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Krenek retirement effective Aug. 31

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College the past 14 years, will retire Aug. 31.

Following an executive session Monday night, the board of trustees unanimously accepted the resignation of the community college's third chief executive officer.

The board met in the closed session just over an hour in which Dr. Krenek, 59, officially submitted his letter of resignation.

Following the session, Carolyn Barbee made the motion to accept the resignation, and Scott Richburg seconded it.

"We are very thankful that he let us know in plenty of time, so we could conduct a productive search for someone to replace him," Lee Presswood, board president, said.

Presswood said the first step in seeking another president, to be the fourth in Western Texas College's history, will be to take input from faculty, staff, administrators and board members.

"We will take input and suggestions from the faculty and staff of what their vision is of the type of leadership person who will take his place. At the same time, the board members will be making their list of what they expect in the person for this leadership position," Presswood said.

That process will take two weeks, and then the information will be compiled and packaged for each individual board member to have before a Jan. 29 long-range planning session, Presswood explained.

"We will discuss it in executive session on the 29th. We will look at faculty and staff recommendations, and we will establish criteria for the profile of the person we are looking for. Then we will begin to take applications."

Dr. Krenek

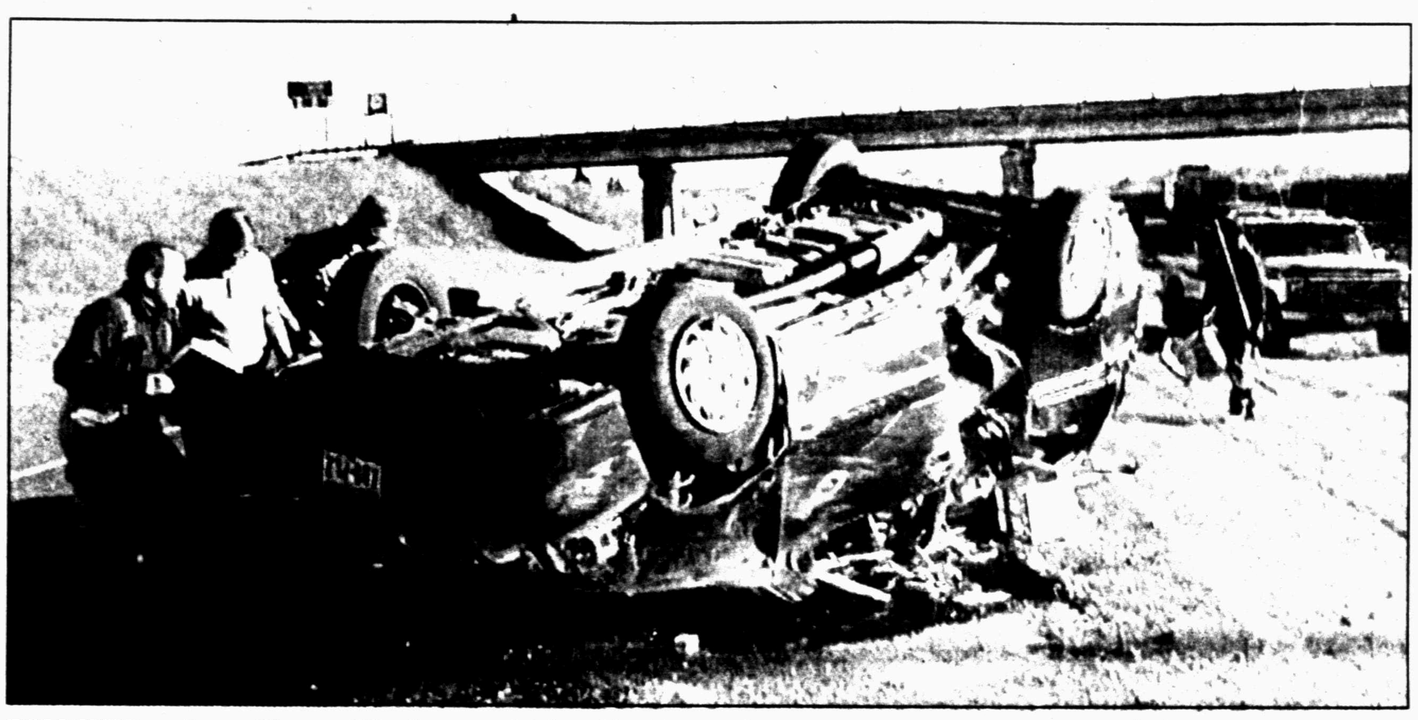
Presswood said the board hopes to have the new president named before Dr. Krenek's last day in August but did say the president intends to fulfill his contract.

"We are appreciative of his many years of service to the college, both as a professor and in his leadership role as the president," Presswood said.

Dr. Krenek, a native of Elgin, went to work at WTC in 1972 as a history professor. He taught in that position until 1982 when he became dean of instruction.

He served as dean from 1982 until 1986, at which time he was named president, replacing Don Newbury who became president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Dr. Robert Clinton, a former Snyder ISD superintendent, served as WTC's first president.



ROLLOVER — Jason Myers of Rowlett was driving this Oldsmobile van southbound on U.S. 84 when it overturned near the Highway 180 overpass. According to DPS trooper Bill Blackley, Myers said he fell asleep and drifted off into the right shoulder, over-corrected and then ran into the guard rail and overturned. Myers was not injured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Council tables personnel items

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Approval of a new personnel manual for city employees was tabled Monday night, and the item will likely be on the February agenda for the Snyder City Council.

The item has been discussed by the council for the past three months and has failed to pass muster each meeting.

Councilman Terry Martin requested the item be tabled as he felt a section about city employees receiving gifts was not specific as to its intent.

"Section 16.4 refers to accepting gifts and it says employees will be governed by the Code of Conduct Ordinance. That ordinance does not say anything about accepting gifts," Martin said.

Martin said he was not opposed to vendors giving caps, pens or advertising items to city employees, but felt the personnel manual needed to be specific about expensive gifts.

"We need a stern and enforceable rule about vendors giving expensive gifts," said Martin. "I'm against vendors trying to buy business with the city," he added.

Martin said he is not aware of any particular situation where a vendor had offered a gift for city business, but that he just wanted to have a policy in force to prevent that possibility.

Mayor pro-tem Vernest Tippens who presided in the absence of Mayor Dayton Roberton, agreed to table the item. The council also tabled a request by Cloyce Talbott to close a portion of 45th Street that runs parallel to Towle Park Road on the north side of lot one in Towle Park.

Talbott is building a home on lot one and is requesting this unused portion of 45th Street be closed in order for him to access his lot from Towle Park Road.

Vic Chambers of the city's permit department said there are utilities utilizing the area Talbott wants closed and that matter had to be resolved before the council could act on the request.

Chambers said Talbott had approached Cox Communications and TXU Electric about relocating the above ground lines, and had agreed to grant a sewer easement to the city.

Talbott also has requested Avenue Z be paved on the east side of his property, but at his expense.

The council did approve the first reading of an ordinance closing the 1500 block of 29th Street as requested by the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

The club has plans to realign its athletic fields.

In action items, the council accepted the one bid received on a new fire truck.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said six bid packages were sent out, but only one bid was returned in the allotted time.

The bid was for $142,294. The council had budgeted $147,000.

The council also approved $55,197 in bids for water line replacement materials.

Also approved on first reading was an ordinance setting the speed limit around Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Following the second reading of the ordinance next month, the speed limit on Cogdell Blvd. from Highway 350 to Etgen Blvd., and on Trinity Blvd. from the intersection of Cogdell Blvd., south to the intersection of Martha Ann Blvd., will be 20 mph.

The ordinance also calls for a marked crosswalk on Cogdell Blvd., from the sidewalk currently serving the Emergency Room entrance.

The council also accepted the quarterly investment report as presented by finance director Jeanne Johnson. She reported at the end of December, the city had $3.1 million in certificates of deposits, and had earned $64,418 in interest during the quarter.

A planned executive session to begin the yearly evaluation of City Manager John Gayle was tabled due to the absence of Robertson, and council members James Jenkins and I. E. Martin.

Tippens presided during the 2½-hour meeting and council members present were Terry Martin, James Ashley and David Harrell.

Vestal is promoted to assistant superintendent

Sharrylon Vestal, a veteran Snyder educator, has been promoted to assistant superintendent for the Windham School District.

Vestal

Vestal replaces Bob Martin who is retiring as Region V district assistant superintendent for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Vestal was named in August to the position of assistant regional administrator, replacing Bill Moss, who died April 4.

Vestal has been with Windham almost 10 years, having previously taught in Snyder public schools.

She has been a librarian at the Daniel Unit as well as a regional curriculum superintendent.

In addition, Vestal has served as principal at Lamesa's Smith Unit, the Montford Unit in Lubbock, the Daniel Unit and the Wallace-Ware units in Colorado City.

The Windham School District is a state-wide system which offers a public school education to TDCJ inmates.

The new deputy superintendent is the wife of Jerry Vestal, a certified public accountant.

An assistant regional administrator will be named at a later date.

WTC accepts pact for TV cable slot

Western Texas College trustees moved swiftly through several business items Monday night prior to entering into executive session.

Among those was acceptance of an agreement with Snyder ISD to utilize funds from Cox Communications to enhance the college's mass communications program to benefit both WTC students and concurrently enrolled students from Snyder High School.

In its franchise agreement with the City of Snyder, the cable company has committed $35,000 to the city in addition to two educational channels and a government channel — a channel each for Snyder ISD, WTC and the city.

City Manager John Gayle said the city, in turn, plans to allocate most of those funds to the local college and school district.

He said the city would first purchase a character generator for its cable channel and then plans to give the remaining funds to the two districts.

"What we are wanting to do is provide hardware to facilitate the education channels," Gayle said.

Western Texas College and Snyder ISD have jointly prepared the agreement on how the two entities would utilize the remaining funds.

Trustees from both the college and school district must first approve the agreement. It will then be presented to the city's cable franchise committee.

After those steps, it will be taken to the Snyder City Council with a recommendation from the cable franchise committee.

In the agreement, which will be presented to Snyder ISD trustees for approval Thursday night, after the funds are allocated to the city, two text generators will be purchased.

One will be for use by WTC and the other by Snyder ISD.

The remaining funds will be used to upgrade the current mass communications program at the college.

The agreement states that "benefits will flow to other departments on campus" such as drama and art.

It cites benefits to the community as including "televised instruction, community programming for selected events and a means to address a variety of community interests."

The college currently offers mass communication courses to train students for work in video production, print media and other electronic transmissions.

In the fall of 2000, courses were

See WTC Page 10

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Stand firm, only if your feet are in the right place.

The postman could likely take a vacation if it were not for his having to deliver all those credit card solicitations.

We all get 'em – by the pound – telling the recipient they are pre-approved for thousands of dollars worth of credit. Often, these offers are made to folks who are already struggling with credit card debt, or even college-age students with no steady income.

A couple of years ago, a man retained all the mailings. At the end of 12 months, he added up the offers which exceeded more than $3 million.

We saw a little item just recently that got our attention. Fifty percent of American households have a credit card from the giant retailer Sears.

It shows just how important credit is to the success of a national retailer. Half of Sears' revenue comes from their credit card holders.

Credit cards by the number:

—75 percent of American families carry one or more credit cards.

—The average American carries three such cards.

—34 percent say they spend more when using a credit card.

—The average individual's credit-card debt is estimated at $1,751.

—More than half, 54 percent, carry balances from month to month and pay interest on the balance.

—In 1968, the estimated amount of credit card debt was $2 billion.

—Today, more than 30 years later, the estimated total amount of revolving credit is $626 billion.

—And the number of credit-card solicitations sent out each year is four billion. That's about 43 per household.

We may have gotten that many in one week.

Things have changed over the years – before plastic cards and on-line shopping.

An elderly farmer once wrote to a mail-order house: "Please send me one of the gasoline engines you show on page 78. If it's any good, I'll send check."

In time, the farmer received the following reply:

"Please send check. If any good, we'll send gasoline engine."

ASK US

Q—Is there a city law against junk refrigerators and freezers being out in the open with their doors still attached?

A—Yes. The law addresses appliances with self-locking doors.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 55 degrees; low, 23; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 25; no precipitation; total for 2001, .03 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, slight rain chance, low near 40. Wednesday, cloudy, cool, 30% rain chance, high 45-50.

Raven Luna
Rain chance

Sunset:
6 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:44 a.m.

Of 8 days in 2001, the sun has shone 6 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Knowledge has never been known to enter the head via an open mouth.

—Doug Larson

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Hill, McGraw dominate American Music Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In an ocean of teenyboppers, this year's American Music Awards were dominated by a pair of adults.

The country husband-and-wife team of Faith Hill and Tim McGraw won four awards Monday night, with Hill earning bragging rights at home with three of their four trophies.

The rock band Creed and soul singer Toni Braxton each won two awards, the Backstreet Boys scored in their ongoing rivalry with 'N Sync, and fashion-conscious musicians competed to show the most skin.

Hill's album, "Breathe," was chosen best country album Monday in the awards show decided by a vote of fans and telecast on ABC. She also won favorite female pop and country artist. McGraw was named favorite male country artist.

Hill recalled that McGraw was the winner in 1995 when both were nominated for favorite country newcomers.

"This is payback," she said.

Creed was chosen favorite alternative music artist and their multi-platinum album, "Human Clay," beat teen favorites 'N Sync and Britney Spears in the best pop album category.

But the Backstreet Boys beat 'N Sync and Creed for favorite pop group. 'N Sync, however, won a trophy voted on by fans in an Internet poll.

Creed lead singer Scott Stapp marveled at his band's success, particularly with the song "Arms Wide Open," written about his experience with fatherhood.

"It's an amazing thing for this band and taken us to a level we never thought we'd achieve," he said.

Braxton won her third American Music Award for favorite soul album, after winning in 1995 and 1997, and favorite female rhythm 'n' blues artist. She said it eased the pain after spraining her knee twice in rehearsal.

"Two awards for two sprains," she said backstage. "I'm really happy."

The final navel-baring count stood at nine. In the show's first seven minutes, Jennifer Lopez performed in a midriff-exposing outfit and host Britney Spears stripped off a pink gown in favor of a skimpy two-piece. The busy Spears, co-host with LL Cool J, revealed eight separate outfits.

Shock rocker Marilyn Manson had the night's only visible corset.

Unlike the Grammys, which are voted on by Recording Academy members, music fans determine the American Music Awards, making them a popularity contest. A polling group sent out 20,000 ballots to record buyers.

Destiny's Child won favorite rhythm 'n' blues group and the Dixie Chicks won the award in country.

Country singer Billy Gilman won best new country artist before reaching puberty. The rock band 3 Doors Down, who made the hit song "Kryptonite," was named favorite new pop artist, and Donnell Jones won in the soul newcomer category.

Kid Rock won as favorite male pop artist and Celine Dion as favorite adult contemporary artist. Dr. Dre beat out his protege, Eminem, for favorite rap artist.

"I love the fact that I won," Dr. Dre said backstage. "It means somebody's paying attention to my hard work, and that's exactly what it is, a lot of hard work."

Brian McKnight beat D'Angelo and Sisqo as favorite male soul artist.

Janet Jackson was singled out for the special Award of Merit given each year for "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." She promised fans a new album and tour later this year.

Aerosmith also received a special International Artist Award.

On the Net:
http://www.americanmusicawards.com

Ex-Louisiana governor must report to fed prison

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — After two dozen investigations, two acquittals and one mistrial, former Gov. Edwin Edwards appears headed for a federal prison.

The silver-haired gambler was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison and fined $250,000 for extorting payoffs from businessmen applying for riverboat casino licenses.

"Let me say to friend and foe alike that this is not over with. It's been going on for four years, and as they say in the opera, the fat lady has not yet sung," Edwards said.

Edwards, 73, was convicted in May of 17 counts of racketeering, extortion, fraud and conspiracy. His son Stephen and three others were also found guilty.

The four-term Democratic governor was ordered to report to prison Feb. 5, but a court battle is expected over whether he can remain free while he appeals.

"A long sentence is effectively a death sentence," said Edwards' lawyer Dan Small, who immediately filed notice of appeal.

Prosecutors also said they planned to appeal the sentence, which they called too lenient. Edwards could have received the maximum of more than 11 years in prison and a $500,000 fine.

In an interview on the courthouse steps Monday, Edwards, flanked by his wife and children, flatly denied the allegations. He also joked: "I have to make arrangements to find Candy a new husband and pay my bills."

The younger Edwards was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined $60,000. His lawyer, Jim Cole, said it was a case of guilt by association.

"The jury's verdict is largely a product of Stephen Edwards' last name," he said. "He's swept along by whatever they think of his father."

The Edwardses' co-defendants, former gubernatorial aide Andrew Martin, cattleman Cecil Brown and businessman Bobby Johnson, all were sentenced to around 51/2 years in prison and fined $50,000 each.

The casino schemes took place after Edwards was out of office in 1991, and continued through his fourth and final term as governor from 1992 to 1996 and after he left office but retained considerable political clout.

The case came to light in 1997, when FBI agents raided Edwards' home and office, seizing records and more than $400,000 in cash. Prosecutors built their case on 1,500 hours of telephone conversations secretly recorded by the FBI and testimony from businessmen such as former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr., who said Edwards extorted $400,000 from him.

Defense attorneys said there was no smoking gun tying Edwards to the scheme.

Edwards used an uncanny political sense to become the most powerful Louisiana politician since Huey Long. The sharp-witted Cajun was a non-smoking, Scripture-quoting teetotaler who loved high-stakes gambling, beautiful women and ribald jokes. And he was surrounded by hints of scandal.

Grand juries looked into his finances and campaign contributions in the early and mid-1970s. He was indicted in 1985 on racketeering charges stemming from hospital and nursing home investments. The first trial ended in a hung jury and the second in an acquittal. He arrived at court one day in a mule-drawn carriage, saying it represented the pace of the trial.

Last October, Edwards was acquitted of charges stemming from the liquidation of a failed insurance company.

Edwards' sense of humor never disappeared. In the latest case, after learning that the federal charges carried up to 350 years in prison, Edwards said: "I can truthfully say if my sentence is 350 years, I don't intend to serve."

So much information was amassed from the investigation that two more indictments followed the casino license charges. Edwards and others were accused of insurance fraud; two defendants have pleaded guilty. A third indictment accused former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz and others of bribery; Edwards was not charged but prosecutors said he profited from the scheme.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola threw out six fraud convictions against the Edwardses. But he let stand the more serious racketeering and extortion counts against them. U.S. Attorney Eddie Jordan said he hasn't decided whether to retry the men on those charges.

Plan would create two dominant carriers

DALLAS (AP) — If complex deals by American and United airlines are completed, the two big carriers will control about half of the U.S. air travel market, potentially leaving rivals in their wake and delay-weary travelers to face fewer choices.

American Airlines has proposed to buy troubled Trans World Airlines and could wind up with parts of US Airways, allowing it to expand in the midwest and along the East Coast, sources said Monday.

American's moves would also help a rival: UAL Corp.'s United Airlines, by making it more likely regulators will approve United's pending $4.3 billion purchase of US Airways, according to analysts.

Consumer groups have criticized the proposed deals.

"This would clearly reduce competition and increase concentration in the airline industry," said Paul Hudson, executive director of the Washington-based Aviation Consumer Action Project. "There's already not enough competition on price."

Hudson said many routes served by three or four airlines could soon see only two carriers after the wave of consolidation.

The American Society of Travel Agents also weighed in against American's planned purchase of TWA and part of US Airways, predicting it would lead to higher prices and lower customer service.

Tom Parsons, editor of discount travel service Bestfares.com, predicted American's moves and approval of United's purchase of US Airways will prompt even more mergers.

"This would give the green light to American to buy Northwest, and the green light for Delta to buy Continental," Parsons said. "Then you really would be down to three carriers controlling about 90 percent of the traffic."

None of the companies would confirm talks are ongoing, but leaders of American's pilots and flight attendants unions said they had been briefed about the talks by top officials of the airline's parent, AMR Corp.

Union officials didn't take a position on the deals, saying they would meet with American officials this week.

Some analysts questioned why American would be interested in TWA, which has lost money every year for a decade. But others said American could benefit from TWA's hub in St. Louis and its intercontinental routes.

Even more importantly, they said, the acquisition of TWA and parts of US Airways would let American keep pace with United's growth.

A source familiar with the negotiations who would only speak on condition of anonymity said American would pay United "slightly less" than $1.4 billion in exchange for 86 jets, joint ownership of the Washington-New York-Boston shuttle now operated by US Airways, and 49 percent of a new airline, DC Air, that would be spun off from US Airways.

DC Air would hold valuable landing slots at Reagan National Airport just outside Washington.

Just how much American is offering to buy TWA is unknown.

Chuck Norris plans to leave 'Walker'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chuck Norris plans to walk away from "Walker, Texas Ranger" after eight seasons of the CBS action series.

The TV show, which stars Norris as a tough Texas lawman, will officially end its run in May with a two-hour finale.

The 60-year-old actor said he decided to quit television so he could focus on making movies again and enjoy more personal time.

"Being the executive producer and the lead doesn't give you much time for a life," Norris said in an interview in Monday's Los Angeles Times.

events

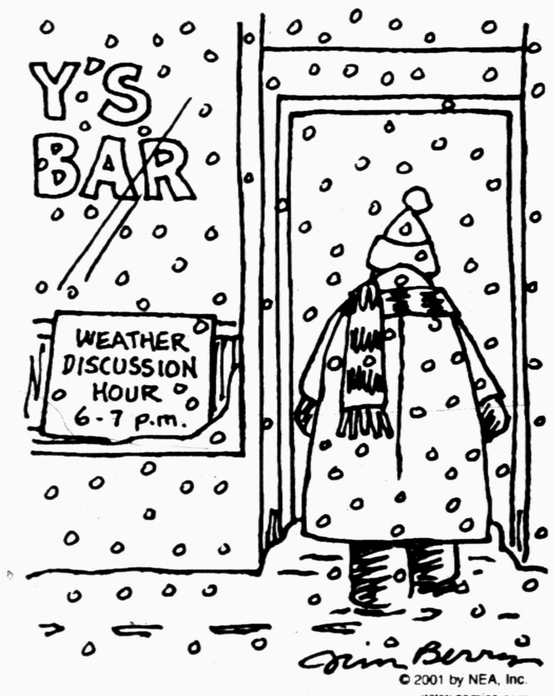
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
5-17-18-25-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-4-5

Berry's World



Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001

Today is the ninth day of 2001 and the 20th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, the Military Aeronautic Company, which consisted of 12 officers and 133 enlisted men, sailed for Europe from Cape May, N.J.

On this day in 1968, the Surveyor 7 spacecraft landed on the moon.

On this day in 1976, "Convoy," recorded by C.W. McCall, became the No. 1 song on the country music charts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's rights leader; George Balanchine (1904-1983), choreographer; Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986), writer; Richard Nixon (1913-1994), U.S. president; Judith Krantz (1928-), writer, is 73; Bart Starr (1934-), football great, is 67; Bob Denver (1935-), actor, is 66; Joan Baez (1941-), singer, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, in college basketball, the University of Cincinnati Bearcats defeated Seton Hall 118-54.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No written law has ever been more binding than unwritten custom supported by popular opinion." — Carrie Chapman Catt

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Ask The Preacher
ARE THERE MANY WAYS TO HEAVEN?
by Bill Looney

Some people say that there are many ways men may travel spiritually but they all lead to heaven. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Prov. 14:12). Jesus said in Matthew 7:13, 14, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." In verse 21 of that same chapter, he said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Again He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Many are saying today that they want to go to heaven but in the words of the popular song of a few years ago, when they get there they want to say, "I Did It My Way". When the word "way" is taken to mean the *method of salvation, or doctrine of the gospel*, there is only **one way**. That **way** is through Jesus Christ by obeying His gospel and doing the will of the Father who is in heaven.

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ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNERS — A student's name was drawn from each Snyder school's December perfect attendance record. Winning $150 were (from left) first row, Michelle Vasquez, Stanfield; Bryce Roberts, East; Ben Gonzales, Central; Brandon Jones, Northeast; back row, Jessica Robbins, junior high; Jordan Stansell, West; and Kasey Crill, high school. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Winter survival driving kit developed by team

Winter weather is here, which means occasional dangerous road conditions. No matter how automakers improve safety technology, the snow-covered, icy roads will always present a threat. Getting prepared in advance of the first storm is the best thing drivers can do to keep their families safe on the roads.

A team has developed a survival kit to help simplify your preparations. Your car should have a survival kit in the trunk.

Keeping all of these items in a durable lidded container organized and within easy reach should you run into trouble.

The survival kit should contain the following items:

Warm blankets
High calorie, non-perishable food
First aid kit
Knife
Antifreeze
Flat tire repair in a can
Windshield washer fluid
Flashlight and extra batteries
Shovel
Ice scraper and brush
Bag of sand or salt
Bright colored flag to indicate that you need help
Tool kit
Jumper cables
Tow rope
Flares
Battery operated lanterns
Compass
Road maps
Extra clothing, boots and gloves

Even before you get out on the road this winter, have your car serviced and always keep your gas tank full to prevent fuel line freeze up and to avoid dangerous breakdowns.

If you would like to learn more about protecting your family from the elements, visit www.survivewinterdriving.com.

Temporary digs are comfortable

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Buddy's temporary digs are so homey and comfortable, the dog might not realize he's homeless.

The German shepherd mix anxiously pawed a window Monday as visitors passed its apartment in the Pittsburgh Animal Rescue League — decorated with a coffee table, chairs for visitors and pictures on the walls.

Like dozens of other animals at the shelter, Buddy is waiting to be adopted. In the meantime, it'll stay in its doggy dorm, which officials call a change in the face of animal shelters.

"The objective with these rooms is to put the dogs in a realistic environment," said Tim Crum, shelter spokesman. "When you go to any animal shelter in the United States, they're going to be in kennels or cages and that's not typically how they would live in somebody's house. This is trying to replicate a room in someone's home."

Two rooms were added to the shelter in a $1 million renovation in October. The rooms will house two to four dogs, selected for their friendly, calm personalities from dozens of candidates. There is also another room, which can hold up to 10 cats.

Fans mark Elvis' 66th birthday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis Presley fans gathered this week at Graceland — where the king of rock 'n' roll lived and died — to mark what would have been the legend's 66th birthday.

Those most faithful to the man in the blue suede shoes cut an orange and green cake in his honor Monday, when a new string of prerecorded messages guiding visitors through Graceland was revealed. The audiotapes featured the voice of the king's daughter, Lisa Marie Presley.

The rocker, born Jan. 8, 1935, died at Graceland in 1977 at age 42.

'Communication Tips for Parents' developed by APA

Today's parents face an enormous challenge: communicating with their children in an age when the fears of violence, being bullied and other pressures are far more prevalent than in previous generations.

To better equip parents to guide their children through these troubled times, the American Psychological Association (APA), a national scientific and professional organization, has developed "Communication Tips for Parents" that provides suggestions to help parents talk more effectively with their children about violence and other important issues.

"Learning to listen effectively-without making assumptions, passing judgements or giving directives-is an essential skill," says Dr. Russ Newman, APA's executive director for professional practice. "It can make the difference between receiving one-word responses to our questions about our children's day at school or having a meaningful conversation."

The communication tips were developed in response to comments from teens, who said they are unable to talk openly with parents and other adults about serious issues. APA heard from thousands of teens across the country as a result of its "Warning Signs" youth anti-violence initiative, launched last year in conjunction with MTV: Music Television. The program has brought youth and psychologists together at more than 900 forums to discuss the warning signs of violence and what to do if they recognize these signs in their peers or in themselves.

At the forums, youth also shared their common concerns about bullying and the pressure to fit in. Newman says, "Our hope is to help parents and children discuss their concerns about violence and other sensitive matters more freely and to work toward solving problems together."

Information in the free communication tips includes:

When your children are talking about concerns, stop whatever you are doing and listen.

Notice when your kids are most likely to talk-for example, at bedtime, before dinner, in the car-and be available.

—Listen to their point of view, even if it's difficult to hear.

—Soften strong reactions; kids will tune you out if you appear angry or defensive.

—Express your opinion without putting down theirs; acknowledge that it's okay to disagree.

—Talk to your children-don't lecture, criticize, threaten or say hurtful things.

Parents can receive APA's free "Communication Tips for Parents" and a free "Warning Signs" brochure for teens by calling 800-268-0078.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; book review by Jean Everett; hostesses, Barbara McGee and Gayle Witte; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, for information call 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Jack Price, guest artist; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A Q J 9
♣ A K Q

West
♠ K 6
♥ A K J 10 9 6 4
♦ 7 4
♣ J 9

East
♠ J 10 9
♥ Q 7
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 10 7 5 4 2

South
♠ A Q 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ K 10 8 5
♣ 8 6 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♥	Dbl	Pass
2 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001

Among the hot springs and mud pools

By Phillip Alder

Following my hectic traveling schedule of the previous 10 days, I spent the next three nights in the Rotorua home of Miep and Henk van der Poel. And I even had Monday off, when Henk took me to see the hot springs and mud pools at Wai-O-Tapu, which is pronounced "wire tap" by the locals. The pools were very smelly, with sulfurous vapors pervading. Yet soaking in the hot mineral baths was fun. It reminded me of a poor man's Yellowstone.

I ran two classes in Rotorua on Tuesday, August 22. In the afternoon, the intermediates learned about improving their bridge memory. Most people do not pay enough attention to the cards that have been played, especially the spots. Honors, it is true, tend to make a bigger impression. However, information should also be gleaned from the bids and passes of the opponents.

Take this deal from the lesson as an example. How would you play the play in four spades? West starts off with two top hearts, dropping East's queen, then switches to a diamond.

South's jump in advance of his partner's takeout double shows 8-10 points as he is a passed hand. Normally, it promises 9-11.

When the dummy appears, you should calculate that there are only 15 high-card points missing. Yet East has produced the heart queen. So, West must have the spade king. Continue with the ace and a low spade. Do not fall to the temptation of the hopeless spade finesse.

During the bidding, work out who has how many points. And when the dummy appears, refine that count.

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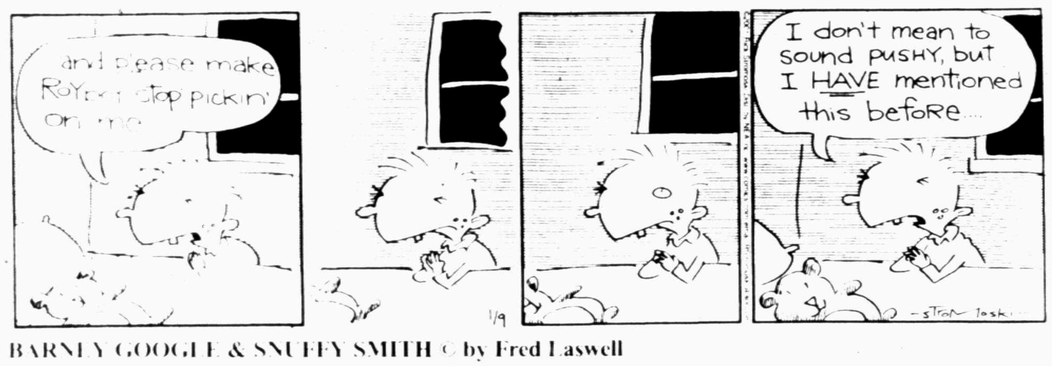

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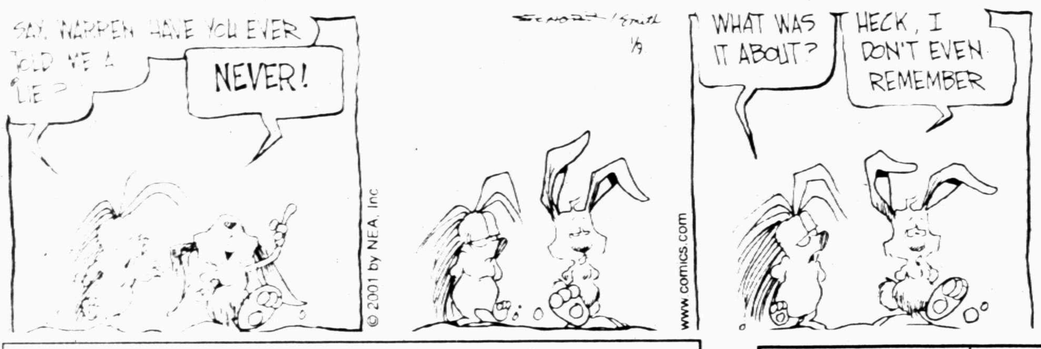

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7 Kampala's country
13 Prickly herb
14 Boredom
15 City in Texas (2 wds.)
16 — Crown
17 Carbine
18 Golf peg
20 Baseball's Willie —
21 Houston ballplayer
23 — — with a View
27 With a leg on either side of
32 En — (fencing call)
33 Order of Greek architecture
34 Fiery crime
35 Out in the open
36 Arrange differently
39 Take care of (2 wds.)
40 Work hard
42 Church service
46 Ginseng plant
47 Labels
51 Toward a higher position
53 Actress Andress
55 Part of NFL
56 Fuel-carrying ship
57 Protract
58 Drove cattle

DOWN

1 Southwestern Indians
2 Dinero
3 Yawn
4 Straight — — arrow
5 Intermediate (pref.)
6 Vegas machines
7 Says
8 Neighbor of Fr.
9 Take — — view
10 Thatch palm
11 Properly
12 Singer Ed —
19 LAX info
21 Atonement
22 Ineffective
23 Lab substance
24 Steak order
25 Around (2 wds.)
26 Smell
28 Wander
29 Arrow poison
30 Grime
31 Opp. of endo
37 Escaped adroitly
38 "Awesome!"
41 — for (guarantee)
42 Stubborn one
43 Pinnacle
44 "The Sultan of —"
45 Wise one
47 Russian ruler
48 "— Lang Syne"
49 Happiness
50 Variety of chalcedony
52 Move quickly
54 Caviar

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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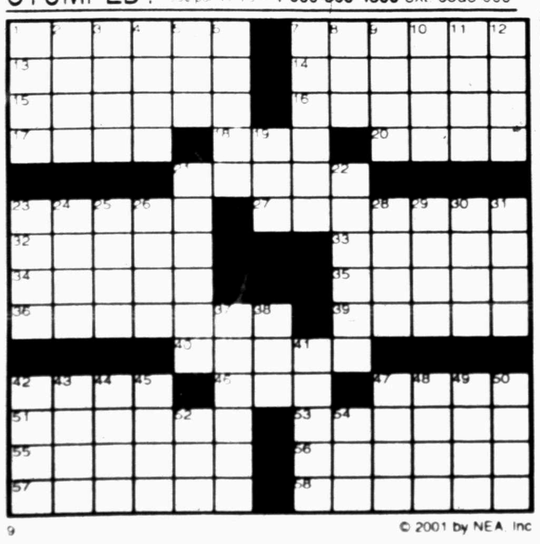

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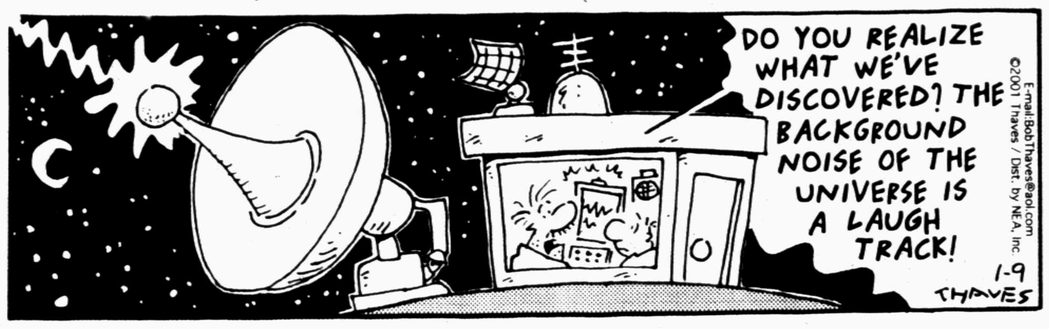

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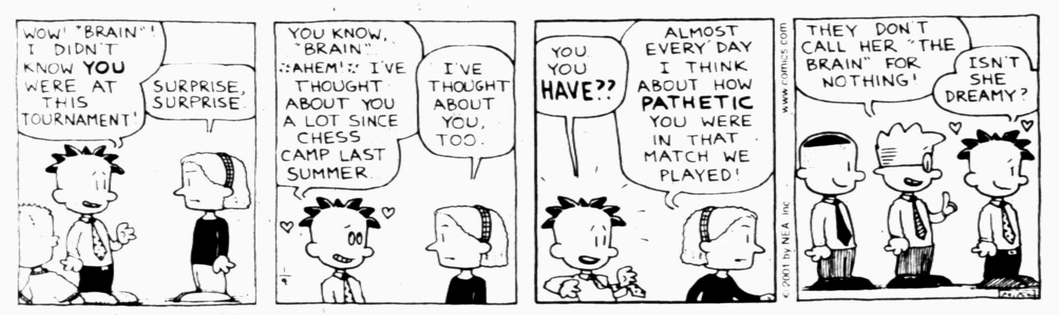

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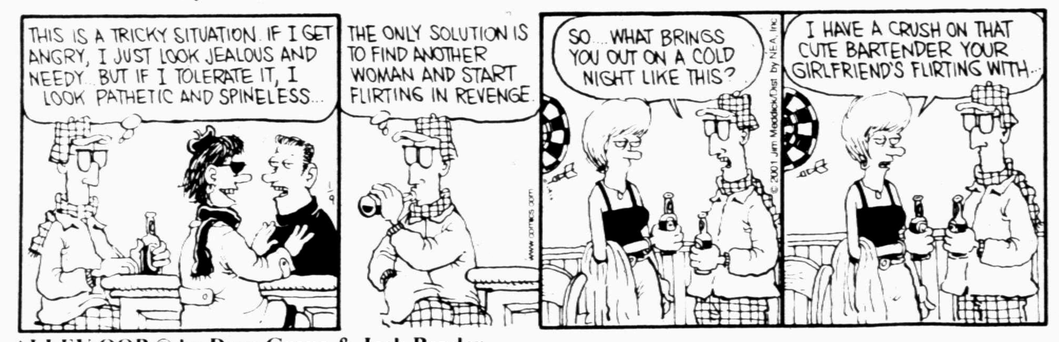

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SPORTS

Key District 4-4A contests highlight tonight's schedule

Tonight's District 4-4A contests against Andrews are key for both the Snyder Tigers and Lady Tigers, but for different reasons.

The Tigers will look to remain atop the district standings, while the Lady Tigers will be looking for continuity on the floor, following the loss of a key player.

The Lady Tigers (15-4, 4-1) will be without the services of senior post Kameron Kallemeyn when they host the Lady Mustangs (13-8, 2-3) at 6 o'clock.

Kallemeyn suffered a dislocated kneecap in Friday's win over Frenship, and is scheduled for an MRI this afternoon. She's listed as questionable for this Friday's match-up with Estacado.

The Lady Tigers, who carry only eight players on their roster, will shuffle their line-up for the meeting with Andrews.

Senior Kristin Murray will move from wing to post, with fellow senior Rina Geiger drawing the start at wing. Junior Amber Russell was elevated from the junior varsity to complete the Lady Tigers' roster.

"At this point, we don't know the extent of Kallemeyn's injury," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "We're still hoping for the best, but regardless of her future availability, we have nine more district games that we plan on being highly competitive in.

"There's no way you can replace a first-team all-district player in your line-up. Nobody has an extra all-district player on their bench that they can fill in with. But at the same time, we still have a ballclub that is capable of winning. We're going to fight to the end, no matter who we have on the floor."

The Lady Tigers are tied for second in the district standings with Big Spring, while the Snyder boys are deadlocked for the district lead with Estacado.

The Tigers (13-6, 3-0) carry a seven-game win streak into tonight's 7:30 match-up with the Mustangs (14-7, 1-2).

Snyder knocked off Andrews two weeks ago in the championship of the Brownwood tournament, but Tiger coach Bud Birks doesn't believe it will be a factor in tonight's meeting.

"I don't think our win over them in Brownwood will be a motivational factor for either team," said Birks. "That was a game that neither of us really wanted to play, because you hate to face district opponents in non-district games.

"Both of us played it pretty conservative. Neither team wanted to show the other one anything, and I expect a tough game tonight."

In this evening's other District 4-4A contests, Levelland travels to Estacado. Frenship hosts Lake View, and Big Spring visits Plainview.

Also in league action tonight will be Ira and Hermleigh.

The Bulldogs face a crucial road test at Borden County, while the Cardinals host Highland.

Ira's boys and girls are both 1-0 in district, following Friday's victories over Sands.

The Hermleigh boys can improve to 2-1 with a tonight, while the Lady Cardinals are in search of their first win in district competition.

Girls' games tip off at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	13	6
Estacado	3	0	12	9
Lake View	2	1	10	11
Plainview	1	2	10	11
Frenship	1	2	11	11
Andrews	1	2	14	7
Levelland	1	2	15	7
Big Spring	0	3	5	15

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

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

Saturday's game: Plainview at Lake View.

District 4-4A Girls' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	5	0	20	1
Snyder	4	1	15	4
Big Spring	4	1	14	4
Frenship	2	3	15	8
Andrews	2	3	13	8
Levelland	2	3	16	4
Estacado	1	4	11	8
Lake View	0	5	8	13

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SJHS girls rout Wilson

LUBBOCK — Snyder Gold turned in a sparkling performance on both ends of the floor Monday night to whip Lubbock Wilson, 74-7, in seventh grade girls' basketball action.

Snyder Black put forth a solid effort as well in a 32-15 victory.

Snyder Gold surrendered only one point in the first half, and led 50-3 after the third quarter.

Breanna Talavera netted 16 points to lead the Gold squad, while Sequoya Powell dropped in 12, and Shaela Thompson added 10.

Wendy Reed poured in 11 points to pace Snyder Black, which held Wilson to single digits through the first three quarters.

Snyder Gold will be in action again Jan. 18 at the Big Spring tournament.

Snyder Gold 74, Wilson 7

Snyder: Breanna Talavera, 16; Sequoya Powell, 12; Shaela Thompson, 10; Sirena Medrano, Aeryal Peoples and Glyn Wright, 6; Emily Jones and Katie Curry, 4; Jessica Taylor and Teddi Crenwelge, 3.

Snyder Black 32, Wilson 15

Snyder: Wendy Reed, 11; Ashton Wall, 6; Morgan Bilderback, 5; Ciarra Latta, 4; Amber Luecke and Bianca Gonzales, 2; Ashley Pruitt and Ashly Pavlovsky, 1.

Seventh grade boys win two

Snyder's seventh grade boys made it a clean sweep of Lubbock Wilson Monday night.

Snyder Gold ran past Wilson, 60-29, while Snyder Black notched a 28-15 victory. Both Tiger squads improved to 4-1 on the season.

Chris Smith and Barrett Bowlin poured in 13 points apiece to lead Snyder Gold, while Steven Martinez paced Snyder Black with six points.

It was Snyder Gold's second consecutive victory following the holiday break. The Tigers held off Lamesa, 43-41, in overtime over the weekend.

Smith, who finished with a team-high 13 points against the Tors, drained two free throws with two seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

Both Snyder squads will be in action again Jan. 18 at Lubbock Slaton.

Snyder Gold 60, Wilson 29

Snyder: Chris Smith and Barrett Bowlin, 13; Cade Simpson, 7; Blake Scott, 6; Eric Martinez, 5; Jay Weaver and Dustyn Williams, 4; Cade Lancaster and Garrett Pinson, 3; Jason Cave, 2.

Snyder Black 28, Wilson 15

Snyder: Steven Martinez, 6; Chris Lopez, Joel Tarin and Bryan Clifton, 5; Chase Ashworth, 3; Marcus Williams and Danny Ortegon, 2.

Snyder Gold 43, Lamesa 41

Snyder: Smith, 13; Pinson, 9; Scott and Martinez, 8; Cave and Bowlin, 2; Simpson, 1.

Eighth grade girls roll over Wilson squads

LUBBOCK — Snyder's eighth grade girls continued their winning ways Monday night with a pair of victories over Lubbock Wilson.

Snyder Gold toppled Wilson, 59-33, to improve to 5-1, while Snyder Black remained undefeated with a 48-11 victory.

Rebecca Aguirre and Kayla Guerrero drained 12 points apiece to pace Snyder Gold, which held a 34-20 advantage at halftime.

Erin Hackfeld led Snyder Black with 14 points.

Snyder Gold will be back on the court Jan. 18 at the Big Spring tournament.

Snyder Gold 59, Wilson 33

Snyder: Rebecca Aguirre and Kayla Guerrero, 12; Kassey Burney, 9; Courtney Cox, 8; Heather Zajicek and Briana Burk, 6; Stacey Williamson, 4; Jacy Beccue, 2.

Snyder Black 48, Wilson 11

Snyder: Erin Hackfeld, 14; Kalli Wesson, 8; Taren Knipe and Stephanie Parmer, 6; Kelsey Shaw, 4; Casey Crain, Mosheka Williams, Ashley Villegas and Marisa Munoz, 2.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Basketball

Andrews at Snyder girls, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Andrews at Snyder boys, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

Ira at Borden County, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

Highland at Hermleigh, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
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Snyder freshman girls at Snyder tourney

Snyder Gold 8th grade boys at Andrews tourney

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
Basketball

Snyder freshman girls at Snyder tourney

Abilene Cooper at Snyder freshman boys, 10 a.m. and 11:30

Snyder Gold 8th grade boys at Andrews tourney

Freshman Lady Tigers capture 40-24 victory

LUBBOCK — Snyder's freshman girls had no problems with Lubbock Wilson on Monday.

Snyder Gold downed Wilson, 40-24, while Snyder Black posted a 33-26 victory.

Kelby Drum tallied 11 points to pace Snyder Gold, while Sharday McKinney and Dominique Braziel netted eight apiece.

Misha Wofford and Laura Arellano dropped in four points each. Erin Burleson finished with three, and Desiree Braziel chipped in two.

For Snyder Black, Sharena Lewis led the way with 15 points, while Tas Baze added 10. Mattie Smith registered six points, and Ashley Darnell accounted for two.

Snyder Gold will be back on the court Thursday when it hosts the Snyder tournament.

Frosh take two from Wilson

Snyder's freshman boys picked up a pair of victories Monday night over Lubbock Wilson.

Snyder Gold held off Wilson, 42-32, while Snyder Black won by a 43-23 margin.

Marcus Villarreal poured in 11 points to lead the Gold squad, while Justin Boyd netted 10.

Blake Grimmett tallied eight points. Lee Scott posted seven. Tucker Early added four points, and Jacob Rodriguez finished with two.

Snyder Black was paced by Zach Cain who dropped in 12 points.

Brad English drained nine points, while Bradley Price registered eight. Malcolm Wells notched six points, and Josh Kemp and Brock Tyrrell chipped in four apiece.

The Tigers will be in action again Saturday when they host Abilene Cooper.

Ex-Baylor coach arrested

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Former Baylor football coach Chuck Reedy faces burglary and aggravated criminal domestic violence charges after entering the home of his estranged wife.

Richland County assistant prosecutor Johnny Gasser said the 51-year-old Reedy, who also was an assistant at South Carolina and Clemson, forced his way into Janet Reedy's Irmo home early Sunday, slammed her to the floor and pinned her down.

Sheriff's spokesman Joseph Pellicci said Janet Reedy, 38, had bruises on her arms.

In court Monday, Gasser said the couple's 11-year-old daughter saw part of the attack and told deputies that her father was throwing and breaking things in the house.

The Reedys separated in September after 22 years of marriage and have restraining orders requiring the other to stay away.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas Cooper said Monday he would let Reedy out on $5,000 if he wears an electronic anklet that will send an alert if Reedy comes within one mile of his wife's home or work.

Neither the former coach nor his wife, who was a teen-ager when the couple married, spoke at Reedy's hearing.

Snyder Gold wins in OT

Snyder Gold converted from the free-throw line Monday night to hold off Lubbock Wilson, 55-52, in overtime of an eighth grade boys' basketball contest.

In the extra session, Zach Garcia converted on three out of four attempts from the stripe, while Alan Gray netted three points and Jason Ramos posted two.

Lico Castillo poured in 19 points to pace Snyder, with Garcia draining 17.

Patrick Jones and Cade Owen tallied six points apiece. Gray finished with five, and Ramos chipped in two.

The victory came on the heels of a 43-33 setback to Lamesa.

Against the Tors, Castillo led the Tigers with 17 points. Wyl Wiggins registered six. Gray and Garcia scored four each, and Owen added two.

Finley leads Mavs' win

CHICAGO (AP) — Any time the Dallas Mavericks needed a basket or a rebound, Michael Finley was there.

After all, he wasn't about to look bad in front of the hometown crowd.

The native of suburban Maywood did it all for the Mavericks on Monday night with 30 points, 10 rebounds and six assists as Dallas beat the Chicago Bulls 104-91.

"He's always looking for those types of performances in front of his hometown, in front of his mom," said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' interim coach.

"The Bulls tried everything, but Mike figured it out."

The victory was the sixth straight on the road for the Mavericks, a franchise record.

"It was a little added incentive," Finley said. "I just wanted to come out and have a good showing."

That he did. Dallas didn't have its best game, shooting just 48 percent (39-of-82). But the Mavericks had six players in double figures, and Finley sparked the scoring spurts when his team needed them.

"He's huge," teammate Dirk Nowitzki said. "He stepped up. He did it all."

Junior high Bulldogs whip Sands

IRA — Ira's junior high boys improved to 3-1 on the season with a 40-23 victory Monday night over Sands.

Wesley Kellner poured in 21 points to lead all scorers. Brandon Cave also finished in double figures with 10.

Justin Taylor tallied six points, while Chad Nickerson added two, and Jordan Lollar chipped in one.

The Bulldogs will be in action again Monday when they host Borden County.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	24	8	.750	—
New York	22	12	.647	3
Miami	21	15	.583	5
Orlando	14	19	.424	10½
Boston	12	23	.343	13½
New Jersey	11	23	.324	14
Washington	7	28	.200	18½
Central Division				
Charlotte	21	14	.600	—
Milwaukee	18	15	.545	2
Cleveland	17	15	.531	2½
Toronto	16	17	.485	4
Indiana	16	19	.457	5
Detroit	14	20	.412	6½
Atlanta	12	21	.364	8
Chicago	6	27	.182	14
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	21	11	.656	—
Dallas	23	13	.639	—
Utah	21	13	.618	1
Denver	19	15	.559	3
Minnesota	20	16	.556	3
Houston	16	17	.485	5½
Vancouver	10	23	.303	11½
Pacific Division				
Portland	25	10	.714	—
Sacramento	22	9	.710	1
L.A. Lakers	23	11	.676	1½
Phoenix	20	12	.625	3½
Seattle	17	18	.486	8
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	13½
Golden State	11	23	.324	13½

Monday's Games

Portland 98, Boston 90
Cleveland 92, New Jersey 90
Miami 88, Golden State 78
Dallas 104, Chicago 91
Sacramento 100, Minnesota 97
Indiana 85, L.A. Clippers 82

Tuesday's Games

Houston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Larry's Trucks	128.5	67.5
The Shack	119.5	76.5
YZ Systems	108.5	87.5
Timely Finance	107.5	88.5
Blue Sunco	100	96
Tinder Storage	93	103
Tiger Mart	89.5	106.5
Cutting Edge	83.5	112.5
Snyder Lanes	81	115
Snyder Iron	69	127

High series: Jeff Smith, scratch, 670; Jessie Salas, handicap, 718.

High game: Barney Tate, scratch, 258; Mark Thompson, handicap, 266.

Splits and special mentions: Rick Mammolite, 4-7-10; Roger Pavlik, 2-7; Glenn Coy, 5-10; Jessie Salas, 4-5-7.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	33	19
BCEC	30	22
J.Shea Jewelers	27	25
Do Overs	26	26
Countryplace	22	30
Snyder Iron	18	34

High series: Scratch: Mark Glasscock, 613; Daphene Thompson, 493. Handicap: Mark Glasscock, 691; Gina Ellis, 667.

High game: Scratch: Roger Pavlik, 257; Daphene Thompson, 193. Handicap: Roger Pavlik, 289; Gina Ellis, 239.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	34	14
Martin Herefords	32	16
Snyder Machine	29.5	18.5
NAPA	28	20
Allen Compressor	16.5	31.5

High series: Jackie Martinez, scratch, 475; Terri Blocker, handicap, 594.

High game: Karen Kittles, scratch, 175; Donna Garvin, handicap, 212.

Splits and special mentions: Tammie Bassett, 3-10; Donna Garvin, 4-5; Carolyn Allen, 5-4-7; Michelle Ewing, 5-10; Cindy Aikin, 2-7.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HALL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
GEORGE GARCIA
DOB: 10/28/97
SEX: MALE

A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN

CASE NUMBER: 000865

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: JOE ANGEL GUERRO, PUTATIVE FATHER OF THE GEORGE GARCIA, JR.

By order for service by publication dated the 21st day of December, 2000, you are hereby notified that on the 6 day of June, 2000, the Hall County Department of Family and Children Services filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights as to the Father and on June 29, 2000 it filed a First Amendment to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights as to the Father against you as to George Garcia, Jr. You are required to file with Clerk of Juvenile Court, and to serve upon Petitioner's attorney, John R. Coleman, Jr., an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order of Publication.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-96, Joe Angel Guerro is hereby advised that he will lose all rights to George Garcia, Jr., and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to the child unless, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files:

(1) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and
(2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Juvenile Court of Hall County.

Respondent Joe Angel Guerro will lose all rights to George Garcia, Jr. and the Court shall enter an order terminating all of his rights to George Garcia, Jr. and he will not be entitled to thereafter object to the termination of his rights to the child if within thirty (30) days from your receipt of this, Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and First Amendment to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, he:

(1) Does not file a petition to legitimate and give notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22;
(2) Files a legitimation petition that is subsequently dismissed for failure to prosecute;
(3) Files a legitimation Petition and the action is subsequently concluded without a court order declaring a finding that he is the legal father of the child.

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The parent is not thereafter entitled to notice of the proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor does the parent have any right to object to the adoption or to otherwise participate in the proceedings.

Therefore, let Joe Angel Guerro show cause before me on the 22nd day of February, 2001 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Hall County Courthouse in Gainesville, Georgia to appear and answer the allegations of said petitions. This hearing is for the purpose of terminating parental rights.

In the event that Joe Angel Guerro is unable to employ counsel, a right that he is entitled to, and if indigent as that term is defined under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-6, let Joe Angel Guerro immediately contact the Hall County Courthouse and request the appointment of counsel to represent him in these proceedings.

WITNESS, the Honorable Cliff L. Jolliff, Judge of said Court, this the 22nd day of December, 2000.

(s)DEBORAH WRIGHT
CLERK
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Companies help fund private inaugural balls this month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Corporations with interests before the federal government are spending tens of thousands of dollars to help Washington-based state social groups celebrate George W. Bush's inauguration.

At the Illinois State Society's reception, United Airline, based in Elk Grove Village, Ill., is sponsoring a Hall of Illinois Heroes exhibit that honors prominent Illinoisans.

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These galas are in addition to the official balls sponsored by the Presidential Inaugural Committee. President-elect Bush takes the oath of office on Jan. 20.

The state societies exist so expatriates can get a taste of the places they left behind when they moved to the nation's capital. Members include federal lawmakers who will be voting on the issues affecting the societies' sponsors.

Rick Meyers, co-chairman of the Texas Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball said the donations are nothing more than an effort to help a bipartisan organization pay for its events.

"It's mission is solely to promote fellowship among Texans who live and work in Washington," said Meyers, a lobbyist who has represented Nokia, the American Beekeeping Federation and the city of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Officials of watchdog groups see it differently.

"Some of the most powerful corporations in America are sponsoring these events to 'celebrate' the new president," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity.

"Do you think they tell their shareholders that they're deeply worried about these nonprofits? They're trying to get close to people in power. They can do it by writing a check. They know it and everyone in Washington knows it," Lewis said.

The Texas gala on Jan. 19, a sellout with more than 9,000 tickets, lists 48 corporate sponsors.

Among them are the American Association of Health Plans, the trade group for managed care companies that is fighting congressional efforts to impose new regulations on health plans, and Brown & Williamson Tobacco, which opposes Food and Drug Administration efforts to regulate nicotine.

"To do an event of this magnitude, you have to receive contributions," said Texas ball spokesman Jim Wilkinson. "We couldn't be more grateful to our sponsors for helping to make this event possible in the best spirit of bipartisanship."

Verizon, formed by the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE, is another sponsor. The company wants to carry data over long-distance lines. Verizon gave $3 million to the Republican National Convention host committee last summer and $2.7 million to congressional candidates and the political parties for the 2000 elections.

Company spokeswoman Susan Cavender Butta said Verizon made the donation to help the nonprofit group fund its events over the next four years. "It is a contribution to the Texas State Society," Butta said.

The Illinois State Society offered different levels of sponsorship for its Jan. 19 inaugural gala, from $1,000 to $20,000. United Airlines, awaiting federal approval to merge with US Airways, paid $15,000 for its sponsorship, which includes tickets to a VIP reception and recognition in the program.

California's inaugural luncheon on Jan. 18 offers a fashion show from the Los Angeles area's Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, is being sponsored by the same corporations that regularly play host to the state society's activities.

Lockheed Martin, a defense contractor, is a $5,000 supporter. Microsoft, being sued by the federal government on antitrust grounds, is a $2,500 sponsor. "Most of them have an association with California," said Marlene Colucci, the society's vice president of corporate relations.

On the Net:
National Conference of State Societies: http://www.statesocieties.org

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treating prostate cancer

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has prostate cancer. His doctor has recommended a bladder check, a bone scan and six weeks of radiation therapy. At the same time, he tells us nothing can be done because my husband is 83 and the prostate cancer won't kill him. Another doctor has recommended hormone shots or castration. What's your opinion?

DEAR READER: Treatment of prostate cancer is governed by several factors, including the patient's age and general health, the severity of the cancer and its staging (that is, whether the tumor is contained within the prostate gland or has metastasized to other organs).

Your husband's doctor has properly concluded that a bladder examination (cystoscopy with a lighted tube) and a bone scan (to identify possible metastases) should be performed. I suspect that your spouse's cancer either involved large portions of the prostate gland or has invaded tissues surrounding the gland.

Thus, efforts to identify the extent of the problem are in order. Also, radiation therapy is often a good way to treat both the primary tumor or its metastases; such treatments usually relieve pain and shrink areas of cancer.

I wish the doctor would take time to discuss options with you. While radiation is certainly one choice, there are other choices that are appropriate for an 83-year-old man. For example, anti-hormone injections often suppress tumor growth, even if the cancer has spread. In addition, castration (medically termed "orchiectomy") is a useful technique. As a result of the surgery, the major source of testosterone production is eliminated. As you know, many prostate cancers are literally fueled by testosterone. Although I wouldn't necessarily worry about impotence and loss of sexual interest in a man your husband's age, younger men with prostate cancer may be bothered by these unavoidable consequences of both anti-hormone medication and orchiectomy.

Hence, your husband has at least three possible treatments to consider: radiation, medication or orchiectomy. Of course, he may choose to do nothing until he develops symptoms (such as pain) from metastases. Most prostate cancers grow slowly and, when discovered early, do not require immediate therapy.

If your husband is in poor health, treatment programs may be limited or simply ill-advised. For instance, hormone therapy can sometimes worsen the symptoms of heart disease. Because many treatments for prostate cancer are palliative (they relieve symptoms but do not cure), patients may choose to avoid the inconvenience, discomfort and exposure of therapy, preferring instead limited treatment as the need arises. These are some of the issues you and your husband should address with the doctor - or with an oncologist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2, plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Assaults, theft are investgated

- ***Assault***

Officers were called to the 2000 block of Moncrief at 7:30 p.m. Monday in reference to an assault. Officers filed an offense report for retaliation in an ongoing dispute.

- ***Family violence***

At 11:11 p.m., officers responded to a report of family violence in a room at the American Motor Inn.

- ***Theft of service***

Edwin Jackson of Big Country Electric Cooperative reported the theft of service of electricity at a residence on CR 253 at 11:20 a.m.

- ***Theft by check***

Charles Cooper at Cooper Appliance requested an officer at 5:01 p.m. in reference to a person writing a check on a closed account. Officers filed a report for theft by check.

- ***Arrest***

City officers arrested a 22-year-old male shortly after midnight Monday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody in the 100 block of Coliseum Drive.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

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Texas's first execution in 2001 set tonight

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Lubbock machine operator Jack Wade Clark wanted police to believe he was being a good citizen by alerting them to the body of a dead woman in some weeds just outside town.

His discovery, however, led authorities to suspect him and eventually charge him with the 1989 murder of 23-year-old Melisa Ann Garcia of Slaton.

"He led police to the scene and there was the indication he was just a bystander," Rebecca Atchley, the former assistant prosecutor in Lubbock who tried Clark and won the capital murder conviction. "But the way he described the scene, he almost had to be the murderer."

Today, Clark, 37, was headed to the Texas death chamber for the slaying.

His appeals exhausted, Clark asked for clemency from new Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Perry, who as lieutenant governor had filled in several times for Gov. George W. Bush on execution matters when Bush was out of the state, denied Clark's request Monday.

Clark, who confessed to the murder but now insisted he was innocent, would be the first Texas death row inmate to receive lethal injection this year. Two more are set for later in the month and at least eight already are on the execution calendar for this year.

In 2000, Texas set a record by sending 40 prisoners to the Huntsville death house.

Garcia was making a telephone call outside a convenience store the early hours of Oct. 15, 1989, when Clark approached her and asked if she had a light for a cigarette. When she finished her call, testimony showed he stabbed her in the shoulder, forced her into her own car, drove away and repeatedly raped her before fatally stabbing her in the heart.

"I know I didn't do that," Clark said in a death row interview last week. "I know for a fact I didn't rape that girl. Never happened."

He said he signed his confession in frustration.

"I was truly seeking a way out," he said.

Clark, brandishing a knife at officers, was arrested following a brief highway police chase a few weeks after he told officers he spotted the body while making a U-turn on a highway.

"There was no possible way this guy could have seen the body," said former Lubbock District Attorney Travis Ware, who went to the murder scene. "Sometimes these guys will commit a crime like this and get to be the hero by discovering the body. That apparently was what he was up to.

"Melisa Ann Garcia was a totally innocent victim of circumstance."

While in the county jail, Clark bragged about the rape and murder to another inmate, who testified against him at his trial.

Evidence also showed Clark was a military deserter, was accused of assaulting and attempting to rape a relative, threatening child welfare workers, neglecting and abusing his children and of threatening and assaultive behavior toward neighbors.

He also had a history of making weapons while in jail, trying to intimidate guards and fighting with inmates.

Garcia's death was not the first murder tragedy for her family. Her 69-year-old grandmother, Elizabeth Alvarado, was beaten to death during a robbery at her home a year before Garcia was killed. The man convicted of that killing, Adolph Gil Hernandez, is set for execution next month.

"That made this case really tragic," Atchley said. "Two victims of vicious murders in one family. It's very horrific."

Paralyzed woman, Ford settle lawsuit

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A woman paralyzed in a rollover crash of a Ford Explorer with Firestone tires reached a settlement Monday under which Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone agreed to make public thousands of pages of internal memos and reports.

"We're talking about an incredible, locked-up vault of information," said Mikal Watts, a lawyer for 43-year-old Donna Bailey. "This case will go a long way toward uncovering some of the secrets around these tire failings."

Bailey, a former rock climber and weightlifter, was paralyzed from the neck down in March when the treads peeled off a Firestone, causing her friend's Explorer to roll over.

The tire involved was not among those specified in last year's massive recall. Bailey sued the companies for more than $100 million.

Under the settlement, Bailey received an undisclosed sum of money — "enough to take care of her for the rest of her life," Watts said.

Ford representatives also visited Bailey in her hospital room sunday night and delivered the apology she had sought.

"The gist of the whole thing was that they were truly sorry, what happened to me," she told "CBS Evening News." "And I felt like it was very sincere."

Roger Braugh, another lawyer for Bailey, contends the documents prove Ford knew about rollover problems as early as 1989; that a 1995 Explorer redesign did nothing to stabilize the vehicle's structure; and that Bridgestone/Firestone was long aware of its tire's failings.

Attorneys for Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone would not comment on the material in the documents.

As part of the settlement, the companies also promised to analyze the failings of 300 tires, many of which were not among the 6.5 million recalled in August, Watts said.

Ford has blamed Firestone tires for at least 200 fatal crashes leading up to the recall. Bridgestone/Firestone, in turn, has blamed the Explorer's design.

Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said in a statement that the company was pleased to settle because "protracted litigation would serve no useful purpose."

The settlement does not indicate there were problems with tires that weren't recalled, Karbowiak said.

Bailey's lawyers believe they have documents that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration never requested from the companies.

The lawyers said the new analysis and release of documents could spur the recall of additional Bridgestone/Firestone tires, and could prove that defects were more widespread than the companies have admitted.

"This is definitely a victory," said Joan Claybrook, president of the consumer group Public Citizen. "When they get all this data together, I believe it's going to show there needs to be a better recall."

Bailey insisted public disclosure be included in the settlement agreement, her lawyers said.

"She does not want her case to stand merely for someone who wanted a monetary award," Watts said. "She wanted to advance public safety and protect lives."

Bailey lies paralyzed in a rehabilitation center in Houston. Her lawyers did not make her available for comment Monday.

Bush's Interior choice makes property rights paramount

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gale Norton, President-elect Bush's choice to head the Interior Department, once suggested that government recognize property owners' "right to pollute" and that they be compensated for losses when forced to protect the environment.

Norton's staunch support of property rights and ties to industry has prompted opposition from environmentalists, who argue she is ill-suited to head the agency charged with stewardship of 500 million acres of federal land, rescuing endangered species and managing the nation's parks.

After serving from 1991 to 1999 as Colorado's attorney general, Norton has been in private law practice in Colorado. She is viewed widely as intelligent and personable, with a willingness to seek out compromise, but has demonstrated an overriding belief that the less federal involvement in people's lives the better.

Over the years she has urged a broad interpretation of the "taking" of property by the government, advocating that landowners be paid for losses incurred through government regulations that limit use of their land to protect wetlands or endangered species.

Linking environmental protection to compensation has been a flash point for environmentalists. The Clinton administration has argued that compensation requirements would chill environmental enforcement since government payments could become enormous.

Recognizing such a potential, Norton told a 1989 law symposium, "I view that as something positive."

Then a senior fellow at the conservative Pacific Research Institute, Norton said compensation "provides fairness to the person who is harmed by ... government action" and causes bureaucrats to examine what effect their regulations will have on their budget.

Another approach, she argued, was to assume a "reasonable right to use our property. ... We might even go so far as to recognize a homesteading right to pollute or make noise in an area." The remarks were later published by a conservative Harvard law journal.

"Norton's absolutist views on property rights and her hostility to environmental protection places her far outside the mainstream of even conservative legal scholarship," said Douglas Kendell, an attorney for Community Rights Counsel, a Washington-based environmental advocacy law firm.

Nevertheless, her views have won her strong support from industry advocates, land rights groups and most GOP conservatives. They call her approach to land stewardship and free-market environmentalism a welcome change from what they view as heavy-handed dictates from Washington in the Clinton years.

"She will bring a balanced approach ... to multiple use management of federal public lands," said Laura Skaer, executive director of the Northwest Mining Association, a trade group based in Spokane, Wash.

A protege of James Watt, the controversial Interior secretary in the Reagan administration, Norton over the years has been a frequent and outspoken supporter of more local, state and private involvement in crafting the nation's environmental programs.

"She believes the laws of the United States apply to departments of the federal government as well," said former Sen. Malcolm Wallop, a Wyoming Republican who now heads Frontiers of Freedom, a conservative advocacy group heavily involved in Western land issues.

With an ally on property rights at Interior, Republicans in Congress are likely to revive the debate over compensation in connection with wetlands and endangered species legislation, environmentalists fear.

"You're going to see a convergence of the perfect storm on property rights," predicts Donald Barry, an executive vice president of the Wilderness Society and former assistant secretary for fish and wildlife in the Clinton administration.

But in Norton, don't expect another Watt, who once barred the Beach Boys from performing at the Fourth of July festivities on the Mall. "Watt was very much in your face," Barry said. "She's going to be pleasant. She's going to be polite."

It was Watt who in 1979 hired Norton, then a young attorney just out of the University of Denver, at the Mountain States Legal Foundation, an advocacy group that fought the legal battles of the "Sagebrush" rebellion against Washington bureaucrats.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parents clash over daughter's need to grieve for her grandma

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away unexpectedly last year, following a cerebral hemorrhage and weeklong coma.

My wife and I have a 10-year-old daughter and a son who is 5. At my wife's request, our children did not attend the funeral or unveiling (we are Jewish). She thought it would be inappropriate to subject them to events they would not understand.

I agree somewhat, but only in regard to my little boy, since he's only 5 and doesn't understand much about death. My daughter, on the other hand, has a clear understanding. She cried terribly last year upon hearing her grandmother had died, and she has seen how my mother's death affected me.

My kids have never visited the grave, also at my wife's insistence. I want to take my daughter there, but my wife fears she would have nightmares afterward and that the experience could be harmful. My daughter has asked me many times to take her. She says she doesn't understand why we left her out of the funeral, etc. Now I don't know what I should do.

I wanted to include her in everything — the funeral, unveiling and graveside ceremony. I still want her to see the beautiful memorial stone put up in honor of my mother's memory. Abby, who is right on this subject, me or my wife? — **SAD AND CONFUSED**

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: You are. When a child is old enough to understand and ASKS to be included, that child should be.

Your daughter has been denied the closure she desperately needs. Take her to your mother's grave, and if she needs to, let her cry. Tears are healing.

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DEAR ABBY: You gave good advice to "Young, but Not Foolish." She's the 17-year-old girl in love with a man of 25, whose mother married a man nine years older, but didn't want her daughter to do the same. You told her to listen to her mother. The 17-year-old may be totally "in love" with the 25-year-old man, but she should give some thought to the age difference.

When I was 15, I started dating a man 23. We dated for four years and were married six months ago. I am now 19. My husband is 27. I love him very much, but sometimes I feel I missed out on my carefree years by being with an older guy.

My husband is already talking about starting a family before he gets much older. I feel I'm too young to be a parent. I want to go out during the week and have some fun, but he works hard and comes home from work dead tired every night.

These are only a couple of things this young woman should be taking into consideration. — **OLD AT 19**

DEAR OLD AT 19: You haven't asked for my advice, but please allow me to offer some. It appears you have gone from your parents' house to your husband's. Before embarking on the adventure of parenthood, stop and ponder for a moment that it is a lifetime responsibility. You should not become a parent until you are sure you're ready — and by that I mean you are able to support a child should something happen to your husband. Please give what I have said careful thought.

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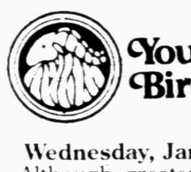
By Bernice B



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Quasars, galaxies found in distant universe

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A supercluster of quasars and galaxies massed together across 600 million light years of space is the largest structure in the observable universe, astronomers say.

In a study presented Monday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society, researchers reported that the structure, which includes billions upon billions of stars, is believed to be 6.5 billion light years away.

"We have found nothing bigger in the (astronomy) literature and nobody has brought to our attention anything bigger," said Gerard Williger, a researcher at the National Optical Astronomy Observatories now working at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

When viewed from Earth, the structure is just below the center of the constellation Leo the Lion. It stretches across an expanse of the sky of two degrees by five degrees, or an area about forty times that of the full moon as seen from Earth.

Williger said it is not known if the gathering of quasars and galaxies is bound together gravitationally or if it is a chance cluster formed by a ripple in the smooth expansion of the universe that followed the Big Bang, which is thought to have set off the formation of the universe.

"This may be an artifact of the Big Bang," he said, speculating that conditions at that point in space may have been uniquely ripe for the quick formation of stars, galaxies and quasars.

That such a large structure could form so quickly after the Big Bang calls into question some of the traditional theories of how the universe evolved, Williger said, since it is difficult to explain how gravity could pull together such an immense cluster in a relatively short time. Further study, which would include calculations of the mass in the structure, may yield new understanding.

"A successful theory has to explain the extremes," said Williger.

Light from the galaxies began its long journey about 6.5 billion years ago when the universe was just a third of its present age and the solar system, including the Earth, had not yet been formed, he said.

The structure includes at least 11 galaxies and 18 quasars in an area where the expected density of objects would be expected to include only two or three quasars and perhaps four galaxies, he said.

Quasars are galaxies with very active and bright center objects, thought to be powered by black holes. Quasars can shine with the brilliance of a trillion suns and astronomers can use this light to silhouette objects nearer Earth. Average galaxies, such as the sun's home, the Milky Way, can contain 100 billion stars. A light year is the distance light travels in a year in space, about 6 trillion miles.

Williger and his colleagues, using the four-meter telescope at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, detected the supercluster's non-quasar galaxies indirectly, by analyzing the light received from quasars that are even farther away. This light is absorbed by the halos of gas surrounding the galaxies, producing shadows that reveal the presence of the galaxies.

There are other clusters of quasars in distant space, but none are as densely grouped as the supercluster in Leo, said Williger.

Williger said the Leo supercluster is more than twice the size of The Great Wall, a gathering of galaxies much closer to the Earth. The Great Wall is about 250 million light years across.

On the Net:
Astronomy information:
http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/
Images:
http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/GSFC/SpaceSci/origins/largecluster.htm

Oregon cattle rancher's trial to start

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Walter Hoyt and his family began raising cattle in the 1950s, and by the '80s he ran one of Oregon's most respected ranches.

What thousands of investors across the country didn't know, federal authorities say, was that most of the livestock Hoyt was selling didn't exist.

Prosecutors say Hoyt, nicknamed the "Paper Cowboy" by angry investors, bilked people in 41 states out of $100 million.

"I don't think the guy can ever make it up to the people he has hurt," said Ed Van Scoten, a 66-year-old retiree from suburban Portland who with his wife lost $100,000 in the alleged scheme.

The 61-year-old Hoyt could be sentenced to 200 years in prison and fined $20 million if convicted of all 54 counts, ranging from conspiracy and mail fraud to money laundering. His trial was to begin with jury selection today and could last three months.

Hoyt has refused to comment on the charges. His attorney, Kelly R. Beckley, has also declined comment.

Essentially, Hoyt is accused of selling tax shelters, starting in the early 1970s, involving ranch lands and cows. In return, investors got tax write-offs and were promised big returns when the herds were to be sold 10 to 15 years later.

Investigators say Hoyt never had more than 5,000 cattle, although he sold 38,000 to investors dating to the early 1980s.

The operation peaked in the late '80s, when the Hoyt siblings divided millions in proceeds from investors. The company filed for bankruptcy in 1997 and was shut down the next year.

In a plea agreement, David Barnes, a partner, said he knew the investments were phony as early as 1986. He also admitted concealing assets from the bankruptcy court and knowingly submitting false documents to cover up the fraud.

Along with Hoyt, the IRS has targeted many investors for back taxes, alleging they should have known the deal was too good to be true.

The investors disagree and say the government, which suspected Hoyt's dealings for years, should have stepped in sooner.

The IRS has refused to comment, citing the ongoing litigation.

A $100 million lawsuit filed by investors against Hoyt and the IRS was dismissed in October by a federal judge who said government workers are immune from personal liability. The ruling has been appealed.

About half of the victims have settled with the IRS, which has made a new settlement offer to the rest. But investors say it doesn't promise them much relief.

"If you look at the offer, it doesn't really offer anything," said Gary Blackburn of Orvada, Nev., whose total bill could exceed $1 million. "I couldn't pay that off in four lifetimes."

Van Scoten is one of the luckier ones. He has other investments, and his portfolio isn't devastated by the $100,000 he lost in the alleged scheme. But if the IRS succeeds in forcing him to pay $350,000 in added fees, he said he faces financial ruin.

"We've been able to hold our heads above water, but slowly our savings have been depleted," he said. "There's no way my wife or I could ever pay those liabilities."

Ford pleges safety improvements to SUVs by 2005

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. plans to offer tire pressure monitors and other safety improvements on all its Ford-branded sport utility vehicles by 2005.

Tire pressure was one of the major areas of inquiry in the recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires, which have been blamed for thousands of accidents. Many of the fatal accidents involved Firestone tires on Ford Explorers.

But Ford defended the safety of its SUVs and said the changes, to be detailed Tuesday, were another in a series of improvements.

"Sport utilities as a class of vehicles are safer overall than passenger cars, and each Ford SUV is among the safest in its class," said Gurminder Bedi, vice president for Ford Truck. "With the leadership actions we are committing to today, we are making the upcoming generation of Ford SUVs even safer."

Ford said it would introduce a tire pressure sensor on one of its SUV models next year and eventually offer the technology on all its trucks and SUVs. The sensor mounts inside the tire and wirelessly transmits warnings about over- or under-inflation to the vehicle.

Tire pressure determines how much weight a tire can hold, and influences how much heat builds up in the tire. Ford had recommended that the Firestone Wilderness AT tires on the Explorer be inflated to 26 pounds per square inch, in part to improve the stability of the vehicle.

But in an analysis released last month, Bridgestone/Firestone said that a Wilderness tire inflated to 26 psi on an Explorer could fall below industry standards for weight capacity if left unchecked for four months through normal pressure loss.

After the recall, Bridgestone/Firestone recommended that Ford raise the recommended pressure to 30 psi. Ford engineers contended that at 26 psi, there was a margin of safety large enough to handle regular pressure loss, but the company eventually went along with the tire maker's suggestion.

The other safety features Ford will offer include:

—A side curtain air bag system that responds to side impacts and rollovers.

—Electronic stability control, which uses the vehicle's brakes to keep a vehicle from skidding.

—Lowering the bumpers to meet those of passenger cars. The higher bumpers of SUVs have been blamed for causing severe injuries to accident victims in passenger cars.

Ford said all the new features except for the tire pressure monitor would be offered on the 2002 Explorer and would be made available on other models by 2005. It was not clear whether the features would be standard or optional.

Other automakers have offered similar features on their SUVs.

On the Net:
Bridgestone/Firestone:
http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001

Although greater responsibilities might be in the offing for you in the year ahead, commensurate rewards are in the winds as well. Do your best. Achievements will be in proportion to efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Foolish extravagance could cause bigger problems down the line for you than you may bargain for today. Don't unwisely follow the lead of a foolish free spender. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) People you're depending on today might let you down or simply not be available when you need them. If you're smart, you'll prepare to go it alone.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of using your wonderfully gifted ingenuity to accomplish the tasks at hand today, you might instead use it to rationalize ways to shelve your responsibilities and waste this great day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Speculative risks should be avoided at all cost today, because Lady Luck isn't apt to be around when you need her. What you consider a mild risk might be anything but.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important you recognize and take advantage of any early leads you get on accomplishing your aims today. A mismanaged beginning could be the precursor of bad endings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be certain you have all your ducks in a row and facts straight before you pass any information onto another today. You'll be held accountable for any misguided reporting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who has been wasting funds and is now broke may attempt to hit you up today to finance his or her needs. If you don't mind kissing your money goodbye, go ahead and do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Bad impressions made today may be very difficult to undo, so be smart and guardedly watch your words and behavior while in front of those who are important to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a good chance today may prove you didn't learn a thing from a past experience that gave you fits. If nothing has changed, you can expect the same results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone who is famous for his or her mood swings could quickly turn a pleasant day into a bummer for you. To avoid this, avoid this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It takes focus to be an achiever today. If you play things lackadaisical, the only way you can hope to accomplish your aims is to start from the beginning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Disengage yourself today from procedures or concepts that have thus far proven to be unworkable. Not to do so is to doom yourself to continued failure.

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Texas Legislature opens session today

AUSTIN (AP) — It's never exactly smooth sailing when the Texas Legislature meets. But Gov. Rick Perry expects a fairly calm ride as lawmakers begin their new session Tuesday.

"I think we're looking at a relatively quiet session, with the normal give and take and back and forth relative to legislative debate," said Perry, sworn in as governor less than three weeks ago.

But shortly before lawmakers convened Tuesday some controversy surfaced. The Texas League of United Latin American Citizens gathered to protest what it considers to be too few Hispanics on key state Senate committees.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff last week angered top Latino senators when he failed to appoint any of them to the Senate's redistricting committee. He later named Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, to the panel.

Texas LULAC executive director Vincent Ramos said the group is asking Ratliff to be more sensitive to the Hispanic community but that it is not issuing him an ultimatum.

Fritz home following heart attack

County Judge Ricky Fritz, who suffered a heart attack Jan. 2, is home and doing fine, according to his wife, Julie.

"He's doing much, much better," she said this morning.

She said she doesn't know when he would be back in the office, but she has been picking up some paperwork for him to take care of at home.

"He's doing a little bit of work, but he won't be in the office per se."

Julie said the judge, who is 42, cannot drive for three weeks and has been ordered to "take it easy."

She said he has mentioned the possibility of coming to work on his county court date, but she said she doesn't expect him to make it to Monday's commissioners' court meeting.

Fritz has his next doctor's appointment in February.

"I think he's going to be fine," Julie said. "We're taking good care of him."

Meanwhile, 15-year-old Stephan Kirk, who was injured in an automobile accident Dec. 20, remains in critical condition in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care unit.

She was airlifted from Snyder to the Lubbock hospital following the one-vehicle accident west of Snyder on Country Road 362.

WTC holds Monday meeting

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offered to SHS students as part of the concurrent enrollment program, which allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit.

As part of the cooperation between the school district and the college, a tuition waiver will be granted for up to three credit hours for 20 students per semester enrolled in the communications concurrent program.

The waiver would be in effect for the duration of the cable contract — 15 years — unless state or board action in the future requires a change.

In other business Monday night, the WTC board approved the hiring of William Edwards as a speech instructor and the hiring of Kimberly Merket as a counselor.

Edwards received his master's degree in communication studies from Texas Tech University in December and his bachelor's degree in communication studies with a minor in political science in May 1999.

He taught business and professional speaking at South Plains College in Levelland and public speaking as well as business and professional speaking at Texas Tech.

Merket received her master's degree in education administration from Sul Ross State University in last May and her bacherlor's degree in secondary education English and speech from Angelo State University in August 1985.

Previously, she taught self-contained special education at Big Spring Junior High and special education English at Goliad Middle School.

Merket also has taught for the Windham School District and Colorado ISD.

In other business, trustees accepted a low bid from U.S. Food Services for a dishwasher for the cafeteria.

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, said the plan is to install the machine during spring break so as not to cause any downtime in cafeteria services.

Lee Presswood presided and all trustees were present to include Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson and Scott Richburg.

WTC in-service begins Wednesday

Western Texas College begins in-service for the Spring 2001 semester Wednesday, with classes set to start a week later.

The three days of meetings to prep faculty and staff for the second half of the school year get underway at 9 a.m. Wednesday when the scholarship and financial aid committee convenes in the college boardroom.

A division chair meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Learning Resource Center conference room, followed by the opening session of the in-service for all faculty and staff.

New to this year's in-service is a mock registration, which has been planned to help work the bugs out of the college's new software.

"We are rewriting our registration software to better meet our needs on campus," Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president, said. "This mock registration is to present all possible problems to ensure that the rewritten software works correctly."

Faculty members will be the participants while other office staff will be in their regular places.

Various meetings will be held throughout the day both Thursday and Friday, including divisional and faculty association meetings.

Admissions hearings will take place at 9 a.m. Friday in the college boardroom.

Students who have not already done so will register Monday, and classes begin Jan. 17.

Sophomores, students with 30 or more semester hours, will register in the morning.

Students with last names A-F register at 8:30 a.m. while students with last names G-O register at 9:30 a.m. Students with last names P-Z begin the registration process at 10:30 a.m.

Freshman students begin registering at 1:30 p.m., starting with students with last names A-F.

Freshmen with last names G-O register at 2:30 p.m. and those with last names P-Z register at 3:30 p.m.

Registration will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for evening students.

C-City Bealls to close

The reorganization of Stage Stores will result in the Colorado City store being closed in 10 to 12 weeks following a liquidation sale.

One other store in the Abilene district will close, as Coleman will start a liquidation sale next week.

The Snyder Bealls will remain open as part of the company's reorganization plan.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan 8 – Daniel Arellano, Inez Beaver, Marjory Lee, Lavienna Bodry, Mattie Chick and Pablo Romero Jr.

DISMISSALS: Kristi Cox, Branda Rusk, Rusk baby and Mary Wampler.

CENSUS: 44 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Obituaries

Joe Michie

1925-2001

Joe Michie, retired manager of Oilwell Supply in Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 7, at his home in Snyder.

Following cremation, a Masonic memorial service for Mr. Michie, 75, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Country Club No. 1 tee box. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Joe Michie

Born Nov. 13, 1925 in Childress, he was reared in Wichita Falls where he graduated from high school and attended Midwestern State University for two years.

He married Sophie Zeck on May 11, 1980 in Quanah. A resident of Snyder since 1966, Mr. Michie worked for Oilwell Supply for 37 years and had also managed stores in Abilene and Anson. He also was active in the Men's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club. Mr. Michie served in the Merchant Marines in World War II. He was a Shriner, a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge 706.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.B. and Eulalie Michie; and a brother, Earl Michie.

Survivors include his wife, Sophie Michie of Snyder; a daughter, Jan Michie of Austin; a son, Rodney Glen Michie of Austin; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Eveland of Snyder and Judy Harrell of Troy, Mo.; a stepson, Ted Allen Bueneman of Troy, Mo.; a sister, Joy Dorsey of Roswell, N.M.; a brother, Ted Michie of Tulsa; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three step grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at 3109 Ave. A.

The family suggests memorial to the Shriner Children's Hospital in Dallas.

Bud Skaggs

1919-2001

G.E. "Bud" Skaggs, a retired mechanic, died Monday, Jan. 8, in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Skaggs, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 18, 1919 in DeLeon, he married Lois Hodges on Dec. 18, 1939 in Littlefield. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

A resident of Snyder since 1969, Mr. Skaggs had worked for Key Brothers Implement and was a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mary Skaggs; a grandson, Robby Davenport in 1993; and by three sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Melvin Davenport of Snyder and Juanice and Troy Tyson of Levelland; a sister, Thelma Bigham of Bosque Farms, N.M.; three grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and three step great-grandsons.

Paula Aguilar

1938-2001

Paula Aguilar, a resident of Snyder for the past 27 years, died Monday, Jan. 8, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Aguilar, 62, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Born Oct. 2, 1938 in Gonzales, she was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She had moved to Snyder from Ralls.

Survivors include six daughters, Victoria Aguilar, Angela Martinez, Patricia Campos and Beatrice Facundal, all of Snyder, Gloria Sanchez of Lubbock and Adella Martinez of Waco; three sons, George Aguilar of Lockhart, Ernesto Aguilar and Antonio Aguilar, both of Snyder; four sisters, Julia Lopez and Santos Rendon, both of Snyder, Rita Banda of Lubbock and Maria Vangas of Salem, Ore.; three brothers, Ezequel Banda of Comanche, Marcelo Banda of Plainview and Leon Banda of Hamilton; longtime partner, Felipe Martinez; and numerous grandchildren.

Eldora Adams

1916-2001

ODESSA – Eldora Adams, a Scurry County native, died Saturday, Jan. 6, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Graveside service for Mrs. Adams, 84, was held Monday in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Johnny Dickerson officiated.

Born June 18, 1916 in Hermleigh, Mrs. Adams moved to Odessa from Crane in 1956. She was a Baptist and a retired employee of Olan Mills.

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ONGOINGS

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school ag building.

East reading night

Family reading night at East Elementary will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and refreshments will be served. Childcare is provided.

Softball board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a board meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of Texas Savings Bank. All board members are urged to attend.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

Relay for Life meeting

A meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room to begin planning for the April Relay for Life event.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Other testing dates are 9 a.m. Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services (formerly Noah Project-West) will offer a Volunteer Training class from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Gateway Family Services. RSVP at 573-1822.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have work in the E.A. Degree Friday. The degree work will follow a meal that begins at 6 p.m. All Masons are invited.

Country and gospel music program

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 573-3996.

Adult basic education classes

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

Ira annual deadline

Thursday, Jan. 25, is the last day to purchase a 2001 Ira Bulldog yearbook with your name on the cover. Cost is $26. Price without name is $22.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

Navy chief decides against punishing captain or crew

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy has decided that neither the captain nor crew of the USS Cole should be punished for failing to follow all prescribed security precautions before the fatal Oct. 12 terrorist attack, a senior defense official said.

Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations and final arbiter in the matter, has decided to endorse the determination made last week by Adm. Robert Natter, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, that no punishment is deserved, said the defense official, who is close to the deliberations and who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

It remains possible that others, higher in rank than the Cole's captain, could be held accountable. Defense Secretary William Cohen plans to order an accountability review, separate from the Navy's internal investigation, that would seek to determine whether military officers responsible for U.S. operations in the Persian Gulf area can be faulted for shortcomings such as inadequate intelligence warnings of threats from terrorists, officials said.

Clark had not submitted his written endorsement Monday afternoon but was expected to soon, the official said Monday.

Navy Secretary Richard Danzig told reporters he could not discuss the matter.

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