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Home of Glen Chauncy

Gordon Wood...

Legendary football coach here Tuesday

Legendary football coach Gordon Wood of Brownwood will be the guest speaker at noon Tuesday at the Snyder Lions Club meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Coach Wood will discuss football in general, and the release of his autobiography, *Coach of the Century*.

Coach Wood will be available to autograph copies of his book following the meeting.

Copies of *Coach of the Century* are on sale at The Snyder Daily News.

When Wood retired in 1985, he had won more games than any other coach in the history of football. His record includes nine Texas high school state championships, two at Stamford and seven at Brownwood.

Wood also coached at Rule, Roscoe, Seminole, Winters and Victoria before landing in Brownwood in 1960.

In November, 1999, Coach Wood was named the outstanding coach of the 20th Century by a panel of Texas sportswriters and coaches selected by The Dallas Morning News.

His life story, as told in his autobiography, is an inspirational and exhilarating story – full of humor, love, perseverance and plenty of Texas football tales.



Coach Gordon Wood

Parks survey reveals citizens are ready for improvements

Results of the county-wide survey began three weeks ago by the Scurry County parks committee were tabulated Friday and reflect similar sentiments as those expressed at three public meetings last week.

The results, which will be forwarded to the commissioners' court at its next session on Dec. 17, show that almost all respondents are in favor of improvements in the parks system.

Parks committee member Cloyce Talbott said the group is "thrilled with the number of surveys completed and turned in."

"We were also surprised at some of the answers we got," Talbott said. "Seventy-nine percent of the people rated the condition of the parks as fair or good. Only 17 percent rated them as poor and we thought more would choose that option. But, that's a good thing."

Other survey results showed that Towle Park is used more than any other facility in the system. The sports fields and the coliseum also were high on the list.

The Boys and Girls Club and Kiddie Park rounded out the top five most heavily used facilities in the parks system.

Seventy-three percent of respondents said they are very interested in improvements, while 21 percent reported having some interest in the project and six percent had no opinion.

Walking paths and a skate park topped the list of requests for new facilities.

Other suggestions for additions included an enclosure at the pool and water slides, sand volleyball courts, an additional youth facility and basketball courts.

Talbott said the committee is "especially happy" with the age groups who responded. Forty-two percent were 18 or younger and 32 percent were between the ages of 26 and 45.

"The people who responded mostly were either kids or parents with kids," he said. "That is a good sign that the people who use the parks the most want to see improvements."

Fourteen percent of respondents were between the ages of 45 and 60 and eight percent were over 60.

The survey also showed that many people use the parks regularly.

Thirty-three percent reported using the parks on a weekly basis, while 35 percent use them monthly. Eleven percent of respondents said they use the facilities on a daily basis.

Joan Bunch, GOP, county clerk, seeks new four-year term

Joan Bunch, Scurry County clerk for the past five years, Friday officially filed for re-election, subject to the March 12 Republican primary.

Bunch is completing her first four-year term after being elected to the unexpired term of Frances Billingsley in 1997.



Joan Bunch

"I enjoy the work of the clerk's office and meeting the public daily," Bunch said. "Our office is in charge of all deed filing and recording, misdemeanor criminal cases, voter registrations, elections, vital statistics, probate records and civil cases.

"I have a wonderful staff who I depend on and we try to help everyone who comes in our office the best we can."

A 1973 graduate of Snyder High School, Bunch attended Western Texas College and Texas Tech. She is married to Travis Bunch and they have three children. Lindsey attends WTC, Stacey is a junior at SHS and Dylan is a 6th grader. The family attends First Baptist Church.

Bunch went to work in the county clerk's office in 1978. From 1992-97, she worked in the district clerk's office and was deputy district clerk in charge of child support, family cases and attorney general cases.

"I have been very fortunate to have the experience of working with three former county and district clerks – Beverly Ainsworth, Frances Billingsley and Elois Pruitt."

Bunch is a member of the Snyder Goldcoaters, United Way board, library board and serves as treasurer of the local Republican party.

All incumbents have formally filed with the exception of Republican County Judge Ricky Fritz, but Fritz has said he will seek a third term.

On Monday, former Snyder Mayor Rod Waller, also a Republican, announced for the judge's post.

Other Republicans who have filed for re-election include Trina Rodgers, district clerk; Nelda Colvin, treasurer; and Deborah Boyd, Precinct 1 JP.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said he will not seek a fourth term. On Monday, Republican Robbie Floyd said he will run for the precinct 2 post.

The first Democrat to file for re-election was Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey. On Friday, Sheriff Darren Jackson filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket.

The filing deadline for both parties ends Jan. 2

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When there's no good reason for doing a thing, it's a good reason for not doing it."

Our bank account is proof that we've never taken a long look at a dollar bill.

Snyder's Harold Yearwood received this email about the $1 bill which first was printed in its present design in 1957.

"This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend with red and blue minute silk fibers. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart.

"A special unknown blend of ink is used. It is overprinted with symbols and then starched to make it water resistant and then pressed to give it that crisp look.

"On front of the bill is the U.S. Treasury Seal. On top is the scales for a balanced budget. In the center is a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the U.S. Treasury.

"On back are two circles. Together they comprise the Great Seal of the U.S. The First Continental Congress requested that Ben Franklin and a group of men come up with a seal that took four years to design and another two years for approval.

"In the left circle is a Pyramid. The face is lighted and the western side is dark. The country was just beginning and the west had not been explored. The Pyramid is uncapped, signifying that the U.S. was not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone is an all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could.

"'In God We Trust' is on the bill. The Latin above the pyramid means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below means 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776.

"In the right circle is the symbol on every national cemetery and is the centerpiece of most monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the U.S. Presidency.

"The bald eagle is the symbol of victory for two reasons. He is not afraid of a storm, he is strong and smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown, symbolizing the break from the King of England.

"The shield is unsupported. The U.S. can stand on its own. At the top of the shield is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. In the Eagle's beak is more Latin, meaning 'one nation from many people.'

"Above the Eagle are 13 stars, representing the 13 colonies The Eagle holds an olive branch and arrows, noting that the U.S. wants peace, but will never be afraid to fight to preserve it."

It wasn't designed that way, but those Eagle wings makes our dollar bills fly away – and fast.

Cable TV to have open house of digital system

Cox Communications will demonstrate its digital cable systemfrom 4 to 7 p.m. Monday with an open house at its offices, 2211 Ave. R.

The event will feature a demonstration of TV Guide Interactive, an on-screen programming guide, and Impulse pay-for-view.

"With our new system, Cox Digital Cable delivers an explosion of new programming and advanced services over a proven network, and places enhanced levels of choice, convenience and control at our customer's fingertips," said Michelle Harper, system director.

Features of the system include the interactive program guide, premium channel multiplexes, digital Discovery Networks, digital pay-for-view, and 40 music channels.

The company will begin turning on the new system Monday startomg in the north and east areas.

All the community will have access to the new system shortly after the first of the year.

Construction of the new system is expected to be completed by Dec. 21.

Customers can choose from a number of channel offerings ranging in cost from $7.60 per month to $76.90 for the full slate of more than 200 channels.

The present basic cable offering of channels 2-13 will be expanded to 2-22, and the cost will remain at $7.60.

The expanded basic cable package that is now channels 2-35, will be expanded to channels 2-66, and the price will increase from $26.85 to $33.95.

Ira's school board meets early Monday

Ira ISD's board of trustees meet at 7:30 a.m. Monday for its final meeting of this year.

The trustees will review specifications for a computer software program for improving reading and math skills.

"We have applied for a grant to pay for this program," said Supt. Jim Rumage. "It is an expensive item, but we feel it is necessary to keep our students on top in those skills."

Rumage said the program would be available to every student in the system.

Trustees also will review the 2000-2001 audit as presented by the accounting firm of Rogers and Rogers of Hamlin, and continue their goal-setting discussions.

"You will find goal-setting on most all of our agendas because we want to continually reach higher and higher for our kids," Rumage said.

Rumage will also give his monthly report, as will school principal Mike Duke.

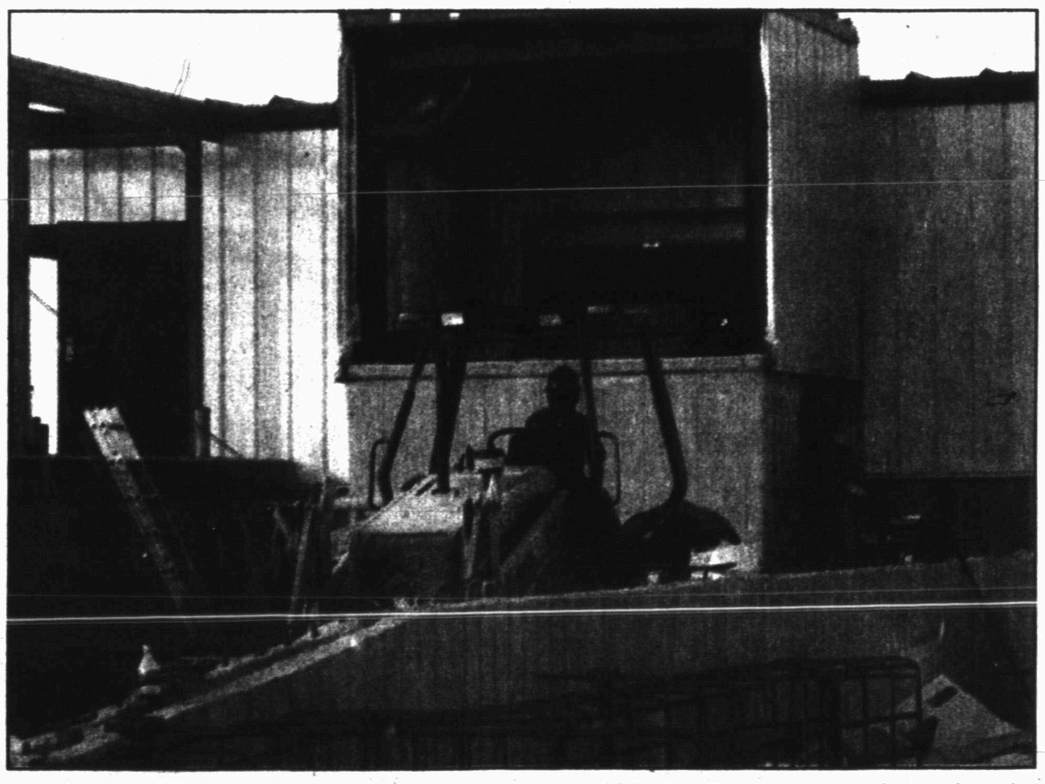
Entries sought for lighting contest

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce again will sponsor a Christmas lighting contest for all Scurry County residents.

Deadline for entry is Friday and those entering have the opportunity to win cash prizes.

First place is $75, while second place will receive $50, and the third place winner will get $25.

To enter, call the chamber at 573-3558.



COMING ALONG — Progress remains steady at the U.S. Air Force's electronic scoring site being constructed at Winston Field. The building is nearing completion and loading docks are being constructed at the facility that will score simulated B-1 and B-52 bombing runs over an eight-county area. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How long must a person reside in an area before filing for office there?

A—A candidate must reside in the state for no less than 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected at least six months before filing.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Sunday mostly sunny, high around 55. SW winds 5-10 mph. Evening, mostly clear, low around 30.

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 66 degrees; low, 41; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 41. No precipitation; total for 2001 todate: 19.70 inches.



Taylor Freeman
Sunny

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Of 341 days in 2001, the sun has shone 327 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I started out with nothing. I still have most of it.
— Michael Davis

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Scurry County Museum's membership drive begins

The Scurry County Museum's annual membership drive is underway. Individual memberships are $20 for a year or $35 for a family. All members receive the quarterly Museum Newsletter.

Dr. Rollin Swanson, membership chairman, said many exciting things are going on at the museum, which is now recognized by the American Museum Association as one of the premier small museums in the country.

The museum is gaining local, state, and national recognition.

It was one of eight museums selected by the American Association of Museums to participate in its pilot program for Governance. Recognition such as this helps the museum receive grants.

A Texas Council for the Humanities grant was received to collect research and develop a 10 panel traveling-exhibit, "The Hispanic Workforce — Past and Present." The finished product exemplifies quality in multi-cultural humanities programming.

An Institute of Museum and Library Services' Conservation grant is providing funds to upgrade storage facilities for the permanent collection.

Plans are underway to develop a multi-cultural focused long-term gallery. The exhibits will be based upon five humanities themes, supported by New West scholarship and technology. Money for this project will be from grants and donations. The museum is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which must raise its operating funds annually.

Work is underway to provide a more stable funding base. An endowment, which was created in 1980, has been reactivated for individual gifts and contributions. Call 573-6107 for more details.

Changing exhibit's galleries are planned three years out. Upcoming displays focus on international kites, Harley Davidson motorcycles, inmate art, and items from the McLaughlin collection and the Palette Club.

A total of 6,418 people visited the museum in the past 12 months.

Congress may get pay hike in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress are on their way to a $4,900 pay raise in January as the Senate used a midnight vote to thwart lawmakers who tried to block it.

After a debate that lasted five minutes late Friday night, the Senate used a 65-33 procedural vote to defeat an effort by Sens. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., to stop the increase from taking effect. Under a 1989 law, legislators get an annual cost-of-living raise unless the House and Senate vote to block it, a mechanism that often lets the increases take effect with little notice.

The latest boost is for 3.4 percent and will raise members' annual salaries to $150,000.

"Every member has to live with his own conscience and decisions," Campbell said. "But there certainly are members who fall into that category of vote no and take the dough."

Feingold questioned the timing of a congressional pay boost when "our economy is in a recession and hundreds of thousands of workers have been laid off."

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TXU rates to drop 16% by first of year

By Local, Wire reports

Some customers of longtime utilities will see their average monthly bill reduced by as much as 18 percent when electric deregulation begins.

TXU Energy, the Dallas-based company that serves much of Snyder and Scurry County, announced that its residential and small and medium-sized business customers will see electric rates drop about 16 percent beginning Jan. 1.

The Public Utility Commission on Friday approved the so-called "price to beat," the rates that the incumbent utilities participating in electric deregulation will charge residential and some small business customers in their service area who don't switch power providers.

Under the order, Texas New Mexico Power Co. rates will drop about 18 percent; Reliant Energy rates will drop about 17 percent; TXU-TESCO rates will drop about 3.6 percent; West Texas Utilities rates will drop about 11 percent; and Central Power and Light Co. rates will drop about 8 percent, according to PUC figures.

"What this means is on day one of competition, residential and small commercial customers will see a price reduction as was envisioned by lawmakers when they passed (the deregulation law)," said Larry Jones, manager of public affairs for American Electric Power, the parent company of Central Power and Light and West Texas Utilities.

The 1999 law required a mandatory 6 percent cut but because of the drop in natural gas prices, a major fuel for generating electricity, the rates were able to be lowered even more.

The longtime utilities must keep those rates for three years or until they lose 40 percent of their customer base to competitors. However, the rate can be adjusted twice a year for fuel costs.

Companies such as Green Mountain Energy Co. and The New Power Co., who are trying to lure residential customers to their services, have said the rates the incumbent utilities will charge are too low for them to offer better prices to attract new customers and cover their costs.

The PUC has said the rates should be low enough to give customers a break on their electric bills but high enough to provide room so new competing companies can offer better rates.

Electric deregulation, set to start in most of the state Jan. 1, allows customers to choose their power providers.

Parts of state, including El Paso, the Panhandle and parts of East Texas, will remain regulated on Jan. 1 but are scheduled to eventually move to deregulation. Also, the state's electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities are not required to participate in deregulation.

Snyder resident gets HSU position

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University recently announced that Snyder resident Todd Dobson is the Encourager for HSU's 2001-2002 Baptist Student Ministry Executive Council.

Clark to perform

NEW YORK (AP) — After spending more than two years touring with the musical "Sunset Boulevard," Petula Clark says it's nice to be able to sing her own songs again.

The British singer, best known for hits such as "Downtown," is featured this week in her own PBS special, "Petula Clark in Concert: A Sign of the Times" (check local listings). Clark finished up a U.S. tour of "Sunset Boulevard" last year.

"In the (United) States over the last few years, I've been doing more sort of like theater than concerts," Clark told The Associated Press.

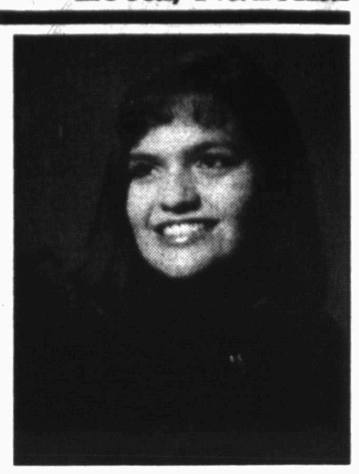
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Allison Bowden

Bowden inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

LUBBOCK — Allison Bowden, who will be a senior at mid-term, has been inducted into the Chi Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society for education majors.

Members must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or above.

Bowden, the daughter of Terry and Paula Bowden of Snyder, graduated from Snyder High School in 1999.

Grandparents include Roland and Fran Bowden of Snyder and Ken and Betty Andress, former residents who now live in Abilene.

Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, was founded March 8, 1911, at the University of Illinois. Organized to recognize excellence in education, Kappa Delta Pi, elects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in teaching and allied professions.

McHaney joins Golden Key at Texas Tech U.

LUBBOCK — Donnis Renee McHaney of Hermleigh has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually recognized during a campus ceremony.

In addition, McHaney has been awarded the Texas Tech School of Law board of regent's scholarship.

Golden Key International Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

Frazier gets Honorary FFA Degree

David Frazier, Snyder High School ag teacher, received the honorary American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Ky.

To be eligible for this award, teachers must have 80 percent FFA membership in their classroom the last year and have been teaching for a minimum of 10 years.

School reports told

LONDON (AP) — George Harrison was a boy with "little academic ability" more suited to manual labor, according to an old school report.

Liverpool teacher John Murray, who received the document from a friend, said Thursday he is considering selling it to raise money for the Liverpool-based Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

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Seven Demo chairmen won't run again

AUSTIN (AP) — After a rough round of redistricting, casualties are starting to pile up among high-ranking Democrats in the Texas House.

Seven legislators who chair House committees and help form Democratic Speaker Pete Laney's leadership team are among those who have announced in the past week that they won't seek re-election.

"I respect the decision of each member who has chosen not to seek re-election. They have accomplished a great deal for the people of Texas. Change is inevitable in the Legislature, particularly after redistricting," Laney said.

Most of the departing Democratic chairmen were placed in new House districts with fellow incumbents by the GOP-controlled Legislative Redistricting Board.

Among those Democrats announcing retirement from the House are Rob Junell of San Angelo, chairman of appropriations; Paul Sadler of Henderson, chairman of public education; Patricia Gray of Galveston, chairwoman of public health; Clyde Alexander of Athens, chairman of transportation; Fred Bosse of Houston, chairman of civil practices; Tom Ramsay of Mount Vernon, chairman of county affairs; and Ron Lewis of Mauriceville, chairman of energy resources.

All but Junell and Lewis were "paired" with other incumbents in their new districts by the redistricting board, chaired by Republican Attorney General John Cornyn.

Ramsay has filed to run for state agriculture commissioner.

Rep. Judy Hawley, D-Portland, leader of the House Rural Caucus, also is leaving. She was paired with another legislator in her new district.

Announcements by the retiring legislators began shortly before a monthlong candidate filing period opened Monday. Filing closes Jan. 2.

With no fanfare, Laney, who intends to run for an unprecedented sixth term as House speaker in 2003, filed his candidacy papers Friday for re-election to his West Texas district next year.

In a news conference in Galveston, Gray didn't mince words about why she was leaving.

Redistricting "means that some of us leave not because we want to, or because the voters have demanded it, but because three Republicans have decided for us," she said.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, both Republicans, joined Cornyn on the five-member redistricting board in voting in the new House district boundaries.

Laney and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, the two legislators on the redistricting board, opposed the House and Senate plans that prevailed.

A federal court recently upheld all of the LRB's Senate plan and most of its House plan.

So far, re-election announcements in the Senate haven't been as startling as those in the House.

The turnover occurring in the House is of a "massive scale," said Austin political consultant Bill Miller.

"You not only have turnover, but you have turnover at the highest level," he said, referring to the departures of top Laney lieutenants. "The dominoes are tumbling."

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, as he publicly wished departing legislators well, said there is a "fairly substantial" chance there will be a new speaker next session.

House members vote on the speaker. Right now, Democrats control the chamber 78-72. By some estimations, Republicans could capture as many as 88 to 90 seats under the new district boundaries.

Three Republican lawmakers have indicated they'll seek the speakership: Tom Craddick, R-Midland; Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin; and Brian McCall, R-Plano.

But Laney has the loyalty of some Republican House members, who would likely vote for him in a speaker's race.

The key question is how much Republican support Laney could get.

Political consultant Tony Proffitt, a former aide to the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, said it may not be clear until after the November 2002 general election whether Laney will have the votes to be elected speaker again.

"It remains to be seen how many Democrats will file (to run) in districts Republicans thought they owned," Proffitt said.

As for the loss of some of his committee chairmen, Laney said there will be other qualified lawmakers to succeed them.

"I am confident that the legislators who will replace them will work just as hard, be just as dedicated and build their own records of achievement as they aspire to leadership positions in the House," Laney said.

Two San Angelo Republicans want to replace Rob Junell

Two San Angelo Republicans, Drew Darby and Scott Campbell, have announced their candidacies for State Representative for District 72, which now includes Scurry County.

Both candidates are to run in the March 12 primary for the seat being vacated by Rob Junell, House appropriations committee chairman.

Darby, 54, proposed a 42-point West Texas Action Plan Thursday as he officially announced his candidacy at San Angelo city hall.

In the plan, Darby vowed to protect 2nd Amendment rights and said he is a National Rifle Association member and supports the right-to-carry handgun law. The plan also says he opposes mandatory gun registration, but supports voluntary child safety lock programs.

The plan also mentions agricultural issues and education needs. It calls for economic growth, lower taxes and stiffer penalties for crime.

Darby said the plan "was assembled by visiting with neighbors and listening to their concerns, viewpoints and needs."

"It is conservative and straight forward and it places faith in individual freedoms and local community control, not in bureaucratic red tape and unnecessary government mandates," he said.

Darby, a San Angelo city councilman, was reared in San Angelo and graduated from San Angelo Central High School before attending the University of Texas on a football scholarship.

He graduated from UT and UT Law School and now owns a San Angelo law firm and two title companies with branch offices in Mitchell and Tom Green Counties.

Darby is married with five children and is a member of the First United Methodist Church. Three of his children attend San Angelo public schools and two are in college at San Angelo State University and Texas Tech.

Campbell, a San Angelo businessman and also a native, announced his candidacy Friday morning, flanked by former state Sen. Bill Sims and 119th District Attorney Steve Smith.

Campbell said he has learned much from Sims, who is his uncle.

Campbell and his wife, DeAnna, are owners of Ranch Publishing, a business they established in 1982.

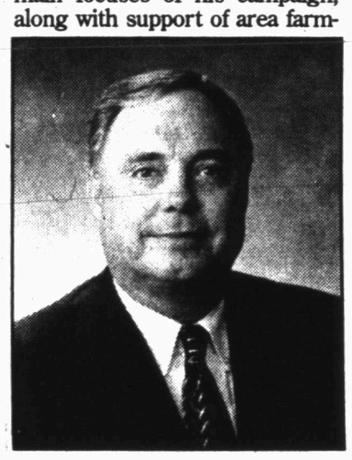
Their magazine, Ranch and Rural Living, goes to 11,500 subscribers across the country. He also is involved in selling ranch real estate.

Campbell said water, education and law enforcement would be main focuses of his campaign, along with support of area farmers and ranchers.

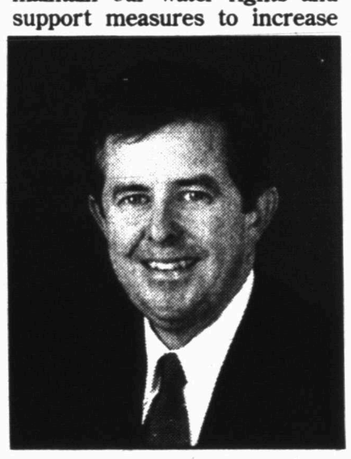
"I believe I have a very broad perspective of the needs of this region and I just want to do what I can to help," he said. "Our family has owned a ranch near Paint Rock since the 1870s and I have a strong desire to do what I can to help the farming and ranching community which is facing tough times. I want to stand for private property rights, will work to maintain our water rights and support measures to increase water supplies."

The Campbells have two children, Jill, a junior at Texas A&M and Steven, a sophomore at San Angelo Central High School.

Campbell is a 1977 graduate of Angelo State University, is a private pilot and was a member of the 1990-92 Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program, a two-year program conducted by Texas A&M.



Drew Darby



Scott Campbell

Open meeting law violated by Dallas board of trustees

DALLAS (AP) — Trustees on the Dallas school board broke the law when they met behind closed doors to discuss a proposed redistricting map, a judge ruled Friday.

The ruling was handed down by 191st Civil District Judge Catharina Haynes in a lawsuit filed by Hispanic leaders against the Dallas Independent School District.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs alleged that the board violated the Texas Open Meetings law when it discussed the redistricting process while in closed session.

The law allows matters such as lawsuits, personnel decisions and property negotiations to be discussed in closed session.

After reviewing hundreds of pages of transcripts from the closed meetings, the judge found that the trustees violated the law at least nine times, said William A. Brewer III, lead attorney for the plaintiffs.

Brewer and district attorneys said the ruling could nullify the board's 5-4 vote on a new redistricting map.

"These trustees were essentially discussing what map they would adopt and what their story would be," Brewer told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's edition. "Well, they've lost.

School board President Ken Zornes said he was disappointed with the ruling but said the district probably won't appeal.

"The judge made a ruling based on knowledge of the law, and I'm going to go along with that decision," Zornes said.

He said that trustees never took a straw vote on any maps and never intended to break the law.

"The board during this entire process acted in good faith," he said. "In closed session, some things are said that people don't want to be said in public."

A trial date was scheduled for Dec. 17 to determine how to deal with the violations.

Kofi Annan to appear on 'Sesame Street' show

NEW YORK (AP) — If only all conflicts could be resolved so easily.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan taped an appearance for the children's television show "Sesame Street" Thursday, stepping in when Elmo and his friends argued over who would get to sing the alphabet song.

"Is there a problem I can help you with?" he asked.

"That depends," the fuzzy red puppet replied. "Who are you?"

Annan introduced himself, then suggested the puppet monsters sing the song together.

Annan said he agreed to appear on the show because "it is wonderful to be able to reach the young to try to give them the spirit of the United Nations." His taping came a few days before he was to accept the 100th Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10.

Michael Loman, Sesame Street's executive producer, said only two other major political figures had appeared on the show.

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WTC proposal is victim to anthrax

Anthrax scares in our nation's capital and the resulting lockdowns in many post offices on the East Coast have caused problems for at least one local entity.

Staffers at Western Texas College were busy Friday preparing an application for a $1 million grant - for the second time.

The original grant application never arrived at its Washington, D.C. destination and appears to be stuck in one of the closed postal buildings.

"The original application had to be postmarked by Oct. 19 and we had to send it with a return receipt so we would have proof that it arrived," said WTC vice president Bettie McQueen. "We never got that receipt back and when we called to ask about it, we were told that it could be hung in one of the closed post offices."

McQueen said numerous inquiries were received, prompting an extension in the application deadline.

"We got an email Thursday that said 'due to recent disruptions in the U.S. Postal Service' the deadline had been extended," she said. "We were required to send three copies of the application in bound form and one that wasn't bound, so we got those together and they were put in the mail Friday afternoon."

McQueen said the grant is a talent-search grant that provides programs for low income or disadvantaged students in the college's service area. She expected a decision on the grant, which is for colleges, but not limited to community colleges, to be awarded in April.

"We had a master disk with the application on it, so we didn't have to start from scratch," she said. "We were glad about that."

Anthrax fear holds up results of tests

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The anthrax scare has held up the PSAT answer sheets of about 75,000 students nationwide, but officials with the College Board said the delay won't affect students' chances at a scholarship.

The answer sheets have been quarantined along with anthrax-tainted mail, the College Board said Friday.

The sheets come from about 1,200 of the 23,000 U.S. high schools where juniors and sophomores took the preliminary SAT, which serves as a qualifier for National Merit Scholarship competition.

"We certainly are willing to try to make whatever accommodations we need to so all the students can participate," said Elaine Detweiler, spokeswoman for National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Most of the missing answer sheets are believed to be among 800,000 pieces of mail detained at the mail processing center in Hamilton N.J., after officials found anthrax-contaminated letters had passed through there.

Mail from another postal facility, Washington D.C.'s shuttered Brentwood facility, where two workers died from inhaled anthrax, ran into a different problem this week — two batches caught fire during the decontamination process, apparently because some material overheated.

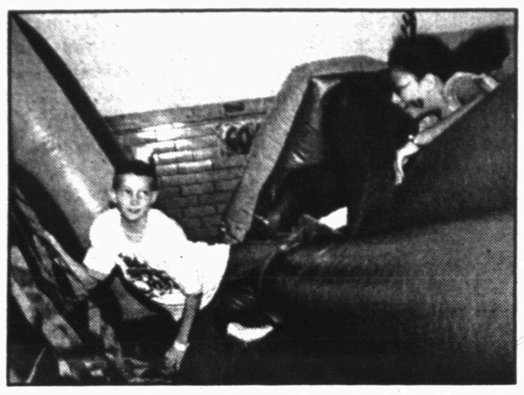
Postal Service officials declined to specify what materials might have overheated, saying they didn't want to give information to potential saboteurs.

Meanwhile, in Connecticut, where an elderly woman died of inhaled anthrax, Gov. John Rowland said he supported a decision by federal authorities not to contact the 241 homes and businesses in his state found to have received mail that crossed paths with two anthrax-tainted letters.

"If it had some health effect on someone, we would have already seen those effects," said Rowland spokesman Dean Pagani. "We're talking about one or two spores of anthrax that may or may not have gotten on any of those letters. You could be alarming people unnecessarily."

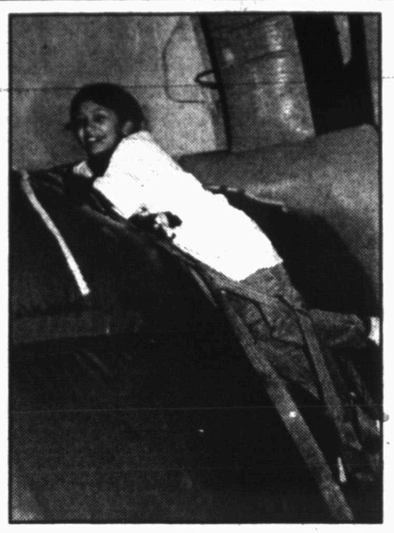
The Connecticut address list was compiled by tracking mail sent through a New Jersey distribution center on Oct. 9 at the same time as anthrax-tainted letters sent to Sens. Patrick Leahy and Tom Daschle.

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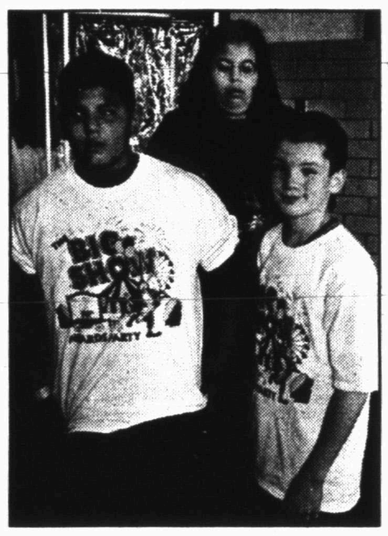


Students enjoying themselves include Dustin Murdock (above) and Laura Gutierrez; (above and middle); and Adrianna Herrera (far right)

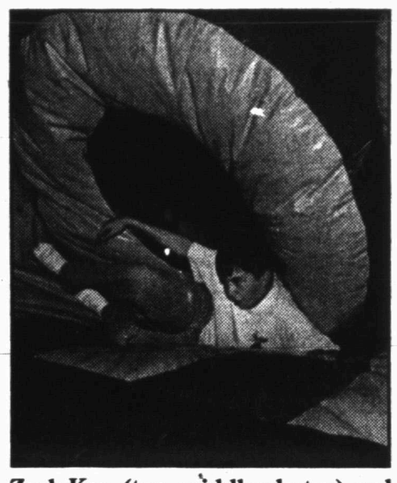




West Elementary students who sold at least 10 items during the annual candle sale were treated to fun activities Wednesday like the Big Show, inflatable obstacle course and bungee races, etc. Other prizes included T-shirts, face painting, video games, cash grab and a limo ride. Tolal sales were $16,621 of which the school keeps 40 percent or about $6,648. Proceeds fund special field trips, the Christmas party, and reward parties for good behavior and attendance. In past years, playground equipment was also purchased.



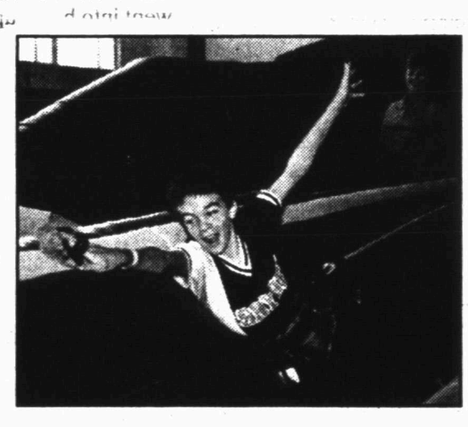
Paul Garcia, left, and Taylor Groat tried on their new T-shirts. Jessica Verduzco is in back.



Zack Key (top, middle photos) and Eldon Morris (bottom photo) enjoyed the obstacle course.







The bungee race was a popular event. Students who tried their luck included (top photo) Brandon Jones, left, and Juan Hidalgo; and (bottom photo) Josie Torres, left, and Ashley Thatcher. Sheryll Reed and Dalvin Hampton officiated. Brent Bollinger (photo at right) stretched as far as he could go.





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Financial Focus

What to do if the "Pink Slip" Arrives

In recent months, we've seen report after report of companies making major layoffs. It may not happen to you, but if it does, what financial moves should you make?

Before you take any steps, just remember one thing: You don't need to panic. While getting laid off is certainly not pleasant, it's also not the end of the world. In fact, many people who go through this experience land on their feet, with jobs as good as or even better than they had before.

Nonetheless, you'll still want to ensure you make the right decisions during any time you are laid off. Here are a few ideas to consider.

•**Be prepared.** The best time to deal with any financial pressures resulting from a layoff is well before the layoff occurs. That's why you should maintain an emergency fund to cover at least six months' to a year's worth of living expenses. You may want to keep these funds in a money market account that offers liquidity and competitive returns. Then, if you are laid off, you won't have to rush into selling off your long-term investments.

•**Protect your 401(k).** If you're laid off, your 401(k) will present you with a tempting target. After all, it's just sitting there — and it may contain a lot of money. But raiding your 401(k) could be one of the worst mistakes you make. If you do cash it out, you'll have to pay income taxes on the proceeds, and if you're under 59½, you also may have to pay a 10 percent premature distribution penalty. And, just as bad, you'll be depriving yourself of a major source of retirement income. If you're really cash-strapped, you may be able to take out a loan on your 401(k), but you should take this step only as a last resort. You'll be better off either keeping your 401(k) in your former employer's plan, moving it to your existing IRA, or transferring it to a "rollover" IRA, from which you can eventually move it to your new employer's 401(k).

•**Consider adjusting your asset mix.** If you've maintained a diversified portfolio of investments, you'll be in good shape to make some needed adjustments in case of a layoff. For example, if you have a lot of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks, you may want to think about selling some and then investing the proceeds into income-producing vehicles, such as bonds. That way, you won't have to deplete all your assets — and once you're employed again, you can readjust your portfolio to match your investment personality, time horizon and long-term goals.

•**Borrow wisely.** If you have to borrow, be smart about it. A loan from a family member or close friend may affect your pride, but it's less expensive than one offered by a high-interest-rate credit card.

By planning ahead and using your resources wisely, you can almost certainly get through a layoff with your financial future intact. So take the necessary steps — and keep moving forward.

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Appeals court says satellite providers must carry locals

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday upheld a decision that requires satellite providers to carry all local public television stations if they choose to air any in a particular market.

Previously, satellite companies could select which stations to air. Starting Jan. 1, the companies must run all local stations, if they choose to run one. The companies still can opt not to run any.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a ruling a federal judge issued in June. It still can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association and companies EchoStar and DirecTV sued the FCC arguing that its "must-carry" rules violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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ATTEND CONFERENCE — Suzanne Pollard, left, and Kim Fritz recently attended a national conference in Boston, Mass. about "Learning and the Brain." (Contributed Photo)

Fritz, Pollard attend meeting

Two Scurry County Community Services employees recently attended a national conference for educators, *Learning and the Brain* in Boston, Mass.

Kim Fritz, executive assistant, and Suzanne Pollard, coordinator for Scurry County Early Head Start, heard presentations by world-renowned neuroscientists, including Steven Pinker, Ph.D (MIT); Jerome Kagan, Ph.D. (Harvard University); and Robert Greeleaf, Ed.D (Brown University.)

The presentations concerned the newest research findings on the brain, how we learn, and how we remember.

One of the most important stages of brain growth and development is from birth to three years of age.

Infant and toddlers' brains grow at a pace faster than at any time of life. Connections of brain cells form rapidly throughout early childhood, which makes the early years an especially critical time for children's learning and development.

Fritz said, "Not only did we learn the most recent studies of the human brain but of strategies that take this knowledge into the classroom to optimize learning. By adding one seemingly small thing to an activity with the children, another section of the brain could be engaged."

Pollard said putting movements to mental thoughts and repetition of the activity help children to remember things and strengthen the connection in the brain to retain it long term.

They also shared tips they learned that help people stay in top shape mentally such as exercising, drinking lots of water, eating nutritious foods while avoiding highly processed ones, practicing deep breathing, and exercising your brain by doing activities such as brain games, crossword puzzles and reading.

Snyder Day Care, Scurry County Head Start, and Scurry County Early Head Start are programs of Scurry Community Services. These programs serve children from birth to age 13.



Candy Holdridge

C. Holdridge is recognized

Candy Holdridge, a teacher for Scurry County Early Head Start, a program of Scurry Community Services, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The Council for Professional Recognition in Washington D.C., which represents the early childhood profession, awarded the credential.

A native of Snyder, Holdridge graduated from Snyder High School and earned her Associate of Arts Degree in 1985. She is attending Western Texas College and will earn a second associate's degree in early childhood education in May.

Holdridge has been with the Early Head Start program since December of 2000.

She is married to Raymond Holdridge. She is the daughter of Ida Turnbo and the late Alfred Turnbo.

Blanchett has boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a boy for actress Cate Blanchett.

The Oscar-nominated star of "Elizabeth" who will appear in the upcoming World War II drama "Charlotte Gray," gave birth this week to Dashiell John in London, publicist Lisa Kasteler said Thursday from Los Angeles.

The child is the first for the 32-year-old actress and her husband, screenwriter Andrew Upton. There were no details about the infant or place of birth. Kasteler said the baby and parents were doing fine.

Blanchett also stars in the upcoming Tom Tykwer film "Heaven," which is opening at the Berlin Film Festival.

Death penalty foes seek end

AUSTIN (AP) — Nineteen years after the first execution by lethal injection in America, anti-death penalty advocates on Friday called for an end to capital punishment.

Even lethal injection, which is supposed to be a more humane killing method than the electric chair or gas chamber, is morally wrong, the groups said.

"We are conditioned in this country to believe that it is OK to strap somebody to a hospital-like gurney, sedate them and inject them with lethal chemical poison and have that person fall asleep painlessly," said Rick Halperin, president of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

"It is absurd to believe there is a clean way to exterminate a human being," he said.

Charlie Brooks Jr. was the first person to be executed by lethal injection in America when he was put to death in Texas on Dec. 7, 1982, for the 1976 murder of a car mechanic. Since then, 36 of the 38 states that have the death penalty use lethal injection, Halperin said.

The procedure requires the inmates to be strapped to a gurney. After a suitable vein is found, he is injected with a dosage of sodium thiopental, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride to kill him.

But it doesn't always go smoothly.

SHS has active TSA chapter



WINS BARBECUE PIT — Donna Morris won the barbecue pit recently given away by the SHS TSA chapter. Morris is pictured with her children, Austin and Hailey. Glenn Burns is pictured at right and Matthew Stokes is in back. (Contributed Photo)

Donna Morris is the winner of a barbecue pit recently given away by Snyder High School's Technology Student Association Booster Club. Proceeds from the project will support the school's TSA chapter.

SHS has an active chapter with 29 students involved. New members may join up to March 1.

The association was officially organized in 1958 with the state office located in Snyder. Its name then was the Texas Industrial Arts Students Association.

TSA is the only organization devoted exclusively to technology education students. It is supported by educators, parents and business leaders.

Members learn through competitive events, leadership opportunities, and much more. Texas is currently one of the largest charted states in TSA.

Students involved in the organization are enrolled in courses such as construction systems (woods); architectural construction (woods 2); manufacturing systems (metals 1); manufacturing technology (metals 2); technology systems (plastics); engineering graphics, architectural graphics, computer applications (computer aided drafting) or research, development and design (third year of any technology education area.)

TSA students compete each year in those events. Last year, TSA members received many honors. The students raise funds throughout the year to pay for their trip. Activities have included selling pecans and peanuts as well as making cutting boards. Anyone interested in purchasing any of these items may contact Darrin Duzan or Sam Huffman at 573-6301.

TSA officers for 2001-2002 include Jose Perez, president; Cory Cochran, vice president; Joe Bishop, secretary; Jeremy Miller, reporter; Jeff Proctor, sergeant at arms; and Saul Pena, treasurer.

The next meeting for the SHS TSA Booster Club will be January. Parents and business leaders are urged to participate.

Enron workers keep resolve

HOUSTON (AP) — They lost their jobs, and many of them their retirement, but laid-off Enron employees say the energy company has given them one thing that is helping them survive its swift and stunning downfall: resolve.

"What was unique about Enron is even in the throes of bankruptcy we felt like we were the New York Yankees and that we can still win in the ninth inning," said John Allario, who said he lost tens of thousands of dollars in stock as well as his job.

"There was this 'not until the last out are we out,' and even when the last out came and we went into bankruptcy ... the same attitude pervaded the company and the people stayed there and said we are going to win this game," he said.

But Enron was losing millions, and in a matter of weeks, it went from being among the nation's top 10 companies, in terms of revenue, to filing the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

Investors and traders alike evaporated amid revelations of questionable partnerships that helped keep billions of dollars in debt off Enron's books and the company's acknowledgment that it overstated profits for four years. Enron stock fell from a peak of $90 a year ago to less than a dollar.

The company sought protection from creditors on Sunday after Dynegy Inc. backed out of a planned takeover amid worries about Enron's finances and deteriorating business. On Monday, the company laid of Allario and 4,000 other employees, most of them at its Houston headquarters.

On Friday, 200 more employees were cut from the company's prized power trading unit, Enron Americas, taking the total cuts to 25 percent of Enron's 21,000-member work force.

Spokesman Mark Palmer said the latest cuts were necessary so the company could maintain a cost effective operation while in bankruptcy.

"It's a shock to all of us really," said Richard Britton, 27, who talked with recruiters and potential employers at a gathering for Enron workers Friday at a Houston bar.

"This was a place where I thought I could hang my hat and stay a while," he said. "But you can't dwell on it and be sad about it. You have to move on, because we've all got bills to pay."

Bills are among Wendy Hiatt's biggest concerns after going from making $70,000 a year to nothing since Monday. The 35-year-old already has made plans to move in with her sister.

Shane Lakho, 47, is in a similar position. She's turning off her television cable, canceling her pest control and trying to figure out how she's going to recover from losing more than $200,000 in Enron stock and her retirement plan that she had built over 15 years at the company.

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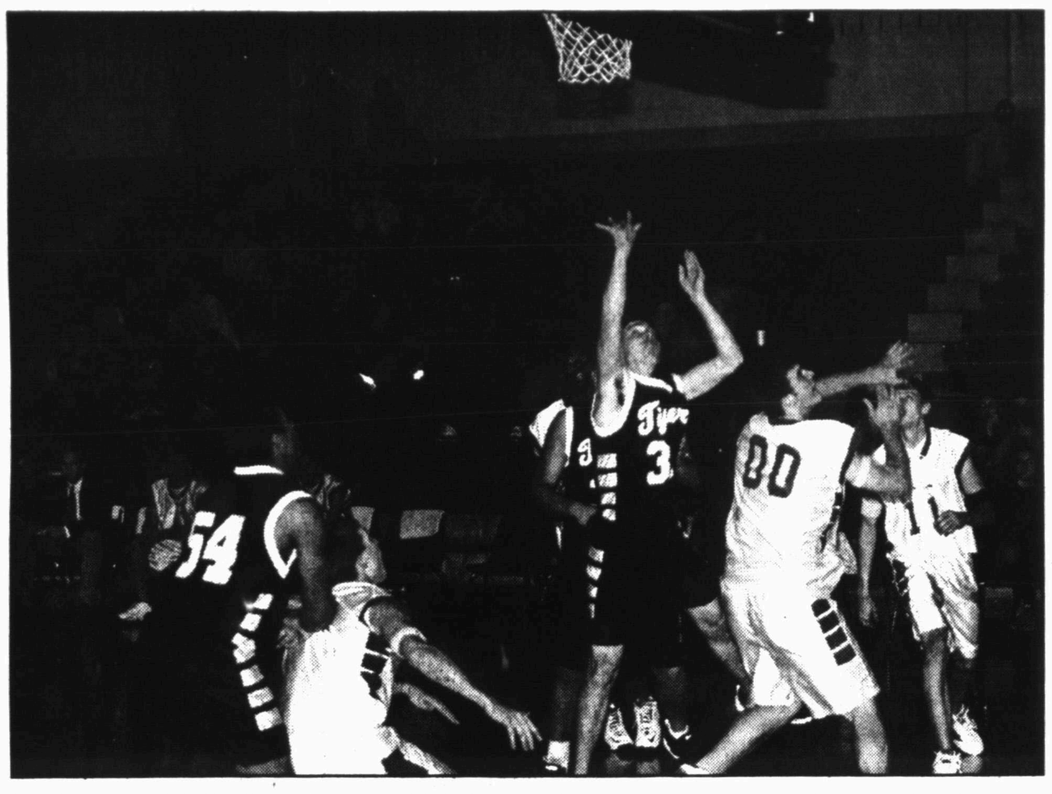
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POINT-BLANK RANGE — Snyder's Nick Landes (32) maneuvers around Olney's Kyle Andrews (00) for a shot as Corey Clay (54) looks on during the Tigers' 47-39 setback Friday at the Wylie Catclaw Invitational. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cold-shooting Tigers fall in semifinals, 47-39

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Snyder Tigers have won their share of ballgames over the past few years relying on the strength of their defense.

On Friday, not even the Tigers' stingy man-to-man tactics could overcome a dismal shooting performance.

Snyder shot a meager 27 percent from the field to offset an otherwise solid effort in a 47-39 setback to the Olney Cubs in the semifinals of the Wylie Catclaw Invitational.

Despite their inability to score, the Tigers held a third-quarter lead and trailed by only two points with 2:20 left in the game. The resulting eight-point loss left Coach Bud Birks feeling like the Tigers let another one slip away.

"We're tired of losing games like this," said Birks. "It's the same thing. We're right there with a chance to win, and then we don't make the plays at the end that we need to.

"These kind hurt worse than losing by 25 points, because you know you could've won if you just tighten up your game at the end."

Snyder committed fewer turnovers than Olney and matched the Cubs on the glass with 24 rebounds.

The Tigers' downfall was a 13-of-49 shooting performance from the floor that included an 8-of-29 effort from close range.

"We couldn't throw it in the ocean," Birks said. "But you're going to have days like that in this sport. Sometimes they fall and sometimes they don't. The bottom line is when we had our chances near the end, we didn't execute like we needed to."

Snyder tallied only five points in the opening quarter and added just six more in the second, but trailed by only six points at the break.

The Tigers grabbed their first lead midway through the third quarter on back-to-back three-pointers by Chris McLeod and Nick Landes.

McLeod was the Tigers' saving grace on the offensive end. The senior drained four long-range buckets in the second half, including three in a span of two minutes in the fourth quarter.

McLeod's final three-pointer closed the gap to 41-39 with 2:20 remaining, but the Tigers never scored again.

A turnover and three empty trips gave Olney the room it needed to pad its lead. Derrick Pratt dropped in four free throws down the stretch, and brother Trent Pratt added a late layup for the final eight-point margin.

"It's frustrating because we'll play well enough to win for all but a few minutes in the game," said Birks. "In those few minutes we don't do the fundamental things like block out or pressure the ball and it ends up costing us."

Derrick Pratt finished with a game-high 17 points, while McLeod registered 16 for the Tigers.

Snyder is in action again at 5 p.m. Saturday against the host Wylie Bulldogs.

Snyder	05	06	12	16	— 39
Olney	06	11	15	15	— 47

Snyder
Clay 1-4 5-6 7, Landes 3-14 2-2 9, Mendoza 2-4 0-0 4, McLeod 6-15 0-0 16, Bedell 0-2 0-1 0, Scott 1-6 0-0 2, Thompson 0-1 1-2 1, Driggers 0-3 0-2 0. **Totals 13-49 8-13 39.**

Olney
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Three-point goals: Snyder 5 (McLeod 4, Landes), Olney 5 (T. Pratt 2, Meredith 2, D. Pratt). Rebounds: Snyder 24 (Clay 8, Mendoza 8), Olney 24 (D. Pratt 8). Total fouls: Snyder 16, Olney 16. Fouled out — Mendoza, McLeod.

TCU earns bowl berth with victory over Southern Miss

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Casey Printers has developed into the quarterback TCU expected, and as a result, the Horned Frogs are headed to a bowl game.

Printers threw for 274 yards and a touchdown, and ran for another score to lead TCU to a 14-12 victory over Southern Mississippi on Friday night.

The Horned Frogs finished with two straight victories to gain a spot against Texas A&M in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston on Dec. 28.

"We wanted to play in another bowl game," Printers said. "We came out in front of a hostile crowd, on national television, and did what needed to be done."

Printers passed for 1,159 yards and eight touchdowns in TCU's last four games.

"Casey is starting to mature," first-year coach Gary Patterson said. "He still has some orneriness to him, but the bottom line is he grew up in the last part of the season."

The Golden Eagles (6-5, 4-3) lost their final two games and will miss the postseason for the first time in five years.

Printers completed 15 of 31 passes, rushed for 28 yards and was at his best on third-and-long. Six times he converted on third-and-5 or longer, four on passes and twice running, helping the Horned Frogs overcome 16 penalties for 118 yards.

Adrian Madise caught six passes for a career-high 177 yards and a touchdown for the Horned Frogs, who kept their bowl aspirations alive with a victory over C-USA champ Louisville two weeks ago.

Madise finished what he called a "crazy season" with four straight 100-yard receiving games.

Jeff Kelly was 20-for-37 for 224 yards and a touchdown in his final game for Southern Miss, but threw three second-half interceptions in TCU territory.

The final one came with 33 seconds left and the Golden Eagles driving.

On a second-and-5 from the TCU 32, Kelly's wobbly pass sailed high over the middle and hit TCU's Kenneth Hilliard in the chest. Hilliard bobbled the ball before catching it while lying on his back at the 14.

Kelly was hit on the play, but looked up just in time to see Hilliard's juggling catch.

"Your heart falls when you see that," Kelly said.

TCU avenged last season's 28-21 loss to Southern Miss in the GMAC Bowl. In that game, Kelly threw a game-winning touchdown with 8 seconds left.

Kelly completed a 34-yard pass to Rocky Harrison on the first play of the last drive that had Printers worried about a repeat performance.

"I thought, 'Oh, not again,'" he said. "I was a little nervous, but our defense pulled it out."

Kelly's second pick came moments after Southern Miss' Antoine Cash sacked Printers in the end zone for a safety that made the score 14-12 late in the third.

Austin LBJ edges Lady Tigers, 51-49

AUSTIN — For the second straight day, the Lady Tigers' rally came up two points short.

Snyder used a third-quarter spurt to overcome an 11-point deficit, but couldn't hold off Austin LBJ in a 51-49 setback Friday at the Lake Travis Hill Country Classic.

It was the Lady Tigers' second consecutive two-point loss after falling to Bastrop, 39-37, on Thursday.

Snyder trailed by 10 points in the first quarter, and fell behind by as many as 11 before staging a third-quarter comeback.

The Lady Tigers posted 18 points in the opening minutes of the second half to grab a three-point lead.

LBJ regained control to start the final frame and drained eight free throws down the stretch to preserve the victory.

Snyder was to have squared off with St. Stephen's this morning.

Snyder	05	14	18	12	— 49
Austin LBJ	15	15	06	15	— 51

Snyder: Erin Burleson, 13; Hailey Putnam, 9; Taylor Daniell, 7; Zipporah Peoples, 6; Kentara McDonald, 5; April Lollar, 4; Chaelyn Robinson, 2.

Stars streak past Oilers, 5-0

DALLAS (AP) — The Edmonton Oilers disliked Reunion Arena, from the cramped locker room to the slushy ice.

Now, the Oilers have a new place to hate in Dallas.

Joe Nieuwendyk and Pat Verbeek scored in a 10-second span to spark a four-goal first period as the Stars beat Edmonton 5-0 Friday night to snap a six-game home winless streak.

Dallas stretched its regular-season home winning streak over Edmonton to 12 games in the Oilers' first game at the American Airlines Center.

"This was a huge game for us," Oilers defenseman Tom Poti said. "You want to see how you match up against the top teams and we didn't play very well."

Edmonton's all-time regular-season record in Dallas is 1-15-1, with the last win coming at Reunion Arena on Jan. 17, 1996.

"Every one of these games (against Edmonton) are high-tempo games with a lot of passing and skating," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Our guys like that type of game."

Jere Lehtinen had two goals and Mike Modano added a goal and two assists, who had been 0-3-3 at home since Nov. 2.

Marty Turco stopped 24 shots for his second shutout of the season and fifth of his career as the Stars improved to 5-1-2 in their last eight.

Turco said nobody on his team made a big deal about the Stars' recent struggles at home — or about the Oilers' inability to win in Dallas.

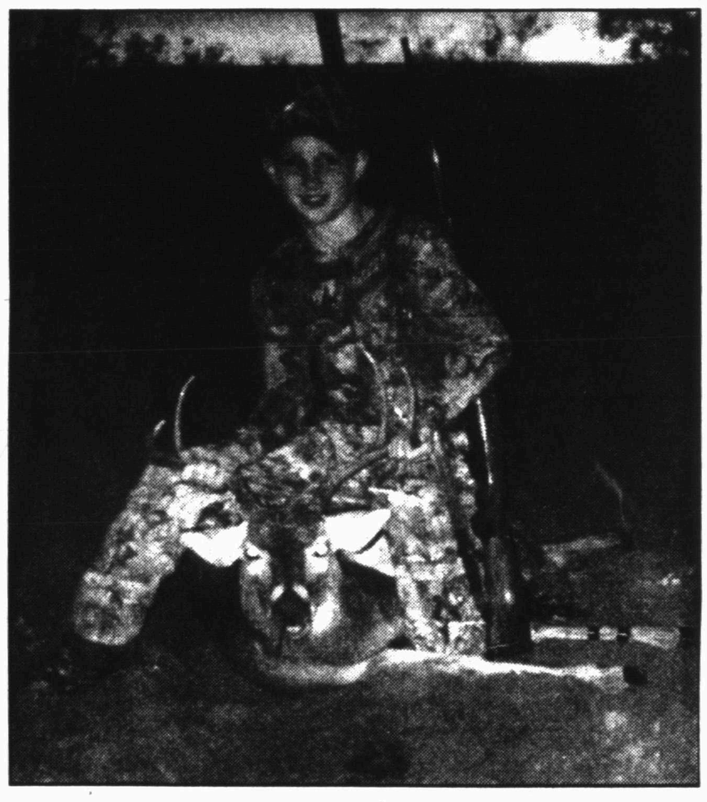
"We needed a win, period," Turco said. "This gives us some confidence."

The Stars took advantage of early Edmonton turnovers, scoring five goals on their first eight shots.

"That was one of the few times this season when we beat ourselves," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. "It cost us the game. We couldn't recover."

Nieuwendyk triggered the first-period blitz with a deflection for his 13th goal at 2:59. Verbeek took advantage of a turnover by Edmonton defenseman Tom Poti and scored his fourth on a breakaway at 3:09 as Dallas fell three seconds short of matching the fastest two goals in team history.

Lehtinen's first goal of the night came on a rebound at 11:04. Modano's 13th of the season was a backhander at 18:26 that pushed Dallas' lead to 4-0.



DEER SLAYER — Dustin Murdock, 11, brought down this eight-point buck recently in Mitchell County. Dustin is the son of Dewayne and Vickie Murdock, and the grandson of Tommy and Sandy Fletcher, and Don and Kathy Murdock. (Contributed Photo)

Sports Briefs

Braves re-sign Lopez

ATLANTA (AP) — The Braves re-signed free agent Javy Lopez, agreeing to a $6 million, one-year contract with the catcher.

Lopez, a two-time All-Star, agreed to a pay cut after his offensive numbers dipped significantly in 2001. He batted .267, his lowest average since he was a rookie. He also had 17 homers and 66 RBIs, the fewest in a full season since 1995.

OU's Calmus wins Butkus Award

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Oklahoma senior Rocky Calmus won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker.

Maryland's E.J. Henderson and UCLA's Robert Thomas were also finalists. Calmus, an All-American and Butkus finalist in 2000, made 117 tackles this season, including 15 for losses. He helped No. 11 Oklahoma go 10-2 and earn a Cotton Bowl berth.

Tyson cancels fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson called off his January fight against Ray Mercer so he can challenge heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis in April.

As the No. 1 contender, Tyson is in position for the WBC's mandatory challenge against Lewis, who regained the WBC and IBF titles by knocking out Hasim Rahman in the fourth round of a rematch Nov. 17 at Las Vegas.

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SPORTS

Van Alstyne halts Post's playoff run

COPPELL — With three early touchdowns in the span of three minutes, the Van Alstyne Panthers ended the Post Antelopes' run through the playoffs.

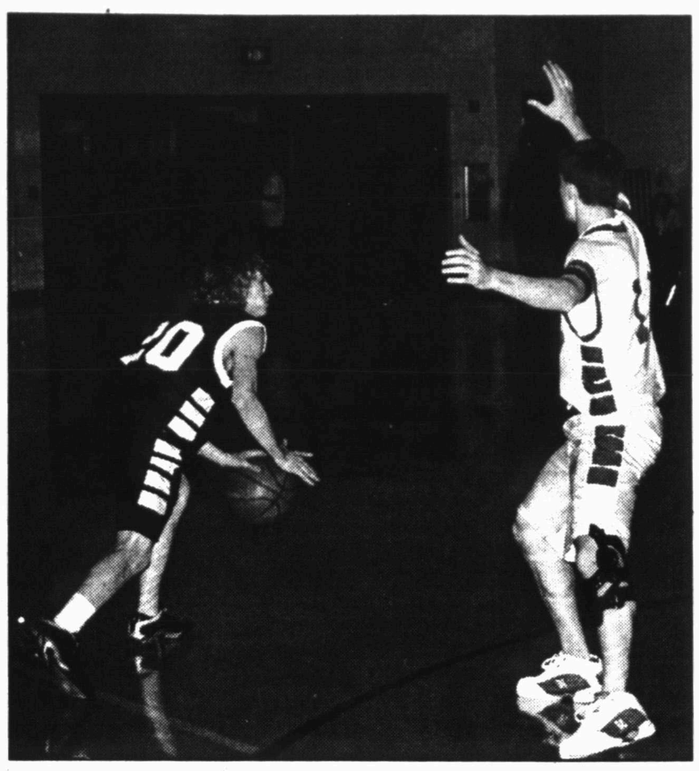
Van Alstyne jumped out to a 21-0 lead then held on to knock off Post, 29-14, in a Class 2A Division I semifinal at Cowboy Stadium.

The Antelopes ended their season with a record of 10-4. The Panthers improved to 12-2 and will square off with the Hemphill-Blanco winner in next week's state tile game.

After notching three scores in the first quarter, Van Alstyne added another in the second to build a 29-0 halftime advantage.

Post tried to rally with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter.

Michael Huff hit Jarrett Vickers with a 6-yard scoring strike for the Antelopes first points of the night. Minutes later, Jonathan Curtis plunged in from 3 yards out to cap the scoring.



LOOKING FOR HELP — Snyder point guard Colter Bedell searches for an open teammate while Olney's C.J. Bedford tries to obstruct his view during tournament action Friday at Abilene Wylie. (SDN Staff Photo)

Giants need win over Dallas to stay in hunt

IRVING (AP) — The New York Giants were off last weekend, giving them plenty of time to stare down this reality: If they don't get on a roll soon, last year's NFC champions won't make the playoffs.

New York (5-6) is among three teams stuck two games behind Philadelphia for the lead in the NFC East. The only team out of the race is the Dallas Cowboys (3-8), who the Giants play Sunday to start their five-game, make-or-break playoff push.

"What we need to realize as a team is that if we play like we've played, we'll be 0-5," cornerback Jason Sehorn said. "If we do some things that got us victories, we can be 5-0.

"It's never been a question of effort or talent with this team. It's the mistakes and, to a man, we've made too many mistakes, myself included."

Maybe what New York needs is a jolt from the coach, a bold statement telling the world he believes the Giants are about to get their act together and win, say, seven straight games to reach the Super Bowl.

No way, Jim Fassel says, even though he made his memorable playoff guarantee after 11 games last season. Those Giants were 7-4.

"I did that last year for certain reasons, which here, right now, I'm not going to do," Fassel said. "Not that I don't feel as confident in this team, but you don't need to go down that same track again."

New York has lost two straight and five of seven. The two-game winning streak sandwiched between the losses started with a 27-24 overtime victory against Dallas after Giants turnovers helped put the Cowboys ahead 17-0.

Guard Glenn Parker said New York's confidence is shaken, but optimism is high. It helps to know the Giants are 13-2 in December since Fassel took over in 1997. Fassel also is 6-3 against Dallas, with three straight wins.

New York's final stretch is like climbing stairs one at a time. After Dallas, the Giants play Arizona (5-6), Seattle (6-5), Philadelphia (7-4) and Green Bay (8-3).

"It's the little things that will get us over the last five games — nothing magical, just us becoming fundamentally sound again," tackle Lomas Brown said.

Dallas is coming off a 20-14 victory over the Washington Redskins that ended a five-game losing streak. The win has generated so much confidence that coach Dave Campo, seemingly taking a cue from owner Jerry Jones, is dreaming of winning out to finish the season 8-8.

The Cowboys remember following their first win of the season with their second in the next game. They would've made it three in a row if not for the second-half collapse against the Giants.

Revenge is a silly concept in the NFL, but Dallas players are bitter about letting their last three games against New York slip away by five, four and three points.

"To get after these guys in an NFC East game would be a big win for us, because it would keep things going for the end of the year," defensive tackle Brandon Noble said.

A priority remains developing rookie quarterback Quincy Carter.

Carter was effective against the Redskins, showing his mobility and his arm without making any crucial mistakes. He even made a big play: A game-breaking 64-yard touchdown pass to Raghib Ismail in the fourth quarter.

"If I don't go out the next five weeks and perform, everybody will forget about that performance," Carter said.

Smith sparks Spurs' 86-76 win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have another long-range shooting threat named Smith.

Reserve Charles Smith scored a career-high 20 points, including three timely 3s in the fourth quarter, to lead the Spurs to a 86-76 win over the depleted Philadelphia 76ers on Friday night.

Smith, who spent the first nine games of the season on the injured list, shot 4-for-6 from 3-point range, stealing the attention from starter Steve Smith, who leads the league in 3-point shooting at 62 percent.

"I shoot a lot before and after practice," Charles Smith said. "It's paying off and I'm just giving a full effort. That's all I can do."

Tim Duncan added 18 points and nine rebounds, and David Robinson and Antonio Daniels each scored 12 points for San Antonio, which is off to its best start at 14-4.

The 76ers played without guard Allen Iverson and forward Derrick Coleman, who together average 44 points. Iverson missed the game with a sprained thumb. Coleman was a last-minute scratch due to a hyperextended left knee.

Philadelphia, playing its third game in four nights, kept pace with San Antonio for most of the game, tying the score at 63 on a driving layup by Raja Bell with 9:26 remaining.

Smith then hit three 25-footers and blocked a shot, all in a two-minute span, as the Spurs built a 74-65 lead. After a tip-in by Corie Blount with 6:47 left, the 76ers went more than four minutes without a field goal.

"For anyone who likes defense, which is zero fans, this was a great game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Speedy Claxton, starting in place of Iverson, led Philadelphia with 19 points. Dikembe Mutombo added 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Matt Harpring scored 14 points.

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown looked past the loss.

"As short-handed as we are, to perform like that against a great team, I'm proud of them," he said. "I felt like we won."

Harpring disagreed.

"All I know is we lost the game," Harpring said. "Going out and playing hard, that's a given, but any time you lose you can't say you played too well."

With their top scorers sidelined, the 76ers relied on the long-range shooting of Claxton and Harpring.

The Sixers tried to harass the Spurs with a scrambling man-to-man defense.

San Antonio led for most of the first quarter. Back-to-back three-pointers by Aaron McKie and Vonteego Cummings and a driving layup by McKie gave Philadelphia a 28-24 lead early in the second.

Smith responded with his first 3-pointer, and a pair of free throws by Duncan started a 16-4 run that gave the Spurs their largest lead of the half, 40-32, with 3:49 remaining.

Mutombo and Claxton each made two baskets to pull the 76ers within three, 43-40, at the break.

Astros re-sign Merced to one-year deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Orlando Merced, who led the majors in RBIs by a pinch-hitter last year, signed a $1.05 million, one-year contract Friday to remain with the Houston Astros.

Merced started last season as a non-roster invitee in spring training and hit .263 in 94 games, including 20 starts.

As a pinch-hitter, he was 15-for-58 (.259) with four homers and 17 RBIs. He set an Astros record for RBIs and was one short of a team mark for homers by pinch-hitter.

Merced, who became a free agent after the season ended, has a career average of .279 with 94 home runs and 529 RBIs. He also has played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Toronto Blue Jays, Minnesota Twins, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs and Montreal Expos.

Houston originally signed Merced to minor league contract on August 16, 2000.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199
New England	7	5	0	.583	274	228
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	292	337
Buffalo	1	10	0	.091	180	308
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	210	137
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	204	181
Tennessee	5	6	0	.454	214	252
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	153	220
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	193	200
West						
Oakland	8	3	0	.727	309	235
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	195	234
Denver	6	6	0	.500	264	260
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	273	239
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	200	229
NATIONAL CONFERENCE East						
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141
Arizona	5	6	0	.454	208	289
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Washington	5	6	0	.454	155	226
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	176	243
Central						
Chicago	9	2	0	.818	227	155
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	265	188
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	223	193
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	205	263
Detroit	0	11	0	.000	202	304
West						
St. Louis	9	2	0	.818	331	176
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	302	225
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	194	226
New Orleans	6	5	0	.545	253	239
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	184	279

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

Monday's Game
Indianapolis at Miami, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15
Arizona at New York Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.
Open Date: Carolina

Monday, Dec. 17
St. Louis at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Semifinals

Keller Fossil Ridge (11-2) vs. Mesquite (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Pearland (13-0) vs. SA Taft (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Final
Keller Fossil Ridge or Mesquite vs. Pearland or SA Taft, TBA.

DIVISION II
Quarterfinals

Euless Trinity (12-1) vs. DeSoto (10-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Maverick Stadium (UTA) in Arlington.
Lufkin 29, Spring Westfield 19
Houston Madison (13-0) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Austin Westlake 31, SA Madison 28 (OT)
Semifinals
Euless Trinity or DeSoto vs. Lufkin (13-1), TBA.
Houston Madison or Fort Bend Hightower vs. Austin Westlake (13-1), TBA.

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Semifinals

Burleson (11-2) vs. Denton Ryan (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Nederland (11-2) vs. Smithson Valley (13-0), 3 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium in Houston.
Final
Burleson or Denton Ryan vs. Nederland or Smithson Valley, TBA.

DIVISION II
Quarterfinals

Southlake Carroll (9-4) vs. Frenship (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.
Highland Park (12-1) vs. Ennis (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Jasper (12-1) vs. Bay City (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Austin Reagan (11-2) vs. Bastrop (9-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome in San Antonio.
Semifinals
Southlake Carroll or Frenship vs. Highland Park or Ennis, TBA.
Jasper or Bay City vs. Austin Reagan or Bastrop, TBA.

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Semifinals

Perryton (11-2) vs. Everman (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field in Denton.
Bridge City (11-2) vs. Sinton (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station.
Final
Perryton or Everman vs. Bridge City or Sinton, TBA.

DIVISION II
Quarterfinals

Bridgeport (8-5) vs. Kennedale (12-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Dragon Stadium in Southlake.
Commerce 14, Gladewater 10
Giddings 24, Newton 20
La Grange (10-3) vs. Wimberley (11-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome, San Antonio.
Semifinals
Bridgeport or Kennedale vs. Commerce (12-2), TBA.
Giddings (13-1) vs. La Grange or Wimberley, TBA.

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Semifinals

Van Alstyne 29, Post 14
Hemphill (12-1) vs. Blanco (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Sports Complex.
Final
Van Alstyne (12-2) vs. Hemphill or Blanco, TBA.

DIVISION II
Quarterfinals

Sonora 28, Quanah 14
Celina 28, Whitewright 20
Garrison (11-3) vs. Alto (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Homer Bryce Stadium (SFA) in Nacogdoches.
Ganado 7, Refugio 0
Semifinals
Sonora (12-2) vs. Celina (14-0), TBA
Garrison or Alto vs. Ganado (11-2), TBA.

CLASS 1A
Quarterfinals

Stratford 28, Petersburg 0
Celeste (12-0) vs. Petrolia (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Justin Northwest.
Tenaha (9-3) vs. Chilton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler.
Burkeville 34, West Sabine 7
Semifinals
Stratford (14-0) vs. Celeste or Petrolia, TBA.
Tenaha or Chilton vs. Burkeville (8-3), TBA.

SIX-MAN
Semifinals

Whitharral (13-0) vs. Sanderson (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Garden City.
Richland Springs 55, Woodson 54
Final
Whitharral or Sanderson vs. Richland Springs (13-1), TBA.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	12	6	.667	—
Boston	11	6	.647	½
Orlando	11	9	.550	2
New York	10	9	.526	2½
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	4½
Washington	6	12	.333	6
Miami	3	14	.176	8½
Central Division				
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Milwaukee	10	6	.625	1
Toronto	12	8	.600	1
Indiana	12	10	.545	2
Charlotte	9	10	.474	3½
Cleveland	7	12	.368	5½
Atlanta	6	14	.300	7
Chicago	3	15	.167	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division				
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Minnesota	12	5	.706	1½
Dallas	12	7	.632	2½
Utah	8	11	.421	6½
Denver	7	12	.368	7½
Houston	7	13	.350	8
Memphis	4	14	.222	10
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	2	.889	—
Sacramento	15	5	.750	2
Phoenix	12	9	.571	5½
Portland	9	9	.500	7
L.A. Clippers	9	10	.474	7½
Seattle	9	13	.409	9
Golden State	8	12	.400	9

Friday's Games
Toronto 98, Denver 96, OT
Indiana 98, Chicago 83
Boston 109, Phoenix 102, OT
Orlando 129, Atlanta 94
New Jersey 96, Cleveland 84
San Antonio 86, Philadelphia 76
Miami 98, Seattle 94, OT
Sacramento 97, L.A. Lakers 91
Utah 102, L.A. Clippers 86
Charlotte 106, Golden State 89

Saturday's Games
Orlando at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 6 p.m.
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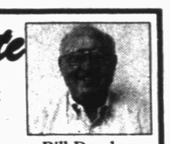
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2401 40th 3-2-1-1cp	$26.5T
3503 Kerrville 3-2-2	$47.5T
1202 26th 2-1-1, CH/A	$19.5T

2803 34th 3-2-2, 2 LA's	$125T
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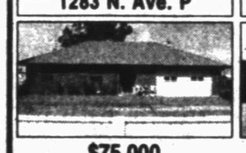
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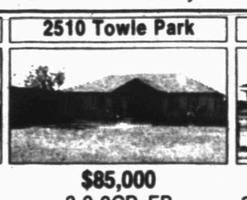
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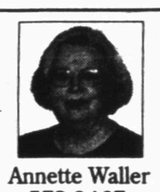

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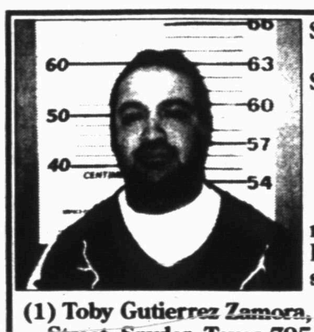

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LEGAL NOTICE



SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
November 26, 2001

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Toby Gutierrez Zamora, 27 years of age, male, 206 33rd Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Toby Gutierrez Zamora, Un hombre, 27 anos de edad, 206 33rd Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, 15 anos de edad.

(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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Congress prodded on domestic issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pressured Congress on Saturday to take up his domestic agenda, saying Americans are worried not only about terrorism, but a host of other issues too.

Bush complained in his weekly radio address that his proposals on energy, patients' rights, education and federal funding for religious charities are "stuck in Congress." He said he discovered at a town hall meeting in Florida this week that the public fears their elected officials will be slow to act on those issues because they lack a direct tie to the anti-terrorism effort.

"As we wage war against terror, Americans made it clear they are also worried about the challenges we are facing here at home," Bush said. "Americans want action that will strengthen the economy and create jobs. They want greater energy independence and they want reforms in our public schools. As I listened to the concerns of these Americans, I hope Congress was listening, too."

The president urged citizens to contact their members of Congress about education legislation and a patients' rights bill. Both are in conference committees, waiting for House and Senate negotiators to work out a compromise.

"These are important measures," Bush said. "I am ready to sign them. I hope you'll let Congress hear from you. Let them know you want action not just on national security or homeland security, you want action to protect America's economic security as well."

Bush put the onus on the Senate, which is controlled by Democrats.

"I know that the Senate is closely divided among Republicans and Democrats, but the American people expect the Senate and its leaders to find a way to work together and bridge their differences," he said. "Now is not the time for partisan politics. Now is the time for leadership. It's time to act."

Condit files for congress

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Pushing aside a controversy that has dogged him since May, Rep. Gary Condit filed for re-election at the deadline and entered what is expected to be the toughest race of his congressional career.

A year ago, the congressman of "Condit Country" seemed unbeatable.

But then this spring, Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old federal intern from his district, disappeared. And the married congressman — while not considered a suspect — later admitted having a relationship with her.

Condit had kept his re-election plans silent until Friday, when he appeared at the Stanislaus County courthouse with his campaign papers and 1,500 voter signatures to add to the 1,939 already declared valid. A candidate must have 3,000 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot or pay a filing fee.

Senior Center News

Great Christmas gifts for the senior citizen are coupons for the noon meal at the center. Each coupon costs $2.50 and any number may be purchased.

Also, the center cookbook, "Tasty Traditions," is on sale for $17.50. They may be purchased at the center office. Call 573-4035 for information.

The Senior Center Christmas meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday. Seniors are asked to make reservations by Wednesday.

More coffee cans are needed and homemade candy is needed for the Dec. 18 sale. Cans should be brought to the center before 9 a.m. and the sale begins at 10 a.m.

Seniors are invited to use the center for exercise and the van for transportation. Transportation is available each weekday morning and seniors are asked to make transportation appointments in advance.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Line dancers entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 and exercise begins at 11. The West Elementary Honor Choir will perform in the dining room at 11:30. AARP will meet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club at 5:30 for dinner and installation of officers.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. The 88 tournament begins at 1 p.m. Swimnastics is canceled for the holidays. Classes resume after spring registration. Social Security reps will be at the center from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies pool play begins at 9 a.m. and the Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Oaks at 10. Anne Gregory will entertain in the dining room at 11:30. Line dancers practice at 1 p.m. followed by cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir performs at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m., and the Senior Center reopens at 6 p.m. for game night.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30. Eighty-eight starts at 10, followed by the Christmas meal at 11:30.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Boneless barbecue ribs, potatoes au gratin, blackeye peas, carrot strips, red applesauce

Tuesday

Chicken & dumplings, mustard greens, fried squash, fruited Jello, white cake w/cream cheese frosting

Wednesday

Beef stroganoff, green peas, golden carrots, cucumber onion salad, banana pudding

Thursday

Beef stew, fried okra, pickled beets, fruit salad, cornbread

Friday

Chicken Kiev, baked corn, buttered baby carrots, spinach salad, assorted pies

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

The family of Herschell Lewis would like to thank everyone who sent Memorial gifts, cards, flowers, those who called, and for all your prayers in our time of sorrow.

A special thanks to the staff of Snyder Oaks Care Center, Hospice, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home and to the 37th St. Church of Christ.

May God bless each and everyone of you is our prayer.

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Bush claims victory in anti-terror spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is all but taking bows after Senate Democrats buckled to his demands to limit anti-terrorism spending to $20 billion.

Capping a three-day battle on the Senate floor, lawmakers used a voice vote at about midnight to approve this year's $318 billion defense bill and a compromise $20 billion package attached to it for the Pentagon and to bolster security at home.

About 11 hours earlier Friday, GOP senators rallied behind Bush and voted to bring down a Democratic-written $35 billion response to the Sept. 11 attacks. Democrats finally settled for a $20 billion alternative, a direct response to Bush's repeated threats to veto anything exceeding that amount.

In a victory statement issued by the White House, the president congratulated the Senate for approving a package he said "honors the agreement I reached with the Congress and resists unnecessary non-defense spending."

Bush and Republicans contend that Congress agreed to not spend more than the $20 billion limit, which Democrats deny.

"We have ensured the funding necessary to recover from the Sept. 11 attacks and to protect and defend our homeland," Bush added.

One sponsor of the smaller measure, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said it would "at least do something" to enhance national security. In a bid for bipartisan support, Democrats wrote their new plan with the help of Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The new anti-terror plan shifted about $7 billion that Bush wanted for defense and other programs to efforts tightening domestic security and helping New York and the Washington area recover from the destruction at the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

When the day ended, the president's line in the sand over spending had prevailed over a Democratic drive — amid a worldwide war against terrorists — to boost spending on domestic security. Democrats accused COP lawmakers of blocking their package to win a political fight for Bush.

"We do not seem to be able to pull together in this town for America even in this time when the people of the United States are united" against terrorism, Byrd said.

Republicans unanimously supported Bush's insistence on limiting federal anti-terror spending, saying Democrats were purposely forcing politically sensitive votes. And on the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, they noted that the fight was slowing work on this year's wartime defense bill.

"We have our men and women on the ground and in the air and at sea," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters. "We should not revert back to political positioning and amendments that cause difficulty for one party."

White House officials have promised to seek more money early next year, but have said no more is needed until then.

In Friday's pivotal early vote, Republicans killed the $35 billion Democratic anti-terrorism plan in a 50-50 roll call that derailed the entire defense bill. Republicans got nine votes more than the 41 they needed on the procedural motion upending the bill. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., was the only lawmaker to cross party lines.

The new, smaller Democratic anti-terrorism plan contained:

—$8.5 billion for countering bioterrorism and other domestic security programs, $4.1 billion more than Bush;

—$9.5 billion for the New York and Washington metropolitan areas to recover from the attacks, $3.2 billion more than Bush;

—$2 billion for defense, $5.3 billion less than Bush;

—Nothing for unemployment and health insurance aid for jobless Americans, compared with Bush's $2 billion. Democrats say aid for the unemployed should be included in a separate economic stimulus bill.

Three days after the Sept. 11 attacks, Congress approved $40 billion to fight terrorists.

Bush was given control of half; lawmakers must vote anew on the details of the second $20 billion. Republicans say there was agreement to limit the spending to $40 billion, while Democrats say that was just a starting point.

The GOP-led House approved a $20 billion package last week.

Including defense funds in the anti-terror section of the bill, the measure would provide the Pentagon with $320 billion — $21 billion over last year's spending and the same as Bush's request.

The bill also would give Bush the full $8.3 billion he sought for his prized missile defense program, though he could divert $1.3 billion of it to anti-terrorism efforts. And it would provide military personnel with a 5 percent pay raise.

Love triangle gets blamed for shooting at factory in Indiana

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — When Robert Wissman got in an argument with a male co-worker over a woman, managers at the NuWood Decorative Millwork factory told him to calm down, go home and take some time off.

A few hours later, police say, Wissman returned with a shotgun and opened fire, killing plant manager Greg Oswald and wounding six co-workers before killing himself.

Production manager Ed Rutledge said Wissman usually was easygoing: "He didn't drink. He got along with everybody. He joked around all the time."

But the 36-year-old had been involved in a "love triangle" at the factory and had been "acting funny" for about a week, Rutledge said.

"I could see in his eyes there was something going on in his head," he said.

Police Chief Terry Schollian said Friday that police were investigating reports that Oswald had called police before the shootings to warn that threats had been made, and that he wanted protection for his employees. Schollian said police had not found a record of such a call, but added that the investigation was continuing.

A female factory employee who called 911 to report the shootings asked during the call why nothing had been done earlier, according to The Journal Gazette of Fort Wayne, which obtained the tape of the call Friday.

"What are we going to do if he breaks in here?" she asked, barricaded inside an office. "Why didn't we do anything earlier?"

Schollian confirmed that witnesses said Wissman was upset about a dispute with a male employee over a female employee. Neither employee was wounded, and Schollian declined to elaborate.

Wissman was a registered gun dealer who ran a business from his home, though he mostly focused on gun repairs, said Chris Sadowski of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Columbus, Ohio. Police removed guns and shotgun shells from the house on Friday.

Wissman had filed for bankruptcy protection in 1998, according to court records.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: The problem my husband and I are experiencing is far too embarrassing to ask anyone else, but maybe you can help.

He is in his late 60s and has twice undergone a reaming procedure for an enlarged prostate gland. Now, during sex, he may suddenly and unexpectedly lose urine. I am very reluctant to engage in intense foreplay for fear of this "contamination." I am put off by his leakage. Is this problem "fixable" or do I simply just have to get over my phobia?

DEAR READER: I don't know. Prostate surgery can lead to various forms of incontinence in a small percentage of men, who may tend to lose bladder control. In some instances, this damage may be repairable. In my view, your husband should address the problem with his urologist.

From a purely practical standpoint, there are several things your husband could do that might help. For obvious reasons, he should empty his bladder completely in preparation for sex. An empty bladder is far less likely to leak than a partially filled one. Second, you might alter your pattern of foreplay so it is more focused on you than him. Third, have your husband use a condom, which will prevent small amounts of urinary leakage from being a problem.

Again, the urologist may have more definitive advice. For example, medicine to reduce bladder spasm might be something to consider. Let the specialist have a crack at assisting you with this intimate situation.

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 Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every year, I make my own appointment for a mammogram. For years, I got tested in about two weeks. Last year, it took me a month to get an appointment. This year, I had to wait three months! What's going on here? Suppose something were wrong with my breast? My friends have the same problem.

DEAR READER: What's going on is supply and demand. More women are choosing to have mammograms and they are literally flooding X-ray facilities. In one sense, this is a good thing: More testing means better community health. Yet, as you discovered, there is a trade off.

Here's a thought. Schedule your future annual mammograms three or four months in advance. In that way, you'll get tested regularly without having to wait for your appointment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain what a doctor means, when stating cancer is differentiated or undifferentiated. Last month, I underwent a hysterectomy because of uterine and ovarian cancer. My doctor's comments went about a mile over my head when he said it was undifferentiated.

DEAR READER: All cancer arises from normal tissue. In other words, cancer cells are normal cells that have gone awry. Thus, malignancies often retain many of the characteristics of the "parent" cells. For example, lung tumors that spread to the liver may continue to exhibit lung-like qualities.

To the extent that cancer cells retain some normal appearance, they are called "differentiated." When malignant cells lose their markings and the pathologist cannot determine their tissue of origin, they are termed "undifferentiated."

This distinction is important. Let's say, for instance, that a woman has an enlarged lymph gland under the arm. Lymph node swelling is common in many non-malignant conditions, such as bacterial and virus infections.

This gland, however, continues to grow and the physician appropriately orders a biopsy. The lymph node is removed and examined in the lab. The pathologist notes that under the microscope, the cells look malignant but they have a peculiar glandular appearance resembling breast tissue. The pathologist will then report to the physician that the lymph node contained "malignant cells, consistent with well-differentiated carcinoma of the breast."

At this point, the doctor must search for a "primary" lesion in the breast. Once found, this small nest of cells, the original cancer, will be removed and the patient will require follow-up radiation and/or chemotherapy.

On the other hand, the malignant lymph node may contain only cancerous lymph-gland cells, a "well-differentiated" lymphoma (lymph gland cancer), for which treatment, including chemotherapy, is entirely different.

Finally, the biopsied gland may be invaded by highly malignant cells so abnormal that the pathologist cannot recognize an organ of origin: undifferentiated cancer.

As a general rule, the more differentiated the malignant cells, the closer they correspond to normal tissue and the easier they are to treat. Undifferentiated cancer is, in the main, so aggressive that it carries a poor prognosis.

In your case, the surgeon evidently removed a highly malignant cancer that — presumably — arose from your uterus or ovaries. I say "presumably" because in the presence of undifferentiated cells, no one can be absolutely sure, without chemical analysis of the cells themselves. Despite this unsettling news, there are several treatment programs - involving various combinations of chemotherapy — that may be used to treat your condition. Ask your gynecologist about this.

I might add that not all practitioners feel comfortable talking to patients about cancer. Such doctors may cover up their discomfort by using excessively technical terms, which — unintelligible to the average patient — discharge the physicians' responsibility to provide "necessary" information.

In my opinion, no patient should leave a doctor's office without first having had a comprehensive explanation about what is wrong. This explanation should be given in understandable language and the patient should persist in questioning the doctor until the situation is absolutely clear.

I urge you to return to your physician or surgeon for an in-depth discussion of what was found at surgery, what should be done about it and what to expect in the future. I'd also want to make sure that your doctor plans to refer you to an oncologist, a cancer specialist, for a second opinion and a treatment program. This step seems to me to be a vital one, inasmuch as you were given bad news without much advice about prognosis and follow-up.

Remember, the practitioner is there to serve you. Your understanding of your affliction is not a privilege — it's a right.

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

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Afghans hunt Taliban leaders

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's interim leader called on fellow Afghans Saturday to capture terrorism suspect Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and promised to bring the two men to "international justice."

Hamid Karzai's pledge, in a satellite telephone interview with The Associated Press, came as rumors swirled among some U.S. and tribal officials that Omar might still be in the surrendered city of Kandahar. Karzai said the whereabouts of Omar were unknown and that neither he nor bin Laden were in the custody of anti-Taliban forces. Reports that Omar had been captured, he said, were "all lies."

Following the Taliban withdrawal, tensions were running high in Kandahar, with rival armed groups — one under Mullah Naqibullah and the other under Gul Agha — claiming control of key parts of the city.

Karzai, who has promised to set up a tribal commission to run Kandahar, said the situation in the city was quiet a day after the Taliban's chaotic departure from their last bastion Friday, when frightened residents reported looting and violence.

Pakistani border guards refused to allow journalists to cross into southern Afghanistan, saying the situation was too volatile.

There was no word Saturday on what had become of Taliban forces who fled Kandahar, reneging on a surrender agreement by holding onto their weapons. On Friday, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, head of U.S. Central Command, said U.S. Marines attacked fleeing Taliban fighters from the air and ground around the city.

Pakistan said Saturday it has deployed additional troops and helicopter gunships along its porous border with Afghanistan to prevent Taliban or al-Qaida fighters from escaping.

The government's chief spokesman, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, said "there is no truth in the reports that Osama bin Laden or Mullah Mohammed Omar have already entered Pakistan."

Quereshi said troops have sealed all trails leading into Pakistan from the nearby Tora Bora complex of caves and tunnels, where U.S. bombers and tribal Afghan fighters believe al-Qaida fighters, and possibly bin Laden himself, are hiding.

In the south, Pakistan also has increased security at the town of Chaman, a border outpost on the route to Kandahar. Witnesses have reported Pakistani military helicopters hovering near the border at Chaman.

Karzai, who was picked this week to lead an interim government for the war-shattered nation, said he had asked ordinary Afghans, as well as his own troops, to arrest thousands of Arabs and other foreign fighters who had been defending the Taliban.

His promise "to deliver Osama bin Laden and Mullah Omar to international justice" followed strong objections raised in Washington to suggestions that Karzai might have struck a surrender deal with Omar to allow the fugitive Taliban supreme leader to remain in Afghanistan.

In other developments Saturday:

— In Egypt, the family of Ayman al-Zawahri, the top aide to bin Laden, published a death notice saying his wife and children were killed in Afghanistan. The notice in Friday's edition of the leading Egyptian newspaper, Al-Ahram, confirmed earlier reports that al-Zawahri's wife, Azza Anwar Nuwaira, and her children were killed in a U.S. airstrike.

— A key bridge between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan will reopen soon, officials said, allowing humanitarian aid through for the first time since 1996. The opening of the so-called Friendship Bridge was announced Saturday by Secretary of State Colin Powell and Uzbek President Islam Karimov in Tashkent, the Uzbek capital. U.S. officials have long awaited the bridge's reopening to quicken the delivery of food and medical supplies.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has lead over Demo Sanchez

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's job approval rating is up from the beginning of the year and the Republican is well-positioned to win election in 2002, according to a recent Scripps Howard poll.

The poll published Saturday shows the Republican has a 67 percent job approval rating, 20 percentage points higher than in February.

When matched up against his likely Democratic opponent — Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez — Perry holds a 48 percent to 18 percent lead.

The Scripps Howard Texas Poll was conducted Nov. 2-26 by the Scripps Howard Data Center. The random survey of 1,000 adults had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. Nearly one-third of voters were undecided.

The poll did not survey a matchup between Sanchez and his expected primary opponent, lawyer John WorldPeace of Houston.

Despite the lead, the poll also indicated potential problems for Perry, who took over the governor's office after George W. Bush was elected president.

Perry's re-election support was above 50 percent in two previous Scripps Howard polls this year. Support for Perry and Sanchez has dropped by 5 percentage points each since the summer survey.

Sanchez has gotten some news media attention, but the millionaire candidate has yet to launch a television advertising campaign.

Sanchez spokeswoman Michelle Kucera said the poll results are not a surprise. She said people are not paying attention to politics and Sanchez has yet to advertise.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said the governor is pleased that he continues to hold a lead and that his job approval ratings are rising.

"It reflects that when the voters get to know him, the more they like him and agree with his agenda and vision for the state," Walt told the Houston Chronicle.

In the lieutenant governor's race, the poll found 39 percent favored Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst compared to 22 percent for Democratic former Comptroller John Sharp.

Dewhurst has spent almost $2 million on advertising since launching his campaign in June. Sharp has done no advertising and has mostly stayed out of the political spotlight since his narrow loss to Perry in the 1998 lieutenant governor's race.

Dewhurst said the poll shows "in these tough times Texans want proven conservative leadership."

Sharp spokesman Greg Hartman disputed the poll results, saying other polls done for Democrats and Republicans around Texas showed Sharp either even or ahead of Dewhurst in regional areas. Hartman also said the poll's survey sample gave the Republicans an edge.

"This poll, which the pollster himself admits is oversampled with Republicans, does not reflect what other polls around the state are showing," Hartman said.

Births

Jennifer Morin and Jason Rodriquez announce the birth of their son, Julian Cyrus, at 11:43 p.m. on Dec. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Julian weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Lupe Morin Jr. and Maggie, and Raymond and Mary Rodriquez, all of Snyder.

Obituaries

Lucy Magill

1907-2001

COLORADO CITY – Lucy Marie Magill, a former resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, in Valley Fair Lodge.

Funeral service for Mrs. Magill, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 20, 1907 in McGregor, the daughter of Guy and Ollie Maxwell. She taught at the Gannaway School in Scurry County and married J.B. "Mac" Magill in 1928 in Levelland. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Magill, a member of the First Baptist Church, had been a resident of Colorado City since 1952, moving from Lamesa.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Garner of Loraine, Shirley Clark of Houston and Lynda Van Zandt of Jasper; a son, James "Deacon" Magill of Colorado City; a brother Doyle Maxwell of Roswell, N.M.; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

James Autrey

1915-2001

ANSON — James "Jim" Autrey, father of Ronney Autrey of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 6, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Autrey, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church in Funston with the Revs. Emmett Autrey, Rufus Wilson and Bill Dickson officiating. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home in Anson.

Born July 16, 1915 in Palo Pinto County, Mr. Autrey married Susie Morris on Nov. 19, 1936 in Throckmorton. He moved to Anson in 1968 from Ira. He worked for Creslenn Oil Co. as a lease foreman. Mr. Autrey was a member of Bethel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

One brother, one sister, and his parents, William Franklin and Claudie Mae (Keith) Autrey, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Autrey of Anson; three other sons, William Autrey of Canadian, James Autrey of Yorktown and Emmett Autrey of Amarillo; two daughters, Golda Evers of Merkel and Linda Martin of Granbury; one brother, L.C. Autrey of Fort Worth; two sisters, Lola Stewart of Levelland and Eunice Redd of Smithville; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Officers answer several complaints of juveniles

Juveniles

Snyder officers were kept busy Friday night answering complaints about rowdy juveniles.

The first call came at 7:20 p.m. from a subject at Snyder Lanes. The caller reported the driver of a red Nissan pickup tried to run over him and a friend. Officers were advised to attempt to locate the pickup.

Just before 8 p.m. officers were requested at the Cinema because of several juveniles causing disturbances and being loud in the parking lot. The caller advised one of the juveniles tried to start a fight, then left on foot.

Officers responded and contacted the juvenile who advised another subject tried to pick a fight with him, but he walked away. The officers advised the crowd at the Cinema had disbursed.

At 10:30 p.m. another report was taken from Snyder Lanes of juveniles causing problems and using foul language. The officers dispatched advised the crowd disbursed upon their arrival.

Arrest

Officers took a 42-year-old man into custody near the intersection of 30th Street and El Paso Friday morning on charges of public intoxication. He was arrested at 10:10 a.m. and transported to the county jail.

Thefts

A woman reported the theft of appliances by renters Friday morning. An officer responded to her location and advised a report for theft would be filed.

Officers spoke with a man Friday who reported a battery stolen from his residence.

Harassment

A woman contacted deputies at the sheriff's office in reference to being harassed by another woman. A deputy spoke with her and advised her of the proper steps to take.

At 4:10 p.m. Friday another woman came to the police department to report three subjects harassing her daughter. She too was advised of the proper steps to take.

Prowler

David Hicks requested a close patrol of his residence early today after hearing noises at his back door. Officers responded and initiated the close patrol for the remainder of the night.

Gas drive off

The clerk at Town and Country on Coliseum Dr. reported a gas drive off worth $27.46 Thursday evening. She advised the subject was a regular customer and she would make him pay the next time he came in.

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Benefit concert

Everyone is invited to a benefit concert at 4 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park Barn by Heart-N-Soul, a local Christian band. Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses incurred by Richard Bross following his heart attack and surgery.

Country gospel music

Country gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Noah's Ark Church guest evangelist

Evangelist Heriberto Hernandez of San Paula, Calif., will be ministering in word and music at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Noah's Ark Church at 18th and Ave. R.

Snyder FFA booster club party

The Snyder FFA booster club party will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Union Community Center. It will be a Mexican food potluck supper and those attending are also asked to bring a six pack of soft drinks.

United Way board meet

The Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the United Way office, 2311 Ave. T.

AARP banquet

The AARP installation banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Hermleigh booster club

Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Stanfield reading night

Stanfield Elementary School's reading night will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by a parent council meeting at 7.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Baptism: What is It and Who is It For?" followed by "Holy and Reverend is His Name."

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Special Hermleigh postal cancellation

The U.S. Postal Service in Hermleigh will honor Hermleigh High School's boys and girls basketball teams with a special postal cancellation Tuesday beginning with the varsity girls game.

CHIPS program signup

West Elementary will have representatives from the Childrens' Health Insurance Program at the school from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Weigh Down workshop

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

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Scouts selling popcorn

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling all varieties of popcorn. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065 or 338-1865 by Dec. 15.

Home for the Holidays

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

Seniors helping seniors

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

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather.* The deadline is Saturday, Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

FBC support groups

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

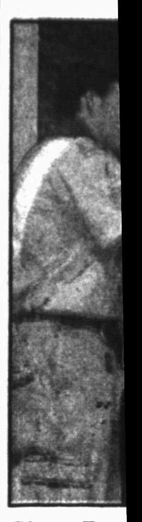
Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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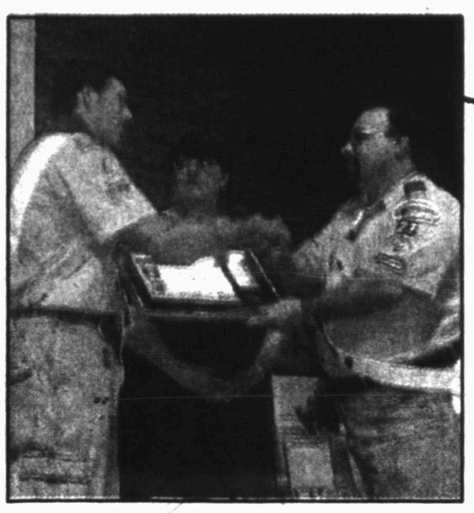
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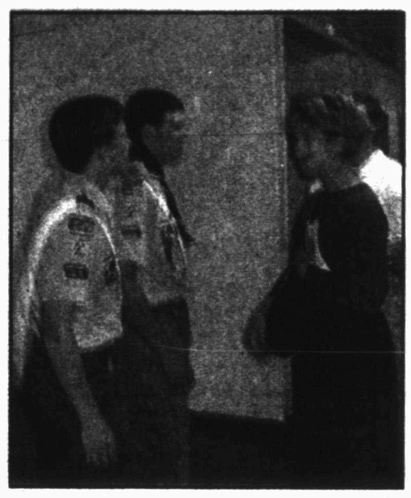
Soaring ...



Justin Stokes becomes Eagle Scout



Glenn Burns, scout master, presents the Eagle award to Justin Stokes as his mother, Darlene Stokes, looks on.



Becky Johnson congratulates Justin Stokes, center, at the reception following the Eagle ceremony. His brother, Matthew, is also picured.

Scurry County Folks
By Shirley V. Gorman

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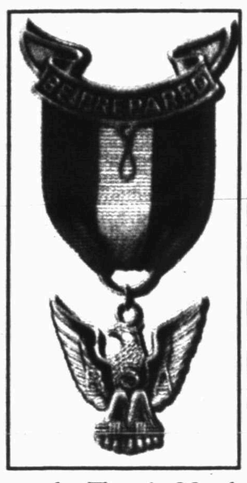
The longest journey begins with the first step. Justin Stokes took his first step toward becoming an Eagle Scout almost 13 years ago.

Then a first grader, Stokes and several friends learned about the scouting program from district executive Warren Wallace of Big Spring. The school superintendent, Dalton Moseley, had allowed Wallace to make a presentation at the elementary schools.

He and his friends were so impressed, Stokes said, that they asked their dads to let them join the Cub Scouts. Stokes became a member of the Tiger Cubs, a new group in Pack 61.

As a scout, Stokes took part in a variety of activities including small hikes near Fluvanna, learning to tie knots, and arts and crafts, woods and other hands on projects. Scouts have averaged one campout a month for the past three years, he said.

Stokes also recalled other fun activities such as marching in the Fourth of July and Christmas parades. He earned the Bobcat Rank and Wolf Badge in the second grade. As a third grader he received the Bear Badge. He earned his Webelos Badge in the fourth grade. In grade five, Stokes became a Webelos II and he earned the Arrow of Light.



Once an Eagle...
Always an Eagle

Stokes became a member of Boy Scout Troop 27 during the spring semester of the fifth grade. Then in March of his eighth grade year, he advanced from Tenderfoot to Second Class Scout and then to the First Class Scout Rank.

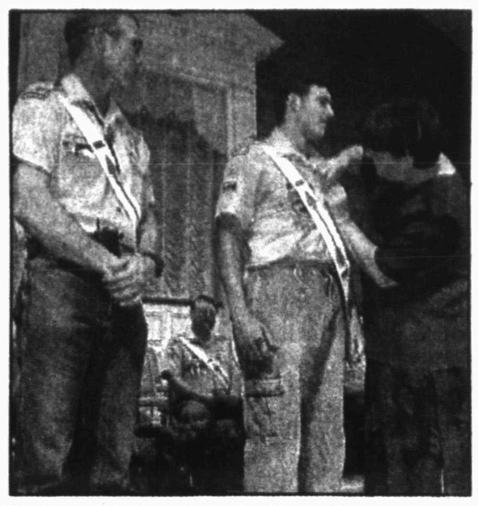
The summer after his freshman year in high school, Stokes was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, a scouting brotherhood organization.

By the fall of his sophomore year, Stokes had received his Life Scout rank. In July of this year, he completed all of the merit badge requirements for Eagle Scout. About 20 are required, including citizenship in the world, nation and community. To earn the national citizenship award, Stokes had to visit a national installation, and he chose Dyess Air Force Base.

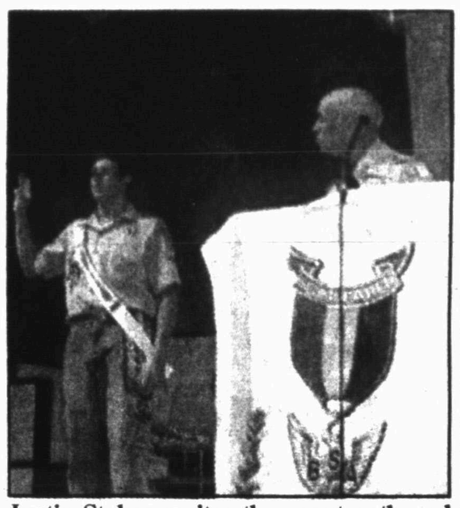
Other badges earned were related to safety or first aid, camping and emergency preparedness.

"Scouting is really big on emergency training," Stokes said.

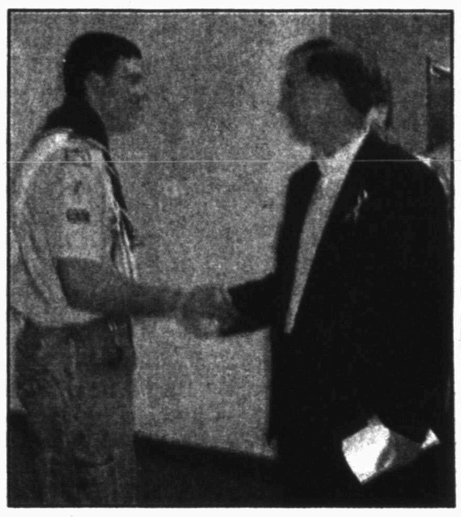
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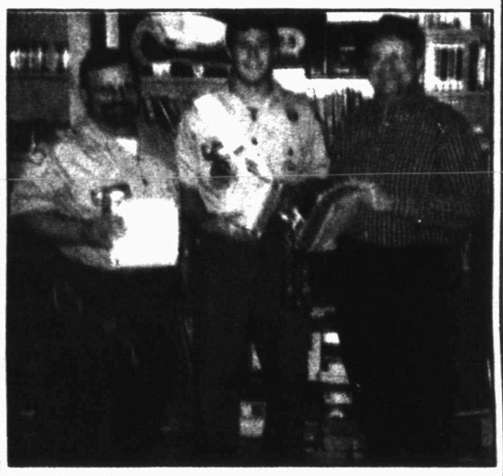
Darlene Stokes pins the Eagle Scout pin on her son, Justin's, shirt while Justin's dad, David, looks on.



Justin Stokes recites the scout oath and law as Warren Wallace of Big Spring, executive director, looks on.



Ed McAnally congratulates Justin Stokes as the reception following the Eagle Court at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.



Justin Stokes, center, accompanied by Glenn Burns, scout master, left, presented the 72 flower presses Justin made to Thomas Strayhorn, to be used by Strayhorn's honors biology students. (Contributed Photo)

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Monday
Breakfast Tacos
Hash Browns
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Juice
Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
French Toast
Bacon
Fruit

LUNCH
Monday
Poor Boy Steaks w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Bread
Brownies
Tuesday
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Salad
Italian Bread
Apple Crisp
Wednesday
Meat & Cheese Burritos
Refried Beans
Corn on the Cob
Jell-O w/Fruit Cocktail
Thursday
Stromboli
Potatoes
Salad
Oreo's
Friday
Hamburgers
French Fries
Fruit Salad

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Biscuit/Gravy
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Monday
Pancakes/Syrup
Sausage Patty
Tater Tots
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Pudding
Wednesday
Salmon Patty
Macaroni & Cheese
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Mixed Fruit Cup
Thursday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Carrot Sticks
Biscuits
Chilled Peaches
Friday
Chili Cheese
Cherry Peppers
Crackers
Apple Halves

Snyder

All meals are served with milk. All breakfasts are also served with juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU
(East, Northeast, Stanfield and West)
Monday
Donut
Tuesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Wednesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Thursday
Fruit Cinnamon Muffin
Friday
Sausage Topped Muffin

(Other Schools)
Monday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Pigs in a Blanket or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
French Toast Sticks
w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Burrito or
Chicken Pot Pie
Golden Kernel Corn
Broccoli & Cheese
Garlic Toast
Tuesday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger
or Mini Corn Dogs
Buffalo Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Fruited Gelatin
Wednesday
Sliced Ham or
Turkey-n-Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Ham & Cheese Sub or
Fish Wedge on a Bun
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Broccoli Wedges w/Dip
Apple Crisp

Nelson, McCain pledge solemn vows in double-ring ceremony

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan. — Traci Lee Nelson of Taneyville, Mo., and Daniel Lafayette McCain of Ritchey, Mo., were married in a double-ring ceremony at 3 p.m., July 21 in the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs.

Officiating were Austin Sutton, Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, Mo.; Richard Morris, of Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo.; and Lee Nelson, father of the bride and pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder.

Parents of the bride are the Rev. Lee and Shirley Nelson of Snyder and the groom's parents are James and Sharron McCain of Ritchey, Mo.

An eight-foot backdrop of Roman columns draped with sheer white curtains and white icicle lights was the setting for their exchange of vows. The columns had light pink flowers spiraling to the floor. The pews were decorated with mauve and sage green bows.

The bride's and groom's mothers lit two candles on either side of the unity candle.

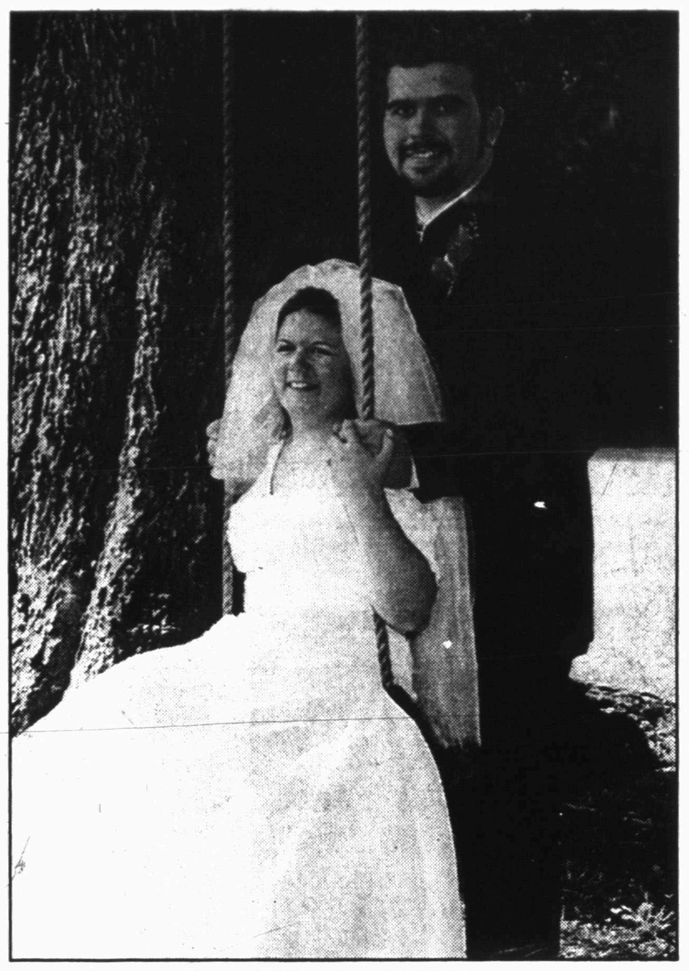
Piano wedding music was provided by Joann Cooper of Baxter Springs, Kan. J.J. Manning of Laverne, Okla., sang "Godsend." A recording of "Your Love Broke Through" by Phil Keggy and Russ Taff, was played.

The bride wore a gown of white satin overlaid with white lace on the short sleeves and bodice. The full skirt fell into a train. Her white net veil attached a jeweled tiara that was hand made by the groom's mother. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white and mauve roses and baby's breath, made by Cyndie Fisher, aunt of the groom.

In memory of her sister, Christina Nelson, the bride had a portrait of her for her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Rachel Hernandez and Michelle Cloninger, both of Columbus, Tex., and Kimberly O'Donald of Amarillo. They carried single mauve tipped roses with white and mauve bows.

Kaitlyn McCain, the groom's niece from Houston, was flower girl. Ring bearer was Benjamin McCain of Lebanon, Mo., the groom's nephew.

Best man was Greg Goering from Wichita, Kan., and groomsmen were brothers of the groom from Missouri, Michael McCain from Granby, Mo. Steven McCain of Lebanon and James McCain of Lee's Summit. Ushers included Michael Nelson, the groom's brother from Snyder; Michael McCain, and two nephews of the groom from Granby, Michael and John McCain.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCain
(Contributed Photo)

Groomsmen wore black tuxedos, black bow ties and sage green vests. Their boutonnieres were white roses with mauve tips. Ushers wore white shirts, black dress pants and sage green ties.

After the minister pronounced the couple man and wife, they kissed for the first time.

Leanna McCain, the groom's niece from Lee's Summit, Mo., registered guests. The registry table held a picture of the bride and groom, a decorative lamp, feathered pen and the guest book.

The reception, held in the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kan., featured a table covered with a white lace cloth and sprays of mauve roses. A backdrop was draped with light sage material accented with mauve roses.

A large rectangular wedding cake was topped on either side by small round cakes. The round cakes were topped with a staircase with flowers and a crystal cross. The center of the cake featured a miniature water fountain. In front of the rectangle cake sat a half circle cake with the bride's and groom's names in pearls. The cakes were decorated with greenery and mauve roses.

Their honeymoon trip was to Branson, Mo., and Nashville, Tenn., and their new home is in Taneyville, Mo.

Traci attended West Elementary in Snyder in 1989-1992. She graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo in 1998 and Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kan., in May 2000. She is employed with Evan's Title Co. in Forsyth, Mo.

Daniel was home schooled and received his GED. He graduated from Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs in May and is employed as a confectioner at Silver Dollar City near Branson. Both he and Traci are youth leaders at the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville.

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BOOK FEATURE

The Headache Sourcebook, by Joel Paulino, M.D.

The number-one reason for lost work time in the United States is headaches. Headaches take many forms and have various degrees of severity, including tension, migraine and cluster headaches. This complete guide to headaches and related disorders will make you a better-informed patient, and show you that there is a way out of the pain.

NEW NON-FICTION

Taking about Death Won't Kill You, by Virginia Morris.

Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages That Shaped Our Recent History, by Kati Marton.

Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age, by Daniel Kindlon.

NEW FICTION

Long Time No See, by Susan Isaacs.

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Diamond Eye, by Arthur Rosenfeld.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Inside and Out Series

Under the Sea, by Angela Royston.

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New action figures

LOS ANGELES (AP) — G.I. Joe will have some competition from the Los Angeles Police Department this holiday shopping season: The department's union is releasing its own action figures.

Male Patrol Officer West and female Patrol Officer Sommers each stand 12 inches tall and come with such accessories as a baton, service revolver, flashlight, pepper spray, handcuffs and patrol radio, all made to 1/16 scale.

"They are a great way to show pride in the law enforcement heroes that are protecting our nation right now," said Mitzi Grasso, president of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

VA to expand old and new national cemeteries

America's "old soldiers" are not forgotten by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). As many as 1,800 veterans are laid to rest each day, most are World War II veterans well over 70, and growing numbers are choosing to be buried in a VA National Cemetery.

Any honorably discharged veteran of military service is entitled to burial in a national cemetery and the VA has a comprehensive approach to meeting the burial needs of America's veterans.

New National Cemeteries-The new Ft. Sill National Cemetery will soon open in Oklahoma and VA plans to open five more new national cemeteries in the next five years.

State Cemeteries-A VA grant program pays for building and equipping new state veterans cemeteries. Fifty state cemeteries have been built with VA grants.

Expansion-VA continues to expand existing national cemeteries. VA may purchase land next to cemeteries that are nearing capacity. Sometimes other agencies transfer surplus land to VA. Citizens may purchase property and donate it for cemetery expansion.

With five VA cemeteries built in the last four years, one ready to open and five on the drawing board, and VA-grant cemeteries planned by states, burial services will be within commuting distances of 80 percent of America's veterans by 2003.

Some of the oldest national cemeteries developed at Civil War battlefields and prison camps are historic landmarks. Yet, they too are expanding to meet today's needs.

A Confederate prison at Salisbury, N.C., that held 10,000 Union soldiers became a death camp for more than 8,000 men due to shortages of food, clothing and medicine. The Salisbury National Cemetery, established in 1863, ran out of grave space and a nearby VA medical center transferred 50 surplus acres for its use.

The Fort Scott Kansas National Cemetery began as part of a western frontier Army fort built in 1842. The 10.5-acre cemetery was approaching its burial limit when local veterans took out a loan and bought adjacent acreage.

To learn more about VA burial benefits for veterans, call 1-800-827-1000 or visit the VA National Cemetery Administration at www.cem.va.gov.

Making comeback

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bra burning is making a comeback in Johnstown, but feminists aren't behind the act.

A sign of feminine independence in the 1960s, the act was carried out Thursday by two women who will soon be laid off by a company that makes women's undergarments.

Karen Jones and Kathy Johnson wore foreign-made bras over their sweaters with "Out of Work" written on the front to protest planned cutbacks by Bestform Inc.

Bridal Registry

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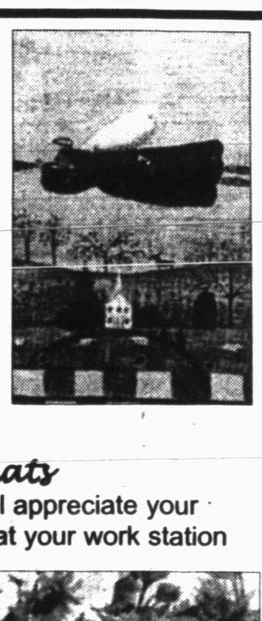
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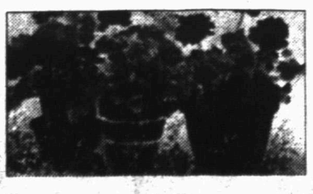


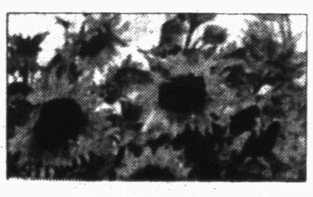
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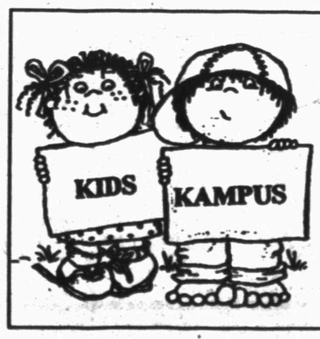




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Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elam
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Wright, Elam repeat vows in Snyder's Faith Baptist Church

Christy Ann Wright and Ricky Dale Elam, both of Sweetwater, married at 2 p.m. Dec. 1 in Faith Baptist Church. The Rev. Larry White officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Mary Wright and Steve Botts, both of Snyder, are parents of the bride. Betty and Jack Elam of Snyder are the groom's parents.

Nuptial vows were pledged before a lighted arch decorated with ivy. The background was lighted by lights along the walls near the ceiling and the unity candle was placed to the right of the arch. Bows decorated the pews.

Photographer was Pete Wadleigh of Snyder.

Piano music played while the guests were seated and while the candles were being lit "The Parent's Prayer" was performed. As the bride walked down the aisle, the "Wedding March" was played. "Love of My Life" was performed when the unity candle was lit, and "Back At One" was played as the couple left.

She was given in marriage by her mother standing in for her father, the late Raymond Wright. She was also given in marriage by her stepfather, Steve Botts. The bride wore a long white beaded gown. The beads edged the top of the dress and she wore a two-layer veil attanched to a circle of white roses and beads. Her bouquet featured 34 white roses and silver bows.

Cathy Tatom of Snyder was maid of honor. She wore a purple gown made by the groom's sister, Becky Clark. Becky also made the bridesmaids gowns. Valerie Lara of Snyder and Melody Smith of Hermleigh were bridesmaids and they also carried matching bouquets made by Brenda Clark.

Brittany Miller of Snyder and Cheyanne Taylor, the groom's niece from Ira, were flower girls. Colten Clark, the groom's nephew from Snyder, was ring bearer.

Jack Elam, the groom's father from Snyder, was best man. Cary Clark, the groom's brother-in-law from Snyder, and Dennis Taylor, another brother-in-law from Ira, were groomsmen.

Male attendants wore black dress pants, long sleeve white shirts, black vests and ties.

Lesliegh Ramsey of Sweetwater registered guests at a table decorated with the bride's throw-away bouquet and the guest book.

The reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was centered with a purple and silver decorated bird cage along side the wedding cake and the punch bowl. The three-tiered wedding cake was separated with each layer featuring purple roses. It was topped with white doves. Serving were Cathy Tatom of Snyder and Lesliegh Ramsey of Sweetwater.

The groom's table held the chocolate cake and silver tea and coffee serving sets. Attending the table were Melody Smith of Hermleigh and Valerie Lara of Snyder.

Out-of-town guests were from Boyd, Ira, Abernathy, Wichita Falls, Burkburnett and Sweetwater.

The bride was born and reared in Snyder and graduated as a junior from Snyder High School in 1999. She is a cashier at Lawrence IGA in Sweetwater.

The groom was born in Colorado City and reared in Snyder. He is a 1989 graduate of SHS and received his bachelor's degree in commercial art from the Institute of Technology in Pheonix Arizona. He is a meat cutter for Lawrence IGA in Sweetwater.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-08-01
♠ A K 6 4
♥ Q 2
♦ A 5 4
♣ K 6 4 2

West
♠ J 10
♥ 7 6
♦ J 9 8
♣ A Q 10 7 5 3

East
♠ Q 9 7 5 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ 8

South
♠ 8 2
♥ K J 10 9 5 3
♦ 10 6 2
♣ J 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001

The reprints continue to appear

By Phillip Alder

Several reprints of British bridge books have recently appeared. All are for intermediates determined to move up to the next level and become top players in their clubs.

We have "Spotlight on Card Play" (Devyn, 1999), by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs; "Dormer on Deduction" (Orion, 2001), by Albert Dormer; "Sharpen Your Bridge Technique" (Gollancz) and "Logical Bridge Play" (Orion, 2001), by Hugh Kelsey; "Play These Hands With Me" (Chess & Bridge) and "Reese on Play" (Chess & Bridge), by Terence Reese; and "Famous Bidding Decisions" (Orion, 2001), by Terence Reese and David Bird.

Arguably the best is "Reese on Play," which was originally published in 1948 and is still considered a classic. Here is one of its easier deals. In three hearts, you take West's spade-jack lead with dummy's king and call for the heart queen. East wins with the ace and shifts to the club eight, West winning with the ace and returning the club queen. How would you proceed from there?

Two hearts, a weak two-bid, showed a decent six-card suit and 5-9 high-card points. The artificial two-no-trump response — as here — normally means that the responder has a fit and game-invitational values. South's three-heart rebid announced a minimum.

You should play low from dummy at trick four. You ruff another club, draw trumps, and claim nine tricks via two spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club. If you cover the club queen with dummy's king, East ruffs and you lose five tricks: one heart, two diamonds, one club and one club ruff.

To order any of these books, call Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies at (800) 274-2221.

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Nov. 30

A group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.

B group

1. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.
2. Suzy Reed, Dorothy Rosson.

Sunday, Dec. 2

No games

Tuesday, Dec. 4

1. Dorothy Rosson, Nona Morrison.
2. Margaret Dillaha, Nonnie Ward.
3. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson tied with Jane Hinton and Billisue Stuard.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course Monday and Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; for information call 573-2850.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; Nelda Laney, wife of the Speaker of the House, will give a program on Chirstmas Ornaments by Leading Ladies of Texas; hostesses, Anne von Roeder and Doris Spikes; program introduction by Wanda Falls; 4 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club luncheon at 11:30; MAWC; musical program by Ross and D'Ann Preston.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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Growing Christmas trees provides a habitat for wildlife.

Births

Reed and Jennifer Scott of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Neal Scott, at 8:40 a.m. on Dec. 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Jeremy weighed six pounds, 11½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Doyle and Nancy Scott of Snyder and maternal grandmother is Sharon Robbins of Snyder.

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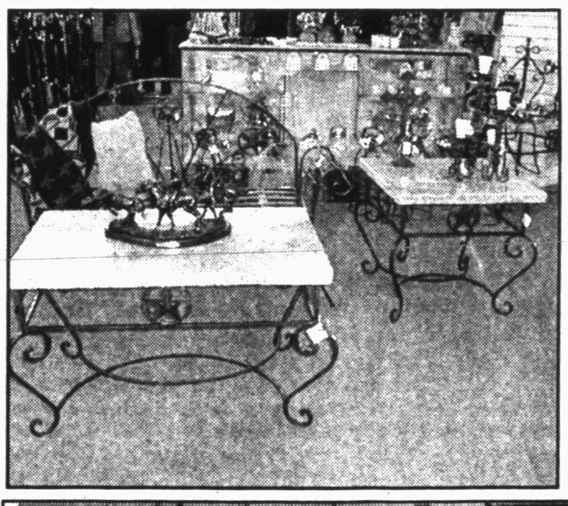
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HP-Compaq merger will not compromise their principles

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. can affirm its traditional principles and better position itself for the future with its much-debated, $25 billion plan to buy Compaq Computer Corp., the HP executive overseeing the complex combination said Friday.

Webb McKinney, a 32-year HP veteran, addressed a technology conference in San Francisco hours before the company's largest shareholder, the Packard family's charitable foundation, was to hold a crucial meeting on whether to support the deal.

Foundation members had said they might decide on the matter Friday but also might agree to take more time to consider how to vote their 10.4 percent stake in HP.

With Hewlett heirs and one member of the Packard family already planning to vote 7.5 percent of HP shares against the Compaq deal, the Packard Foundation can give HP management needed momentum in their bid to win shareholder approval or could help sink the acquisition.

McKinney said Compaq would enhance HP's ability to define high-tech industry standards. The deal would double the size of HP's services business, add heft to its lineup of computer servers and improve the cost structure of its struggling personal-computer division, he said.

"We're not merging to see what that feels like, but to best serve customers," McKinney said. "It's about driving change in the industry."

Critics of the deal such as HP board member Walter Hewlett, son of co-founder William Hewlett, say Compaq, which is losing money, would too strongly dilute HP's profitable printing business. Walter Hewlett has been gearing up for a proxy fight over the merger by filing several critical reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Other opponents have accused HP chief executive Carly Fiorina of losing sight of the company's core principles, the fabled "HP Way." Packard heir David W. Packard in particular was distressed by management's plans to cut 15,000 jobs after the deal closes.

But McKinney said the HP Way has always held that change is essential for the company, and he added that debate over it is nothing new. When HP stopped providing free doughnuts for employees in the 1980s, many people complained then that it was the end of the HP Way, he said.

"There are a lot of misrepresentations about Carly and the HP Way," McKinney said in an interview. "A lot of people come to HP on a quest for finding out what the HP Way is, like there's a tablet somewhere. The corporate objectives change every few years. It's always been an evolution. ... We will continue to change with or without the merger."

Although HP and Compaq must continue to operate as competitors and separate organizations until the deal gets shareholder and regulatory approval, McKinney and Compaq's chief financial officer, Jeff Clarke, are speaking daily and meeting regularly to plan the integration.

They have to consider such details as how much to invest in the telephone system. HP tends to communicate internally more by voice mail than e-mail, while Compaq is the opposite.

But McKinney shrugged off the criticism that most complex mergers fail, especially in technology. He said both companies are applying lessons learned in previous mergers.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington in 1943.



TROOP 27 — Members of Boy Scout Troop 27 include starting in back, Thomas Hefner, Brodie Pierce, Logan West, Barrett Munson, Joe Hefner, Jarod Fletcher, Chris Smauley, Warren Wallace of Big Spring, executive director; G.J. Burns, Max Snider. Robin Smauley, David Stokes, Matthew Stokes, Justin Stokes, Joseph Hefner, Glenn Burns. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Eagle Scout enjoys scouting

(Continued From Page 1B)

During the spring semester of his junior year, Stokes decided what his Eagle Scout Project would be. His choice was inspired by a class assignment.

While taking Thomas Strayhorn's honors biology class, Stokes had to make a wildflower collection. That meant pressing from 60-80 flowers. At the time, Strayhorn had only two large presses students could use.

While putting his collection together, Stokes recalled placing flowers in encyclopedias and stacking bricks on top. Flowers can take from 2-3 week to dry, he noted.

For his Eagle Scout project, Stokes decided to make individual flower presses that Strayhorn's students can check out. With assistance from fellow scouts — including his brother, Matthew, and G.J. Burns and Barrett Munson — Stokes said they started working in May of this year and completed the project in August.

Stokes designed the press, then he and the others made each press with two sheets of plywood and lots of nuts, bolts and washers. Stokes said the presses were easy to make but finding the time to make all 72 was difficult.

Stokes currently serves as the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 27. Now that he has reached Eagle Scout status, he does not know if he will try for the Eagle Palms, two small medals that can be earned by Eagle Scouts.

He loves being outdoors and said that scouting has helped him to become a better person. Whenever possible, he tries to incorporate scouting laws and principles with his everyday life.

Stokes values his association with scouting, and likes being able to share his knowledge and experience with the younger scouts.

At his Arrow of Light ceremony, Stokes said most of the boys in his group expressed the desire to go forward in scouting and become Eagle Scouts. The required badges have to be earned by age 18.

Stokes and two others remained committed to their goal, but one scout narrowly missed the age cutoff and the other is still working on earning the last three merit badges.

Stokes, a senior at Snyder High School, plays the tuba in the band. Previously he played the baritone coronet.

He is also a member of the Technology Students Association and he was inducted into the National Honor Society last school year.

Stokes, the son of David and Darlene Stokes, will graduate in May. He is interested in several areas, including computers, diesel mechanics or auto body repair. He is considering attending Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater or the Devry Institute.

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Stokes received the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 13 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Joe Hefner, committee chairman, gave the welcome. G.J. Burns, assistant senior patrol leader, gave the invocation and Logan West, chaplain gave the invocation.

Troop 27 posted and retired the colors and Matthew Stokes, senior patrol leader, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rob Smauley, assistant scoutmaster, convened the Eagle Court and closed it. Glenn Burns, scoutmaster, told the audience what Stokes had to do to become an Eagle Scout. He also presented the Eagle award.

Warren Wallace, district executive, gave the Eagle charge and pledge and special presentations.

Fort Benning, Ga. welcomes home about 200 U.S. Rangers

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Army Rangers who were among the first U.S. troops on the ground in Afghanistan arrived home early Friday, but the excitement at the base was tempered somewhat by the sorrow that two of their numbers would not return.

About 200 members of the 75th Ranger Regiment, part of the Army's premier light infantry force, were flown to Fort Benning, where family members had gathered to meet them.

Their plane landed about 6:45 a.m. after being delayed because of fog, and even then they had to wait nearly an hour before getting off the plane.

The delay did not bother Chris Ryan as she waited in a hangar at a post airstrip to see her husband, Capt. Robert Ryan.

"Just to have him home, we'll be happy. It's been a long time," said Ryan, 32. It had been two weeks since she had talked to her husband.

The 75th is the second special operations unit to return from Operation Enduring Freedom. The 528th Special Operations Support Battalion returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., on Wednesday.

Col. Joseph Votel, commander of the 75th, said the Rangers performed "just as our country expected them to do," but noted that other troops were still fighting in Afghanistan.

"Our mission, however, is far from over," Votel told families and soldiers Friday. "The Rangers standing before you today contributed in no small way to that mission.

"There is no greater feeling for a Ranger than to know his country is behind him — 100 percent and then some."

Base spokesman Maj. Richard Patterson said soldiers of the 75th dropped into Afghanistan on Oct. 19 — the same day that two members of the regiment, Pfc. Kristofor T. Stonesifer, 28, and Spc. Jonn J. Edmunds, 20, were aboard a Black Hawk helicopter that crashed in Pakistan.

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Above-average hurricane season likely

DENVER (AP) — Next year's Atlantic hurricane season will be more active than usual, one of the nation's leading hurricane forecasters predicted Friday.

In their first forecast for the 2002 season, Colorado State University professor William Gray and his associates said they expect 13 named storms between June 1 and Nov. 30. They predicted that eight will become hurricanes and four will evolve into major or intense hurricanes.

"This upcoming hurricane season appears to have the potential for continued above-average hurricane activity," Gray said. "We foresee an increased level of hurricanes forming in the deep tropics in 2002 and hurricane activity coming earlier than it did this year."

The forecast is for the Atlantic Basin, which includes the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

The average numbers of storms between 1950 and 1990 was 9.3 named storms, 5.8 hurricanes and 2.2 major hurricanes per year.

Hurricane activity has been on the rise since the 1995 season, Gray said. The years 1995 through 2001 represent the most active seven-season period on record, with 93 named storms, 57 hurricanes and 27 major hurricanes.

Gray said just three of those 27 major hurricanes crossed the U.S. coastline. Typically, one in three major hurricanes crosses to land, but the Atlantic Basin has seen 19 consecutive hurricanes since 1999 that did not reach the coast.

"We've been extremely lucky," Gray said. "But climatology will eventually right itself and we must expect a great increase in landfalling hurricanes in coming years."

He said destruction from hurricanes could be greater in 2002 than in past years due to coastal population growth.

The forecast estimates that there is an 86 percent chance that one or more hurricanes of category 3, 4 or 5 will make landfall somewhere on the U.S. coast during 2002. Storms in those categories can do extensive damage. The average for the past century is 52 percent.

For the East Coast and the Florida Peninsula, the probability of a major storm reaching land in 2002 is 58 percent. The average for the past century in the region is 31 percent.

The Gulf Coast — from the Florida Panhandle westward to Brownsville, Texas — has a major storm landfall probability of 43 percent, compared with 31 percent, on average, for the century.

Republic of Texas member sentenced

MIDLAND (AP) — Six members of the Republic of Texas separatist group have received federal prison sentences for federal firearms violations during the 1997 standoff with dozens of law officers, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Friday.

U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson sentenced the separatist group's leader Richard McLaren, 48, to a maximum prison term of 10 years, followed by three years of supervised release.

In August, McLaren and several other members accepted plea agreements.

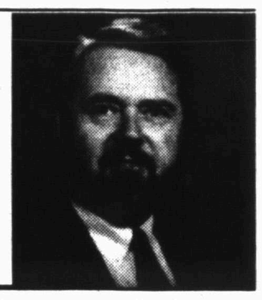
Four of them — Robert "White Eagle" Otto, 50, Robert Scheidt, 47, Gregg Paulson, 50, and Richard Keyes III, 26 — were each sentenced to five years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release.

The four had accepted guilty pleas on a federal charge of conspiracy to make, transfer, receive and posses unregistered firearms.

A sixth member, Karen Paulson, the 38-year-old wife of Gregg Paulson, was sentenced to 50 months in federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



You Can't Fire Me, I'm Your Wife!
(First of two parts)

Last summer while visiting with a successful Texas entrepreneur, I commented on the positive, get-it-done right attitudes of his staff. He told me he was really fortunate to have family members working in the business with him, and proudly praised their work.

I saw immediately that this was not a typical family relationship in action. Instead, I sensed a respect for the business know-how that existed among family members. Each one was part of the business team with all the rights, privileges and headaches that go along with being a member of a family-owned business where success is celebrated and challenges are met head on. This family has learned how to work together, play together, and stay together.

This is not a common situation. Though more than 90 percent of all businesses in the United States are family-owned, less than one-third stay in the family beyond the first generation. Only ten percent make it to the third generation, and roughly three percent survive into the fourth.

Reasons for failure

* **Family members fail to separate family matters from business matters.** All discussions become personal, and often unrelated issues become the focus instead of the business problems.

* **Family members fail to identify leadership roles. Power struggles are common.** One unhappy wife told us she could not get her husband to do what she wanted him to even though she made him a "to do" list every morning and persistently nagged him about what needed to be done.

* **No one takes the time to plan.** Often, the business is opened by "Mom and Dad" and passed on to the kids who do not know where the business is going. There is no plan for succession, direction or growth.

Common factors of family success

Success in any business doesn't just happen. Here are some of the attributes commonly found in successful family-owned businesses.

* **A firm grasp of business concepts and skills.** All family members involved in the business understand the importance of learning basic business principles.

In order for the business to prosper and grow, all family members should understand the principles of marketing, the basics of financial management, the importance of planning and the mission, goals and purpose of the business.

* **A strong work ethic.** In successful family firms, each member knows the value of hard work and is willing to shoulder responsibility and become accountable to other members. They know that activity does not equate to productivity, so they focus on tasks that must be done in order for the business to succeed.

* **The ability to communicate.** Family members and non-family employees constantly seek to improve their communication skills. They use four basic tools of communication: listening, speaking, writing and non-verbal tools.

Successful families know that communication involves the effective transfer of information with understanding. Therefore, listening is more important than speaking. Written notes and memos are important in the process, as a dull pencil can record what the sharpest mind can't remember. Written materials leave footprints for future family members to follow.

* **They confront conflict.** Arguments are momentary things. Successful families go back to the bottom line in their relationships and re-establish their core connections.

They constantly hone skills in three important areas: communication, compromise and consistency. They've learned the fine art of apologizing, realizing that when they willingly admit their faults and shortcomings, it strengthens the respect of others. They are careful not to drive wedges. They are quick to ask for forgiveness and by doing so, they avoid bitterness that can develop and poison relationships for years to come.

Next week in part two of this series, we'll discuss additional qualities of successful family-owned businesses. You may want to get extra copies for family members.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Public Records

Marriage License

Christopher Dwight Mackey and Brooke Nicole Cozart, both of Snyder.

James Frank Dorman of Snyder and Judy Kathleen Edwards of Big Spring.

Antonio Aguilar of San Angelo and Maria Louise Torrez of Snyder.

Michael Ray Herring of Fluvanna and Theleca Gay Wilson of Ira.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of David Richard Sharp and Patricia Ann Sharp; divorce granted.

Deed Records

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. to B&F Well Servicing Inc., Lot 1 of the HAT subdivision of Lot 13, Block 5, Wadleigh Addition.

Keith L. and Temi Matthies to Katherine Michele Floyd, Lot 36 in Block E of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Snyder Specialty Co. Inc. to Ice Melt Production, 1.38 acres out of a 10-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jane Falls Forsyth and John Edwin Falls Jr. to Billy Joe and Wanda G. Falls, the northeast one-quarter of Section 139, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rebecca L. Brown, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of L.H. Williamson, to Richard Dupree, Lot 2 in Block 3 of the A.D. Dodson Addition.

Halpain Family Partnership to Gabriel Castillon, Lot 2 in Block 2 of the Forrest Addition.

Mel Martinez, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Tommie Sue Bourland, 18.190 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 188, Block 3, H&GN survey.

First Union National Bank to Jerry A. Phillips, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Shirley Jones to Susan Carol Jones Miller, the south one-half of Section 460, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sally Ann Walton to Sally Ann Walton, sole Trustee of the Sally Ann Walton Revocable Trust, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Patricia Ann Sharp to David R. Sharp, a tract out of the C.L. Noble unplatted tract of the Noble Heights Addition.

Veterans Land Bank of Texas to William Dee Sikes, 55.08 acres in Section 119, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Veterans Land Bank of Texas to William Dee Sikes, 54.980 acres in Section 119, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bertha Gilbert, independent executrix of the estate of Floyd A. Fowler, to Bertha Gilbert and Dick Fowler, a 0.19-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Betty Williams Beaver to Jason W. Davidson, 1.28 acres in the south one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Saul Aviles to Aurelio Medina, the south 85 feet of the west 85 feet of Lot 3 in Block 39 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Myron Fenton to Clarence Collins, Wesley Collins and Tim Collins, tract one being the east one-third of Lot 3 in Block 39 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the east 10 feet of the west 100 feet of the north one-half of Lot 3 in Block 39 of the Blankenship Addition.

Douglas G. and Belinda Foster to Rodney G. Foster, the north 201.3 acres in the west one-half of Section 236, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Date Books

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001

Today is the 342nd day of 2001 and the 78th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1850, Lucy Ann Stanton of Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Oberlin College. She was the first African-American woman in the United States to graduate from college.

On this day in 1909, the American Bird Banding Association was founded in New York City.

On this day in 1968, singer Graham Nash announced that he would be forming a group with Steven Stills of Buffalo Springfield and David Crosby of the Byrds.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eli Whitney (1765-1825), inventor; Diego Rivera (1886-1957), artist; James Thurber (1894-1961), humorist; Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990), entertainer; Jim Morrison (1943-1971), singer; Kim Basinger (1953-), actress, is 48; Sinead O'Connor (1966-), singer, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins 73-0 — the greatest margin of victory in any NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No one tests the depth of a river with both feet." — Ashanti proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Dec. 7).

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001

Today is the 343rd day of 2001 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1843, Henry Cole created the first Christmas card.

On this day in 1909, in Mineola, N.Y., the first monoplane in the United States was flown for the first time. The flying machine, which had a top speed of 52 mph, was designed by Dr. Henry Walden.

On this day in 1975, President Gerald Ford authorized a $2.3 billion loan to prevent New York City from defaulting on its debt.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Douglas Fairbanks Jr. (1909-2000), actor-producer; Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (1912-1994), speaker of the House; Kirk Douglas (1918-), actor, is 83; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 60; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 59; Tom Kite (1949-), golfer, is 52; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 48; Donny Osmond (1957-), singer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Los Angeles Rams defeated the Houston Oilers 27-16. During the game, Eric Dickerson of the Rams rushed for 216 yards.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Good, the more communicated, more abundant grows." — John Milton

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

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Mail catches fire

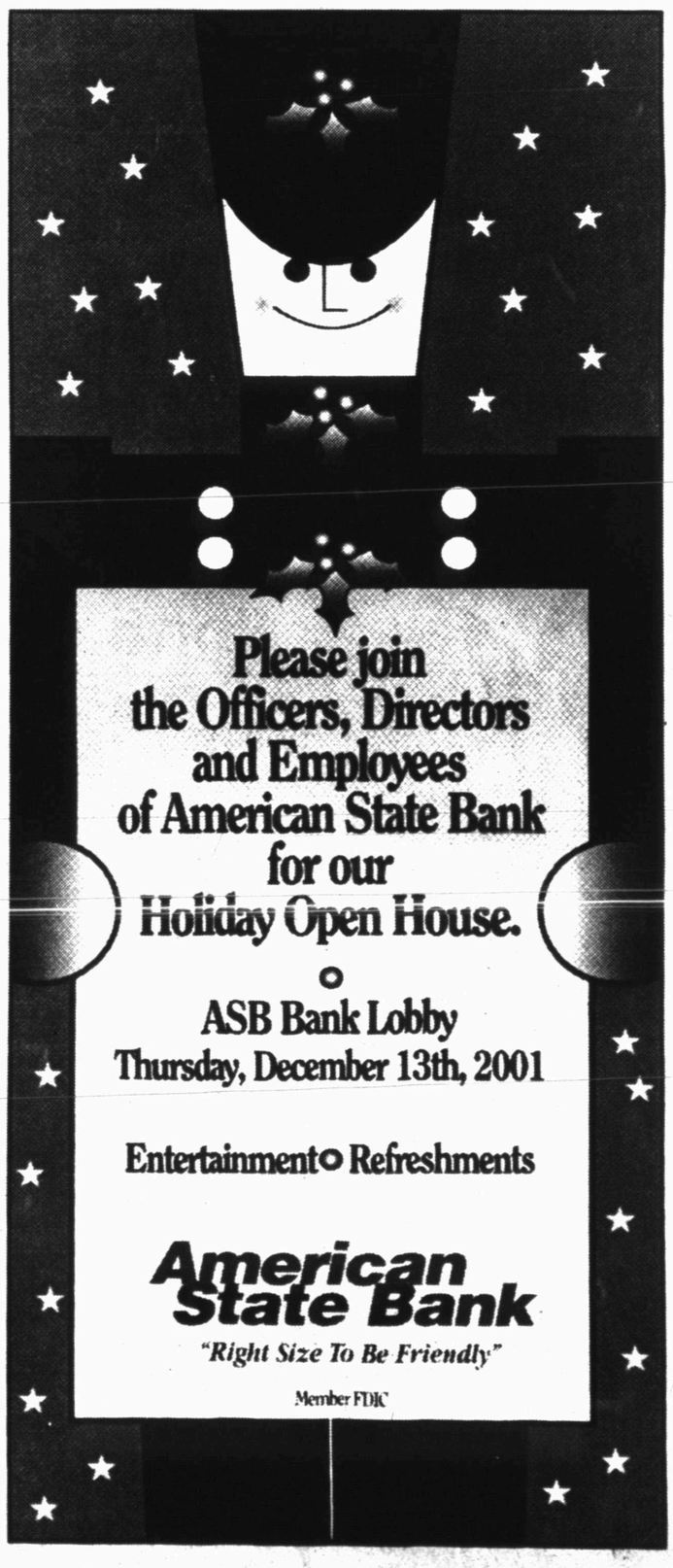
BRIDGEPORT, N.J. (AP) — Batches of mail being treated with radiation to eliminate possible anthrax contamination caught fire, apparently because some material overheated, officials said Friday.

Hundreds of large envelopes and magazines — 90 pounds in all — were destroyed during two small fires, one Thursday and one early Friday, said Postal Service spokesman Carl Walton.

"Our engineers believe both incidents are linked to material present in the mail which cause overheating during radiation exposure," said John Gilbert, spokesman for Ion Beam Applications, which operates the plant where the irradiation is being done. "We feel these two incidents are regrettable but expected."

Since mid-November, the plant has been irradiating mail quarantined from the Hamilton Post Office, which closed in October after the office was found to have handled at least four contaminated letters. Quarantined letters were sanitized first; now only large envelopes and magazines are left.

Officials declined to specify what materials might have overheated and caused the fires, saying they did not want to give information to potential saboteurs.



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Conservative advocate by William Rusher

Is Iraq next?

As everybody knows, the world is divided between those who prefer cats and those who prefer dogs — or, if you are more aesthetically inclined, those who prefer Venice and those who prefer Florence. But lately, a new fundamental division has turned up: those who want to invade Iraq next, and those who don't.

It is generally agreed that America's first order of business must be to wipe out the Taliban mobsters in Afghanistan and extinguish Osama bin Laden and the other leaders of his Al Qaeda operation. It may well be true, as Angelo Codevilla argues in a hard-hitting article in the latest Claremont Review of Books, that even these toothsome objectives miss the point — that the Taliban and bin Laden are basically sideshows that distract us from the serious business of bringing down the regimes (Iraq included) that support them and without which they wouldn't last a day. But it is, as a purely human proposition, impossible to disregard the perfectly proper determination of the Bush administration and the American people to make a grisly example of the monsters who engineered the events of Sept. 11th. After that, though, the next question becomes inescapable: Now what?

To the hawks who want to march on Baghdad, anyone who disagrees is a wimp. The Wimp-in-Chief, according to this view, is Secretary of State Colin Powell, backed by the other Nervous Nellies in the State Department. The hawks point to Powell's famous reluctance, back in 1991, to order General Schwarzkopf to keep going after ousting Saddam Hussein's troops from Kuwait and overthrow Saddam once and for all.

Personally, I have always felt a sneaking sympathy for the dilemma that this move would have put President Bush (the First) in. He had performed the twin miracles of rounding up a sturdy coalition of nations to join us in liberating Kuwait, and even getting the Senate (including an essential handful of Democrats) to go along. But all of this support would have evaporated like the morning dew if he had expanded the mission to include occupying Iraq. Almost all of our allies would have deserted us instantly, and the Democrats would have turned on Bush like pain-crazed rattlesnakes if any substantial number of body bags containing dead Americans began showing up at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

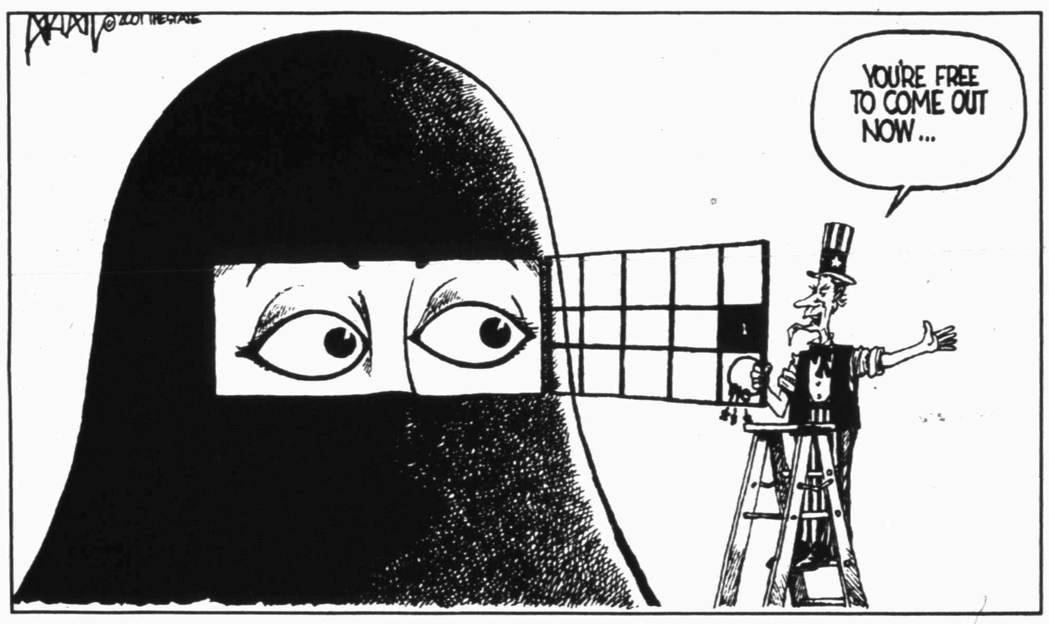
Still, that was then, and this is now. So let me declare my colors: I am all in favor of attacking Iraq, once Afghanistan is duly pacified, and letting various chunks of Saddam Hussein's body float down the Tigris and the Euphrates IF (and I capitalize that, because it's a big if) we have the military capacity to conquer Iraq in a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost in American lives.

Let me remind you that the last time we locked horns with Saddam Hussein, our military planners insisted on sending 500,000 American troops to do the job. Since then, Bill Clinton has spent almost the entire interval hollowing out our armed forces to the point where we no longer even claim the ability to fight two medium-sized wars (against Iraq and North Korea) simultaneously. To launch the needed forces against Iraq, we would have to leave ourselves essentially helpless against any mischief Kim Jong Il decides to get into while we're at it.

I know, I know — Saddam's army is allegedly much weaker now. And we have shown — first in the Balkans and then in Afghanistan — what American air power can do to soften up a foe before ground operations even begin. But, weak as Saddam's army may be, I doubt very much that it is as trivial an opponent as the Taliban's defenders turned out to be. And if it is true (as we are assured) that Saddam has chemical and biological weapons in his arsenal, what reason is there to think he would refrain from using them out of sheer spite if he faced inevitable defeat?

So I would like to hear from the Joint Chiefs of Staff just how much of a pushover they think Iraq is going to be. If there is a real prospect of a war against Iraq bogging down into the kind of endless Vietnamese nightmare that The New York Times' Johnny ("Quagmire") Apple recently (and wrongly) predicted that Afghanistan might turn out to be, let's know it now. If not — if Iraq is really ripe for the plucking, then, my fellow Americans, let's roll.

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Letter to the editor

A Plea for help

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Thank you in advance.

Donna Morris

EDITORIAL COMMENT

El Paso Times

Tough inspections for Mexican trucks

The North American Free Trade Agreement has impinged on El Pasoans' lives in many ways, both negative and positive. But one aspect of the trade pact that has elicited arguably the most concern is allowing Mexican trucks to cross the border.

There's plenty of evidence to show that a significant proportion of the Mexican trucks lined up at El Paso's international bridges and elsewhere along the border are unsafe, according to U.S. standards. But a provision of NAFTA mandates the United States to allow Mexican trucks access to the country, free of the 20-mile boundary north of the border to which they are now restricted.

There's no doubt that the U.S. is obligated to allow this access, and that this access is vital to the success of international free trade. But it's equally obvious that the Bush administration has an even greater obligation not to loose a fleet of unsafe and potentially deadly Mexican trucks onto America's roads, thus endangering American drivers.

The situation has been ameliorated somewhat, because Friday the U.S. House of Representatives voted to allow Mexican trucks to begin delivering throughout the United States, but with more-stringent safety requirements than President Bush was seeking.

The sanctions aren't as tough as many would like to see. U.S. officials would inspect the sites of half of all Mexican motor carriers with four or more trucks and are seeking access to the United States. Border inspection agents would have to electronically verify licenses of all Mexican drivers hauling hazardous materials. And during the next year, truck scales will have to be installed at the 10 busiest border crossings, which will, of course, benefit El Paso.

Although this compromise was part of a spending bill and is expected to be passed by the Senate this week, that shouldn't be the end of the story. The Department of Transportation or another responsible agency should keep track of the safety record of Mexican trucks as they course throughout the country. Any disturbing trends — high numbers of accidents, breakdowns or other potentially dangerous incidents — should be tracked and dealt with, by tightening safety requirements, toughening inspections or whatever is needed.

Access into the United States for Mexican trucks is necessary to the success of NAFTA. But that must be accomplished always with safety as the first consideration.

Austin American-Statesman

Diabetes research

Talk to someone who lives with diabetes long enough and they'll reveal their fatalism to you. If the disease runs in the family, the conversation about contracting the disease is not couched in terms of "if" but rather "when."

They know the warning signs: the blurred vision, the seemingly unquenchable thirst, the frequent urination. Talk to them for even a little while, and before you know it, you hear about a relative or a friend of theirs who went blind or whose foot or leg was amputated or whose kidneys failed or who suffered a debilitating stroke.

The stories, however unpleasant, are common in this community of diabetics and their families. Though the disease is deadly, it is only recently that those who suffer from it are getting attention from policy-makers.

And well they should.

If you look at the disease with the detached eye of an accountant, you discover that the direct and indirect costs of diabetes total $98 billion in 1997. Direct medical costs account for $44 billion of that total, while the remaining $54 billion is lost to disability and loss of productivity. Texans account for $4 billion of that total.

The most common type of diabetes is Type 2, which usually attacks adults, but has been known to strike children and adolescents. Younger people more often contract what's known as Type 1 diabetes.

The common link is that the pancreas does not produce enough natural insulin, a hormone that helps metabolize sugar. High blood sugar levels leads to the other complications. Some diabetics are fortunate enough to be able to control the disease with diet, exercise and medication.

Others aren't so lucky and suffer the severest of consequences.

Diabetes runs rampant through the nation's Hispanic population and though there are several theories, no one knows exactly why.

Genetic research under way in San Antonio has led scientists to four areas on different chromosomes that appear to be linked to Type 2 diabetes, the type with which 90 percent of diabetics live. Though the preliminary findings are hopeful, it will be a couple of years before the genes responsible for Type 2 diabetes in the Hispanic population are identified.

In Israel, researchers say they've developed a drug that combats Type 1 diabetes. According to recent news accounts, tests in 31 patients in the early stages of diabetes showed that the drug, known as DiaPep277, can prevent progression of the disease by preserving insulin production and can even reverse some symptoms.

U.S. researchers called the Israeli discoveries promising.

Those developments are cause for cheer, but a commitment of more time, effort and money — both state and federal — are needed to find ways to defeat this killer. According to the American Diabetic Association, 15.7 million, or 5.9 percent of Americans, have diabetes. Of those, 5.4 million don't know they have it. Each day, approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed with diabetes.

San Angelo Standard-Times

Tougher Texas teen driving law

Getting a driver's license is a long-cherished teen rite of passage. But often lost behind the excitement of newfound freedom is the somber realization that driving is a serious responsibility.

In recognition of the fact that teen drivers, the most inexperienced of motorists, are involved in a disproportionate number of traffic accidents, including those involving serious injuries and deaths, graduated license measures will become law next year in Texas.

Effective Jan. 1, teens younger than 18 will face new requirements for getting a drivers license in Texas. These include:

Teens must complete a drivers education course and six months of supervised driving with an adult 21 or older. Although teen-agers can get a learners permit at 15, they can't get a provisional drivers license until 16.

After the six months probation is completed, drivers enter Phase Two of the provisional license when they can't drive alone from midnight to 5 a.m. or have more than one passenger in the car younger than 21, unless it's a family member. The only exception to nighttime driving is traveling for a work, school-related or farming activity or for a medical emergency.

If a teen-ager gets two traffic tickets while driving with a provisional license, the license can be suspended for 90 days.

These provisions are more than reasonable when you consider that driving is a complex skill that improves dramatically with experience. A lack of experience too often leaves teens ill-equipped to handle the split-second life-or-death situations that develop daily on our nations streets and highways.



North of Forty by Red Green

Taking a dive

One hobby that I've never understood is skydiving. I believe everybody has a voice inside that tells them not to do dumb things. (If you're married, you have two of them. And the loud one isn't even yours.) This voice stops you from doing idiotic things like stepping into oncoming traffic or quitting your job to become a mime. Or jumping out of an airplane.

Skydiving is crazy. But they tell me that if you get a bunch of guys to go with you, it's not crazy, it's bonding. So I suggest you go skydiving only if you can get a bunch of guys to go with you. But first, you all have to ask your wives if it's OK with them. If the wives say "no," the guys don't go. And if the wives say "yes," I'd say their marriages are in serious trouble.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

You and your wife pretty much see eye-to-eye. Or as close to eye-to-eye as married people get if they look at each other. But her taste in music is becoming a problem. If she's not playing "Dancing Queen," it's either "Waterloo" or "Can You Hear the Drums, Fernando?" She's worn out three ABBA's "Greatest Hits" CDs and all of your patience. What you have to understand is that she's not just listening to music. She's reliving her life the way it was before she met you. And if you could go back in time, you'd see her the way she sees herself — at a disco in a tube top with three pounds of blue mascara and a Harvey Wallbanger. She sure looks hot. Of course, you looked pretty hot back then too — three gold chains, four chest hairs and five bucks worth of breath mints. So what if you could walk up to her table and lay this on her, "Who loves ya, baby?" Would you care if they were playing Dancing Queen? No, because "you bad," my friend. And she knows it. So forget about ABBA. You just have to ask yourself ... do you feel lucky, Punk? And if the answer is yes, make love not war.

HUSBAND-SPEAK

Communication is great, but you have to be aware that there are things you should never say to your wife. Here are a few examples:

— "This is all your fault."

— "I think your sister's lost weight."

— "What have you done to your hair?"

— "Let's not do anything special on our anniversary."

— "The company would never fire me."

— "It seems like we've been married forever."

LEST WE FORGET

Nov. 11 is an important day. Some call it Remembrance Day; some call it Armistice Day or Veterans' Day. For me this year, it was a day when we were having a small dinner party. My wife sent me out to get a few last-minute groceries, including liquor. I arrived at the liquor store only to find that it was closed. I checked the "hours of operation" sign. It said the store opens at 11 a.m. I checked my watch. It said 11 a.m. I grabbed the door and started shaking it. Then I started yelling into the store for somebody to open up. "Hey! Come on! It's 11 o'clock! What's the problem?!" Then I looked at my watch again and noticed that not only was it 11 o'clock, but that it was also November 11. And then it hit me. I was spending the two minutes of silence yelling at somebody to open the liquor store. I looked around sheepishly to see if there were any witnesses. Just a lone taxi driver parked at the curb. The name of the cab company was "Veteran's Taxi." That was not my finest hour.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "If your wife is having fun and you're not, you're still having way more fun than when you're having fun and she's not." — Red Green

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Students download hard-core pronography

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Pride over a deal to provide laptop computers to every high school student in a suburban district has turned to embarrassment after dozens of youngsters were found to have downloaded hard-core pornography.

Graphic sexual images have been deleted from many of the Apple iBooks that were issued to Henrico County's 11,800 high school students this year.

When the $18.5 million, four-year deal to lease the computers was announced last spring, Superintendent Mark A. Edwards said it would provide a "vibrant, engaged-type of learning that will enhance the learning process."

Seven months later, district officials say 50 to 60 students have been disciplined for using the hardware to access porn. A first offense generally results in a 10-day suspension.

"We knew there would be challenges, but we still see the benefits every day for children throughout the community," Edwards said Thursday. "Obviously, we're paying very careful attention to this."

He emphasized that an overwhelming majority of students have used the laptops responsibly.

Edwards said the county has one of the best Internet filtering systems on the market. However, the filter does not block access to Web sites unless there is a reference to sex in the address or the site's text.

School officials already had planned to collect the laptops for a memory upgrade during Christmas break. Now they plan to add security features to make it more difficult for students to download porn, Edwards said.

Patch may seal holes in kids' heart; no surgery necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Specially trained cardiologists can soon begin repairing holes in some children's hearts without resorting to grueling open-heart surgery.

The Food and Drug Administration approved two patches Thursday — CardioSeal and Amplatzer — that can be threaded into the heart through tiny incisions in the groin to heal this birth defect.

"It's pretty remarkable to see just how this works," said Dr. Stuart Portnoy, of the FDA's cardiovascular and respiratory devices division.

They're not perfect: even this minimally invasive therapy can cause serious side effects. But Portnoy called the patches a breakthrough that could help hundreds of children a year.

"These devices are going to be very helpful," agreed Dr. Dianne Atkins of the University of Iowa, who chairs the pediatric heart disease council of the Dallas-based American Heart Association.

They will allow some children to avoid open-heart surgery altogether — and reduce the number of operations needed by some babies with complex heart defects, she said.

Up to 17,000 Americans are born each year with a septal defect, a hole between heart chambers that short-circuits how the heart pumps.

The heart has four chambers. The top two are the atria, the bottom two the ventricles. The septum is a wall separating the left and right sides of those chambers. Oxygen-rich blood is kept in the left chambers, oxygen-depleted blood in the right.

A hole in the septum means oxygen-rich blood mixes with oxygen-depleted blood and gets sent to the lungs a second time in a vicious cycle that makes the heart work progressively harder.

This hole can be either between the top two chambers, an atrial septal defect, or the bottom chambers, a ventricular septal defect. Often, the holes can heal by themselves or are too small to cause harm. But large holes, especially in the ventricles, can cause serious, even life-threatening, damage.

CardioSeal is a fabric patch with tiny wire hooks to hold it in place over ventricular holes. Amplatzer is a fabric and wire mesh patch to seal atrial holes.

Using a thin tube called a catheter, cardiologists cut a small incision into a vein in the groin and thread the patch-bearing catheter up to the heart. Once the patch is hooked over the hole, the heart forms scar tissue that, within six months, should hold the patch permanently in place, Portnoy explained.

How well do they work? Amplatzer manufacturer AGA Medical Corp. compared 331 patch patients with 154 who had open-heart surgery. The patch proved equally as successful at closing holes in the atria, 98 percent. At the same time, it caused far fewer serious side effects — 7.4 percent compared with 24 percent of side effects surgery patients faced. Plus, patch recipients stayed in the hospital one day instead of three.

In its own study, CardioSeal manufacturer NMT Medical Inc. implanted the patch in 74 patients with ventricle holes who were too sick for open-heart surgery. Six months later, 72 percent had significantly improved. About 17 percent suffered serious side effects.

The biggest risk is that the patches won't stay in place until scar tissue grows around them, Portnoy said, which means patients will need regular checkups with X-rays to ensure the patch doesn't move.

Other risks include the possibility of blood clots or a fracture in the patch.

Placing the patch "is a technically demanding skill. You need to have had special training," cautioned the heart association's Atkins.

Overwhelmed hospitals turn patients away

HOUSTON (AP) — Patients were turned away from more than half of the city's hospitals because of an overload caused by emergency and intensive care cases.

Sixteen of 29 Houston-area hospitals declared "drive-by" or diversion status at the same time Thursday.

The hospitals requested that paramedics and rescue units not bring more patients because they were overloaded.

"This year we have noticed a significant increase in hospitals asking for diversion status," said Dr. David Persse, physician director of emergency medical services for the city of Houston.

Hospitals can stay on diversion status as long as they deem it necessary, though most last no longer than eight hours.

"Despite trying to avert ambulances, the system is getting overwhelmed," Persse told the Houston Chronicle for Friday's editions. "It's changed from being an evening phenomenon to an all-day phenomenon."

"But if a patient demands a certain hospital, that's where we're taking them," Persse said. "There is no such thing as the diversion police. We try not to bring patients to drive-by hospitals, but they can't refuse to accept. At the end of the day, they can't close their doors."

Emergency room visits nationwide continue to rise at a rate of about one million visits per year, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine said.

It attributes the national shortage of hospital beds to nursing shortages, hospital closures, an ever-increasing geriatric population and the uninsured.

Hospitals tend to see a rise in service during the flu season, but it's not just a seasonal this year, Persse said. Area hospitals have increasingly been requesting drive-by status since early in the year.

Since Saturday, Memorial Hermann Hospital has been on diversion status for 40 hours, spokeswoman Beth Sartori said.

"It has become increasingly frequent," she said. "There are not enough ICU beds and it's something all hospitals have had to address."

Memorial Hermann has 95 adult and 14 child ICU beds. As one of the area's biggest hospitals, it has the been the most affected, Sartori said.

Between its intensive care and emergency room units, Ben Taub Hospital had to go on "diversion status" 25 times during October, a hospital spokesman said.

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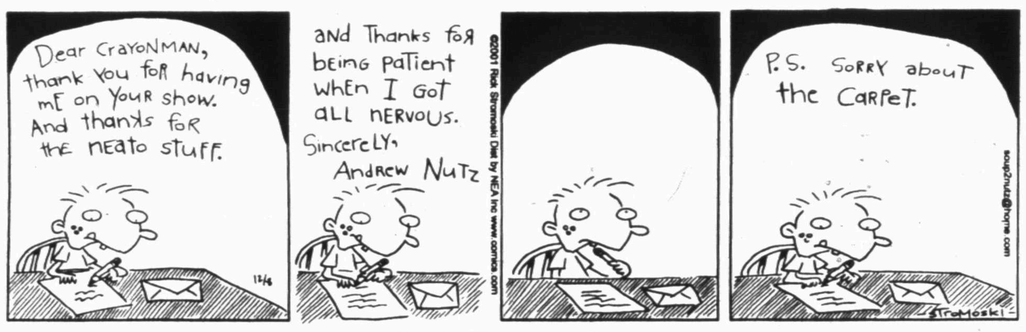
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"Maybe we should park somewhere else."

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14 Stickups
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16 Polynesian staple
17 7 days
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23 Lawn piece
26 Throne
28 Not worth a —
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33 Develop
34 Sled runners
35 Uncle or granddad
36 Adams or Brickell
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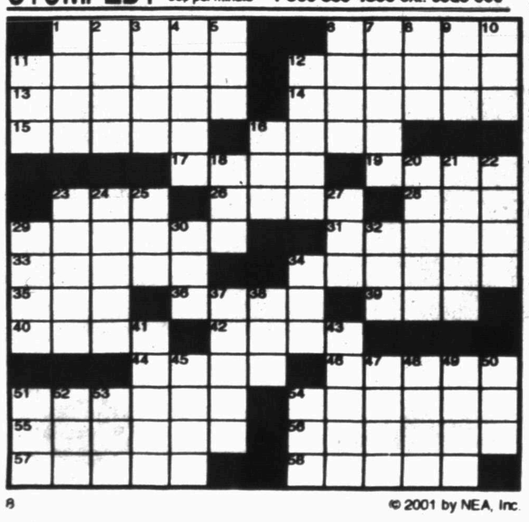
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23 Vocalist Vaughan
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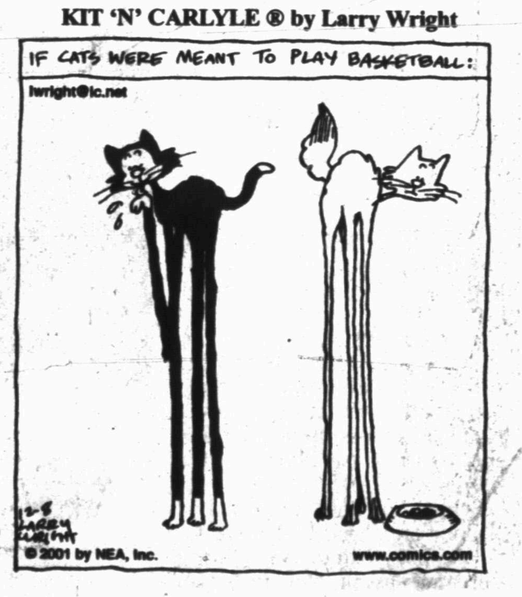
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Family of Christmas loner won't leave him in peace

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old divorced man with no children. I have lived alone since my divorce 15 years ago and wouldn't have it any other way. I'm not anti-social. I have a steady girlfriend and many friends.

My problem is my family at Christmastime. Nobody in our family is particularly religious, so during family gatherings the holiday is not celebrated in the spiritual sense. Frankly, I find the "Ho, Ho, Ho" aspect of the holiday overblown and am relieved when it is over. I prefer to spend Christmas Day reading, catching up on home repairs, or — weather permitting — cross-country skiing or ice fishing.

My family insists I must get together with them simply because it's Christmas. I live within a half-hour of all of them and can get together with them whenever I like. However, they cannot accept the fact that I am not a "Christmas guy." (I still give nice gifts to all the kids and chip in on a big gift for my parents.)

My girlfriend accepts my decision and celebrates with her family, although deep down I suspect my "Grinchiness" does bother her.

Abby, I mean no disrespect and wish them all a merry Christmas, but how can I convince them that I prefer to spend the holidays alone? — **CHRISTMAS LONER AND LOVING IT**

DEAR CHRISTMAS LONER: It may be difficult to do, because your perception of a merry Christmas is so different from theirs, and your attitude isn't shared by the majority of people. What you have failed to consider is the fact that Christmas is traditionally a family holiday — and to your parents and siblings (and your girlfriend), you are an important part of the family picture.

However, since you are uncomfortable with the family celebrations, tell your relatives that this is your quirk and you expect them to respect it. Eventually, they'll get over their disappointment. Enjoy your home repairs, cross-country skiing and ice fishing, and in the words of the Bard, "... to thine own self be true."

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years and was delighted to read another of your "pennies from heaven" letters from Lisa Angilano of Berea, Ohio, concerning her brother who was killed in a car crash. I also lost a brother last year in a car accident.

After reading the paper, I went to my usual morning Mass and decided to ask the Lord to let me know if my brother was in heaven, along with a sister and my mother who had also passed away.

I prayed to find some pennies from heaven to let me know. Later that morning, I went to the post office and when I came out, I found three pennies clustered together in an empty parking space next to my car. I was moved to tears. Now I know they are all there. — **GRATEFUL IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR GRATEFUL: If you had any misgivings, I'm pleased they were put to rest. Your experience proves the truth of the saying, "When in doubt, send money!"

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

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I wrote the enclosed essay for our newsletter here at the Lutheran Apartments and thought you might like to share it with your readers. Although I'm retired, I am still listed in "Marquis Who's Who in Entertainment." I haven't the slightest idea of why I'm in that series — since at 79 I am too old to sing or dance, and my jokes are ancient. **— MYRON J. QUIMBY, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.**

DEAR MYRON: No one is too old to sing or kick up his heels if he feels like it. Clever humor never goes out of style. I'm delighted to share your essay with my readers:

REMEMBER THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"?

I frequently hear people talk about the "good old days."

As I recall, those were the days when you could buy a loaf of bread or a quart of milk for a dime, a hot dog or even a tamale for a nickel. But they were also the days when millions of people didn't HAVE a dime or even a nickel. Fathers were anxious to work and so were 12 million others, but there were no jobs to be had.

Those were the days when you could skate or ride your bicycle on the streets without fear of being hit by a car. But they were also the days when parents couldn't afford to buy skates, a bicycle, and certainly not a car. Ah, the "good old days"!

It was a time when you could go to sleep with all your windows open (no air conditioning), or leave your home and not even lock the door. There was little fear of being robbed. But it was also a time when you really didn't have anything worth stealing, anyhow.

Lest we forget, it was a time of hunger, fear of tuberculosis, polio, and a host of childhood diseases. Our parents were old at 40, and if they lived to be 60 they were ANCIENT!

Today, we cure tuberculosis and prevent polio, mumps, measles and even chickenpox. So the next time you hear somebody talk about the "good old days," remind them of the "good days TODAY" — and go smilingly on your way.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I plan to be married next spring. It has been decided that his mother is no longer welcome at the ceremony. We haven't come up with a polite way to tell her.

To avoid potential problems, we are considering going on a "vacation," during which we will be married with only a few friends in attendance.

Have you any other ideas? — **WE HAVE OUR REASONS**

DEAR WE HAVE OUR REASONS: There is no polite way to tell your future mother-in-law she is no longer welcome to attend your wedding. An elopement would achieve your goal without humiliating her.

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TO ALL MY JEWISH READERS, A HAPPY HANUKKAH!

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Federal regulators concerned about investors hurt by Enron

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investors burned by the collapse of Enron Corp. or repelled by sketchy accounting at other big companies are drawing the concern of federal securities regulators, who worry that confidence in the markets could be eroded.

With the accounting industry already in the hot seat over the Enron debacle, Laura Unger, a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, pointed Thursday to another group of players: financial analysts who just a few weeks ago were issuing buy recommendations for the troubled company while its once-lofty stock traded at less than a dollar a share.

"Unfortunately, investors have borne the burden" of the energy trading company's demise, Unger said in an interview on CNBC.

As the SEC investigates Enron's complex accounting, the agency's chief accountant warned that a recent spate of reporting irregularities at major corporations could undermine investor confidence.

The swift, stunning collapse of Houston-based Enron "gives pause to all of us who care about financial reporting and about its customers — the investors," Robert Herdman said in a speech to accountants. Companies' financial reporting practices must be improved quickly, he said.

While she was acting head of the SEC earlier this year, Unger publicly prodded Wall Street to begin resolving what she said were analysts' conflicts of interest.

Last spring, analysts came under fire in Congress as lawmakers questioned whether they have become cheerleaders for companies the analysts' investment firms own stock in or do business for — giving investors biased advice.

Critics say analysts have shaken public confidence by making rosy stock recommendations as the market plummeted. At one point during last year's slide, when the Nasdaq composite index was down 60 percent, fewer than 1 percent of analysts recommended selling stocks.

Now Enron has become Exhibit A in the controversy over analysts' independence.

A survey of analysts' recommendations on Nov. 29, the day after Enron's share price fell from around 60 cents to about 40 cents, found six "strong buys" for the stock, two "buys," six "holds," no "sells" and one "strong sell."

Rep. Richard Baker, R-La., chairman of the House Financial Services subcommittee on capital markets, said lawmakers need to determine "whether the research analysts dropped the ball on this, and why were so few people aware of what was coming or willing to speak up about it."

"The bottom line is that unsuspecting investors, large and small, got hurt," Baker said earlier this week.

Herdman, the SEC chief accountant, exhorted auditors in his speech to look closely at their firms' accounting policies and to "think hard" about how adequately information is disclosed.

Without naming any companies other than Enron, he noted that its collapse followed several accounting debacles and restatements of earnings at other big corporations.

"One has to conclude that there is a threat to the confidence in our system of financial reporting and our capital markets," Herdman said.

Significant accounting problems have occurred in recent years at companies including America Online Inc., Cendant Corp., MicroStrategy Inc., Rite Aid Corp., Sunbeam Corp., Waste Management Inc. and Xerox Corp.

If the integrity of company financial reports is not assured, investors could lose confidence in the stock markets.

Facing intense public scrutiny over the Enron debacle, the Big Five accounting firms — Arthur Andersen, KPMG, Deloitte & Touche, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young — on Tuesday released a statement promising to abide by higher standards in the future.

The SEC is examining Enron's use of questionable partnerships that allowed the company to keep half a billion dollars in debt off its books, and has issued Arthur Andersen subpoenas related to its auditing of Enron's accounts.

Holy Land Foundation suspends work

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The Jordanian branch of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development says it has suspended its work in the kingdom because of the U.S. government's freeze of its assets.

The local director of the foundation, Abdul-Rahim Boucai, said the decision in Washington — announced by President George W. Bush on Tuesday — had forced his hand, The Jordan Times and other newspapers reported Friday.

The United States froze the assets on the basis of an FBI report that said the Richardson, Texas-based foundation funneled money to the Palestinian group Hamas, which has carried out a number of suicide bombings in Israel.

The foundation's chairman, Ghassan Elashi, said in the United States that his organization has no ties to Hamas or other terrorist groups.

In Jordan, newspapers quoted Boucai as saying: "This (U.S.) measure means the suspension of the financial support to help the poor in the kingdom."

Boucai said the Jordanian activities consisted of providing food and clothing to the poor and orphans in cooperation with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund and the Ministry of Social Development.

Confessed hit man who says he killed 26 lived a quiet life

LAGUNA HEIGHTS (AP) — For more than a decade, Juan Martin Cantu lived in a ramshackle house near a Gulf Coast bay and worked odd jobs, sometimes earning money by grilling at backyard barbecues. Not even his wife suspected he was a convicted hit man who had been leading a secret life, authorities said.

The truth came out this week after Cantu was arrested on a charge of felony marijuana possession.

During his interrogation, he admitted he had served time in Texas and Mexican prisons and that he also was responsible for 26 murders for which he had never been charged, precinct Deputy Constable George Gavito said.

"I asked him, 'Do you get off on this, get a joy from it?' And he smiles and he tells me, 'You know, it gives me a thrill," Gavito said.

Cantu, jailed under the name Juan Martin Medrano, has a criminal record in Texas that dates to at least 1974, when he was convicted of burglary. After at least two more felony convictions for lesser offenses, he confessed in 1978 to six slayings, Gavito said.

He was transferred to a Mexican prison under the terms of a 1970s treaty that allows foreign nationals to transfer to facilities in their home countries, but he was released four years later, police said. He had been living in Laguna Heights since at least 1991.

Cantu, 46, grew up the son of a poor rancher in the small Mexican state of Morelos. His first victim apparently had threatened his brother. By 17, he had become a contract killer.

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There will be marked improvements in your long-range financial projections for the year ahead, but you'll need to exercise patience. It won't happen all at once, but an inch at a time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't talk about something good you have going for you prematurely today, even to good friends and family. Speaking out of turn could hurt the arrangement. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The only good advice is honest and realistic counsel. Should you feel a need for consultation, seek out only those you know will tell you the truth and not just what you'd like to hear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Get your responsibilities out of the way early instead of lamenting over them. The sooner they are taken care of, the sooner you can get out and play.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Others could get you off to a false start today so try to keep all kibitzers out of the way. Left to your own devices, you should be able to work things out to a satisfactory conclusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll be rather amicable and easy to get along with today, unless someone does something that affects you personally. Then it could be a different story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — So long as you depend solely on yourself today to get done what needs to be done, your temperament will be happy. When you rely on someone else, however, disappointment will set in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's wonderful to be kind and giving to someone you love, but do not make the mistake of overindulging his or her every whim. Your excesses will end up hurting more than helping.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you might get up on the wrong side of the bed today, as the day moves on, things will start to look more cheerful, mostly due to the delightful outlook of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Remain optimistic today no matter how dire something looks at first glance. By keeping a hopeful outlook, the skies will clear and the sun will shine before the day is over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you are paying heed to how you're handling your money today, you could suffer some kind of loss. Fortunately, when assessed in depth, it won't be as bad as it first seemed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Counting on friends to carry the ball over the end zone for you today will leave you short of your mark. Let your friends do the blocking while you make the touchdown yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — What you perceive at first glance will not be representative of the true picture today. Take a lot of time to review all the details, because they'll reveal something quite different.

Monday, Dec. 10, 2001

Exercise your independence in the year ahead because personal endeavors will gratify you the most. Teaming up with others has their pluses, but not without complications involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It is all well and good to want to get advice on how to handle an intimate problem, but if it has anything to do with your spouse, you had better be your own counsel. Confidentiality is a must.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone on whom you believe you can dump your tasks may have the same idea concerning you. An impasse is likely with neither getting anything done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be very careful today you don't placate one pal while offending another. Keep track of your commitments and honor them to the letter or social complications will ensue.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you assume that you can just start your engines today and everything will take care of itself, the objectives you establish for yourself won't be achieved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If your heart isn't really behind what you're asked to promote, the results are likely to be rather poor. Do not attempt to advocate anything in which you do not sincerely believe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — No matter how hard you try to sell something that's not salable, it won't work. It might be wiser to take your losses now and don't make matters worse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Once you make a decision today you believe to be right, don't let anyone, especially someone less knowledgeable, alter your course. Have the courage of your convictions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's an excellent chance you could derive a profit from an endeavor today, but, unfortunately if you owe anything to anybody, that person will be right there to get paid off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hop on the bandwagons of others today, because you could be far luckier if you help them promote their interests than you may be with your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In order to be successful today, you must feel you're doing something truly worthwhile. Material rewards alone will not give you the satisfaction you're seeking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful how you treat someone who has offered to help you today. If your actions makes this person think he or she is being used or taken for granted, the individual will take a hike.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The possibilities for success are very encouraging today, provided you don't let unexpected developments shut you down. You need to get past that if you hope to be a winner.

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Leaving 'ER' after three years on show

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Michele is checking out of "ER" after three years.

The 35-year-old actress, who played Dr. Cleo Finch on the NBC hospital drama, said she's leaving because she's tired of making the cross-country commute to Los Angeles.

"I am finished with 'ER,'" Michele said in a recent interview. "The traveling back and forth to New York just about killed me.

"I had convinced myself that 'Oh, I can do this. I'm on a plane every week. I'm on a plane every nine days, I can do this.' But it just about killed me. So I'm happy to be home and it was a good, productive three years but now it's over."

Michele said her time on "ER" and on "Homicide: Life on the Street" before that prepared her to return to feature films. She plays Muhammad Ali's wife, Veronica, opposite Will Smith in "Ali," opening Christmas Day.

"You have to do good television so that you can flex your muscles," she said, "so that when I come back to feature films, I have this huge toolbox, and I can just pull out whichever tool I need to make the character work."

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