyer for Walker's parents e-mailed a copy of the letter, dated Dec. 3, to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"I apologize for not contacting you in such a long time. I realize this must have caused you a lot of g(rief)," reads the letter, addressed to "Dear Papa and Mama." The law firm said it inserted the words in parentheses because they were hard to read on the fax.

"I am currently alive and well in Afghanistan and I am in safe hands," Walker continued. "I cannot give you many details a(bout) my situation but it would be g(ood) to hear from you all."

Neither of the parents, Frank Lindh and Marilyn Walker, nor their lawyer were available for comment Tuesday.

The parents have complained that the U.S. government has not let them talk to their son, and that Walker has not been allowed outside counsel before being questioned.

Walker surrendered near the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif, where he was caught in a prison uprising before U.S. authorities flew him to the Marine base in the south known as Camp Rhino.

Capt. Stewart Upton, a spokesman at the base, said Walker was classified as a military detainee, giving him the same rights as an enemy prisoner of war under the Geneva Conventions.

Upton said Walker, the sole detainee at Camp Rhino, was in good condition and was recovering from dehydration and a gunshot wound in the leg.

Walker has been providing useful information, and no final decision had been made on his fate, officials have said.

At the base, a shipping container, about 10 feet high, 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep, sits in the middle of a detention area surrounded by huge rolls of barbed wire and watched over by a guard tower. A soldier was seen speaking to someone inside the container, but Upton would not confirm that Walker was being held inside.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-6-21-26
Bonus number 33
Estimated jackpot: $600,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
2-13-14-22-23

Pick 3

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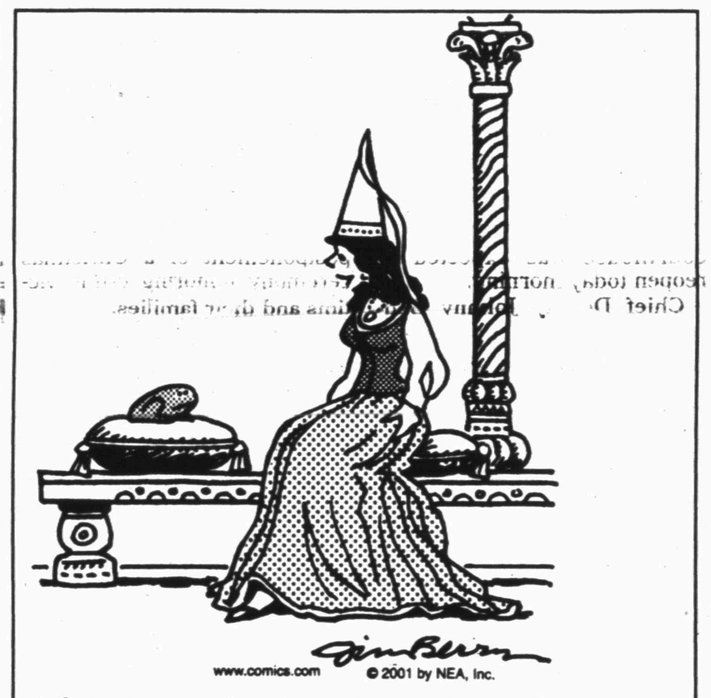

"FORGET MY GIVING YOU A KISS. I THINK I'LL HAVE FROG LEGS FOR DINNER TONIGHT."

Date Book

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001
Today is the 346th day of 2001 and the 82nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, an English version of the Catholic Bible was published by Carey, Stewart & Co. in Philadelphia, Pa. It was the first such Bible printed in the United States.

On this day in 1889, the U.S. Senate established a standing committee on immigration.

On this day in 1951, at Windsor Locks, Conn., the first gas-turbine powered helicopter was test-flown for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman-jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), entertainer; Bob Barker (1923-), announcer-animal rights activist, is 78; Ed Koch (1924-), politician, is 77; Connie Francis (1938-), singer-actress, is 63; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, James "Bonecrusher" Smith won the World Boxing Association heavyweight title by knocking out "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon in the first round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Poetry is as exact a science as geometry." — Gustave Flaubert

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 7) and new moon (Dec. 14).

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IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

		GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
		100-199	200-499	98	97
Data Control Codes		General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	AUGUST 31, 2001	AUGUST 31 2000
	REVENUES:				
	Local and Intermediate Sources:				
5742	Investment Income	$49,959	$0	$49,959	$41,125
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	1,019,831	30,209	1,050,040	938,337
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$1,069,790	$30,209	$1,099,999	$979,462
5800	State Program Revenues	408,902	84,447	493,349	598,205
5900	Federal Program Revenues	2,451	28,249	30,700	17,289
5020	**Total Revenues**	$1,481,143	$142,905	$1,624,048	$1,594,956
	EXPENDITURES:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	$955,563	$92,819	$1,048,382	$1,024,830
0020	Instruction and School Leadership	85,771	0	85,771	62,540
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	101,685	72,849	174,534	153,533
0040	Administrative Support Services	191,797	0	191,797	154,929
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	200,277	0	200,277	232,150
0060	Ancillary Services	0	0	0	0
0070	Debt Service	97,233	0	97,233	0
0080	Capital Outlay for School District Facilities	226,060	0	226,060	0
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	18,904	0	18,904	16,961
6030	**Total Expenditures**	$1,877,290	$165,668	$2,042,958	$1,644,943
1100	**Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures**	($396,147)	($22,763)	($418,910)	($49,987)
7020	Other Resources	210,000	22,763	232,763	4,440
8030	Other (Uses)	(22,764)	0	(22,764)	(3,245)
1200	**Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses**	($208,911)	$0	($208,911)	($48,792)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	591,901	0	591,901	633,146
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	0	0	0	7,547
3000	**Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)**	$382,990	$0	$382,990	$591,901

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Critics: Government moved too slowly against foundation linked to Hamas

RICHARDSON (AP) — The FBI spent eight years eavesdropping on the Holy Land Foundation, monitoring the Muslim charity's leaders as they met with Palestinian militants and raiding a computer company with strong ties to the group.

But it wasn't until last week that federal officials shut down the group and froze $5 million in assets, claiming the money was being funneled to terrorists.

Why did authorities move so slowly? Political considerations, restrictions on investigations of religious groups and even oversights by immigration officials may have hindered the probe, according to experts on domestic terror investigations.

Holy Land officials accuse the government of mounting a crusade against Muslims. The group, which raised $13 million last year, denies helping the militant Palestinian group Hamas and says it builds schools and provides aid to needy Palestinians and others in the Muslim world.

"This was the Muslims' largest charity, so they are very upset," said Dalall Mohammed, a spokeswoman for Holy Land. She said the raid had left Muslims fearful of donating to any Islamic charity.

After FBI abuses in the 1960s and '70s, the Justice Department adopted limits on investigating religious groups, and the restrictions no doubt slowed the probe into Holy Land, said Fred Moss, a former federal prosecutor and now a law professor at Southern Methodist University.

"Religion stands in a special place in our society, so it's sensitive," Moss said. "If they had found nothing, that could blow up in any administration's face, embarrass the FBI and raise the specter that we're back to the J. Edgar Hoover days."

Mark Briskman, Texas regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, said the Clinton administration feared that shutting down Holy Land would undermine the nation's stature among Arab nations and prevent it from leading Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

"Clearly, it would have had a negative effect on relations with Yemen, Saudi Arabia and some of the Gulf states," Briskman said.

But political considerations turned against Holy Land after a wave of terror bombings in Israel this month, Briskman said. He said the Bush administration used the raid to show support for Israel.

The FBI took no particular interest in Holy Land until 1993, according to Oliver "Buck" Revell, who headed the Dallas FBI office in the early 1990s when Holy Land moved from Southern California to this Dallas suburb.

That's when three top officials of Holy Land were recorded meeting in Philadelphia with Hamas representatives to discuss helping suicide bombers, according to an FBI memo first reported by the Dallas Morning News and obtained by The Associated Press.

"The target of the investigation was Hamas, and the Holy Land Foundation came up in conjunction with Hamas," Revell said. "There was no indication they were engaged in illegal action at the time."

Revell said the government should have moved to shut down Holy Land as soon as it determined that its money was going to Hamas.

The 49-page FBI report also hinted at FBI frustration with information from immigration authorities about Holy Land leaders.

According to the memo, Holy Land executive director Haitham Maghawri had told the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1990 that he had been arrested several times in Lebanon, once for placing a car bomb. But the report indicated INS made no detailed notes about the arrests.

Maghawri was denied asylum in the United States, but he gained permanent resident status by marrying a U.S. citizen.

Tim Counts, an INS spokesman in Dallas, said the agency usually investigates arrest reports to determine if an asylum-seeker was persecuted or forced into making a false confession.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Gift-giving spirit suffers from debt and disrespect

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in serious debt — college tuition payments, property tax, car repairs, etc. I would like to tell my husband's grown children and grandchildren we can't afford to give them gifts this year. My husband says we HAVE to buy them gifts. (I am usually stuck doing all the gift shopping alone.)

Throughout the year, I am included in all family gatherings, but when the grandchildren's pictures are sent, the note is addressed only to my husband. I have never received a birthday or Mother's Day card from any of them. I don't think it's because they consider it disloyal to their own mother. She's happily remarried, and we get along great.

Abby, I don't know why I must get "another day older and deeper in debt" for people who would walk right over me if I happened to fall in their path.

Am I being selfish or is there a point where you can "just say no" to Christmas gift giving? — **DEPRESSED THIS DECEMBER**

DEAR DEPRESSED: If your husband insists on going deeper into debt, tell him that this year HE is in charge of gift buying — as well as managing the bills when they arrive in January.

You are "Depressed" because you are overwhelmed by your financial situation and feel unappreciated by your husband's children. You and your husband would benefit from some sessions with a marriage counselor. It would give each of you an opportunity in an emotionally supportive setting to express what you expect from each other and what you want for yourselves. Ask your physician for a referral. It will be the best Christmas gift you have given yourselves in years.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Clothespin Connie on Long Island," whose husband won't shower before bed.

When my sons were old enough to date, I taught them that old men shave and shower in the morning, while young men shave and shower at night. It's based on the old adage, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar."

I still shave and shower at night — and I'm 79 years young. — **CHET IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR CHET: With an emphasis on the "young"! Perhaps that saying should be amended to, "You can catch more HONEYS with honey than you can with vinegar."

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DEAR ABBY: For the past few years, our elderly neighbor has come over to our house on Christmas morning. We are usually still in our pajamas watching our children opening their gifts.

Abby, I would prefer to enjoy this special morning with my immediate family ONLY. I don't want this neighbor intruding. How can I handle this delicate situation without hurting her feelings? — **FEELING LIKE THE GRINCH**

DEAR FEELING: Your family may remind her of her own — or the one she always wanted. However, your lonely neighbor won't stop coming for early morning festivities until you set limits.

A few days before Christmas, invite her to come to your home at a specific time — for example, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, or on Christmas Eve, if that is more convenient.

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

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Courthouse to reopen after evacuation

TYLER (AP) — A mysterious briefcase that prompted the evacuation of the Smith County Courthouse contained what appeared to be laundry detergent.

A Fort Hood bomb squad opened the suspicious briefcase early today to find the bottles, fire officials said. Also inside was a note saying the briefcase had been placed there after being taken by mistake.

Tyler police, FBI and ATF officials still were investigating the origins of the briefcase. The courthouse was expected to reopen today morning.

Chief Deputy Johnny Beddingfield said a man walked up to the back of the courthouse and set the case down. The man left to get into a car. When deputies waved at him to stop, he sped off. A gasoline-like odor coming from the briefcase heightened concern.

The building was evacuated and the fire department was called. The briefcase was surrounded by bags of sand as a precaution.

The man was still being sought this morning.

The evacuation prompted the postponement of a Christmas ceremony honoring crime victims and their families.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 14, 2001

The successful methods you develop to channel your energies, ambitions and hopes in the year ahead will prove to have a far greater impact on your successes than you first suspect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — New ideas or concepts you formulate today should not be put on the back burner for future initiation. They are more likely to take off better and easier now while they're hot.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is justification for any optimistic feelings you may be having today. Your chart indicates this is one of those days where your hopes and expectations can be realized.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Try to develop something you think has both social and commercial

potential today. Your will have the best chances for success if you include only directly involved persons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Give your time and attention today to that new endeavor in which you've suddenly become interested. It has lots of promise to be quite fortunate for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be timid today about going after a challenging objective, because you're now in an excellent cycle for accomplishing your aims. Any obstacles can be quickly overcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a good chance that today you could meet someone whose interests and ideas merge well with yours. This new association could turn out to be a dynamic one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's time you take action on all those certain changes you've been thinking about for a long time. You are in a fortuitous cycle to bring new ideas into being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you are in need of a business favor today, you'll have better luck going to someone you know socially than you will if you ask an associate. He or she could be a competitor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Elevate your sights and shoot for higher objectives than usual today. Everything points to the fact that you can make impressive strides now where your work or career is concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Developments that need your special touch for management and reorganization may vie for your attention today. Instinctively, you'll know what needs to be fixed and how to do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sniff out where the good deals are today, because you have a good nose, not only for business, but for adding extensively to your earnings.

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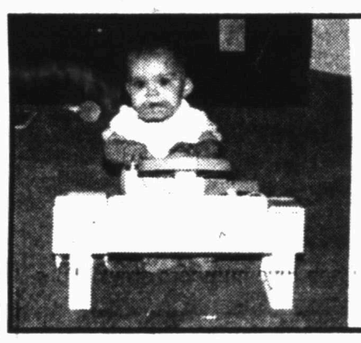

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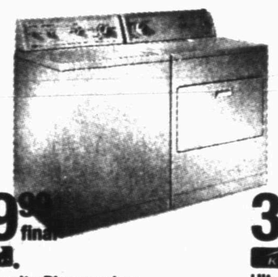

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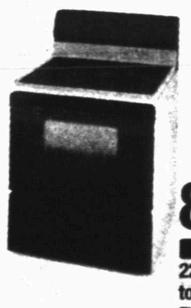

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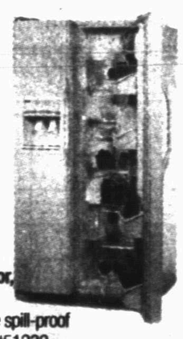

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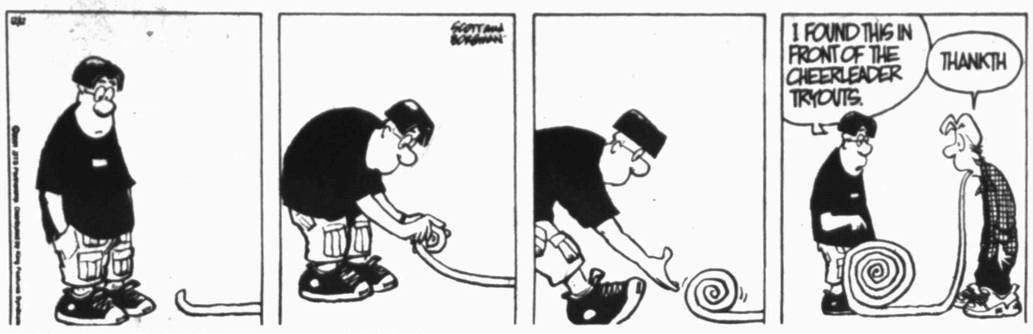

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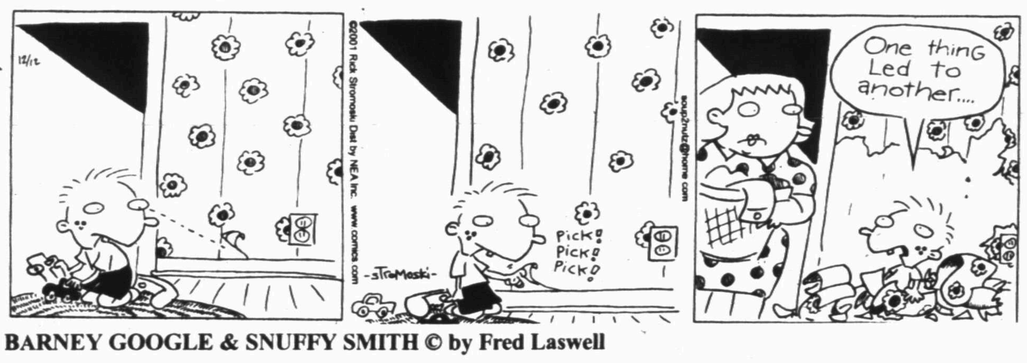

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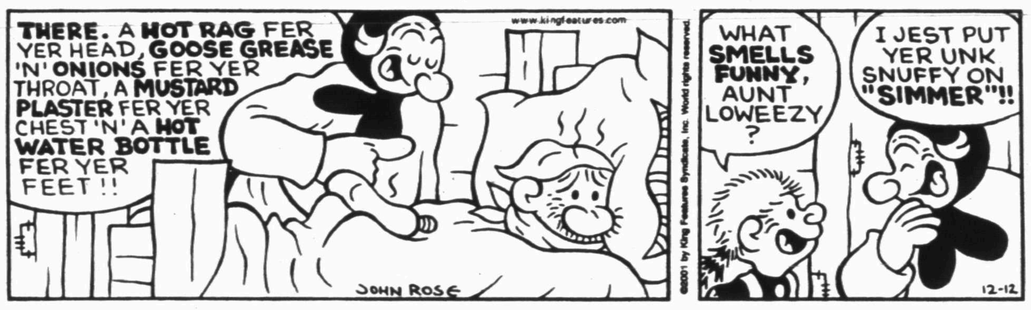

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1 Prowls
6 Rouses up
12 Swallow
14 Toughen
15 Black magic
16 Flawed
17 German title start
18 All-purpose abbr.
19 Undercover agent
21 Exec
23 Pizza Hut alternative
26 Map abbr.
27 — Salvador
28 Bread spreads
30 Knack
31 Actress Hagen
32 — with (handled)
33 Marline' city
35 Which person?
37 "Vive le —!"
38 Divergence
39 Musical ability
40 Botch up
41 Tax-form ID
42 Check-cashing needs
43 Billboards
44 Aykroyd or Rather
46 Thus, in citations
48 Hired workers
51 Vegetable sponge
55 Glamour
56 Where Sweden is
57 Leopard cousin
58 Unkind look

DOWN

1 Step on the gas
2 Lennon's Yoko
3 In time past
4 Sloppy, as a racetrack
5 Wild plum
6 Thin cookie
7 GP expertise
8 Joint
9 Ocean dweller
10 Cole of song
11 Cunning
13 Layout style
19 Removes paint
20 Flower parts
22 Nibbled
24 Suspected
25 Pigments
26 NFL team
27 Spades, e.g.
28 Stench
29 Mix up
34 Attentive
36 Dispute
42 Map close-up
43 Forest staple
45 Curly hairdo
47 Promissory notes
48 — Paulo, Brazil
49 Nurse's specialty
50 Tavern fare
52 Attacker
53 Primate
54 Feminine pronoun

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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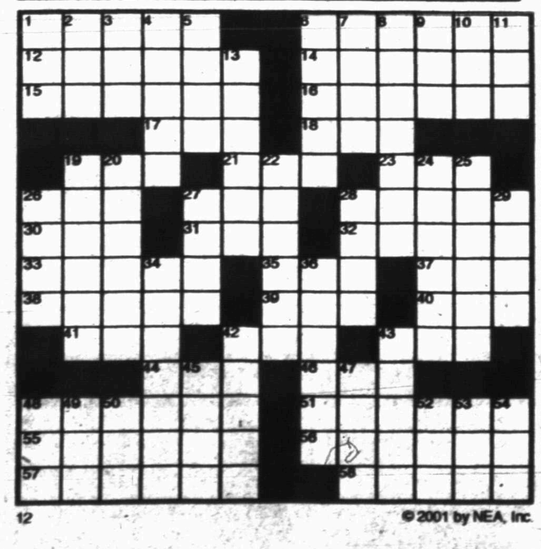

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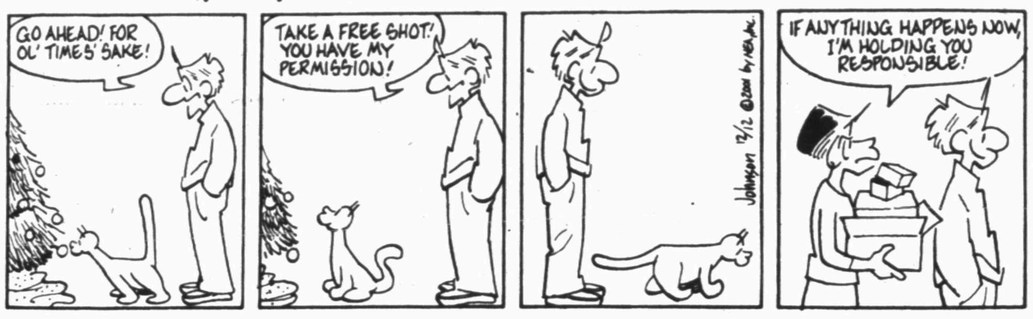

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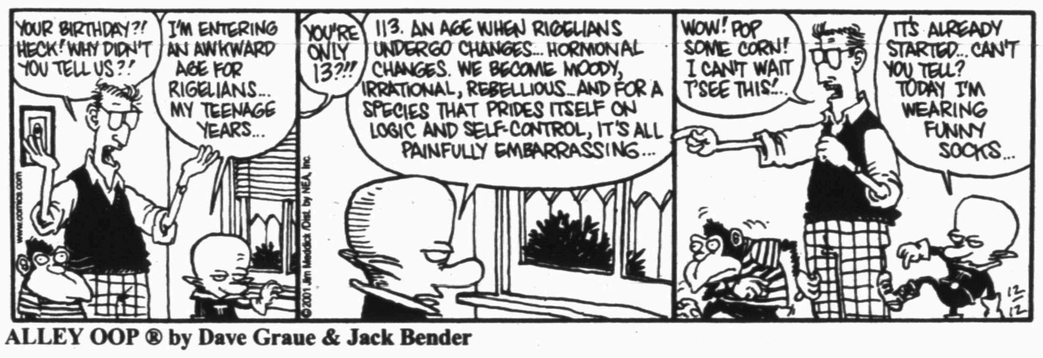

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers dominate district debut, 57-19

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — This was the type of performance the Snyder Lady Tigers had been waiting on, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Snyder put everything together for all four quarters to record a 57-19 whipping of San Angelo Lake View in Tuesday night's District 4-4A opener.

After showing glimpses of solid play during non-district competition, the Lady Tigers turned the opener into a coming out party.

In forcing 31 turnovers and shooting a blistering 55 percent from the floor, the Lady Tigers hope they sent a message to the rest of the league.

"We wanted to come out and show everybody that even though we're inexperienced we can play well," said sophomore Erin Burleson who lit up the Maidens for 18 points on an 8-of-9 shooting effort. "This is a good opener for us to get ready for a tough district schedule."

Snyder scored the game's first nine points and was never threatened.

Stymied by the Lady Tigers' full-court pressure, the Maidens never got on track. In the first half, Lake View made only three of 20 shot attempts and committed 16 turnovers. The Maidens didn't break the 10-point mark until midway through the third quarter.

"We executed our press and Lake View didn't handle the ball very well against it," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "We didn't get many easy layups off the press, but we didn't have to because we executed so well in our half-court offense."

The Lady Tigers raced to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter and stretched their advantage to 33-9 by halftime.

Burleson drained all six of her first-half attempts, including a three-pointer in the second quarter to give her 13 points at the break.

"Coach told us before the game that we needed to step up now that district has started," Burleson said. "I made a few shots early and it helped get my confidence going. Then when I took a shot that didn't feel great when I released it, but it went in. That's when I knew it was one of those nights."

Leading by 24 points, the Lady Tigers tightened up their game even more in the second half. Snyder turned the ball over only four times in the final 16 minutes and continued to break down the Lake View defense with crisp passing.

Burleson's only miss of the night came in the third quarter after Snyder had opened the period with a 6-0 run.

Ten Lady Tigers registered points on the night while only four Maidens managed to score.

When Lake View did manage to break the press, the Lady Tigers forced the Maidens out of their offensive set. Forced to take tough shots, Lake View connected on only eight of 33 attempts.

"This is the best game we've played all year. We've played well at times, but this time we did it for all four quarters," Martin stated. "Everybody played well, and we did things within the team concept."

Snyder's largest lead of the night was 40 points before Lake View made a layup in the final seconds for the 57-19 final tally.

In Tuesday's other district match-ups, Levelland toppled Andrews, 67-44. Plainview downed Frenship, 62-36, and Estacado held off Big Spring, 59-49.

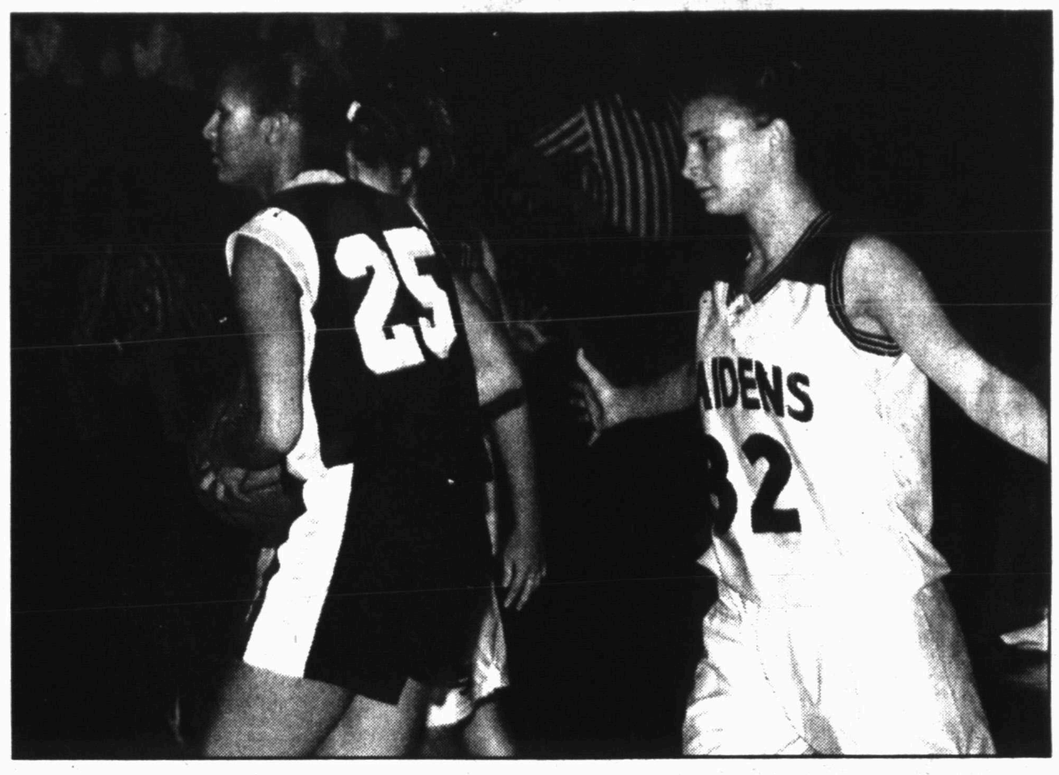
The Lady Tigers (1-0, 5-7) continue district play Friday when they host Levelland (1-0, 11-2).

Snyder	17	16	13	11	— 57
Lake View	03	06	06	04	— 19

Snyder
Burleson 8-9 1-3 18, Russell 1-2 1-3 3, Peoples 1-2 1-2 3, Daniell 1-4 0-2 3, Robinson 4-6 0-2 8, McDonald 0-1 0-0 0, Drum 1-2 1-5 3, Putnam 1-2 3-4 5, Lollar 1-4 2-2 4, Chambers 2-4 1-1 5, Schwertner 1-2 3-4 5. **Totals 21-38 13-28 57.**

Lake View
Sanders 1-2 2-2 4, Phillips 0-3 0-0 0, Hill 2-6 1-4 5, Jacobs 0-3 0-0 0, Williams 3-7 0-1 6, Fowler 0-3 0-2 0, McDonald 0-3 0-0 0, Reynolds 2-5 0-2 4, Vinson 0-1 0-1 0. **Totals 8-33 3-12 19.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Burleson and Daniell), Lake View 0. Rebounds: Snyder 21 (Russell 4), Lake View 25 (Sanders 7). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Lake View 22. Fouled out — None.



WORKING IN THE PAINT — Snyder junior Zipporah Peoples prepares to spin toward the basket against Lake View's Jennifer Hill during first-half action of Tuesday night's District 4-4A opener in San Angelo. The Lady Tigers cruised to a 57-19 victory and are in action again Friday when they host Levelland. (SDN Staff Photo)

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	1	0	5	7
Plainview	1	0	12	1
Levelland	1	0	12	2
Estacado	1	0	10	2
Andrews	0	1	9	3
Frenship	0	1	9	5
Big Spring	0	1	8	5
Lake View	0	1	2	10

Tuesday's results: Snyder 57, Lake View 19; Plainview 62, Frenship 36; Levelland 67, Andrews 44; Estacado 59, Big Spring 49.

Nash scores 39 in Mavs' 105-103 victory

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are feeling a little more comfortable in their new home.

Dallas lost three of its previous five at American Airlines Center, and Mavericks leading scorer Dirk Nowitzki missed the second half of Tuesday night's game against Portland with a sprained left ankle.

But point guard Steve Nash stepped up, scoring a career-high 39 points, including 17 in the final 6:23, as the Mavericks snapped a three-game losing streak with a 105-103 victory.

"We've struggled to make this a homecourt advantage," Nash said. "Good teams have good home court records."

The Mavericks nearly lost again on their homecourt as Nowitzki played just 15 minutes and No. 2 scorer Michael Finley missed 19 of 26 shots despite a 20-point game.

But Nash went 12-for-16 from the field and hit 13 of 16 free throws. Of his 17 fourth-quarter points, 10 were from the free-throw line.

"We had one horse and we rode him and rode him," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "They had six horses and we had one, but our horse won by a photo."

Bonzi Wells had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who won four of their previous six. Rasheed Wallace and Ruben Patterson had 16 points each, and Damon Stoudamire added 15 points and 12 assists for Portland.

Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks couldn't believe that his team lost on a night when Nowitzki was injured and Finley was shooting poorly.

"We should have won the game, no question," Cheeks said. "It seems every time we play someone, they get a career high. They could only score with Nash and Finley. That was a very disappointing loss."

Nash kept the Mavericks ahead down the stretch after Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer with 7:48 remaining gave Dallas the lead for good at 81-78.

Nash scored six straight points, capped by two free throws with 3:04 left, to extend the Mavericks' lead 91-86.

With 1:18 left, Nash hit a 3-pointer to increase the lead to 96-87, but he missed three of his team's next six free throws to allow the Trail Blazers to stay close.

"I was so tired at the end, I started to get a little shaky," Nash said. "But then the game slowed down a little bit."

Nash caught his breath, and his two free throws with 3.9 seconds left gave Dallas a 105-100 lead before Derek Anderson hit a 3-pointer at the final buzzer for Portland.

Nowitzki, averaging 24.5 points, finished with 10. He sprained the ankle when he stepped on the foot of teammate Juwan Howard with 9:04 left in the second quarter. Nowitzki was fouled on the play by Zach Randolph, hit one of the two free throws, and did not return.

At halftime, Nowitzki tested the ankle, but he could not run without a limp. He said he would try to play in Thursday night's game against Cleveland.

Ira girls fall in overtime

ROTAN — The Ira Lady Bulldogs took Rotan to the limit and then some Tuesday night before bowing in overtime, 56-54, in a girls non-district tilt.

The Lady Bulldogs mounted a fierce second-half rally that erased a 14-point halftime deficit and knotted the tally at 44-44 by the end of regulation.

After managing only nine points in the second half, Rotan answered with 12 in overtime to hold off Ira.

Lindsey Wilson poured in 25 points and Celeigh Sterling added 18 to pace the Lady Bulldogs.

Bulldogs break out in second half to rout Rotan

ROTAN — The Ira Bulldogs got double-digit point production from three players Tuesday night to register a 67-39 victory over Rotan in a non-district boys contest.

Ira held a nine-point halftime lead before Nathan Smith ignited a run by scoring 11 of his game-high 24 points in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs turned the game into a rout with 43 second-half points.

"We were more patient in our offense after halftime," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We made good passes and took the right shots. On the other end, we played great man-to-man defense on them for the whole game."

Eric Dickerhoff dropped in 17 points for the Bulldogs, and Jake Barnes added 13. Todd Wall and Cole Shafer tallied four apiece. Jase Olvera and Cade Tucker chipped in two each, and Jess Wall finished with one.

Ira is in action again Friday when it visits Post.

National Hockey League

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Atlantic Division							
N.Y. Rangers	17	12	2	2	38	95	94
N.Y. Islanders	16	8	5	1	38	86	74
Philadelphia	14	8	5	1	34	79	59
Pittsburgh	13	11	4	2	32	68	73
New Jersey	12	11	3	2	29	67	74
Northeast Division							
Toronto	18	8	2	3	41	91	70
Boston	15	8	3	3	36	72	67
Ottawa	15	10	4	0	34	95	75
Montreal	13	11	4	1	31	72	70
Buffalo	13	15	2	1	29	83	80
Southeast Division							
Carolina	14	12	4	3	35	81	93
Washington	12	14	5	0	29	88	95
Tampa Bay	11	15	3	1	26	58	65
Florida	7	16	2	3	19	56	83
Atlanta	6	18	3	2	17	65	111
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	22	6	2	1	47	99	73
Chicago	15	10	7	0	37	93	91
St. Louis	14	9	5	1	34	74	65
Nashville	10	15	5	0	25	76	82
Columbus	8	17	5	1	22	57	81
Northwest Division							
Edmonton	17	9	4	2	40	87	70
Calgary	15	8	6	2	38	80	71
Colorado	17	12	3	0	37	76	61
Minnesota	11	12	5	2	29	78	90
Vancouver	12	17	4	0	28	84	89
Pacific Division							
San Jose	15	7	5	3	38	88	72
Dallas	12	8	6	3	33	81	78
Phoenix	12	10	5	3	32	73	76
Los Angeles	9	14	5	2	25	74	76
Anaheim	9	17	4	1	23	68	86

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

Monday's Games
Columbus 3, New Jersey 1
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
Montreal 4, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1
Anaheim 1, Colorado 1, tie
Calgary 2, Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 1, Vancouver 1, tie

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
Toronto 6, Phoenix 3
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 2, tie
Los Angeles 1, Nashville 1, tie
San Jose 5, Edmonton 4, OT

Wednesday's Games
Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	13	7	.650	—
Boston	12	7	.632	½
New York	11	10	.524	2½
Orlando	11	12	.478	3½
Washington	8	12	.400	5
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	5½
Miami	4	15	.211	8½
Central Division				
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Milwaukee	11	7	.611	1½
Toronto	12	9	.571	2
Indiana	12	11	.522	3
Charlotte	10	11	.476	4
Cleveland	9	12	.429	5
Atlanta	8	14	.364	6½
Chicago	4	16	.200	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Minnesota	14	5	.737	½
Dallas	13	9	.591	3
Utah	10	11	.476	5½
Denver	7	14	.333	8½
Houston	7	16	.304	9½
Memphis	5	15	.250	10
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	3	.842	—
Sacramento	17	5	.773	½
Phoenix	13	9	.591	4½
L.A. Clippers	11	10	.524	6
Portland	10	10	.500	6½
Seattle	10	14	.417	8½
Golden State	8	14	.364	9½

Monday's Games
Utah 107, Dallas 98
L.A. Clippers 100, Orlando 92

Tuesday's Games
Miami 99, Milwaukee 97
Boston 102, New York 93, OT
Atlanta 89, Philadelphia 87
Washington 91, Memphis 81
Minnesota 107, Golden State 86
New Jersey 107, Chicago 93
Cleveland 107, Houston 102
Dallas 105, Portland 103
Charlotte 99, Denver 96
Sacramento 112, Orlando 100
Seattle 104, L.A. Lakers 93

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Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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Thursday's Games
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Murray St. 69, DePaul 65
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Wright St. 74, Oakland, Mich. 54
FAR WEST
California 97, Fresno St. 75
Gonzaga 67, Washington 47
San Diego 63, UC Irvine 52

WOMEN
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Army 83, St. Francis, NY 64
Canisius 100, Bucknell 89
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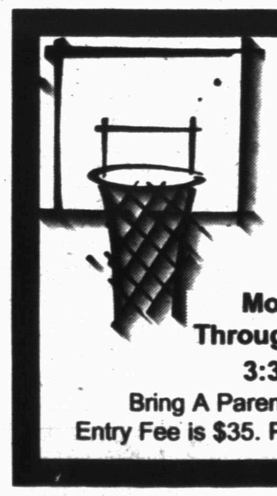

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Terrorism investigators to contact those who didn't respond to letters

DETROIT (AP) — Officials began trying to directly contact some 150 men who haven't responded to letters requesting interviews as part of the terrorism probe, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Jeffrey Collins, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, said of the 503 letters mailed to men in southeastern Michigan, 242 have been contacted to schedule interviews, and five have declined. He said 104 letters have been returned because of incorrect addresses.

Starting Tuesday, agents and officers are attempting to personally contact about 150 men who haven't responded, which will include going door-to-door, Collins said. For those with bad addresses, Collins said, officials were working to locate them.

He gave few details and did not say what will happen to those men who haven't responded.

Members of the state's large Arab American community said they're worried about men with immigration problems and are skeptical about whether the interviews are really voluntary.

"One division of the government says you don't have to (answer), another division says, you don't answer ... we'll be at your doorstep," said Osama Siblani, publisher of the Arab American News.

Representatives from nine civil rights and Arab advocate groups have asked Collins not to prosecute men for visa violations if they come forward for questioning.

Collins has said the purpose of the interviews is not to target people with immigration violations, but if in the course of interviewing someone a violation comes up, the agent is authorized to turn that information to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Dearborn lawyer Doriad Elder said he has secured promises from two agents doing interviews that his clients won't be hassled about immigration violations.

"If the agent can give me his personal guarantee nothing will happen to them, then I set up the meeting," Elder told the Detroit Free Press.

None of the interviews in Michigan so far has resulted in any referral to the INS, said Greg Palmore, spokesman for the agency's Detroit office.

Immigration attorney Noel Saleh said the announcement that agents will go door-to-door was inevitable.

"It just sort of underscores the point about how voluntary these are," Saleh said. "It's not unreasonable on their part that they're going to have to do this. ... Hopefully they're going to approach them with the same professional manner."

Saleh questioned how accurate the numbers were on the men who haven't responded. He has called to set up interviews for some of his clients and then agents haven't shown up, he said, making him wonder if those clients are listed as having not responded.

Collins said the interviewing schedule is more than 60 percent toward completion but did not give exact figures on the number of men interviewed so far.

The Michigan men are among 5,000 men nationwide from mostly Middle Eastern countries that federal officials want to interview as part of their terrorism investigation.

Michigan is home to about 350,000 Arab-Americans.

Workplace bias comes under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid a soaring number of discrimination complaints, federal authorities vowed to increase efforts to counter the backlash of workplace bias against Arab Americans since the terrorist attacks.

While hate crimes against Muslims, Arab Americans, or those perceived to be of those groups appear to have declined since Sept. 11, discrimination complaints remain disturbingly high, Cari Dominguez, chairwoman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said Tuesday.

The EEOC must create an environment that allows all victims of discrimination to feel comfortable in coming forward, she said. "The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 struck at the heart of the American workplace."

There were 157 complaints of religious-based discrimination filed by Muslims between Sept. 11 and Nov. 28 this year, up from 64 during the same period last year, EEOC reported.

The commission received so many complaints that it put a new code into its national database to track complaints filed by people who considered acts of alleged discrimination to be backlash from the terror attacks. Between Sept. 11 and Dec. 6, 166 such complaints were filed.

Those allegations were filed by employees or job applicants who are, or are perceived to be, Arab, Muslim, Middle Eastern, South Asian or Sikh, the EEOC said.

More incidents have probably gone unreported because of mixed messages Americans are getting from the federal government, said Jean AbiNader, managing director of the Arab American Institute.

While agencies like the EEOC encourage people to file discrimination complaints, some Arab Americans fear they may be wrongly caught in the government's dragnet of terrorism suspects, AbiNader said.

"The Commission is operating with one hand tied behind its back," he said.

Advocacy groups told the commission of instances in which people were fired because they wore a turban at work, or because they did not speak English while having a phone conversation with a relative.

In other cases, employees were let go or reprimanded after being questioned by law enforcement officials.

Most of those people were cleared of wrongdoing, proof that the police and federal authorities should make an extra effort to publicly exonerate them, said Arshad Majid of the National Association of Muslim Lawyers.

The EEOC said it has coordinated with other federal agencies to increase measures to prevent and address workplace discrimination connected with the attacks. Dominguez pledged to step up those efforts.

"From the perspective of those unfortunate Muslim Americans who have been victims of employment discrimination, their American dream has turned into a nightmare," Majid said.

The Census 2000 Supplementary Survey estimated there were about 1.2 million Americans of Arab ancestry.

The Census Bureau does not ask about religion. AbiNader said about 65 percent of Arab Americans were Christian.

Brothers indicted for murder in latest high-profile case

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Two adolescent brothers have been charged with murder in the slaying of their father and indicted as adults in the most recent case to bring attention to Florida's laws regarding juvenile offenders.

Derek and Alex King, ages 13 and 12, were charged with premeditated murder and arson Tuesday for allegedly bludgeoning their father and setting the house on fire. If convicted of first-degree murder, they would be sentenced to life in prison.

"I quite frankly told them this is what would happen," said James Stokes, Alex's lawyer. "I was hoping against it."

Stokes said he planned to visit the boys, who were moved to the county jail from a juvenile detention center after they were indicted.

He said he earlier had explained the seriousness of the situation but added "I'm not sure it has dawned on them yet."

Stokes and Sharon Potter, Derek's lawyer, said they will enter innocent pleas for their clients at an arraignment Thursday.

Also Tuesday, authorities charged family friend Ricky Marvin Chavez, 40, of Pensacola, with hiding the boys from police.

Escambia County sheriff's deputies arrested Chavez at the Pensacola courthouse Tuesday after he testified before a grand jury.

Chavez, who has had prior arrests on charges of sexual misconduct with young boys, was charged with being an accessory after the fact to murder.

The boy's father, Terry King, 40, was found inside his burning home in Cantonment, a blue-collar suburb north of Pensacola, on Nov. 26.

Two recent high-profile cases have brought attention to the state's laws regarding juvenile offenders convicted as adults. The laws require adult sentences, including life in prison for first-degree murder.

In July, Nathaniel Brazill, who was 13 when he shot and killed his teacher in Lake Worth, was sentenced to 28 years in prison. In January, Lionel Tate was sentenced to life in prison for murdering a 6-year-old girl in Pembroke Park when he was 12. He says he was imitating pro wrestling moves when he killed Tiffany Eunick.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ K J 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 5 2

West
♠ Q J 10 8 6
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 10 8 5 3
♣ Q

East
♠ 5 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ K 10 9 7

South
♠ 7 3
♥ A Q 10 6 4
♦ 6 2
♣ A J 4 3

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Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

West leads the spade queen?

After his old-fashioned forcing raise, North followed with Blackwood despite having four top club losers. (One isn't supposed to use Blackwood with two top losers in a suit unless certain partner has a control — ace, king, void or singleton — in that suit.) Also, are you wondering why North didn't use Blackwood immediately? Because this way he learned South had a minimum, so that a grand slam was out of the question.

Declarer had to avoid two club losers. He won with dummy's spade king, drew trumps, played a spade to the ace, ruffed the spade nine in hand, and cashed dummy's diamond winners. Now came a low club. What should South do if East plays low?

If South ducks also, he can get home. West wins with the queen and must concede a ruff-and-discard. Declarer ruffs in the dummy, throws a club from hand, and finesses his club jack. But is that the right approach?

No! The percentage play for only one club loser is to finesse the club jack, hoping East has king-queen-third. As you can see, that would fail here.

However, to avoid all of this, East played his king on the first round of clubs, killing the contract for sure. Excellent defense!

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Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001

The 12th card on 12-12

By Phillip Alder

What is the 12th card in a suit? Right — it depends whether one works up or down. So, it is either the three or the king. Here is a deal in which a king plays the key role. I found it in "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman de Villiers Hart. How should the play proceed in six hearts after

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

What's chromium picolinate?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the story on chromium picolinate? Does it, as its endorsers promote, help with weight loss and maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not. The product, which is classified as a non-prescription health-food supplement, has not been shown in any reliable medical study to have any health benefits whatsoever. Save your money.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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: For about seven years, a 38-year-old co-worker has talked about an off-and-on-again romance with a man we believe does not exist. No one has ever seen him or spoken to him. There are discrepancies in her stories, and we know for a fact that she has sent herself flowers that she claimed were from him. She can't sit for more than 20 minutes at work. We believe she is a pathological liar.

Is it common for someone to make up a life that doesn't exist? Our co-worker seems perfectly normal in other ways. Her work is exemplary, and she lives with her parents. Do you have any suggestions about how to handle this delicate problem?

DEAR READER: Yes. Don't handle it.

Your co-worker's social life is, to be blunt, none of your business. If the woman exhibits no evidence of a psychiatric disorder — such as deranged thinking and emotional instability — and is not a threat to herself or to others, leave her alone. The kind of obsessive office gossip that you describe is what I call "social bullying." I empathize with this poor woman, who lacks so much confidence that she resorts to an imagined lover. Worse still, how would you and your friends feel if the co-worker really did have a secret companion?

Rather than looking for ways to resolve this "delicate problem," I encourage you to analyze your own perception and attitudes. Your co-worker is doing you no harm, so why expose her to a collective indictment that is unjustified? If I were you, I'd emphasize acceptance rather than rejection. The next time you two find yourselves at the copying machine, look her straight in the eye and say: "Look, I know that the office staff may have made you feel uncomfortable at times, because of your romance. Some of us have even felt that you have exaggerated certain aspects of the relationship. But that's unimportant. I just want you to know that I want to be your friend. How about joining us for lunch tomorrow?" This type of open, non-judgmental approach could go a long way toward fostering a more positive environment.

On the other hand, if your co-worker is, indeed, living in a fantasy world and shows signs of mental illness, you have every right to report your concerns to the proper authorities. However, I wager that you will do much more good by offering a hand in friendship than an emotional slap in the face.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	23.13	22.51	22.89	+ .14
AOL TimeWrn	32.87	32.00	32.49	+ .49
AT&T Corp s	16.62	16.42	16.48	—.17
Albertsons	32.06	30.94	30.94	—1.12
Alltel	62.20	61.68	61.83	—.21
AmEl Pw	41.70	40.70	41.04	—.67
AndarkPtr	53.50	51.64	51.90	—1.80
ATMOS Egy	19.98	19.76	19.78	—.04
Avista	6.00	5.86	5.92	+ .01
BP PLC	44.30	43.85	44.01	+ .35
BakerHughes	33.57	32.75	32.99	—.58
Bank of Amer	62.72	62.02	62.19	—.26
BellSouth	37.90	37.40	37.89	+ .07
vjBeth Steel	.85	.75	.75	—.08
BurlNoSFe	28.05	27.75	27.89	—.28
Caterpillar	50.74	50.36	50.64	+ .14
ChevronTex	86.00	85.02	85.50	+ .40
Citigroup	49.10	48.15	48.36	—.25
CocaCola	45.99	45.50	45.59	—.06
ColgatePal	57.84	57.35	57.48	+ .85
ComclMetals	33.19	32.98	33.01	+ .05
CooperIn	37.13	36.80	37.00	
DaimlrChry	40.80	40.40	40.53	—.46
DeltaAirl	30.69	30.05	30.17	+ .07
Dillards Inc	15.19	14.88	14.90	—.09
DowChem	36.80	36.25	36.39	—.41
DuPont	43.80	43.18	43.29	—.58
EastmanChem	37.39	36.75	37.00	—.43
EstKodak	31.30	30.70	30.91	—.06
EDS Corp	70.20	69.01	69.05	—.45
Entergy	37.83	36.87	36.87	—.72
ExxonMobil s	37.28	36.91	37.27	+ .46
FootLocker	16.38	15.70	16.35	+ .45
GenDynam	78.90	76.90	78.18	+ 1.31
GenElec	37.46	36.25	36.35	—.35
GenMills	48.88	48.38	48.50	—.25
GenMotors	49.05	48.09	48.14	—.51
GaPacGP	29.65	28.53	28.56	—.90
Goodrich	23.70	23.35	23.51	+ .09
Goodyear s	23.41	23.00	23.19	—.14
GtAtlPac	23.35	20.56	20.65	—1.83
Halliburtn	13.82	12.98	13.01	—.99
Hanson ADS	33.79	33.70	33.75	+ .15
HartfHanks	26.55	26.49	26.51	+ .01
HomeDepot	48.90	47.73	48.70	+ .73
HoneywellInt	33.55	33.01	33.02	—.93
IBM	122.20	120.45	120.52	—.98
IntlPaper	40.10	39.43	39.44	—.37
JohnsonJn s	56.43	55.78	56.30	+ .16
K mart	6.04	6.00	6.01	—.04
KinderMorg	49.75	48.13	48.16	—1.65
Kroger Co	20.95	19.98	20.08	+ .16
LockheedM	46.30	43.00	46.00	+ .42
Lowes Cos s	46.34	45.60	46.11	+ .60
Lubys	7.15	7.10	7.11	—.12
LucentTech	7.94	7.75	7.75	—.06
MayDeptStr	34.38	33.93	34.35	+ .45
Medtronic	46.90	46.35	46.83	—.01
Motorola	16.93	16.37	16.47	—.31
NCR Corp	37.72	37.19	37.40	+ .25
Navistar	38.25	38.10	38.14	+ .09
Penney JC	23.37	22.68	22.73	—.39
PepBoys	17.94	17.50	17.53	—.17
PepsiCo	47.44	46.80	47.44	+ .84
Pharmacia	43.63	42.65	42.70	—.17
PhelpDodge	34.33	33.88	33.95	—.56
PhilipPet	56.15	55.50	56.15	+ .72
PilgrmPrd B	13.62	13.55	13.61	+ .14
Praxair	53.00	52.34	52.51	—.61
ProctGamb	80.00	78.90	79.99	+ 3.29
PubS NwMx	26.03	25.40	25.42	—.38
RadioShack	28.90	28.20	28.82	+ .48
ReliantEngy	25.00	23.62	24.28	—.22
RoyalDut	48.20	47.67	47.92	—.07
SBC Comm	38.44	38.00	38.35	+ .35
SaraLee	21.63	21.37	21.41	—.09
Scripps EW	64.95	64.15	64.53	
SearsRoeb	45.40	44.99	45.36	+ .04
SherwinW	26.90	26.36	26.48	—.20
SouthernCo s	22.73	22.39	22.57	+ .22
SwstAirl s	19.23	19.00	19.22	+ .24
SprintFON	19.60	19.38	19.41	—.09
SprintPCS	23.42	23.00	23.32	+ .07
Sunoco Inc	36.80	35.55	36.00	—.49
TXU Corp	44.16	43.11	43.32	—.47
TempleInland	56.03	55.17	55.36	—.38
TexInd	38.48	38.25	38.44	+ .29
TexasInst	32.00	31.42	31.68	+ .63
Textron	38.70	37.88	37.78	—.54
TriconGlbR	51.25	50.61	50.81	+ .81
TrinityInds	27.38	27.30	27.33	+ .10
TylerTech	4.05	3.98	4.04	+ .06
USX-Marathn	27.59	27.31	27.41	—.02
USX-USS	18.00	17.75	17.75	—.22
UnionPacif	54.00	53.53	53.53	—.82
UnitedTech	60.92	59.80	59.81	—1.13
Unocal	33.59	33.15	33.39	—.10
VerizonComm	48.10	47.41	47.61	—.25
WalMart	54.70	54.00	54.52	+ .44
WellsFargo	43.78	43.22	43.33	—.11
WstnGasRs	30.51	29.88	29.75	—.78
WinnDixie	13.21	12.99	13.00	—.13
Xerox Cp	8.80	8.50	8.60	+ .09

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Supplemental Deer Feeding Programs

The spin feeder or "Texas Deer Call" as it's sometimes jokingly referred to, is a familiar sight to deer hunters. These feeders are usually located with the traditional deer feed — shelled corn. A timer-activated spinner slings feed two or more times daily. The resultant "whoosh and tinkle" sounds made by the feeder brings deer a-running.

Most hunters consider this method to be supplemental feeding. It's not according to Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Overton's co-operative Extension wildlife and fisheries specialist. "This traditional deer feeding method constitutes little more than deer baiting when compared to true diet supplementation," he said.

"Once the decision is made to supplement the native deer diet, maximum effort should be made to 'get the most bang for your buck." Higginbotham said. "The goal of supplemental feeding should be to provide increased nutrition by increasing the protein availability. This is done either through a prepared ration or supplemental forage offered during the summer stress period of July-September. The January and February winter stress period may be helped by properly feeding a carbohydrate source, such as corn."

The specialist said white-tailed deer need a 16 percent crude protein diet during the spring and summer. Lactating does and their fawns may require a bit higher protein level. Mature bucks can usually get by on a little less.

He said supplemental forages have proven to be a cost effective feed source in good rainfall areas. Spring planted legumes help during the summer while fall-planted small grain and cool-season legume combination aid during the winter.

Ideal forage choices must: 1) increase nutrition available to deer, 2) be readily eaten, 3) be available when native forage is limited or of poor quality and 4) be adapted to the site.

In drier climates landowners often opt to feed prepared rations containing 16 percent or more crude protein.

"Prepared rations high in protein ration during the fall and winter doesn't help the deer much because they need less protein and more energy then."

"Shelled corn is a good energy source, but to really help the deer, hunters need to change their feeding strategies. Remember the winter stress period occurs mainly after deer season ends. Those really trying to help the deer should keep their feeders going and increase their feeding rates until spring green-ups begin."

The specialist warns that if livestock are present, food plats and/or feeders may have to be fenced to reduce competition. Rations and supplements fed in troughs or spin feeders are also particularly vulnerable to raids by non-targeted animals. Studies have shown these thieves can seal as much as 80 percent of the feed meant just for deer.

"Supplemental feeding a deer herd is no guarantee you'll have more or bigger deer," Higginbotham said. "But, to best hedge your bet for maximum management plant that should include population control and proper habitat management."

For further information, contact Greg Gruben at 915-573-5423.

AG Talk by Rep. Charlie Stenholm

Senate Action on Farm Bill Delayed

The Senate was bogged down with other legislative business last week and, unfortunately, very little progress was made on the farm bill. In fact, the Senate postponed votes on this legislation until this week.

Dairy processors withdrew their opposition to the bill after Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin eliminated a proposed fee on milk. That fee would have been used to fund a new subsidy program for dairy producers.

The Bush Administration is strongly opposed to the Senate farm bill in its current form because it believes the higher crop subsidies will encourage excess production and make it more difficult to get other countries to reduce their farm spending.

I will have more information on the Senate farm bill later this week.

House Passes Trade Promotion Authority

On Thursday, the House passed legislation granting the president trade promotion authority (TPA). I supported this legislation.

Formerly known as fast track authority, TPA gives the president the expanded authority to negotiate international trade agreements with other countries. President Bush has argued that, without such authority, his efforts to reach new trade deals would be hindered.

This doesn't mean that Congress would not have a role in these trade agreements, however. The House and Senate should be consulted, and Congress could still approve or disapprove a trade agreement.

Our nation's farmers and ranchers depend on foreign markets for a quarter of their sales, and I believe that trade promotion authority is the best way to expand market opportunities for agriculture and for other U.S. products.

Given the fact that 96 percent of the world's population lives outside of the United States, there is tremendous potential to increase our sales overseas.

However, we must be able to negotiate the barriers and tariffs that are put up to keep our products out of foreign markets.

Our producers must compete against heavily subsidized foreign producers. Europe alone spends 75 times more in agricultural export subsidies than does the United States.

What does trade promotion mean to Texas in terms of agriculture? Texas already ranks third in agricultural exports, with an estimated $3.3 billion in foreign sales last year alone.

These exports contribute to farm income, while supporting nearly 47,000 jobs both on and off the farm in food processing, storage, and transportation.

Meat, cotton and feed grains lead the way, however that number could be multiplied many, many times over if we engaged in greater global trade.

If Texas farmers, ranchers, and food processors are going to be able to compete successfully for future trade opportunities, they need fair trade and more open access to growing global markets.

Granting the president trade promotion authority will significantly contribute to this process.

Karnal Bunt Update

A workshop was recently held in Oklahoma City to develop a strategy for dealing with Karnal bunt. The meetings brought together all segments of the wheat industry, including USDA and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

A follow-up meeting was held in Olney to review the proposed steps developed in Oklahoma City to address Karnal bunt.

I met with USDA and APHIS officials last week to discuss progress towards the goals developed by government, producers and the wheat industry.

It is important to keep in mind that Karnal bunt is not a health or food safety issue. Therefore, the most important goal remains removing Karnal bunt as a quarantined pest and instead considering it a "quality" issue.

This will take the cooperation of both the federal government and especially those in the wheat industry who have not been directly affected, from producers to millers and bakers.

This new outlook will take time to develop and become effective because of the public perception associated with Karnal bunt.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 828 head of cattle for the Saturday, Dec. 8, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $2 lower, bulls $1 lower. Bred cows were $25/hd. higher. Pairs were too few to test. Trade was active, demand very good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 118-131
300-400: 110-118
400-500: 103-109
500-600: 91.50-96
600-700: 77-81
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 107-117
300-400: 94-101
400-500: 91-06
500-600: 84-88
600-700: 75-80
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 550-710
Bred cows (3-7 months): 430-560
Cow/Calf Pairs
Bred cows: 810-835
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 35-39.25
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 36-40.25
Lean: 900-1200: 34-38.50
800-1000 Lbs.: 31.50-35
Under 750 Lb.: 25.50-30.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 45-50.50
Low Dressing: 1000-1500: 41

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,303 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 6, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $5 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 33-40
Canner and low cutters: 27.32.50
Slaughter bulls: 42-54
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 81-85
700-800: 78-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 77.50-85
600-700: 75-80
700-800: 65-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-92
700-800: 65-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-825
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 450-710
Baby calves: 50-150
Doodlers: 150-240

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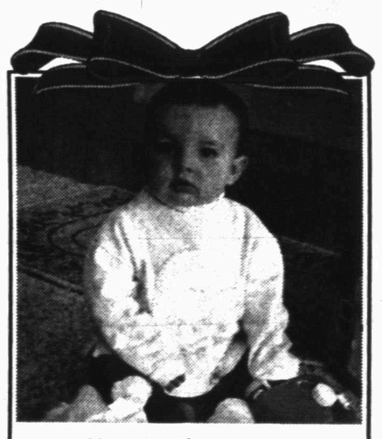

If you have had a baby during 2001 you can be part of this special "Baby's First Christmas" to run December 24th in the Snyder Daily News.

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Bush to pull out of 1972 treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told congressional leaders today he intends to pull out of a 1972 treaty that he has denounced as a relic of the Cold War and a roadblock to mounting a U.S. defense against missile attack.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the president informed him and three other congressional leaders of his decision during a breakfast meeting at the White House. The South Dakota Democrat has urged Bush not to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

Bush will announce his decision as early as Thursday, four government officials said Tuesday on condition of anonymity. He will invoke a clause in the ABM treaty that requires the United States and Russia to give six months' notice before abandoning the pact. It was unclear whether the clock would begin ticking with Bush's announcement or whether he would wait until January to give formal notice, officials said.

The impact of a U.S. withdrawal from the 1972 treaty could be immense. It would give the Pentagon a green light to conduct tests outlawed by the treaty and make a sharper judgment on the kind of defense that might work.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has cautioned that unilateral U.S. withdrawal, which Bush has a legal right to do, could unravel the fabric of arms control woven over three decades of painstaking negotiations.

Once Bush informs Putin, the two leaders would have the six months to fashion a compromise that eluded them in talks in Washington in November.

Without confirming Bush's plans, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the president has long felt the United States must "move beyond" the ABM. "The president believes very strongly that this promotes peace. He thinks the worst signal to send to the Russian people is that we're locked in the Cold War," he said.

Bush told Putin during their autumn talks in China that he would withdraw from the ABM in January even if Russia had not agreed to a deal by then. Bush, in a telephone call last week with Putin, made his intentions clear again, one senior U.S. official said.

A White House spokesman, Sean McCormack, said of a presidential decision: "The time is coming. The president said that he intends to move beyond the ABM treaty."

On Monday, Secretary of State Colin Powell told Russian officials in Moscow that "the day is coming" for Bush to opt out of the treaty, a senior U.S. official said today.

Even so, Powell and his counterparts reaffirmed the United States and Russia would make substantial reductions in their offensive nuclear weapons, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Russia is determined to slash even further than the two-thirds cutback Putin pledged during his talks with Bush in Washington, the official said.

Now that a decision is imminent, senior administration officials are closing ranks. It is a setback for Powell, who long had argued that Bush could agree with Putin to allow testing of the missile system without forcing the United States to pull out of a major international treaty.

Head of Enron's auditing firm testifies before U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of Enron Corp.'s longtime auditing firm told Congress today the "tragedy" of the company's collapse shows that the accounting firm and the entire profession will have to change.

"What happened at Enron is a tragedy on many levels," Arthur Andersen LLP chief executive officer Joseph Berardino said in testimony prepared for two House Financial Services subcommittees. "Andersen will have to change, ... the accounting profession will have to reform itself. Our system of regulation and discipline will have to be improved."

Robert Herdman, chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating Enron, said a recent spate of accounting irregularities by big corporations "may shake investors' confidence in our system of financial reporting and our capital markets," according to his prepared testimony.

Congress is investigating the failure of Enron, whose swift downfall left countless investors burned, thousands of employees out of work with decimated retirement savings and the once high-flying company in federal bankruptcy court.

The huge energy-trading company declined to send any officials to the congressional hearing. Investigators for another House committee are trying to find Enron's former chief financial officer, the lead architect of complex partnerships that are under government scrutiny.

Amid the company's strife, nearly 600 employees deemed critical to its operations received more than $100 million in bonuses last month as Enron faced a merger that unraveled and then bankruptcy.

The SEC is examining Enron's use of questionable partnerships that allowed the company to keep some $500 million in debt off its books, and has issued subpoenas to Andersen related to its auditing of Enron's accounts. Enron, which only months ago was the nation's seventh-biggest in revenue, has acknowledged that it overstated profits for four years.

The hearing was designed to help Congress and the public "understand as best we can what structurally went wrong, what mistakes were made and what mistakes were not noticed," Committee Chairman Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, said Tuesday.

Subjects being examined include the Houston-based company's accounting practices, potential securities law violations and Enron's handling of its employees' 401(k) retirement investment plans, Oxley said.

Absent from the hearing was Enron Chairman and Chief Executive Kenneth Lay, who had been asked to appear by the lawmakers.

House Majority Leader announces he will retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armey announced his retirement in a floor speech today, saying the conservative causes he has championed have changed the world for the better.

"To my Republican colleagues, we should be proud of what we have done in our young majority," said Armey, R-Texas, citing "peace through strength and supply-side economics."

Armey's retirement plans, effective at the conclusion of his current two-year term, had been an open secret. Already, the GOP whip, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, was at work lining up commitments to succeed Armey in 2003. DeLay's deputy, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, was seeking to become whip, the No. 3 leadership position.

Armey did not mention the jockeying to succeed him, focusing his remarks instead on the legislative victories achieved by the GOP majority over the past seven years.

Wearing his trademark cowboy boots, Armey became emotional when he addressed his wife, Susan, who sat in the gallery. Choking back tears, he thanked her for "all your years of sacrifice." Members responded with a standing ovation.

Armey said Republicans had twice lowered the tax burden on America's working families, reformed the welfare system, and "honored America's prosperity by our spending restraint."

He added, "We turned government deficits into hard-won surpluses, which we must now hold.

"We will hold those surpluses by restoring economic growth through supply-side tax cuts. That is why we cannot leave here without passing an economic stimulus package."

Republicans and Democrats are trying to work out a compromise on the package before they leave for the Christmas holiday.

Woman arrested on numerous charges

•Arrests

A DPS trooper arrested a 20-year-old woman on U.S. 84 just before midnight Tuesday on several charges. She was taken into custody for driving with a suspended license, failure to identify herself as a fugitive and on two outstanding warrants from Bexar County for possession of marijuana.

At 12:35 a.m. officers arrested a 43-year-old man in the 1700 block of 20th Street for public intoxication.

•Assault

A woman requested an officer Tuesday morning after being assaulted by her brother. An officer contacted her and advised an offense report for assault and family violence would be filed.

•Harassment

A woman contacted deputies at the sheriff's office at 9 p.m. Tuesday to report another woman harassing her. Officers contacted the other woman and notified her of the complaint.

•Juveniles

A man reported several juveniles playing in a vacant house in the 3100 block of 39th Street Tuesday afternoon. An officer responded to the locations and contacted the juveniles and their mother to advise them of the complaint.

•Gas drive offs

Two drive offs were reported from Town and Country North Tuesday. The first occurred just before 9 a.m. while the other took place at 10:40. No reports were filed.

•Accidents

Officers responded to a minor accident in the parking lot of Stanfield Elementary Tuesday afternoon. Involved in the mishap were a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Kendra Carrillo, 26, of 411 29th Street and a parked 1995 GMC pickup owned by Emelda Garcia of Snyder.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Night out with the band

Everyone is invited to eat dinner at the Snyder High School cafeteria from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday. Following the meal, the Snyder bands will present a free Christmas concert. Cost of the meal is $5 for adults, and $3 for children.

Prison cookie project

The deadline is Thursday for the Price Daniel Unit cookie project. Everyone approved for the project is asked to take the cookies by the First Baptist Church at 1800 26th St. The cookies will be distributed Saturday at the unit.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

West teacher appreciation days

West Elementary parents are asked to bring Christmas refreshments to the teachers' lounge or office before Thursday and Friday. In appreciation to the teachers, refreshments will be served those days.

Faith Revival Church fundraiser

Faith Revival Church will sell enchilada plates from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 3212 Ave. J. Cost is $5 per plate.

Scouts selling popcorn

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

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

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

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, as well as 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.

Christmas for Kids toy distribution

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

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

Windbreak trees

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

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

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.

FBC support groups

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

Woman shoots sister at store, then she takes her own life

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler woman carjacked a rental car, drove to the Wal-Mart where her sister worked and shot the woman before driving to Big Sandy and shooting herself, police said.

Police Lt. Tom Giorgio said Terry Hunter, 39, was shot to death in the layaway department of the Tyler store. He said the body of Hunter's 23-year-old sister, Gina Draugham, was found later in Big Sandy and that the woman matched the description of the person who opened fire at the store.

Big Sandy is about 20 miles northeast of Tyler.

Police did not know what prompted the shooting.

"It looks like one sister shot another and then committed suicide," Giorgio said. "It's probably a little bad blood that put one over the edge."

Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said from company headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., that after Hunter was shot in the back of the store, the shooter ran out a back door near the tire and lube center.

A Wal-Mart employee, who gave her first name as "Bea", said in a story in today's Tyler Morning Telegraph that she was standing near Hunter's work area when she heard two shots fired.

"I saw there was a lady shot in the layaway (department)," she said. "I turned around when I heard the shots. I saw her fall, and the other woman leaving. She didn't do anything. She just fell."

Another Wal-Mart employee, Leon Sumpter, said he was working in the automotive department when the suspect sprinted past him and fled in a rental car with Louisiana plates.

"She had a gun in her hand," he said. "She just came running out the back, jumped in a car and drove away."

Police said the vehicle had allegedly been carjacked by the shooter earlier Tuesday in Tyler. It was later found outside a Tyler home. The sister found dead in Big Sandy was in a different vehicle, but police believe the carjacking was related to the case.

Obituaries

Jan Lanier

1946-2001

Janell Martin "Jan" Lanier of Snyder died Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lanier, 55, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel in Sweetwater with the Rev. Lance May officiating. Burial will follow in the Decker Cemetery.

Born Oct. 16, 1946 in Santa Anna, she was a 1965 graduate of Sweetwater High School and married Bob Lanier in 1975 in Snyder.

A Baptist, Mrs. Lanier had worked as a beautician in both Sweetwater and Snyder before becoming a supervisor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice distribution center in Snyder for eight years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy Martin, on March 5, 1999.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Lanier of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Tyfani Lanier of Amarillo; a sister, Linda Fry of Amarillo; a brother, Greg Martin of Dallas; her father, Melvin Martin of Sweetwater; a stepdaughter, Cindy Hendley of Eula; a son-in-law, Scott Hendley of Potosi; two grandsons, Cody Lanier and Justin Lanier of Amarillo; two step-grandchildren, Shay Hendley and Sloan Hendley of Eula; and two nieces, Pamela Ludlum of Sweetwater and Janet Watson of Amarillo.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at McCoy Funeral Home.

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Thelma March

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NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Thelma F. March, 75, died Sunday, Dec. 9, at her residence.

Funeral service was set for 1 p.m. today at Shannon Rufe Snow Drive Funeral Chapel.

Born Jan. 3, 1926 in Centralia, Ill., she was preceded in death by her husband, John March, in 1985.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Amy Summerville of Cleburne; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and David Yonker of North Richland Hills; a niece and her husband, Greta and Richard Sharp; a nephew and his wife, John Dee and Marie Martin; and several cousins in Snyder.

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Q and A about SS, reform proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's Social Security commission is recommending three plans to let younger workers invest some of their payroll taxes in the stock market.

Bush formed the commission last spring to craft a proposal to restore fiscal stability to the retirement system by creating personal investment accounts. Starting in 2016, Social Security is expected to start paying out more in benefits than it takes in from payroll taxes because of the retiring baby boom generation.

Here, in question and answer form, is a look at the state of Social Security and the commission's recommendations:

Q: Why does Social Security face financial difficulty?

A: The retirement plan is a pay-as-you-go system, with today's workers paying for current retirees' benefits. As the large baby boom generation starts retiring, there will be fewer workers contributing and more people collecting benefits.

Q: What about money built up in the Social Security trust fund?

A: The trust fund actually doesn't contain money. It's been spent as part of the government's general revenue. But I.O.U.'s are building up in the trust fund and the government will have to find the money to repay the promised obligations, starting in 2016. Once the money owed to Social Security starts getting spent, it would be depleted by 2038.

Q: Why is there a push for personal investment accounts?

A: President Bush promoted the idea in his 2000 campaign. He wants to let workers invest some of the 12.4 percent of their wages being paid to Social Security in the stock market. Proponents say it would create ownership and encourage saving, and the return on the investments would mean workers could rely less on the traditional system.

Q: What's wrong with that?

A: Opponents argue that if money is diverted into a personal account, it can't be used to pay for current retirees. That money has to be made up somehow or benefits must be cut. Opponents also question whether it is a good idea to expose people's retirement income to the risk of the stock market.

Q: What is the commission proposing?

A: Three options for policymakers to consider during the next year. The first would let workers divert 2 percent of their payroll taxes into a private account. They would still get traditional benefits, but that initial 2 percent investment would be deducted, plus interest. The return on investment in theory would make up for the reduction. The government would cover any shortfall to the system and no benefits would be cut. But the system still would face financial problems in the future.

Q: What's the second option?

A: Workers could invest 4 percent of their payroll taxes up to $1,000 a year in a personal account. They still would get traditional benefits, but that initial 4 percent investment would be deducted, plus interest.

Workers' traditional benefits also would be reduced from what is now being promised. The commission is proposing changing the formula in 2009 that is used to calculate benefits so they won't grow as quickly.

Q: What's the third option?

A: It's more complex. A worker who wanted to open a private account would be required to contribute 1 percent of his income to start it. The government would provide a 2.5 percent match. A worker still would receive traditional benefits, but that initial 2.5 percent investment would be deducted, plus interest. The benefits formula also would change in 2009 so benefits would be smaller than promised today. But in theory the investment returns would make up for any reductions. Workers also would be rewarded for working longer and penalized for retiring early.

Q: When would one of these plans be implemented?

A: Not likely anytime soon. The commission has suggested that Congress study the issue for a year before acting on anything. Many politicians don't want to tackle the issue until at least after next year's congressional elections.

And with the war on terrorism, disappearing budget surpluses, an economic recession and the stock market slump, the political will isn't there to take up the issue now.

Q: How much would an overhaul to personal accounts cost the government?

A: The commission pegged transition costs at $2 trillion to $3 trillion over 75 years.

Q: If lawmakers changed the formula to calculate benefits, how big of cuts do workers face?

A: Benefits now are tied to inflation, but the commission is proposing linking them to wage growth. Workers who will retire in 30 years could see cuts of 1 percent to nearly 33 percent in the traditional benefits they are being promised today. Supporters of private accounts say that returns on the investment accounts would make up those losses.

U.S. government will free 19-year-old Egyptian man held after terror attacks

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A 19-year-old Egyptian man who has been held in custody for weeks even after he was cleared of involvement in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will be released, his lawyer said.

Sohail Mohammed said he was shown a letter Tuesday from the Newark office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stating that his client Mohamed Omar had been cleared for deportation, although it did not set a date.

Omar was on a six-month tourist visa when he was detained by federal agents Sept. 18 for working illegally at a gas station owned by a friend's father.

He was questioned and cleared of criminal involvement by the FBI and approved for release by an immigration judge a week later, but remained locked up for 11 weeks without explanation, Mohammed said.

Kerry Gill, an INS spokesman, refused to comment.

Mohammed said he planned to break the news to his client during a visit to the Hudson County Jail on today. Omar's situation was detailed in an Associated Press story Thursday.

"It's quite a difference from pre-September 11, when I would hug my clients and give them the good news that they could stay in this country," he said. "Now the good news is that they can leave."

Omar was studying engineering at a university in Egypt, and has lost his third year of study because of his incarceration.

Omar has a valid passport, an airline ticket and all the travel documents he needs to be released, his lawyer said. He said he is hopeful Omar will be home in time to celebrate the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Mohamed Younes, president of the American Muslim Union in Paterson, N.J., had championed Omar's cause, and asked FBI officials during a meeting last week to try to expedite his release.

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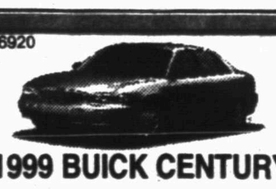
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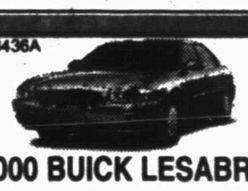
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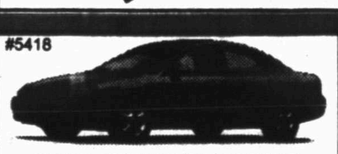
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