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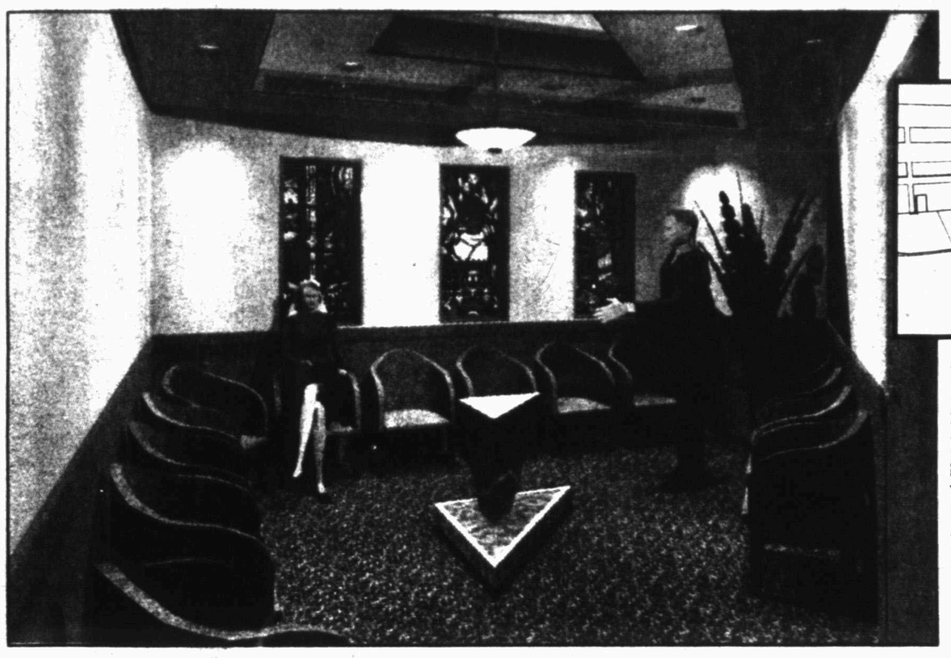
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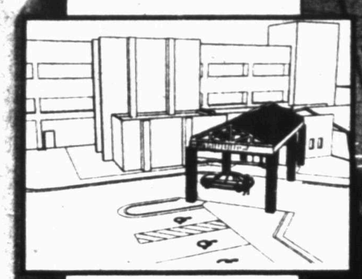
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Home of Jim & Mary Waters





Cogdell Memorial Hospital will have a new entrance as part of the emergency room renovations. It will be located where the present physican's entrance is now.



NEW LOOK — Several areas of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will have a new look following a $4.9 million renovation and construction of the hospital's emergency room, surgical unit and the intensive care unit. Shown in the right photo is an artist's rendition of the new lobby that will be located in the area where the physician's lounge is now located. The left photo is a rendering of the new chapel area that will be built in the same area. A pre-bid conference was held last week and bids will be opened on Dec. 13. The Cogdell board is expected to award the bids on the emergency room work at their board meeting on Dec. 20, and work could start about a month later. Hospital CEO George Parsley said a total of 6,722 sq. ft. would be added, primarily for the expansion of the ER. In all, almost 10,000 sq. ft. will either be added, or renovated.

Primary filings begin

With one candidate already announced, filing begins Monday for the March 12 primary elections, and voters will have eight local offices to fill in Scurry County.

The four-year terms of County Judge Ricky Fritz, Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, County Treasurer Nelda Colvin, County Clerk Joan Bunch, District Clerk Trina Rodgers and Precinct 1 JP Deborah Boyd all expire next year.

Rodgers has already announced her intentions to seek a second term.

Also on the ballot is the office of sheriff. Darren Jackson, who was appointed last January to serve until the next general election, will be on the ballot for the remainder of the four-year term that will expire in 2004.

Jackson, a Democrat, ran two years ago, but was declared ineligible after voting in the GOP primary. Former sheriff Keith Collier was named the Democratic nominee for sheriff and was subsequently elected, but did not take office.

The Scurry County Commissioners' Court then named Jackson to serve until the next general election.

Colvin was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Charlie Bell who was appointed county auditor.

Boyd was elected in 2000 to serve the last two years of Charles Reynolds' four-year term. Reynolds resigned to enter missionary work.

Also on the ballot will be the office of state representative, comprising the new district composed of Scurry, Mitchell, Coke and Tom Green counties.

State Rep. Rob Junell, a Democrat, announced Friday that he would not seek re-election.

Candidates must file with their respective party chairman and independent candidates must file with the county judge.

Drew Bullard is the Republican chairman and Jerry Gannaway is the county Democrat chairman.

The filing deadline period runs through Jan. 2.

Prospective candidates must pay a filing fee with the respective party chairman or they may file by petition, according to County Clerk Joan Bunch.

"A candidate must have the signatures of at least two percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the last gubernatorial election," said Bunch.

In Tuesday's election to fill the vacant seat in Texas District 30, Bunch said 128 voters cast their ballots early.

Republican Craig Estes and Democrat Greg Underwood are competing in the runoff election to fill the Senate seat held by the late Tom Haywood.

Bunch said the voting locations would be the same as they were on Nov. 6.

"Voters in Precinct 5, 6 and 7 will vote at the Scurry County Library, while Precincts 8, 9 and 10 will vote at Towle Park Barn. Precinct 11, 12 and 13 will vote on the south side of the coliseum, while 14 and 15 precincts will vote on the north side of the coliseum," said Bunch.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Meetings set to get parks information

To seek public input on the future of parks and recreation facilities in Scurry County, three meetings are scheduled this week.

The first is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Ira Community Center, followed by a Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Hermleigh at the community center.

Snyder citizens can give input at 6:30 Thursday at Towle Park Barn.

Expected to attend the meetings are members of a 13-member park board appointed by commissioners' court, as well as elected county officials.

Citizens are invited to attend to hear a review of future plans, plus give their own input. The committee has also sought information on a questionnaire concerning the future of facilities in the county.

Information gathered at the meetings will be forwarded to the county commissioners' court for its review and possible action.

Rodgers seeks re-election

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced her intentions to seek re-election, subject to the March 12 Republican primary.



Trina Rodgers

Rodgers is completing her first four-year term as district clerk and has a total of 23 years experience in the district clerk's office.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as your elected district clerk for this four-year term," said Rodgers. "I look forward to using my 23 years of experience from working with district clerks Polly Underwood and Elois Pruitt, and district judges Wayland Holt, Gene Dulaney and Ernie Armstrong to continue serving you as your district clerk."

Rodgers has lived in Snyder for 34 years and is a 1978 graduate of Snyder High School.

She worked at the sheriff's office while in high school with the DECA program went to work for Underwood in the clerk's office 1979. She was the chief deputy for Pruitt from 1994-98, and worked as court-coordinator for the three district judges.

She and her husband of 23 years, Kerry, have two children. Matt, 20, attends WTC and works for Bull Creek Taxidermy. Adam, 17, is a junior at SHS and a member of the tennis team.

The family attends Colonial Hill Baptist Church and Rodgers is a member of the chamber of commerce Gold Coaters.

Eastridge to re-open

Renovations due on 48-unit apartment complex

The Eastridge Apartments have a new owner and are expected to reopen this spring to fill a niche the purchaser sees in Snyder.

"I feel there is a real need for some nice apartments for teachers, police officers, and others who do not need government help to pay their rent," said Johnny Melton of Aransas Pass.

The apartments, located on Brick Plant Rd., have been closed for over two years but workers will be on site around the first of the year renovating the 48 units that consist of about an equal number of one and two bedroom units.

Melton, who has extensive real estate holdings primarily in the Coastal Bend area, also said he is considering building a swimming pool at the apartments.

"This will be our first units in West Texas, and we want to fix the apartments up nicely where people will want to live there," said Melton.

Rev. Wilson new pastor at First Christian Church

Snyder's First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has called Rev. Brenda Wilson to serve as the church's new pastor.



Rev. Wilson

Rev. Wilson, who will be moving from Waco, begins her ministry Sunday.

A Houston native, she was ordained by the Southwest Region of the Christian Church on Jan. 27. She graduated from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in 1997.

Rev. Wilson has a 12-year-old son, Benjamin, and another son, Theodore Roosevelt Wilson II who is a CTR3 in the U.S. Navy stationed at Fort Gordon in Georgia. He had served this summer on the U.S.S. San Jacinto in the Arabian Gulf.

The new minister is in her fourth year of the doctorate program in Biblical Interpretation at Brite Divinity School, and is a lifetime member of the Disciples Historical Society.

In March, she presented a paper at the Southwest regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Dallas, and has also published a book review in Shofar, an interdisciplinary journal of Jewish studies.

Following her graduation from Baylor University in 1977, where she majored in political science, she worked as a senior analyst in the MIS department of Harris County from 1978–1973.

She then worked as a computer consultant while attending St. Mary's Seminary before transferring to Brite Divinity School in 1996.

"It was the foresight and generosity of the Brite family that made it possible for me to pursue my call to the ministry and to study the scripture, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to serve in Snyder," said Rev. Wilson.

Rev. Wilson received the Jack Suggs Fellowship and grants from Brite, as well as the Ann E. Dickerson scholarship from the Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church.

The Dickerson scholarship made it possible for her to attend an ecumenical Ph.D seminar in Gottingen, Germany.

While there, she participated in the reenactment of the debate between Luther and Zwingli at the Marburg castle by playing the role of Zwingli.

Rev. Wilson said she was especially touched by the condolences she received from some of the Germans she had met following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Folks who talk too much often say what they didn't intend to."

Russell Smith, an education technology consultant, is a regular writer for the Sweetwater Reporter. His column, containing some 911 notes making the rounds is...well interesting.

—The date of the attack: 9/11: 9 + 1 +1 = 11.

—September 11 is the 254th day of the year: 2 + 5 + 4 = 11.

—After September 11th there are 111 days left to the end of the year.

—119 is the area code to Iraq/Iran: 1 + 1 + 9 = 11.

—Twin Towers, standing side by side, looks like the number 11.

—The first plane to hit the towers was Flight 11.

There's more...

—State of New York, the 11th state added to the Union.

—New York City has 11 letters.

—Afghanistan has 11 letters.

—The Pentagon has 11 letters.

—Ramzi Yousef, convicted of orchestrating the attack of the WTC in 1993, has 11 letters.

—Flight 11 had 92 on board. 9 + 2 = 11.

—Flight 77: 65 on board. 6 + 5 = 11.

Smith had this response from a friend, David Pawson.

"Wow, I'm a goner. There are 11 letters in the name David Pawson. I'm going into hiding now.

"Wait a second... I just realized 'You can't hide' also has 11 letters.

"Oh darn, there must be some place on Planet Earth where I could hide. But no, 'Planet Earth' has 11 letters, too.

"The Red Cross can't help because there are 11 letters in 'The Red Cross.'

"I would rely on self defense, but 'self defense' has 11 letters in it too. Can someone help? If so, send me email. No don't. 'Send me email' has 11 letters.

"Will this ever end? I'm going insane. 'Going insane' has 11 letters.

"Noooooooo! I guess I'll die alone even though 'I'll die alone' also has 11 letters.

"American may be doomed. Our Independence Day is July 4th, 7/4. 7 + 4 = 11."

It got us to thinking:

Don Rumsfeld, defense secretary, has 11 letters in his name.

So does Colin Powell, secretary of state.

Likewise for President George W. Bush.

Count 'em: Snyder, Texas.

Relax: "Foolishness" also has 11 letters.

ASK US

Q—Is there a place to drop off toys after 5 p.m. for the Girl Scouts' Toys for Kids program?

A—No, but if you will call Judi Martin at 573-7556, she will meet you at the Girl Scout Hut.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 57 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Saturday, 33; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 30s, light, variable wind. Sunday, partly cloudy, high mid 60s, S winds 5-10 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 35-40.



Tiffany Stack
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:26 a.m.

Of 334 days in 2001, the sun has shone 321 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs...one step at a time.

—Joe Girard

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Appropriations chief won't run again

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Rob Junell, who has been one of Texas' top money men as chairman of the powerful House Appropriation Committee the past decade, said Friday he won't seek re-election to the Texas House in 2002.

Junell made the announcement in his hometown of San Angelo with his wife, Beverly, by his side.

Junell would have been Scurry County's state representative beginning Jan. 1, 2003 if he had chosen to remain in office

"Change needs to occur. Change is not bad," Junell, a Democrat, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Junell, 54, was first elected to the House in 1988. He said the decision not to run was personal and that he has no immediate plans to seek another political office.

"I enjoyed it. It's just hard for me to believe that it will come to a conclusion, but I served longer than I thought I would. I had greater opportunities than I ever imagined would be available. I never planned to be in politics, it just kind of happened," he said.

Junell, a 5-foot-8 former star linebacker at Texas Tech University, quickly climbed the legislative leadership ladder. He was named freshman of the year in 1989 and is completing his fifth term as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which along with the Senate Finance Committee writes Texas' two-year budgets.

"The Texas House is losing someone who has mastered the toughest job in state government," said House Speaker Pete Laney. "The House will miss his experience, depth of knowledge, determination and sense of humor."

President Bush said in a statement that Junell is a close friend and model legislator.

"He was a champion of balanced budgets and a man who always worked to do what was best for Texas and his beloved San Angelo," Bush said in the statement Friday. "I appreciated his friendship and advice during my tenure as governor, and I am proud to call him friend. He'll be missed in the Texas Legislature. I wish Rob and Beverly the best."

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he will miss Junell, whom he called a hard worker who is "scrupulously honest and completely immune from special interest pressure."

This past session the veteran Junell had a calm and thorough influence as he and rookie Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis wrote a $113 billion budget against the backdrop of a slowing economy and growing costs.

"I gained a lot of respect and admiration for the job that he has done and he will definitely be missed around the Capitol," said Ellis, D-Houston. "I hope he will leave us a phone number where he can be reached for advice in the future."

The Texas comptroller has said lawmakers could face a $5 billion deficit when they return in 2003, a challenge Junell said legislators can conquer without him.

During the mid-1990s, Junell was passed over for federal judicial appointment by former President Clinton. After campaigning in 2000 for Bush, Texas' former governor, speculation grew that President Bush would appoint Junell to a federal bench.

Junell said he's concentrating on finishing his current term. Then he plans to continue doing community service and working at the San Angelo law firm of Jackson, Walker LLP.

He did not rule out a return to politics.

Junell's announcement made political waves from West Texas to the state Capitol, where Republicans called Junell's leaving a blow to Democrat Laney's hopes of being re-elected speaker in 2003.

"Without Junell as his right-hand man, Laney's coalition of support is likely to fall apart at the seams," said Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Laney said Texas voters will decide who is elected.

"I am confident that voters will choose new legislators who, unlike Ms. Weddington, understand the value of bipartisanship, cooperation and civility," Laney said.

Junell said he did not consider partisanship when making his decision.

"I think those things probably will take care of themselves. I'm very loyal to Pete Laney and I would not want to do anything to hurt him," Junell said.

With redistricting maps that favor the GOP statewide, Republicans hope to control the House, where Democrats now have a 78-72 hold.

Junell's leaving will hurt Democrats, said Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant who has worked for Republicans and Democrats, including Junell.

"He raises a lot of money for Democratic candidates and other incumbents, friends of his, Republicans, too. When you see a person that is as strong as Rob Junell lead the Legislature, it has a significant impact not to have him there," Miller said.

His House District 72 covers five largely rural West Texas counties that likely will be won by a Republican next year, Miller said.

Just minutes after Junell's announcement, Republican Scott Campbell, a San Angelo businessman, said he would run for Junell's seat.

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
8-12-17-21-27

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-3-2

Three FFA teams competing at state

Three teams from the Snyder High School FFA chapter were to compete in the state FFA contest Saturday in Huntsville. These teams, agricultural issues, junior quiz and senior quiz, were to compete against nine other team from across the state.

To get to the state contest, each team has to advance from district competition and the area contest held recently at Howard College in Big Spring.

Seven individuals comprise the agricultural issues team including Cliff Beights, Jacinda Judah, Emily Long, Laci Hackfeld, Beth Parsley, Morgan Miller and Amanda Greenwood. They will present a 15-minute presentation on xenotransplantation (the use of animal parts in humans). They have presented this issue over 15 times to different audiences.

The junior quiz team is made up of Logan West, Soslan Jusoyev, Paige Anderson, and Ashley Jenkins. They placed first in district, first in area competition to advance to state.

During the area contest, West was the first high point individual, Jusoyev was second high; and Anderson was third overall high point individual. The quiz contest consists of taking a 150 question test over all FFA information and parlimentary procedure.

Members of the senior quiz team are Amanda Greenwood, Emily Long, Cindy Nachlinger and Marci Kruger. This team finished first in the district and area contests. At area, Greenwood was the high point individual; Nachlinger was second high; Long was third high; and Kruger was sixth high.

Other teams competing in the area contest include junior chapter conducting which placed third. Team members include Hadley Hirt, Sarah Carpenter, Meggan Minor, Tyler Thompson, Michael Parsley, Tanner Bloom, Brandon Bragg and Darrell Cook.

Shannon Chambers placed third in the job interview contest. Logan West was third in junior creed speaking.

Marci Kruger, Kasey Wemken, Jacki Thompson and Jacinda Judah competed as the public relations team.

The senior chapter conducting team finished fifth in area. Team members are Morgan Miller, Shana Blackard, Jennifer Williamson, Corey Longorio, Kasey Wemken, Ashley Jenkins and Casey Kellner.

The advisors for the Snyder FFA chapter as David Frazier and Warren Beard.

Berry's World



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GERALDO DOES AFGHANISTAN

Christmas display will open Sunday

A Sunday afternoon reception for the Christmas display at Scurry County Museum is scheduled, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday. The museum will have an open house, and the public is invited. The display, which runs until Dec. 4, is a tribute to the people and sites of New York City.

Forty-eight photographs and nine watercolors of New York City head the Christmas display at the museum. The photographs were taken by Snyder resident Jay Huckabee during the 1980s and 1990s. Many are in the World Trade Center area, and some show the WTC Towers. Huckabee also photographed the 1983 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In addition, Theodore Kautzky'a watercolors of various New York City buildings and landscapes complement the photographs. Kautzky who was trained as an architect and worked as a New York City rendering artist is famous for his watercolors. He also excelled in pen, pencil, brush, pastel and charcoal. This artistic versatility brought him into national prominence as a painter.

The Scurry County Museum is located on the Western Texas College campus, 6200 College Ave. For more information about the current exhibit call 573-6107 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Gloria Rodriguez

G. Rodriguez is recognized

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

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

Rodriguez is a former Head Start student and has been with Scurry County Early Head Start since September of 2000. She works with families as the Social Services and Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Rodriguez has attended numerous conferences and workshops to learn more on infant and toddler development. She is going to the Birth to Three conference in Washington, D.C. in January 2001. She is currently enrolled at Western Texas College to complete her associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

Gloria is married to Gaylon Rodriguez. They have two children, Mia, 3, and Zowie, four months. Rodriguez moved to Snyder as a teenager from South Texas. She is the daughter of Martha Oviedo of Heremleigh.

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Maryland is the seventh state. It was admitted to the Union in 1788.

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CAPP, First Choice sign deal to offer volume savings

FORT WORTH — Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. and First Choice Power have negotiated a one-year electric power agreement to offer volume savings to CAPP member political subdivisions. The arrangement becomes effective Jan. 1, when electric retail competition begins statewide.

The City of Snyder is a member of this organization and city officials are projecting an 8.5 percent, or $37,577 savings over their present carrier.

CAPP is a non-profit corporation with membership available to political subdivisions in Texas that purchase electricity for public facilities. Its membership consists of 71 cities and two water districts from North and West Texas. CAPP was created to achieve volume savings by combining the electric load of members' electric utility accounts. CAPP solicited information from all known providers of electricity and ultimately had five bidders for CAPP/s load.

According to Jay Doegey, chairman of CAPP and city attorney for the City of Arlington, "First Choice offered the best price for CAPP members with overall savings ranging from 7 to 30 percent when compared to price-to-beat savings, depending on the cities served."

"This is an ideal arrangement for both First Choice and for CAPP," said Manjit Cheema, president of First Choice Power. "Our current customers already recognize the value of great pricing and accompanied by excellent service. Now many other cities in Texas will enjoy similar benefits."

Consultants for CAPP concluded that the deal with First Choice Power will yield more than $10 million in savings for CAPP members when compared to price-to-beat rates offered by incumbent utilities in 2002.

First Choice Power is a retail electric provider and a wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises and an affiliate of Texas-New Mexico Power Company, which provides community-based electric service to 85 cities and more than 238,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico.



WINS SECOND — Western Texas College's meats judging team placed second at the Beef Empire Days Contest held Nov. 18 in Garden City, Kan. Pictured from left are Tiffany Ramirez, Amber Atkinson, Michael Kermick, Kyle Waltisperger, Kandace Kimmel, coach Jim Judah, Dana Stribling. (Contributed Photo)

Judge dismisses allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge dealt a setback on Friday to a lawsuit filed by Linda Tripp, dismissing allegations against former Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon and an aide.

As government employees, Bacon and Clifford Bernath are entitled to qualified immunity and are being dropped as defendants in the suit, U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled.

Based on information supplied by Bacon and Bernath in 1998, The New Yorker magazine reported that Tripp had denied ever having been arrested on her security application at the Pentagon. She had been arrested for grand larceny when she was a teen-ager.

Tripp sued the government, alleging administration officials retaliated for her role in triggering the impeachment crisis of Bill Clinton's presidency. She provided Independent Counsel Ken Starr tape-recorded conversations in which Monica Lewinsky confided an intimate relationship with the president.

Still remaining is the portion of the case alleging that the Pentagon violated the Privacy Act in releasing the information about Tripp to the magazine.

"The individual defendants here were acting within the boundaries of their employment," Sullivan stated in a 14-page ruling. He rejected Tripp's arguments that actions by Bacon and Bernath were illegal and therefore could not be within the scope of their employment.

"If anything is clear from the qualified immunity doctrine, it is that the question of whether an official deserves qualified immunity is not the same inquiry as whether the official has violated the law," wrote the judge.

There is small chance that 'mad cow' reached the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a small chance that mad cow disease has reached the United States undetected — brought by British cattle during the 1980s — but government prevention measures would have stopped it from spreading, researchers said Friday.

The Harvard University study said it is "extremely unlikely" that the disease will ever take hold in U.S. herds, mainly because of a 1997 ban on the use of meat and bone meal in cattle feed. But there are additional steps that would significantly reduce the risk even more, including new restrictions on animal feed and meat processing, the researchers said.

Federal officials said they were considering those measures and announced plans to increase testing of cattle.

Mad cow, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is linked to a human brain-wasting disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, that has killed about 100 people in Europe. The disease is believed to spread through eating brain or nerve tissue from infected animals.

"As far as we know it's not here, but if it does get in, it can't become established," said George Gray, acting director of Harvard's Center for Risk Analysis.

Neither mad cow nor its human version has ever been reported in the United States.

But the Harvard study, which is based on complex mathematical models, said there is an 18 percent chance that mad cow was introduced into the country before imports of British cattle were banned in 1989. It's unlikely that those cattle could have spread the disease, and it would be even more remote that a human was exposed, the researchers said.

Some 334 cattle were imported from Britain before the 1989 ban. The Department of Agriculture was unable to find out what happened to about half of those cattle, but few if any would have been exposed to the disease before shipping, the study said. None of the cattle was known to have been on an infected British farm.

"There is no need to change any eating habits for consumers, but there is a clear need for the government to take better action now that the (study) has found that it may already be here," said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, an advocacy group.

The 1997 prohibition on feeding meat or bone meal to cattle was intended to prevent material from infected animals from being fed to other cattle. Meat and bone meal has long been added to animal feed as a protein supplement.

The study assumed there are some violations of the ban and estimated that the import of 10 infected cattle would cause three additional cases of mad cow. The Food and Drug Administration has found numerous violations of rules associated with the ban, including requirements for record keeping and labeling of feed bags.

About 1 million cattle in Britain are thought to have been infected with BSE caught from feed made from the carcasses of sheep infected with scrapie, an ovine form of the disease.

On Friday, USDA announced it would more than double the number of U.S. cattle being tested for mad cow, from 5,000 this year to 12,500 in 2002, and ban the use of air-injected stun guns for knocking cattle unconscious in slaughterhouses. Those devices, which are believed to be used rarely if at all, can drive brain tissue into other parts of the animal.

USDA also is considering banning nerve tissue from meat that is scoured from bones in packing plants, a process known as "advanced meat recovery" that poses the greatest risk of infecting humans with mad cow, the Harvard study.

Ed Burns keeps friends darkest secrets

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Burns' friends don't have to worry about their darkest secrets making their way into one of his movies.

"As much as I draw from stories they've told me, I never actually pull a story from their life," Burns told reporters recently.

He said he asked his friends for ideas for his latest film, "Sidewalks of New York," now in theaters. The ensemble cast includes Burns, Stanley Tucci, Rosario Dawson and Burns' ex-girlfriend Heather Graham.

"I wanted to make a relationship comedy," the 33-year-old actor-writer-director said.

WTC meats judging team winds second

Western Texas College meats judging team captured second place at the Beef Empire Days contest held Nov. 18 in Garden City, Kan. The team was first in grading, third in questions and third in placings.

Dana Stribling of Snyder ranked third in the overall contest, third in grading and ninth in questions.

Michael Kermick of Abilene was eighth in the overall contest, sixth in grading and eighth in placings.

Amber Atkinson of Odessa was 11th in the overall contest and second in grading.

Tiffany Ramirez of Rule was eighth in questions.

Kyle Waltisperger of San Angelo was 11th in questions.

Kandace Kimmel of Gail was first in beef quality judging. The team's next competition will be in the spring semester.

Ruling favors Michelin tires

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A multi-million dollar judgment has been denied the family of a U.S. Border Patrol agent killed in a rollover accident they blamed on faulty tires.

A Jim Wells County jury made the ruling late Friday in favor of Michelin Tire Corp.

The family of Noe Benavides blamed his April 1999 rollover accident on faulty Uniroyal tires. His wife, children and parents sued Michelin, which makes Uniroyal tires.

"We're disappointed but we respect the jury's decision," said Mikal Watts, the Benavides family's attorney who also tried the nation's first Bridgestone/Firestone tire tread separation trial last summer.

Attorneys had asked the jury for a total of $80 million in actual damages.

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Appeal for aid for Afghan children has raised almost $1.5M from U.S. children

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush asked them to give a dollar each. America's children have responded with nearly $1.5 million for young people in Afghanistan.

The total is sure to climb. Because of the anthrax scare, donations have piled up in unopened envelopes for a month.

The American Red Cross administers America's Fund for Afghan Children. So far it has received $1.46 million. Most of the money came as cash folded inside heartfelt notes or as checks for hundreds of dollars raised through ventures such as selling flower pots and taking on extra chores.

A youth concert in Utah raised more than $5,000, Red Cross spokeswoman Leslie VanSant said. The contributions average about $6 per child donor, she said.

"When children embrace something, they really embrace it," VanSant said.

Bush made his request Oct. 11 to involve U.S. children in the anti-terror effort, help them understand the plight of children in Afghanistan and teach "a valuable lesson about service and character." Winter is coming, he said, and Afghan children need warm clothes and shelter.

Four days later, the president stopped by Red Cross headquarters in Washington to collect dollar bills from eager children. He put the wad of bills into the hands of then-Red Cross President Bernadine Healy.

The president does not mention the program now in his speeches but periodically asks aides how it is going, White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said.

At the time of Bush's Red Cross visit, the White House had received 90,000 letters from young donors and forwarded them to the Red Cross in bunches of 6,000 to 25,000, Womack said. One day, 40,000 pieces of mail came in.

The total reached 242,010 before the fear of anthrax stopped the flow. The donations have piled up at a White House mail facility for more than a month.

"We hope to be able to send another batch to the Red Cross within two weeks or so," Womack said. "That initial response to the president's call for American children to help the needy kids in Afghanistan was overwhelming."

Before anthrax, the Red Cross received bundles of letters about every other day, VanSant said. After opening them and processing the donations, Red Cross workers returned the letters to the White House so Bush aides can send appropriate thank-yous.

Children who send in more than $250 get a tax contribution receipt, too.

For the most part, the envelopes contain "dollar bills or more," VanSant said. A group of 4-H members in Fairfax County, Va., raised $100 by selling painted flowerpots and baked goods outside a grocery store, she said.

With money from the children's fund, the Red Cross has bought medical supplies, blankets, coats, mittens and boots and large tents for Afghan refugee families in neighboring Pakistan. It also has assembled children's gift packages, each containing a winter hat, snacks, a diary in English and Pashtu and a soft toy ball.

"Something like that crosses many cultural boundaries," VanSant said. "There are more than just physical needs."

Fan fondly recalls 'the quiet Beatle'

NEW YORK (AP) — It was September, 1964. I was standing on the back of Seat 24, Row T at the Paramount Theatre in Manhattan, screeching my love for George Harrison as he performed with the Beatles in front of thousands of screaming girls.

The usher at the end of the row was shouting at me to get down, but I pleaded, "No one's yelling for George. I've got to let him hear me."

"OK, I'll give you 10 seconds."

And so I yelled again: "George, George I love you, yea, yea yea."

And from the back of the stage, he looked up at me and smiled. Yes, I swore he did. We had connected. I got down off the chair back and just stood up and sang along with everyone else. I was happy. George knew he was loved.

I was in sixth grade and madly in love with the quiet one who played the guitar with soul. Earlier in the year, on a Sunday night, I had sat in the living-room with my sister and deaf parents watching this new band, the Beatles, perform on "The Ed Sullivan Show." I declared then and there that George was my hero.

My parents couldn't understand the frenzy that began that February. They couldn't hear the guitar that made me swoon. They didn't understand that this shy girl had finally found someone she could relate to.

People didn't gravitate toward him. He was in the background. But I knew how mellow he was, exactly how he felt; I understood him.

My best friend Debbie went for pretty Paul; Janice adored John for his lyrics; and crazy Barbara swooned over Ringo — but George was mine. My bedroom quickly filled up with posters and photos cut out of every Beatle magazine my $2 a week allowance let me buy.

My three friends and I got tickets to the New York premiere of "A Hard Day's Night" that year, and my early Hanukkah present from my parents was my own hi-fi so I could play every Beatles album, every day.

Since my parents couldn't hear, I was able to blast the sound for at least as long as it took for the downstairs neighbors to get home and tattle on me.

The following year, I went to hear the Beatles at Shea Stadium. By then there were other girls shouting for George, who remained my favorite.

I wrote him fan mail. I told him I was going to a new school, Hunter in New York, and I wouldn't know anyone there, but if a guy as quiet on the outside as he was could get on stage and play his guitar in front of millions of people then surely I would be able to cut it with my new classmates. And I did.

As the years went by, my adulation for the Beatles mellowed, but I still felt that affinity for George. He was soulful; he was spiritual. I remember him saying that if you want to know anything in this life you just have to knock on the door. It could be someone else's door or one within yourself.

California high court blocks the release of serial rapist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A serial rapist scheduled for release from a state mental hospital will remain there for the time being under a last-minute ruling by the state Supreme Court.

Patrick Ghilotti, 45, was scheduled to be freed Saturday from Atascadero State Hospital, where he has been confined for four years under a state law allowing sexually violent offenders to be committed after they complete their prison sentences.

A judge had ordered that Ghilotti be released after two independent psychologists determined he posed no danger. A third evaluation was inconclusive.

The state's high court blocked his release after Attorney General Bill Lockyer's office, at the urging of Gov. Gray Davis, filed an emergency petition to the court.

"There is probable cause to believe Ghilotti remains mentally disordered and likely to engage in sexually violent criminal behavior," Robert Anderson, chief assistant attorney general, wrote in the state's brief to the Supreme Court.

The court gave Ghilotti's lawyers until Dec. 7 to respond to its action. Ghilotti cannot be released until at least Dec. 12, when the state Supreme Court will meet in private to consider whether it should review Ghilotti's case.

He will be freed if the court declines to take the case. If the court accepts it, he most likely will remain in custody for months or years until the court arrives at a final ruling.

Ghilotti was convicted of raping four Marin County women and has admitted raping at least six others.

He was to become the first person released under a 1996 California law that allows authorities to place rapists and molesters into a state-run mental-health facility upon release from prison. The practice has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Under the law, a sexually violent offender can be committed to a state hospital if two independent psychologists certify the offender is a danger to society.

Financial Focus

Refinancing Mortgage Can Free Up Money for Investments

For much of this year, mortgage rates have fallen. And that gives you a significant opportunity — not only to save money, but also to boost your investment.

Before you begin continuing your good fortune, however, you must determine if refinancing your mortgage makes sense for you. According to the rule of thumb, you shouldn't refinance unless your new interest rate will be at least one percentage point lower than your current rate. That guideline was based on the costs associated with refinancing — settlement costs, appraisals, attorney's fees and "points" charged to you by a lender. (A point equals 1 percent of the loan amount. For example one point on a $100,000 mortgage would add $1,000 to your refinancing charges.)

But times have changed. Today, many lenders offer zero-point loans and low-cost refinancing. Consequently, even if your mortgage rate change is only one percentage point, or even less you might be able to save some money by refinancing.

Obviously, to get a good mortgage rate, the fewest points and the lowest closing costs, you should do some research. But you also may have to go through several scenarios involving different combinations of rates and points. Keep in mind that the shorter your loan's duration, the more expensive points will be. So, if you think you'll be staying in your current home for many more years, it may be worth it to you to pay additional points to get a lower interest rate.

Once you've gone through the comparisons, the calculations and the paperwork, you'll be able to close your new, lower-cost mortgage. Now, the next question is, what will you do with your monthly savings?

Of course, you could easily find ways to spend this money. You might want to put it toward a car payment, or you might just want to enjoy having some additional purchasing power. On the other hand, you could put this money to work for you. How? By investing it.

By increasing the amount you invest, you can speed up the progress you make toward your important long-term financial goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement.

And you don't even have to use all your refinance money, either. Suppose your new mortgage saves you $200 a month. If you were to invest just half that amount in a tax-deferred savings vehicle, such as an IRA, and you earned an 8 percent annual rate of return, you would accumulate approximately $57,000 after 20 years.

Naturally, the more you invest from your refinance, the greater your total accumulation may be. But whatever the amount you end up with, it's going to be more than if you hadn't invested any of your refinance money.

So, try to answer that key question. Should I refinance? And don't' wait too long — because interest rates can rise just as easily as they fall.

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Senior Center News

Monday

Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, parslied potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, sugar cookie

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, green pea salad, apple crisp

Thursday

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fried potato rounds, bill pickle spears, orange whip

Friday

Fried fish, broccoli & cheese, scalloped potatoes, creamy slaw, peach cobbler

Senior Center News

AARP is participating in National Community Service Day, collecting new toys for children.

Bring new, unwrapped toys to the center to AARP member Marie Armstrong by Dec. 6.

Christmas holidays are nearing. Suggestions for Christmas gifts include the center's cookbook, *Tasty Traditions*. Cost is $17.50. Another gift suggestion are center meal coupons, which cost $2.50 each.

The Christmas meal will be served at noon on Dec. 14. Seniors are asked to pre-register before Dec. 12.

Seniors are asked to donate one pound coffee cans for the Christmas candy sale. The deadline for cans is Dec. 12 and the candy sale is set for Dec. 18. Seniors are asked to donate candy for the fund-raiser.

With winter approaching, seniors are invited to exercise on the center's treadmills or stationary bikes. There is also a daily mild exercise program and Travis gym is available for walking.

Line dancing and clogging are other ways to exercise. Seniors practice Wednesday at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively. Newcomers are welcome. The last class for swimnastics at Western Texas College is Dec. 4 and the spring session will begin after spring registration.

The center offers transportation Monday through Friday mornings. Seniors are asked to call 573-4035 a day or two before their appointments to make arrangements.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Christmas decorating begins at 10 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads a daily exercise program at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

The home-delivered meal volunteer training planned for this day has been postponed. A new date will be announced in the future. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The volunteer band will entertain at 11 a.m. in the dining room. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. Swimnastics is at Western Texas College from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. The line dancers and cloggers practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

Seniors are invited to join the fabric painting class from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the center dining room from 10-11 a.m. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m. Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Saturday

The community sing begins at 6 p.m. in the center's dining room, 2603 Ave. M. Volunteers provide the music and everyone is welcome.

Wealthy real estate heir is arrested on shoplifting charges

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — The manhunt for fugitive real estate heir Robert Durst came to a sudden end when the murder suspect was arrested at a Pennsylvania store for allegedly stealing a sandwich and Band-Aid for a cut under his nose, police said.

District Justice Barbara Schlegel said Durst volunteered his name to police when he was taken into custody Friday and gave a New York address. A computer records check revealed he was wanted as a fugitive, she said.

"If he hadn't given us a New York address, we would have given him a summons and released him," said Colonial Regional Police Department Detective Gary Hammer.

Durst, 58, was charged in October with murder in the death of his 71-year-old neighbor, whose dismembered body was discovered in Texas' Galveston Bay.

He also is being investigated in his wife's disappearance 19 years ago and in the slaying last Christmas Eve of author Susan Berman, a longtime friend.

On Friday, Durst was stopped by grocery store security guards for allegedly trying to steal Band-Aids, a sandwich and a newspaper, the store's manager Kevin Stickles said.

Police in Galveston said they were relieved to learn of the arrest because they had information that Durst might have fled the country. "He had the financial resources to remain a fugitive for a long time," Lt. Michael Putnal said.

Durst is the son of the late Seymour Durst, patriarch of a real estate company that owns several of New York's skyscrapers. Robert Durst has been estranged from the family since the early 1990s.

He was arrested on Oct. 9 for allegedly killing Morris Black, a neighbor in his apartment building. Durst posted a $300,000 bond the next day and failed to appear for an Oct. 16 court hearing. He was declared a fugitive and indicted on a murder charge.

Police gave no motive for the killing.

Authorities also have looked into a possible connection to the slaying of Berman, who was shot to death in Los Angeles last year. She is the daughter of reputed Las Vegas mobster Davie Berman.

Durst has denied involvement in the 1982 disappearance of his wife, 29-year-old medical student Kathleen Durst. Last year, the district attorney's office in New York's Westchester County reopened the investigation into her disappearance. One of the people they wanted to interview was Berman.

During his time in Texas, Durst was known to have posed as a mute woman to avoid questions from neighbors.

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Anthrax found on letter near home of woman who died

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Investigators have found the first indication that an elderly woman who mysteriously died from inhaled anthrax could have been exposed to spores sent through the mail.

Traces of the bacteria were found Friday in a letter in Seymour, about three miles from Ottilie Lundgren's home, prompting the governor to suggest that the 94-year-old victim may have been exposed by mail.

Gov. John Rowland said no direct connection had been made between the letter and Lundgren's death Nov. 21. But Rowland said her mail — like the Seymour envelope — may have been contaminated by contact with anthrax-laden letters sent to Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy in Washington.

"I don't think that anyone suspects that Mrs. Lundgren was a target," he said. "We all believe, again unscientifically because it's not proven, that she was a victim of cross-contamination."

The Seymour letter was one of 300 tracked by postal inspectors who used records of fluorescent orange bar codes to find mail that passed through a sorting machine seconds after the spore-laden letters to the senators. Postal officials believe both Washington letters and the Seymour letter were processed Oct. 9 at the Hamilton facility near Trenton, N.J.

The rest of the hundreds of letters were destined for addresses all over the United States, said Jon Steele, Northeast vice president for the Postal Service. Postal officials said they have alerted health and law enforcement officials in the areas where the letters were sent, and know of no related health problems.

"If there was a problem with cross contamination to the point of being dangerous to someone's health, it would have shown up by now," said U.S. Postal Inspector Dan Mihalko. He said bar codes on the letters contain the addresses of the intended recipients, but no decision has been made about contacting them.

The Hamilton facility, which has been closed since Oct. 18, also handled anthrax-tainted letters sent to news organizations in New York. About 800,000 undelivered pieces of mail have been irradiated to protect against anthrax and were to begin moving out on Saturday.

Rowland said it was possible that thousands of pieces of mail have "second- or third-generation" contamination from letters that moved through New Jersey at the same time as the Daschle and Leahy letters "but not enough to harm anyone or make anyone sick."

"It's more dangerous to cross the street than it is to open your mail," Rowland said.

Authorities did not disclose details about the Seymour letter's postmark or address, but John Farkas of Seymour said he received the letter at his home.

"All our daughters are fine. All the people who visited our house are fine," he told WICC-AM of Bridgeport. "There is absolutely nothing wrong with us."

Other Seymour residents said they were worried.

"They better check everybody around here," said Frank Ajello. "We all have the same mailman."

Federal health authorities said they still do not know how Lundgren was exposed to anthrax. The discovery of the Seymour letter supports the theory that cross-contamination is possible, said Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

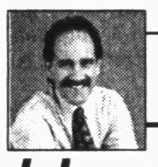
"This is not an unexpected finding. We have had other possible cross-contamination mail in other locations," Koplan said.

Lundgren was the fifth person to die since the nation's anthrax scare began in early October. Investigators have not determined how the widow who rarely left home inhaled anthrax. Tests of her home, mail and the few places she regularly visited have been negative.

Investigators also continue to look for any similarities to the case of a 61-year-old New York City woman who died Oct. 31, also from the inhaled form of anthrax.

The orange bar codes that helped officials track the Seymour letter were intended to help monitor the efficiency of mail processing. A bar code on the front indicates each letter's destination.

Since the initial reports of anthrax in the mail, the Postal Service has begun using the codes to trace the path of individual letters.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How can reader boost iron?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been diagnosed with severe iron-poor anemia. I am currently taking iron pills but would like to find out what foods to eat that are high in iron. - C.Y., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear C.Y.: Anemia is the most widespread deficiency disease in the world. It is marked by fatigue, headaches, dizziness and a general "run down" feeling, symptoms often mistaken as normal side effects of a stressful lifestyle. Many factors can be responsible, so it is always best to see a doctor. Iron-deficiency anemia is the most common type of anemia. It can be caused by a lack of iron in the diet, inefficient iron absorption, or blood loss.

We see iron-deficiency anemia most often in groups where there's an increased need for iron: children to 4 years of age, teens during periods of rapid growth, women throughout the menstrual years, but especially during pregnancy and lactation. Frequent blood donors, endurance athletes, and people experiencing significant blood loss have a bigger need for iron. A disorder that affects the digestive system's ability to absorb nutrients can also cause anemia.

Iron in food comes in two groups. Heme iron, the type absorbed most efficiently, is present in red meats, poultry, fish and eggs; nonheme iron sources include cereals and breads made with iron-enriched grains, nuts, seeds, legumes, dried fruits and some dark green, leafy vegetables. The recommended dietary intake for iron is 18 milligrams per day.

IRON SOURCES

1/2 cup dried apricots — 8 milligrams

3 ounces cooked liver — 6 milligrams

1 cup cooked spinach — 5 milligrams

1/4 pound lean ground beef — 3 milligrams

1/2 cup red kidney beans — 3 milligrams

1 tablespoon blackstrap molasses — 3 milligrams

1/2 cup raisins — 2 milligrams

1 ounce almonds — 1 milligrams

1/2 cup raw oysters — 8 milligrams

There's preliminary evidence that dietary calcium might inhibit the body's ability to absorb iron. To play it safe, try to have at least one "iron" meal without coffee, tea or calcium-containing foods or beverages, such as milk, cheese and other dairy products. Those who are low in iron and are taking calcium supplements should refrain from taking the calcium along with iron-containing foods.

Periodic use of cast-iron pans is an excellent way to add iron to the diet. When acid foods, such as spaghetti sauce, are prepared in cast iron, a small amount of iron dissolves into the food. The actual amount of iron drawn into food depends on the condition of the cookware. A cast-iron pan that's seasoned frequently with oil tends to give off less iron, although some iron is released.

In any discussion of iron it is important to note that the body can overload on this mineral. Most bodies do a good job of regulating iron. A certain protein is needed for iron absorption, and it's less available when the body's iron stores are full. There is, however, a genetic iron-storage disease, called hemochromatosis, in which the body is unable to rid itself of excess iron. To get this condition you have to receive the gene from both your parents.

Hemochromatosis is manageable through strict dietary control of iron-containing foods and periodic blood donation. With the exception of individuals with hemochromatosis, and the possibility of overdosing on iron-containing supplements, it's highly unlikely that anyone could eat enough iron-containing foods to cause a toxic reaction.

There's been speculation that too much iron could lead to heart attacks, but it is unclear how solid this connection is. Free iron can play a role in oxidizing fats or cholesterol and thereby could contribute to heart disease. Iron, however, is rarely on its own in the body. Rather, it is tied up in such compounds as hemoglobin, the substance that makes red blood cells "red" and carries oxygen from the lungs directly to the cells. It may be that those with the highest iron intakes are individuals who have an unbalanced diet that is heavy in meat. A well-nourished body should have a daily supply of antioxidant nutrients found in fruits and vegetables. These nutrients help prevent the type of errant oxidation for which iron is being accused.

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Scurry County Service Men & Women

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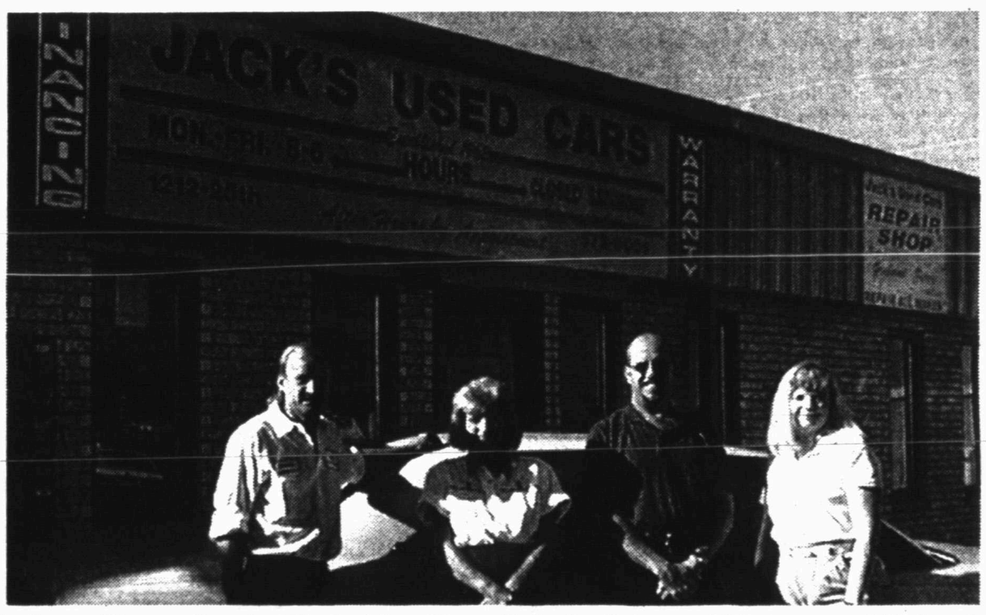
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First meeting is no advantage for Texas

IRVING (AP) — While Texas-Colorado isn't the rematch that was expected, this is the third straight year the Big 12 championship game involves two teams that played each other during the regular season.

So is there an advantage for No. 3 Texas (10-1, 7-1 Big 12), which beat the Buffaloes 41-7 six weeks ago? Not really.

"We're obviously not 41-7 better than Colorado," Texas coach Mack Brown said Friday. "That's a given, but if we were then they wouldn't be in this game."

No. 9 Colorado (9-2, 7-1) hasn't lost since that Oct. 20 game in Austin when it had four turnovers. The Buffs claimed their spot in the championship game with a stunning 62-36 win over No. 6 Nebraska last week, jumping ahead 35-3 in the second quarter.

"Playing them for the second time, you don't have to imagine their size or speed off film. That really helps you in your comfort zone," said Colorado coach Gary Barnett. "We came away with a great deal of respect for Texas. They were able to play a flawless game, we were not."

After beating Nebraska 24-20 during the 1999 regular season, Texas lost 22-6 to the Cornhuskers in the Big 12 championship game. Oklahoma went on to win the national championship after beating Kansas State twice last year, 41-31 in the regular season and 27-24 for the Big 12 title.

"Playing a team twice doesn't matter," said Brown, whose Longhorns got into the Big 12 game after Oklahoma State upset Oklahoma. "But they saw our best stuff. We have to change the game plans and come from different angles."

Colorado hasn't played the same team twice in a season since the mid-1940s. Because of limited travel schedules during World War II, the Buffs played Colorado College twice in 1943, 1944 and 1945.

Until the 1990s, rematches involving Division I-A teams during the season were rare. But there were 10 rematches from 1994-2000, four in bowl games and the last six in conference championship games.

The first-game winners had a 5-4 record in the rematches. There was no first-game winner when Florida and Florida State tied during the 1994 regular season, but the Seminoles won the rematch in the Sugar Bowl.

THE CLOSER THE BETTER: In terms of the Bowl Championship Series, Texas would be better off with a one-point win than a blowout against Colorado.

The Longhorns are No. 3 in the BCS standings, a ranking helped by their lopsided win over Colorado, which is now seventh on the BCS list.

But if Texas beats the Buffs by another big margin, Colorado could fall out of the BCS standings. That cost the Longhorns quality-win points and hurt their ranking.

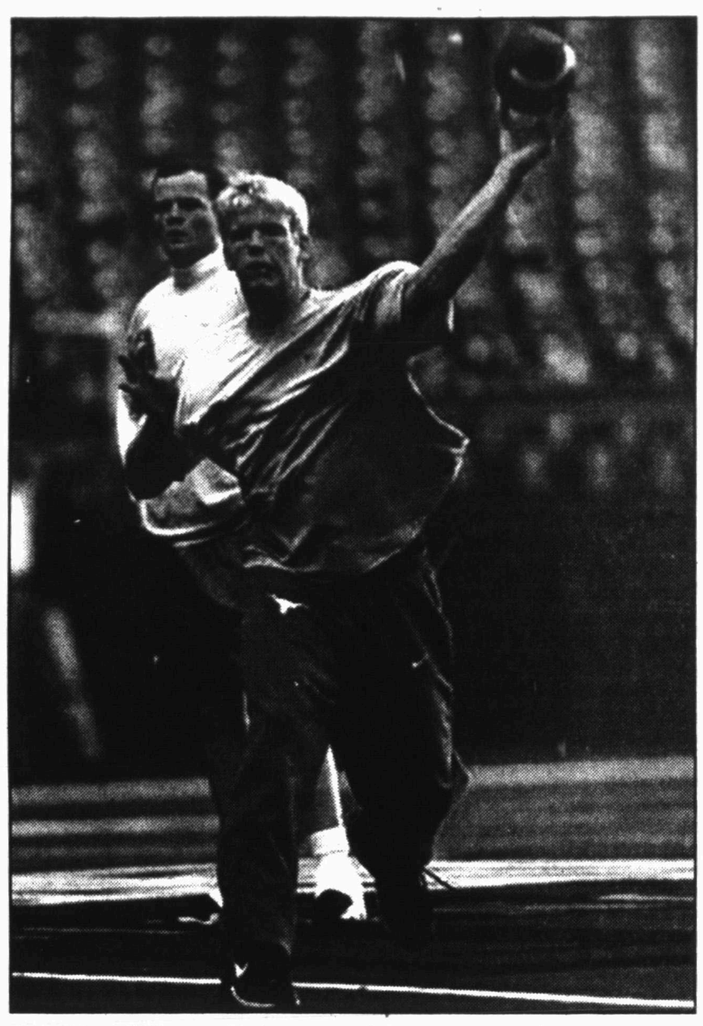
"It's the best system we've ever had, but it still needs tweaking," Brown said. "It's like a computer playoff. I can't tell if we did good or bad until Monday afternoon."

After the Longhorns beat Kansas 59-0 on Nov. 10, they actually dropped two spots to seventh in the BCS standings.

HOME FIELD?: Texas is playing for the Big 12 title in its home state, but there hasn't been any homefield advantage in this game.

South Division teams have won all three Big 12 championship games in northern sites and North Division teams won both games at southern sites. That also means the designated home team, which Colorado is this year, has won all five games.

Texas won the inaugural game at St. Louis in 1996. Nebraska won in San Antonio in 1997 and 1999, Texas A&M won in St. Louis in 1998, and Oklahoma claimed last year's title in Kansas City.



GUNSLINGER — University of Texas starting quarterback Chris Simms unloads a pass while back-up Major Applewhite looks on during Friday's workout at Texas Stadium. The Longhorns square off with Colorado in the Big 12 title game Saturday night. (AP Photo)

SHS eyes third place at tourney

SAN ANGELO — After starting the season 0-2, the Snyder Lady Tigers have won three of their last four games and have a chance to bring home third place from the Concho River Classic.

Snyder edged El Paso Coronado, 42-41, before falling to tourney host San Angelo Central, 45-32, in Friday's tournament action.

The Lady Tigers, now 3-3 on the year, were to have faced Austin Anderson in Saturday afternoon's third-place match-up, while the Central girls take on Lubbock Estacado in the title game Saturday night.

"We're playing a lot better now than we were earlier in the year," said SHS coach Mike Martin. "We still have a ways to go, but the girls are starting to put things together now."

It took a late free throw to lift the Lady Tigers past Coronado.

With the tally knotted at 41-41, senior Taylor Daniell was fouled on a three-point attempt with 2.8 seconds left in the game.

Daniell missed the first two free throws, but drained the third to give Snyder a one-point cushion. Coronado's desperation shot at the buzzer fell short.

Junior Zipporah Peoples poured in 10 points to pace Snyder. Erin Burleson and Afton Schwertner added nine apiece.

In the semifinal tilt with Central, the Lady Tigers pushed the Lady Cats through the first three quarters of play.

Snyder trailed by only three points with six minutes remaining before Central picked up the tempo. The Lady Tigers committed consecutive turnovers and Central took advantage.

With Snyder forced to foul in the closing minutes, the Lady Cats preserved the victory from the stripe.

Amber Russell poured in 12 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

Winless Houston faces Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — No. 16 Georgia is using just about any motivational tool — no matter how obscure — to get pumped up for winless Houston.

Verron Haynes came up with an oldie but goodie.

"I know they haven't won a game this season, but they're 3-0 against us," the senior running back said. "That's kind of shocking."

Actually, the Cougars are 2-0-1 against Georgia, but the teams haven't met since Houston's 31-24 victory at Athens in 1974 — five years before Haynes was born.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs (7-3) are a 31/2-point favorite to pick up their first victory against Houston (0-10), which has lost 14 in a row overall since beating Memphis on Oct. 21, 2000.

This is certainly the kind of week that challenges a coach's motivational tactics. Coming an emotional victory over Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs have to make up a game that was supposed to be played at Sanford Stadium 21/2 months ago.

The Sept. 11 attacks pushed the game to the end of the regular season, marking the first time since 1952 that Georgia hasn't finished against its state rival.

If there's ever been a team ripe for a letdown, this is it. Georgia's Mark Richt insists, however, that his players won't be caught savoring last week or looking ahead to their bowl possibilities.

"Houston is a dangerous team because their backs are against the wall," he said. "The last thing they want to do is go through a season without a victory. I think they'll be highly motivated."

The Bulldogs have a chance to land a New Year's Day bowl — the Outback and Cotton are possibilities — if they end the season with a third straight victory.

"I'm hoping our team realizes the importance of this game and will prepare like they have all year," Richt said. "I don't see the signs of any kind of letup. We have improved as the season went along."

He hopes the team will be inspired by the seniors' last game at Sanford Stadium. Twenty players will be honored on the field before kickoff.

"Those guys want to play their best," Richt said, "and I'm sure the others want to play their best for them."

Haynes is certainly playing his best as his college career winds down. Two games ago, he was shifted from fullback — where he usually blocked for someone else — to tailback, where he gets to be the guy taking the handoffs.

Haynes rushed for 192 yards in a victory over Mississippi, then did even better in the 31-17 triumph over Georgia Tech: 39 carries for 207 yards and a touchdown.

Georgia's running backs coach, Tony Pierce, charted the number of yards that Haynes picked up against Tech after the initial hit and came up with 120.

"Better late than never, I guess," said Haynes, now seen as a possible middle-round pick in the NFL draft.

Houston's program is heading in the opposite direction. The Cougars are just one loss away from the first winless season in school history.

Rockets fall to Grizzlies, 102-85

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jason Williams picked up his point production and the Memphis Grizzlies were pleased with the result.

Williams scored a career-high 38 points, including 18 in the third period, leading the Grizzlies to a 102-85 victory over the Houston Rockets on Friday night.

Williams shot 16-for-28 from the field, including 6-for-13 from 3-point range, and finished with 11 assists.

Williams helped the Grizzlies seize control of the game in the third period, hitting four 3-points and shooting 7-for-9.

"We were looking for him to score more, but we were not expecting him to score 38," Memphis coach Sidney Lowe said.

Williams' performance impressed his teammates.

"He was awesome," Memphis rookie Shane Battier said. "I felt like he was a pitcher throwing a no-hitter. I didn't want to touch him or anything."

Lowe also saw improvement between Williams, Battier and rookie Pau Gasol.

"The more we play, the better we will be, the more familiar guys will be with each other," Lowe said. "I think you can see Pau and Jason starting to click a little better. Before, they were a little off on each other, and not sure what to expect. But you can see it coming along a little bit now."

Houston, playing without injured starting guards Steve Francis (ruptured plantar fascia) and Cuttino Mobley (ankle sprain), lost its fourth straight game.

Walt Williams scored 15 points and Kevin Willis added 14 for the Rockets, whose starters shot 16-for-41, including Moochie Norris' 2-for-10.

Seminole edges Tigers

WOLFFORTH — The Snyder Tigers didn't get off to another slow start, but a fast finish by the Seminole Indians spoiled Snyder's chance at victory none the less.

Seminole put together a 21-9 run in the fourth quarter Friday to edge Snyder, 52-49, in a second-round match-up at the Gene Messer Shootout.

The Tigers fell to 0-6 on the year, but Head Coach Bud Birks saw drastic improvement in his team's performance.

"We still need to find a way to finish these type of games, but at least we gave ourselves a chance to win," said Birks. "We got after it on both ends of the floor, and we took the kind of shots we need to take to be successful."

Snyder grabbed an early five-point lead before the Indians rallied to take 25-24 halftime advantage.

The Tigers dominated the third period, pouring in 16 points and limiting Seminole to only six.

The Tribe turned the table in the final frame with a 21-point outburst to seal the victory.

Senior post Corey Clay paced the Tigers with 17 points. Chris McLeod added 15 points, and Nick Landes dropped in 12.

Snyder was to have faced El Paso Riverside Saturday afternoon.

NCAA Basketball Results

MEN
EAST
Dartmouth 72, Lehigh 67
Manhattan 81, Denver 57
SOUTH
Auburn 67, Fla. International 55
Clemson 83, Coastal Carolina 54
MIDWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 61, Saint Louis 58
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 69, Arkansas 54
Texas A&M 71, Long Beach St. 56
FAR WEST
N. Arizona 91, N.M. Highlands 64
Oregon St. 73, S. Utah 63
Weber St. 90, Montana-Western 62
TOURNAMENTS
Blue & Gold Coca-Cola Classic
First Round
Marquette 76, Texas Southern 40
Sam Houston St. 80, N. Illinois 73
Boilermaker Invitational
First Round
Oakland, Mich. 71, Akron 64
Purdue 75, William & Mary 58
First Merchants Classic
First Round
Austin Peay 54, Binghamton 51
Ball St. 106, Elon 65
Gazette Hawkeye Challenge
First Round
Iowa 73, Alabama St. 64
SMU 72, La Salle 63
McCaffrey Classic
First Round
Air Force 70, Montana St. 65
Fresno St. 75, UC Riverside 58
Phoenix Classic
Championship
Cent. Connecticut St. 60, Niagara 55
Third Place
Hartford 58, Winthrop 55
Spartan Coca-Cola Classic
First Round
Lamar 79, Maine 65
Michigan St. 81, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 68
Tribune Cyclone Challenge
First Round
Iowa St. 71, Wis.-Milwaukee 61
Nebraska-Omaha 65, San Jose St. 59
WOMEN
EAST
Cent. Michigan 61, Canisius 40
Connecticut 103, Ball St. 69
Fairfield 67, Georgetown 58
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 66, Buffalo 55
Navy 69, Albany, N.Y. 55
SOUTH
South Alabama 60, Louisiana-Monroe 38
South Carolina 75, Duquesne 61
Va. Commonwealth 75, Iona 62
MIDWEST
SW Missouri St. 73, SW Texas 42
Vanderbilt 79, Wis.-Milwaukee 64
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 74, Oral Roberts 46
Boston U. 59, Sam Houston St. 49
TCU 103, Prairie View 23
Tulsa 77, Ark.-Little Rock 50
FAR WEST
Binghamton 54, Air Force 46
Idaho 56, E. Washington 44
Iowa 84, Denver 72
New Mexico 74, Texas Tech 65
San Francisco 95, CS Northridge 69
San Jose St. 82, Sacramento St. 57
Stanford 75, Pepperdine 63
Washington 62, St. Mary's, Cal. 55
TOURNAMENT
Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic
First Round
Harvard 68, Idaho St. 56
Kansas St. 105, Grambling St. 54

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	3	0	.700	214	212
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
New England	6	5	0	.545	257	212
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	265	298
Buffalo	1	9	0	.100	180	273
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	189	121
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	198	187
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	189	150
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	140	204
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	183	237
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	172	172
West						
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	278	201
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	182	224
San Diego	5	6	0	.454	263	226
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	200	229

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141
Washington	5	5	0	.500	141	206
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	174	238
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central						
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	214	145
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	207	180
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	189	242
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West						
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	296	170
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	267	225
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	188	191
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	226	216
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	161	252

Thursday's Game
Philadelphia 23, Kansas City 10
Sunday's Games
Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Giants
Monday's Game
Green Bay at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 9
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Open Date: Baltimore
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High School Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A

DIVISION I
Region I
Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (8-4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa
Region II
Quarterfinals
Mesquite (12-0) vs. The Woodlands (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Baylor in Waco
Semifinals
Midland Lee (8-4) or Keller Fossil Ridge (10-2) vs. Mesquite (12-0) or The Woodlands (9-3)
Region III
Quarterfinals
Alief Hastings (9-2) vs. Pearland (12-0), 4 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome in Houston
Region IV
Quarterfinals
SA Taft (10-2) vs. CC Carroll (7-5), noon Saturday at Buccaneer Stadium in Corpus Christi
Semifinals
Alief Hastings (9-2) or Pearland (12-0) vs. SA Taft (10-2) or CC Carroll (7-5)
DIVISION II
Region I
Regionals
Lubbock Monterey (10-2) vs. Euless Trinity (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Coppell High School
EP Del Valle (10-1) vs. DeSoto (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sun Bowl, El Paso
Quarterfinals
Lubbock Monterey (10-2) or Euless Trinity (11-1) vs. EP Del Valle (10-1) or DeSoto (9-3)
Region II
Regionals
Allen (10-2) vs. Spring Westfield (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD
Lufkin (11-1) vs. Killeen (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Texas A&M in College Station
Quarterfinals
Allen (10-2) or Spring Westfield (11-1) vs. Lufkin (11-1) or Killeen (9-3)
Region III
Regionals
Houston Madison 61, Galena Park North Shore 58
Fort Bend Hightower (10-2) vs. Humble (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at the Astrodome
Quarterfinals
Houston Madison (13-0) vs. Fort Bend Hightower (10-2) or Humble (9-2)
Region IV
Regionals
Austin Westlake (11-1) vs. CC Miller (11-1), 5 p.m. Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio
SA Madison 53, Laredo Nixon 19
Quarterfinals
Austin Westlake (11-1) or CC Miller (11-1) vs. SA Madison (11-2)

CLASS 4A

DIVISION I
Region I
Quarterfinals
Amarillo Palo Duro (11-1) vs. Burleson (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene
Region II
Quarterfinals
Denton Ryan 16, Corsicana 10
Semifinals
Amarillo Palo Duro (11-1) or Burleson (10-2) vs. Denton Ryan (13-0)
Region III
Quarterfinals
Nederland (10-2) vs. Friendswood (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Rice in Houston
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Smithson Valley 35, SA Roosevelt 14.
Semifinals
Nederland (10-2) or Friendswood (12-0) vs. Smithson Valley (13-0).
DIVISION II
Region I
Regionals
Andrews (7-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa
Frenship (10-2) vs. FW Boswell, 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls
Quarterfinals
Andrews (7-5) or Southlake Carroll (8-4) vs. Frenship (10-2) or FW Boswell
Region II
Regionals
Highland Park 71, Dallas Samuell 20
Ennis (12-0) vs. Terrell (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland
Quarterfinals
Highland Park (12-1) vs. Ennis (12-0) or Terrell (7-5)
Region III
Regionals
Jasper (11-1) vs. Houston Forest Brook (12-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Moorhead Memorial in Conroe
Brenham (11-1) vs. Bay City (11-1), 1 p.m Saturday at the Astrodome in Houston
Quarterfinals
Jasper (11-1) or Houston Forest Brook (12-0) vs. Brenham (11-1) or Bay City (11-1)
Region IV
Regionals
Austin Reagan (10-2) vs. SA Alamo Heights (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Judson.
Bastrop (8-4) vs. Beeville (11-1), 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome.
Quarterfinals
Austin Reagan (10-2) or SA Alamo Heights (10-2) vs. Bastrop (8-4) or Beeville (11-1)

CLASS 3A

DIVISION I
Region I
Quarterfinals
Perryton 21, Vernon 14
Region II
Quarterfinals
Everman (12-0) vs. Texarkana Pleasant Grove (9-3), 7:30 Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler
Semifinals
Perryton (11-2) vs. Everman (12-0) or Texarkana Pleasant Grove (9-3)
Region III
Quarterfinals
Mexia (9-3) vs. Bridge City (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Bellville (12-0) vs. Sinton (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Victoria Memorial
Semifinals
Mexia (9-3) or Bridge City (10-2) vs. Bellville (12-0) or Sinton (12-0)
DIVISION II
Region I
Regionals
Bridgeport 30, Crane 28
Kennedale (11-1) vs. Alpine (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at San Angelo Stadium
Semifinals
Bridgeport (8-5) vs. Kennedale (11-1) or Alpine (11-1) **Region II**
Regionals
Commerce (10-2) vs. Winnsboro (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler
Gladewater 20, Wilmer-Hutchins 13
Semifinals
Commerce (10-2) or Winnsboro (11-1) vs. Gladewater (12-1) **Region III**
Regionals
China Spring (11-1) vs. Newton (10-2), noon Saturday at Moorehead Memorial in Conroe
Giddings 24, Altair Rice 8
Semifinals
China Spring (11-1) or Newton (10-2) vs. Giddings (12-1) **Region IV**
Regionals
La Grange (9-3) vs. Mathis (9-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio
Wimberley 10, Yoakum 7
Semifinals
La Grange (9-3) or Mathis (9-2) vs. Wimberley (11-2)

CLASS 2A

DIVISION I
Region I
Quarterfinals
Post (9-3) vs. Holliday (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Bulldog Field in Abilene
Region II
Quarterfinals
Van Alstyne 47, Jacksboro 20
Semifinals
Post (9-3) or Holliday (10-2) vs. Van Alstyne (11-2)
Region III
Quarterfinals
Arp (12-0) vs. Hemphill (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Blanco (12-0) vs. Poth (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at East Central High, San Antonio
Semifinals
Arp (12-0) or Hemphill (11-1) vs. Blanco (12-0) or Poth (12-0)
DIVISION II
Region I
Regionals
Quanah 21, Coahoma 14
Sonora 28, Spearman 21
Quarterfinals
Quanah (10-3) vs. Sonora (11-2)
Region II
Regionals
Bangs (10-2) vs. Whitewright (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Coppell
Celina 35, Italy 25
Quarterfinals
Bangs (10-2) or Whitewright (12-0) vs. Celina (13-0)
Region III
Regionals
Garrison 22, Kerens 6
Alto (11-1) vs. Mart, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Palestine
Quarterfinals
Kerens (9-3) or Garrison (10-3) vs. Alto (11-1) or Mart
Region IV
Regionals
Van Vleck (11-1) vs. Refugio (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Victoria
Ganado 48, Stockdale 6
Quarterfinals
Van Vleck (11-1) or Refugio (10-1) vs. Ganado (10-2)

CLASS 1A

Region I
Regionals
Petersburg 42, Nazareth 12
Stratford 47, Iraan 21
Quarterfinals
Petersburg (12-1) vs. Stratford (13-0)
Region II
Regionals
Roscoe (12-0) vs. Celeste (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls
Petrolia 33, Menard 6
Quarterfinals
Roscoe (12-0) or Celeste (11-0) vs. Petrolia (12-1)
Region III
Regionals
Tenaha 27, Bremond 8
Simms Bowie (6-5) vs. Chilton (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Mesquite
Quarterfinals
Tenaha (9-3) vs. Simms Bowie (6-5) or Chilton (11-1)
Region IV
Regionals
Burkeville 38, Shiner 21
West Sabine 46, Falls City 34
Quarterfinals
Burkeville (7-3) vs. West Sabine (8-3)

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Quarterfinals
Whitharral 51, Sands 20
Sanderson 49, Groom 35
Richland Springs 53, Blanket 6
Woodson 45, Calvert 26
Semifinals
Whitharral (13-0) vs. Sanderson (13-0)
Richland Springs (12-1) vs. Woodson (12-1)

Kings' bench too much for Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Opponents are learning that they can't relax when the Sacramento Kings put their reserves in games.

Hedo Turkoglu came off the bench and scored a career-high 24 points to lead the Kings to a 109-106 overtime victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Friday night.

Mike Bibby added 22 points, and reserve Lawrence Funderburke a season-high 16 for Sacramento, which won its third straight. The team has played all season without All-Star forward Chris Webber.

"They understand that other players have to step up," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "We've been playing with a large amount of energy. They just believe that they can win. If you would have told me at this point in the season we would be 13-4, it would have been hard to believe.

"Now it doesn't matter who we play, they just believe they can win, and that attitude has rubbed off on me."

The Kings completed a sweep of their Texas road trip, with wins earlier this week against Houston and Dallas.

"We can enjoy this great win," said Turkoglu, who scored 11 of his points at the free-throw line. "I tried to take advantage against their big guys. I did my job pretty good I think. I just helped my team tonight."

San Antonio, which fell to 7-1 at the Alamodome this season, was led by a season-high 38 points from Tim Duncan. Antonio Daniels added 14 points, while David Robinson, Steve Smith and Terry Porter scored 10 points each.

"It was a very physical game, a good game," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "Both teams went after each other in that sense. Down the stretch our execution was not as sharp as it should be. That hurt us down the stretch."

Duncan's bank shot gave San Antonio a two-point lead in overtime, but Sacramento answered with an 8-0 run to lead 105-99 on Bobby Jackson's two free throws with 27.4 seconds to play.

Smith made a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 105-102 with 25.4 remaining. But it was as close as San Antonio could get as eight of Sacramento's overtime points came at the free-throw line.

Lady Raiders bow to Lobos

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico coach Don Flanagan felt pretty good when his team stuck close to Texas Tech in the first half despite Jordan Adams' foul trouble.

Adams scored 16 of her 21 points in the second half to lead New Mexico to a 74-65 victory over No. 9 Texas Tech on Friday night.

"We felt like they didn't have a player that could guard her one-on-one, so we let Jordan go," Flanagan said.

It was the first time New Mexico (5-1) beat a ranked team since the 1997-98 season, when they upset No. 11 Utah 76-59.

Mandi Moore scored 18 points for the Lobos, who trailed 29-27 at the half. Lindsey Arndt added 12 points and six rebounds and Molly McKinnon scored 11.

Amber Tarr led Texas Tech (2-2) with 19 points. Natalie Ritchie added 13 and Tanisha Ellison 11. The Red Raiders shot just 39 percent for the game.

"We shot a poor percentage inside. They kept us out of some of our offensive sets. You have to give them credit," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "They played great defense — and went to the basket on offense and put the ball in."

Adams committed her third foul midway through the first half and sat out the rest of the half. But she played all of the second half without committing any additional fouls.

Baseball's plans delayed one month

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Baseball's plan to eliminate two teams has been delayed until at least late December.

The Minnesota Supreme Court refused Friday to grant the request by baseball and the Twins for a speedy review of the injunction that forces the team to play next season, instead sending the case to the Court of Appeals.

The appellate court scheduled a hearing for Dec. 27, well past what many baseball officials have said is the deadline for contraction. Baseball had hoped to hold a dispersal draft of players by Dec. 15.

"It just gets more and more troublesome with each passing day," said players' union head Donald Fehr, who has filed a grievance to stop contraction. "You don't have schedules, you can't sell tickets, there's uncertainty in the market."

Baseball and the Twins had asked for the hearing to take place before Dec. 7, citing the need for teams to make key decisions before Dec. 20, the last day to offer contracts to unsigned players on rosters.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who has avoided setting an exact deadline, said "there's nothing that's happened that's unexpected."

"While we're disappointed the Supreme Court did not grant an expedited review, we are confident our legal position at the end of the day will be vindicated either by the appellate court or by the Supreme Court," said Robert DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer.

In Montreal, the Expos moved forward with plans to play another season, agreeing Friday to a one-year lease to play at Olympic Stadium. The deal, however, does allow the team to cancel the contract unilaterally.

And in Washington, Rep. John Conyers Jr. asked Selig to provide audited financial records for the past three years on the Twins, Expos and other teams, along with all of baseball's studies for franchise elimination and relocation.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, the Twins' landlord at the Metrodome, obtained the injunction from Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump on Nov. 16, 10 days after owners voted to fold two franchises. Although the teams haven't been picked, the Twins and Expos are the likely targets because they have low revenue and have not secured government funding for new ballparks.

In a two-page order, Minnesota Chief Justice Kathleen A. Blatz wrote that baseball's lawyers "have not demonstrated that this case requires the extraordinary procedure of immediate determination in the Supreme Court. Nevertheless, to preserve the opportunity for further review by this court if warranted, review in the Court of Appeals should be expedited on a schedule to be adopted by that court in its discretion."

Later Friday, the Court of Appeals ordered the MSFC to submit its reply brief by Dec. 13 and for baseball to hand in its rebuttal four days later. The case will be heard by Chief Judge Edward Toussaint Jr., Judge Robert H. Schumacher and Judge Roger M. Klaphake.

"We don't think we have anything to fear by a review by the appellate courts," MSFC executive director Bill Lester said. "We're very confident the lower court decision will stand."

Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to starting reporting to spring training on Feb. 15.

"If we make it to February," Lester said earlier in the day, "we're home free for 2002."

Meanwhile, Conyers asked Selig for audited financial records for 1999, 2000 and 2001 for Minnesota, Montreal, Florida, Tampa Bay, Oakland and Kansas City, "along with any available comparison of these financial records to overall major league baseball figures." He asked that revenue sharing figures be listed separately.

Conyers is the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, which has scheduled a hearing Thursday on baseball's antitrust exemption. Selig and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura are among the witnesses.

Conyers also asked baseball to provide "minutes, notes or other records" of the Nov. 6 owners' meeting "along with any memorandum or other supporting materials provided to the owners." He also asked Selig for all studies done by baseball in the last five years on contraction and relocation, and for any studies on territorial rights to San Jose, Calif.; New Jersey; and Washington.

Ventura plans to tell Congress not to sympathize with owners' claims of big losses, saying they brought it on themselves.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	126	78
Rogers' Backhoe	121	83
YZ Systems	118	86
Blue Sunoco	115.5	88.5
Snyder Iron	114	90
Anadarko	104	100
WTP Energy	99	105
Timely Finance	94	110
Snyder Brick	87.5	116.5
Patterson	84	120
Napa	81	123
Cutting Edge	80	124

High series: Elbert Klein, scratch, 599; Jason Coy, handicap, 654.
High game: Roger Batchelor, scratch, 227; Manuel Garcia, handicap, 275.
Splits and special mentions: Jeff Kellner, 2-10; Toby Roemer, 5-7; Michael Wilkes, Bobby Lord and Gary Kinder, 3-10; Robert Palacios, 5-6; Dewey Farley, 5-6-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	32	12
Stone Welding	31	13
Snyder Iron	29	15
Bluebonnet Farm	27	17
Timely Finance	26	18
Countryplace	22.5	21.5
Goobers	21.5	22.5
Collision Spec.	21	23
Leatherwood's	19.5	24.5
Team 10	16.5	27.5
YZ Systems	9	35
BCEC	9	35

High series: Scratch: Stacey Browning, 608; Daphene Thompson, 551. Handicap: Stacey Browning, 668; Daphene Thompson, 656.
High game: Scratch: Stacey Browning, 212; Daphene Thompson, 225. Handicap: Christopher Northcutt, 256; Daphene Thompson, 260.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	10	5	.667	—
Boston	7	6	.539	2
New York	8	8	.500	2½
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	2½
Orlando	7	9	.438	3½
Washington	5	10	.333	5
Miami	2	13	.133	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	9	4	.692	—
Detroit	10	5	.667	—
Toronto	10	6	.625	½
Indiana	9	9	.500	2½
Charlotte	7	8	.467	3
Atlanta	6	11	.353	5
Cleveland	5	11	.312	5½
Chicago	2	12	.143	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	4	.714	—
San Antonio	10	4	.714	—
Dallas	10	6	.625	1
Denver	7	9	.438	4
Houston	7	9	.438	4
Utah	6	10	.375	5
Memphis	3	12	.200	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	1	.933	—
Sacramento	13	4	.765	2
Phoenix	10	7	.588	5
Portland	9	7	.562	5½
Seattle	8	10	.444	7½
Golden State	7	9	.438	7½
L.A. Clippers	7	9	.438	7½

Friday's Games
Detroit 110, Charlotte 105
Washington 84, Miami 75
Memphis 102, Houston 85
Sacramento 109, San Antonio 106, OT
Phoenix 98, Utah 76
Denver 96, L.A. Clippers 93
L.A. Lakers 107, Seattle 92
Portland 101, Milwaukee 95

Saturday's Games
Boston at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Memphis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Expos sign stadium lease

MONTREAL (AP) — The Expos made sure they could still call Olympic Stadium home, should they survive to see the 2002 season. Threatened with elimination, the Expos signed a one-year lease with the provincial government board that operates the stadium. The team also reserved the right to unilaterally cancel the contract.

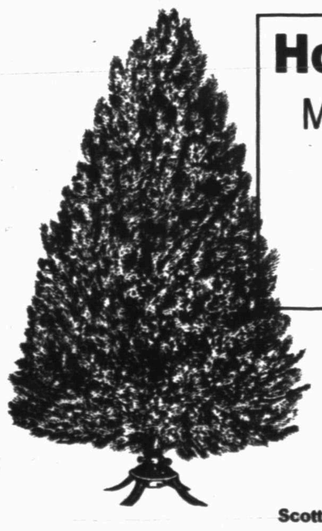
Astros re-sign Vizcaino

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros re-signed infielder Jose Vizcaino, agreeing to a $1.7 million one-year contract. Vizcaino, the second player to sign among the 155 free agents, hit .277 with one home run and 14 RBIs in 107 games with the Astros this year.

Air Force suspends 12 players

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Air Force suspended 12 players, including wide receiver Ryan Fleming, from the team's season finale against Utah on Saturday for violating curfew.

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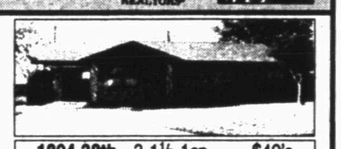
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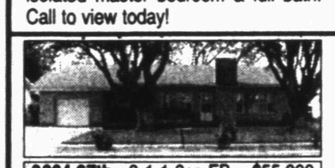




308 33rd 3-2-1.....$36,500
What A Buy! This cozy home is just what you've been looking for with isolated master bedroom & full bath! Call to view today!



1804 38th 3-1½-1cp.....$40's
Beautiful Yard! If you like a spacious and open backyard for kids, entertaining or pets, then this is just right for you. Lots of closets, extras & storage!

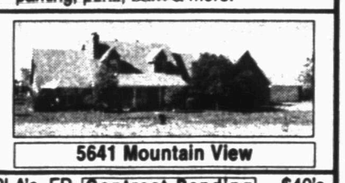


2904 37th 2-1-1-2cp-FP.....$55,000
Weekly Special! This immaculate home needs owners who love 2 living areas, hardwood floors, cozy fires, and backyard BBQ's.



1283 N. Ave. P 3-2-2.....$75T
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5641 Mountain View

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2510 Towle Park 3-2-2cp $85T
3605 Jacksboro 3-2½-2 . . . . . $65T
3309 Irving 3-2-2 w/open concept & FP $99,900
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SPECIAL - 3105 Ave. T 2-1-1-1cp $29.5T
5404 Cedar Creek- 3-2½-2 . . . $100's
2709 48th- Bargain- 3-2-2 . . . . . $80's
3730 Austin- Convenient Plus- 3-2-pool $50's
2300 38th- Exceptional 2-2½-2 . . . $100's
2212 Towle Park Rd. 4-2½-2 . . . . . $90T
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4603 El Paso - Beautiful - 3-2-2, pool, formal dining, office . . . . . $100's
2906 Denison - 3-2-2 . . . . . ONLY $75T
3103 42nd -Real Honey! 3-2,cp, RV stg. $55T
2907 Ave. W 3-1¾-2, sprinkler system . $50's
2403 42nd 3bdr, Kitchen, Den & LR. $50's
3600 Hill Ave. - Terrific! 4-2½-2 . . . . $60's
3403 Irving - Great Find 5-2-2LA's . . . $60's
3010 Ave. U - Personality & Potential, 3-1, study . $35T
2017 40th - Fresh & Clean 3-1-1 . . . . $30's
4107 Avondale CUT TO THE BONE 3-1-1 $28T
3765 Sunset - Wants offer! 3-1½-1 . . $25T
2202 41st - CUTE 3-1, den . . . . . $30's
2905 Ave. W - Charming 3-2 . . . . . $30's
3002 37th - Comfortable 3-1, rear cp $40's
3505 Irving - Assume 3-1-1 . . . . . $40's
2312 40th - Super deal 3-1-1 . . . . $18T
305 34th - Why Rent? 2-1-1 . . . . . $13T
3609 Irving - Location 3-1¾-1 . . . . $40's
3741 Ave. V - Great Area! 4-2 w/storage $50's
2803 Denison 3-2-2, formal combo $80's
3007 Ave. V -Charming 3-1 . . . . . $20's
104 Millburn- Carry Note 2-1-1 . . . . $20's
3103 41st - Relax & Enjoy 4-3, patio, pool $60's
4301 Lubbock - Rates a Ten! 3-2-2 . . $60's
3798 Sunset - Spacious 4-2-1 . . . . $26.9T

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2609 36th 4-3-1 . . . . . RED!! $90's
2501 48th 3-2-2, pool, RV & car stg. . . Call
2708 48th 4-2-2 . . . . . $80's
2106 42nd 3-1-1 . . . . . Under $30T
4014 Irving 3-2-2 . . . . . $60's
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2510 Towel Park Rd. 3-2 . . . . . $85T
Reduced! 3309 Irving 3-2-2 . . . . . $90's

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2693 Pleasant - Close In 3-2, extras . $70's
8709 W. Hwy 180 - Stucco 3-2-2 w/5 A's . $60's
Hermleigh- Great Setup, 3-3½-2, 80 A's $100's
S. Hwy 84 - Enjoy 3-2-2 w/ 9 A's . . . $100's
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4374 CR 254 3-2-2 w/rental . . . . . $100's
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N of C-City - Early Cent. 3-2-cp, 36A's . . $95T
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2644 LCR 252 - Retreat 3-3-2,FP, 3cp, dock $90's
1353 Laguna - C-City Lake, Nice 3-2-2, shop $90's
2628 LCR 252- Everything goes! 3-1, boat house . . . . . $90's
3320 LCR 252- Log home, 2-2-2 . . . . $100's

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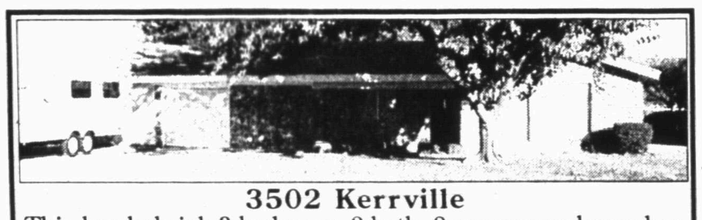
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For Lease: Available 12-05-01 4100 Eastridge Dr. 3-2-2-FP, new CH/A. $425/mo., $200/dep. References required. 915-267-9630/556-2625

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3202 40th 3-1-1 Nice Kitchen & Carpeting $295T
Good Floor Plan 3-1¾+2 4006 Jacksboro $549T
3-2½-2+4+RV Gar., Pool, Hot Tub, 2501 48th
Really Nice Starter 302 36th Pl. 3-1....$32.5T
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ATTRACTIVE! 4-2-2 2211 27th.....$42T
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Great Home 4-2-4cp, office....2803 El Paso
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321 35th St. 3-1-1 Detached.....$25T
Nice Beginner for a Family 308 33rd.....$36T
1.89 A's w/2-1-2cp Neat country Near Hermleigh $25T
160 A's 3-2-cp & shop 5.2 mi. NE of Hermleigh
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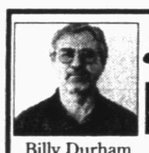


3502 Kerrville
This lovely brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home has metal trim siding, a large backyard, and living room with a fireplace.
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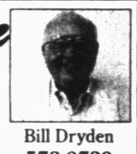


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2903 36th 3-3-2, pool . . .$129.5T
2709 35th 4-3½-2cp $129T
Nearly new on 10 A's, 3-2-2 $125T
2509 48th 3-2½-3 . . . . . .$110T
3614 40th 4-2-2+RV stor. . .$94T
Pleasant Hill Rd. 3-2-2 . .$76.5T
3405 44th 3-2-2 . . . . . .$59.9T
3602 Ave. B 3-2-2 . . . . . .$48T
1809 KSNY Dr. 3-1, 4 lots $41.5T
3781 Avondale 3-1-1 . . . .$38.5T
105 34th 2-1 . . . . . .$37T
2104 40th 3-1 . . . . . .$32.9T
Out of City 11 A's, barns & pens $28.9T

$$ REDUCED $$

2501 48th 3-3½-4, pool.....$145T
2609 36th 4-3-1-1cp $107T
5505 Cedar Creek 3-2½-2, 2 LA's, Bonus to Buyers $104T
3309 Irving 3-2-2 . . . . . .$99.9T
Large family hm on 12 A's Close in...$ 89.5T
2705 35th 4-3-2 + office.....$87.5T

$$ REDUCED $$

2510 Towle Park 3-2-2 . . . .$85T
2200 30th 3-2½-2, 2 LA's, . .$79.9T
3605 40th 3-2-2 . . . . . .$68.5T
2601 28th 3-2-2 . . . . . .$65.9T
3605 Jacksboro 3-2½-2 . . .$65T
318 36th 3-2-2cp, FP, RV stor. . .$55T
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
2301 43rd 3-2, living + den . .$69.5T
3618 41st 3-2-2 . . . . . .$66.5T
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 . . . . . .$62T
4008 Irving 3-2-2 . . . . . .$58T
College Ave. Large office Bldg. .$48T
2805 Ave. V 3-1 . . . . . .$42T
6329 FM 1606 3-2-2cp $37.5T
Hwy 84 in Hermeigh 3-2 $29.9T
3797 Dalton 2-1-1 . . . . . .$25T
Hermleigh 3-2 w/acreage Call for details
Comm. Bldgs. N, S, W sides downtown

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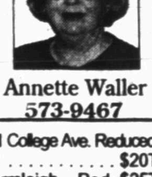
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ROOMS! 1908 30th 5-2 w/Apart. . .$48T
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2606 47th Lg lot Great Neighborhood $8T
Ira 3-1½ 5 Acres $65T
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C-City - Home w/36 acres $95T
2905 36th 4-2-2cp, spacious. . . $89.5T
320 Acres IRA . . . . . Call
6194 CR 4131 3-2, Brick 40-160 A's Red. $95T
Neat 3-1-1, CH/A, 3203 Hill Ave. . $23T
2306 25th Comm. RV Parking + Shop $19T

Commercial Lot 2101 College Ave. Reduced
301 36th Pl. 3-1-1 . . . . . .$20T
Comm. Bldg. in Hermleigh . Red. $25T
1801 22nd Reduced Comm. 7 offices/yd
Old Lubbock Hwy -Office w/lrg shop $30T
2605 33rd Magnificent Custom Built Home
Ira - 9589 CR 3176 - 6 acres . . . $10.5T
2006 Towle Park Rd. 3-2-2, 3 LA's . $100T
6 to 22 acres tracts . . . Owner Finance
3309 Irving Lovely 3-2-2 . . . . . $108T
900 25th, 2309 25th, 2703 College Call
2609 36th 4-3-1, brick, FP, Must See
C-City 3-2-2cp 36 acres. $95T
Make Offer 3605 Jacksboro 3-2-2 + FP$65T
Stanfield Area 2205 42nd 3-1-1. . . . Call
Reduced 2501 48th 3-2½-4 RV, shop, pool
2805 Ave. V 3-2-FP, CH/A . $39,750
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AVAILABLE NOW
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*2220 45th, 3-2-1. Both with CH/RA & $475/mo. **573-6193**

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Real Estate

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FOR SALE BY OWNER
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House for sale, owner will finance. Call 806-893-5553 or 512-431-4110

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THANK YOU

The family of Dorothy Fudge would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent cards, flowers, food and heartfelt sympathies at the passing of our loved one.

We would also like to thank all the medical staff of Cogdell Hospital for the care and dignity shown to mother while she was in your care. Snyder EMS went above and beyond the call of duty on our behalf. Words just simply cannot express our appreciation for all the kindness and care in transporting us to Lubbock and back home again. Dr.'s Cooper, Rakov, Odell of Cogdell Hospital and Dr. Gary Smith of Covenant Hospital of Lubbock were most caring and tender and that was so appreciated.

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American zoos are helping Kabul's animals in distress

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The last time David Jones visited the 100-acre zoo in Afghanistan's capital, he admired bears and mountain goats native to the land as herds of red deer grazed peacefully.

"It was then quite a nice zoo for that part in the world," said Jones, director of the North Carolina Zoo.

But that was 15 years ago.

Today, the number of species at the Kabul zoo has been halved to 19, including a handful of wolves, monkeys, and a lion that was blinded in one eye when an Afghan guerrilla threw a grenade into its cage. The animals' welfare is a low priority of Kabul residents right now who have troubles of their own.

In response to reports about conditions at the zoo, North American zoos and aquariums began a campaign this week to raise $30,000 to keep the Kabul zoo running for the next four to six months. By Friday, the North Carolina Zoological Society had pledges worth $26,000 from 150 donors.

"Some people say, 'Isn't this a bit crazy when we've got all the human problems?'" said Jones. "I think there's ... a much larger appreciation of the animal side of this kind of conflict than what they might think."

A donor who wanted to remain anonymous promised $10,000, and European zoos have also pledged money.

Jones, who visited the Kabul zoo while director of the London Zoo, is coordinating U.S. fundraising for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. The group is one of several agencies raising money to feed and treat animals, pay keepers' salaries and repair bullet-riddled buildings.

The North Carolina Zoo is working with American and European zoo associations and the World Society for the Protection of Animals to make sure the money reaches its intended destination.

One major expense is Marjan, the lion described in a story earlier this month by The Associated Press, whose lunch tab of nearly $14 a day is more than many Kabul residents earn in a month. Marjan was injured in the 1990s by a grenade thrown by a guerrilla whose brother had entered Marjan's cage the day before and been attack and killed by the lion. Another guerrilla once fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an elephant.

Since that report, Rod Hackney, a spokesman for the zoo in Asheboro, 70 miles west of Raleigh, said he had been receiving e-mail from people seeking information about how to help. More than 200 e-mail arrived in the last three days, Hackney said.

Jones said the Kabul zoo wasn't like what he called the "grotty little menageries" that pass for zoos in other parts of the world.

Built on the Kabul River with help from the zoo in Cologne, Germany, the park was one of the better zoos in the region. It was also one of the few places Afghan women could go with their children during the rule of the Taliban, Jones said.

The zoo's nickel entrance fee generates only about $300 a month, compared to operating costs of $6,000. The zoo's director hasn't taken his $20-a-month salary since July.

With no power, no veterinarian and no money to winterize cages, keepers bring shivering songbirds into their own small sleeping quarters to keep them warm.

Jones hopes a two- or three-person team, including a veterinarian and logistics expert, can travel to Kabul in the next few weeks with kerosene heaters and cleaning equipment. Ultimately, U.S. and European zoos hope to send $100,000 to repair shelled buildings, fix water lines and install electric lines.

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens gave $1,000 after receiving many calls from patrons about the plight of the Kabul animals.

"I think it's a response to the innate love of animals that people have," said Thane Maynard, a Cincinnati zoo vice president. "People want to do something. They want to say, 'This isn't right.'"

On the Net:
North Carolina Zoo: http://www.nczoo.org
American Zoo and Aquarium Association: http://www.aza.org
World Society for the Protection of Animals: http://www.wspa-americas.org

Veteran learns 48 years later he was shot through heart

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When infantryman Donald Morehouse awoke at a military field hospital in 1953, surgeons told him a bullet had missed his heart by an inch.

On Tuesday, the 70-year-old Korean War veteran underwent bypass surgery and received a different diagnosis: the slug hadn't missed at all. It passed directly through his heart.

"The surgical team had a collective jaw drop when we saw this," said Dr. James McClurken, chief of thoracic surgery at Abington Memorial Hospital. "Most people would have been dead from this type of wound within an hour."

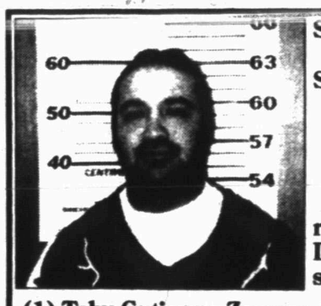
Surgeons discovered scars from an entrance wound on his heart's left atrium and an exit wound on the right atrium. McClurken said the bullet must have passed through the heart so cleanly that the wound closed itself.

"I'm a little in shock," Morehouse said. "I felt fine afterward."

Morehouse said he was hit seven times on June 12, when his 25th Infantry Division unit was ambushed. Six bullets deflected off his bulletproof vest. A seventh entered his shoulder, passed through his body and lodged in his side.

Morehouse walked three miles to safety before he was taken to a field hospital.

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.

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

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Suspect in 1980s serial murders arrested

SEATTLE (AP) — A man was arrested Friday in connection with the 1980s slayings of four women whose deaths were believed to be part of the nation's worst unsolved serial killer sprees.

Police had blamed the four women's deaths on the so-called Green River Killer, who authorities have said was responsible for the slayings of 49 women in the Pacific Northwest. The killer has been sought since 1982, when the first victims were found near the river.

While authorities have questioned other suspects and made at least one arrest, in 1982, no one has ever been charged in the slayings.

On Friday, police arrested Gary Ridgway, 52, of suburban Auburn, for investigation of homicide. He was taken into custody as he left his job at Kenworth Truck Co., where he worked as a truck painter for 32 years. He was not immediately charged.

"I cannot say with certainty that Gary Ridgway is responsible for all of those deaths ... but boy, have we made one giant step forward," said Sheriff Dave Reichert, who was one of the original detectives on the serial killer task force.

Ridgway, who is married and has an adult son, was jailed pending an initial court appearance, which was set for Saturday. There was no answer at a number listed for a Gary Ridgway in Auburn. It wasn't immediately known if he had a lawyer.

The sheriff said forensic scientists were able to link Ridgway's DNA to three of the women. He would only say "certain factors" tie Ridgway to the fourth woman.

Ridgway was first interviewed in the case in 1984, and a saliva sample was obtained by court order in 1987. He was the subject of intensive background investigation during that period, but was not arrested in the case. Reichert said investigators were never able to tie him to the killings with anything but circumstantial evidence.

The first DNA test results linking Ridgway to the case came back two months ago, and authorities said they have had him under surveillance since then.

No decision on charges against Ridgway will be made until early next week, said a spokesman in the prosecutor's office.

Ridgway was being investigated in the deaths of Opal Mills, Marcia Chapman and Cynthia Hinds, whose bodies were found in the river on Aug. 15, 1982, and Carol Christensen, found May 8, 1983, in woods in nearby Maple Valley.

"This has got to be one of the most exciting days in my entire career," Reichert said Friday.

Before Friday, authorities said, Ridgway had been arrested twice in the past 19 years on prostitution charges — once in 1982 and again two weeks ago. He pleaded guilty in the most recent case and was convicted in the earlier case, sheriff's spokesman Sgt. John Urquhart said.

The Green River Killer abducted and strangled most of his victims — mostly prostitutes and runaways — in a red-light district south of Seattle. Their bodies were found in or next to the nearby Green River, and in densely wooded areas near Seattle and Portland, Ore. from 1982 to 1984.

The bodies had all been reduced to skeletal remains by the time they were found, probably having decayed for several months.

Material used to strangle victims, clothing and some bodily fluids are among the evidence preserved since the victims were found. In past years, Urquhart said DNA tests had proved inconclusive.

"At that point we just sat back and hoped the technology would get better, and it has," he said.

In an interview last summer, sheriff's Detective Tom Jensen said investigators' best hope at finding the Green River Killer might be cotton-swab samples from the first five victims found.

Three of those victims, authorities said, were linked to Ridgway.

Doctors hail courage of first recipient

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When Robert Tools was wheeled into Jewish Hospital this summer, he was so weak he could barely lift his head. He was too ill to qualify for a heart transplant, and he said he could feel his life ebbing away as doctors prepared to implant the world's first self-contained artificial heart.

That was July 2. By the end of August, Tools was walking into a news conference in a button-down shirt and slacks and talking to the world about his new lease on life.

"I realize that death is inevitable, but I also realize if there's an opportunity to extend it, you take it," Tools, 59, said at the time. "I had a choice to stay home and die or come here and take a chance."

He had been expected to survive only a month without the heart. He lived for 151 days with it until his death on Friday of internal bleeding and organ failure.

His nearly five months of life as the first recipient of a self-contained mechanical heart left doctors hopeful Friday that such artificial hearts could someday become a routine option for survival.

"He did not go through this in vain," said Dr. Hillel Laks, chief of cardiothoracic surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine.

"This device has functioned extremely well. If one could use the device in not such desperately ill patients, the recoveries would be much quicker and the outcome better," Laks said.

During the clinical trial phase underway, the AbioCor heart can only be implanted in patients who, like Tools, are too ill to qualify for a heart transplant and are given little chance of surviving more than 30 days.

Four other patients are now living with AbioCor hearts. Another underwent the surgery in Houston this week but didn't survive the operation.

One of Laks' patients, a 74-year-old man who received the softball-size mechanical heart in October, continues to slowly recover. He is able to stand and walk from a chair to his bed, and he can spend time off the ventilator, the doctor said.

Laks said doctors are constantly learning more about the device, and that the credit goes to the initial patients.

"Mr. Tools and his family members are heroes," said Dr. Robert Dowling, one of Tools' surgeons. "Their willingness to be the first to participate in the AbioCor clinical trial could potentially pave the way for a revolutionary treatment option for advanced heart disease."

Dowling and fellow Louisville surgeon Laman Gray Jr. said Tools' death was not caused by any problem with the plastic-and-titanium heart. After Tools' brain function stopped on Friday, doctors had to override commands in a computer to turn off the heart, The New York Times reported.

Before surgery, Tools suffered from congestive heart failure, diabetes and kidney disease, and his doctors said those previous health problems led to severe abdominal bleeding that started Thursday and caused Tools' organ to fail that night.

The AbioCor heart is made by Abiomed Inc. of Danvers, Mass. Unlike earlier artificial hearts, it has no wires or tubes that stick out of the chest and connect to a big compressor. Abiomed hopes to have its device on the market within the next few years.

Doctors and officials at Abiomed had been pleased with Tools' steady progress over four months.

In early November, Tools was able to eat a cheesesteak during an outing with Louisville's mayor. He had recovered enough to make trips outside the hospital, including a fishing trip, and doctors had said they hoped he could be home for Christmas.

That changed when he suffered a stroke Nov. 11. Blood-thinning drugs are often given to patients to prevent clots that can cause strokes, but Tools could not be given high doses because such drugs can also cause internal bleeding.

Doctors had said early on that strokes were among the risks for the artificial heart patients. The AbioCor was designed with a smooth plastic lining to decrease the chance of blood clots forming. The hospital said Tools' death was unrelated to the stroke, although the Times reported that the heart would be examined for clues to what caused it.

Among all artificial heart recipients, William Schroeder of Jasper, Ind., lived the longest, surviving 620 days with a Jarvik-7 heart until his death in 1986. The first artificial heart recipient, Barney Clark, a Seattle-area dentist, lived 112 days after receiving a Jarvik-7, which is not self-contained, in 1982.

Tools lived in the small down of Franklin, 140 miles south of Louisville. Carlin Tools, one his two adult children, said his father exhibited great strength and courage while fighting for his life. Carol Tools said her husband would have "faded away slowly at home" without the surgery.

On the Net:
Abiomed: http://www.abiomed.com
Jewish Hospital Artificial Heart Project: http://www.heartpioneers.com

Senators combine legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four senators have combined competing versions of legislation that would tighten border security and visa screening in an effort to pass the bill this year.

Sens. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., joined with Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., to draft the new legislation. They said the bill would build on laws passed since Sept. 11 to prevent terrorists from entering the United States through loopholes in immigration laws and the nation's visa system.

"The recently enacted U.S.A. Patriot Act was an important part of the effort to improve immigration security, but further action is essential," Kennedy said in a statement Friday.

The legislation could be attached to an appropriations bill to get approval this year.

Universities and foreign student groups say they will support the legislation because it eliminates or tweaks some student visa proposals Feinstein had proposed.

"We're happy Senator Feinstein and her colleagues have listened to our concerns and incorporated our recommendations into the legislation," said Chris Harrington, a University of California spokesman.

The legislation also would require development of an electronic database by Oct. 26, 2003, that will provide foreign service officers and federal agents immediate access to law enforcement intelligence information.

"In the wake of Sept. 11, it is hard for me to fathom how a terrorist might be permitted to enter the U.S. because our government agencies aren't sharing information," Feinstein said.

It would provide $150 million to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and to the Customs Bureau to improve technology, Kyl said.



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FINAL PERFORMANCES — ***Merry Christmas Bedford Falls***, a comic adaptation of the classic Christmas movie, ***It's A Wonderful Life***, will conclude its run this weekend. The final performance for the Western Texas College and Ritz Theatre dinner theatre is set Sunday afternoon with lunch at 12:30 in the Student Center, followed by the show. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. with no meal. Dinner tickets are $15 for adults, $13 for seniors and students, and $10 for WTC faculty and students and Ritz season ticket holders. Cast members include from left, front row, Raylene Marlow, Chris Shoemake and Chris Hensley; back row, Donnie Burk, Thomas Lowery, Beth Bowen, Kent Wright and Christi Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Danger increases as enemy collapses, Rumsfeld reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Danger to U.S. troops in Afghanistan is increasing as the Taliban militia and al-Qaida disintegrate, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warns.

"Let there be no doubt, there will be further casualties in this campaign, in Afghanistan and elsewhere," Rumsfeld said Friday, the 55th day of the U.S. aerial assault that has punished but not finished off the Taliban.

The only substantial portion of Afghanistan still under Taliban control is around Kandahar, the southern city that gave birth to the radical movement of Islamic students. Appearing with Rumsfeld at a joint news conference Friday, Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said the military situation in the Kandahar area remains unclear.

"We do not know what we cannot see, which is how many actual fighters there are inside the city," Pace said. "There has not yet been a major ground offensive battle. There are, we know, negotiations going on between the opposition forces and the Taliban leadership for surrender."

There are still pockets of resistance elsewhere in Afghanistan, and Rumsfeld said thousands of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters are being held prisoner by the northern alliance and other opposition forces.

Without questioning the prisoners directly, he said, it is difficult to determine who among them are Taliban or members of al-Qaida, a terror network allegedly run by Saudi-born fugitive Osama bin Laden. Such interrogations expose interrogators to danger, Pace said.

"They are people who, for the most part, don't walk up and volunteer their names and identification numbers with a sample of DNA," Rumsfeld said. "What they do is, they blend into the other prisoners."

This was the situation when CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was fatally shot Nov. 25 while interrogating enemy prisoners in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Final cleanup begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers began pumping a deadly gas into the Hart Senate Office Building early Saturday in an operation designed to kill the remaining anthrax spores that forced the building's closing almost seven weeks ago.

"We waited until the humidity reached the optimum level, did our safety checks and then began spreading chlorine dioxide gas at 3 a.m.," said Lt. Dan Nichols, a Capitol Police spokesman. "Everything is going fine. It just took a little longer than we thought."

A hitch developed as final preparations were being made to introduce the poison. Experts said extremely high humidity was required for the operation, and they had to pump in steam from the building's heating system to increase the level.

The fumigation had been scheduled to begin Friday at 8 p.m. EST, but didn't get underway until seven hours later.

The block surrounding the building was cordoned off to give exclusive access for a $1 million laboratory bus to circle every 15 minutes and monitor the air for gas leaks. People living nearby were told there was no need to leave or otherwise disrupt their plans.

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said Friday it was unlikely that workers could remove every anthrax spore.

"There's no intention to open the building until everyone feels very comfortable that people working in there or visiting in there will be safe," he said. "This is new territory for both the EPA and certainly for us. We haven't had this experience before as a country in how do you clean up a building like this."

To prepare for the first-of-its-kind decontamination, crews sealed off Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office suite to fumigate it overnight, said Nichols. The intent was to kill anthrax bacteria that escaped Oct. 15 when an aide to the South Dakota Democrat opened a tainted letter.

The rest of the Hart building was not similarly sealed, although the adjacent Dirksen Senate Office Building, connected by hallways with Hart, and the Hart underground garage were shut down as a precaution against leakage of the toxic gas.

County commissioners set meeting on Monday

The Scurry County commissioners' court will consider appointments to five county boards when it convenes in special session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Several terms on the county boards are expiring this year.

On the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board, the terms of Stanley Martin and Jim Bob Cave expire.

John Fair's term is up on the Veteran's Land Board.

On the Board of County Development, David Koonce's term expires this year.

Sandra Barbosa's term on the County Welfare Board is to expire and Britt Canada's term on the Scurry County Library board is up.

Four other items of new business are on the agenda, along with two items of old business.

Other new business items include a resolution to authorize the tax assessor-collector to sell county tax properties, going out for bids on rock, asphalt and fuel for 2002 and setting holidays for 2002.

The court also will consider an investment policy for 2002.

In old business, the court will open bids for outside financial audit services for the county and Cogdell Memorial Hospital, and for preparation of the Medicare and Medicaid cost report.

The court also will open bids for a new roof at the sheriff's office.

Any line item transfers or budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will take place in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Activity light for law officers

• ***Quiet period***

Local law enforcement personnel had a relatively quiet 24 hours Friday and early Saturday.

• ***Slippery highway***

Dispatchers received a number of calls around 9:30 a.m. Friday that U.S. 84 was icy around Inadale and that a number of vehicles had slid off the road. TxDOT was notified and sand was put on the highway.

• ***Harassment***

Deputies received a call from a teacher at Ira School at 12:13 p.m. Friday in reference to a student being harassed. Deputies made contact with the calling party.

• ***Protective order***

Officers filed a report for a protective order violation at 3:15 p.m. Friday in reference to a husband harassing his wife. Officers were again contacted by the wife Friday afternoon and a supplement to the report was filed.

• ***Theft***

Steve Jones filed a complaint at 5:42 p.m. Friday in reference to a theft that had occurred on Thursday.

• ***Throwing snowballs***

An officer was requested at 1900 College Ave. Friday afternoon concerning a juvenile throwing snowballs at passing motorists.

• ***Strong odor***

A resident in the 3700 block of Noble Drive reported a strong odor in the air. Officers responded and reported they smelled the odor but could not find any damaged lines.

• ***Controlled burns***

The fire department was notified of three controlled burns Friday morning.

Obituaries

Hardie Robinson

1908-2001

WEATHERFORD – Hardie Robinson, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Nov. 29, in a Weatherford nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Robinson, 93, is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Poolville First Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon. Burial will follow in the Howard Cemetery in Desdemona. Arrangements are under the direction of Galbreaith-Pickard Funeral Chapel in Weatherford.

Born Oct. 16, 1908 in Camp Springs, he was a resident of Poolville and was a retired employee of General Dynamics and Higginbotham Lumber Company.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cleta Fern, in 1969; and his second wife, Faydelle, in 1996.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Helen Robinson of Peaster, Bill and Nancy Robinson of Weatherford, Charles and Susie Beck of Keller and L.G. and Ellen Beck of Midlothian; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 9 a.m. until dark Saturday at the Canyon Reef Gun Club. For information, call Skip Craig at 573-7750 or Paula Williams at 573-5881.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday.

Tiger's Lair deadline

Monday is the deadline for senior dedications to be submitted for the 2002 SHS yearbook. Cost is $45 for a color photo and message. Call 573-6301, ext. 35 for additional information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How the Cross Changes People," followed by "Does God Answer Prayer?"

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club members are to bring a toy to Tuesday's meeting or be fined. The toy will go to Toys for Kids Christmas project headed by the Girl Scouts.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held Tuesday, 5-9 p.m.; Thursday 5-9 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Hospice open house

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers will host an open house from 5 to 6 p,m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. Everyone is invited.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabilia through Tuesday.

"Married for Life"

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Home Bible study groups will soon start. For information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Country gospel music

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

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. Tuesday and also on Dec. 15, 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.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

VFW membership drive

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

Noon prayer service

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

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

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 Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

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.

WTC adult basic education

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

WTC pool open

The WTC swimming pool is open for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

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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Cognitive Intervention class graduates at PDU

The second Price Daniel Unit Cognitive Intervention class graduated on Nov. 6.

Two groups of men learned and/or had reinforced strategies to change attitudes, thoughts and beliefs.

This volunteer class was developed to reduce recidivism and help each individual become a better thinker and ask himself the all important question? "Will this meet my needs over time?"

Two more classes are under way and plan to graduate in February.

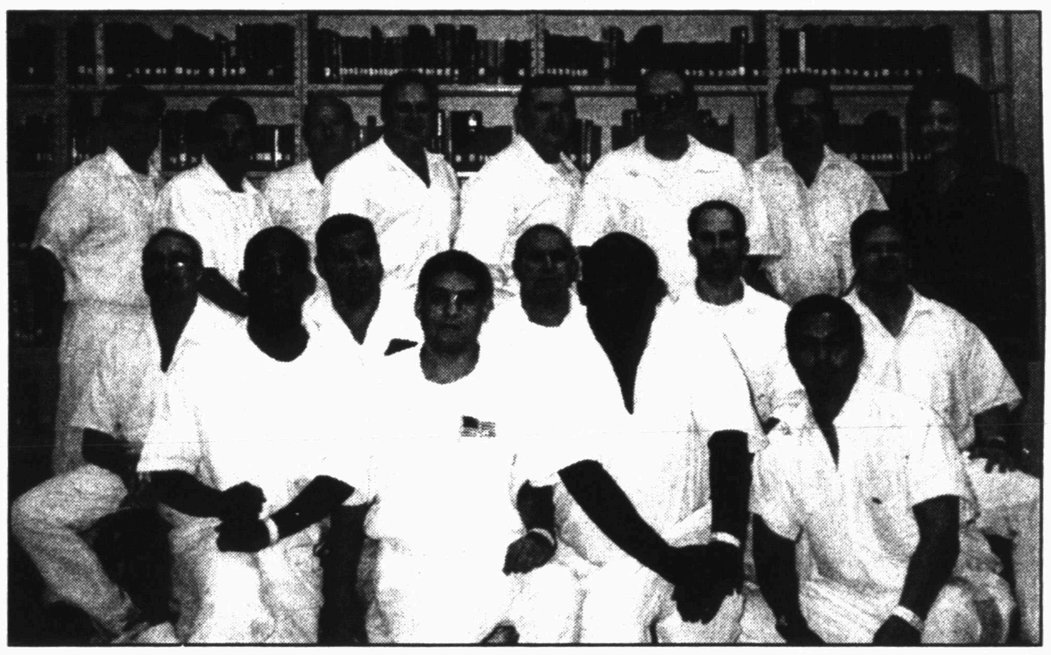
Mollie Shearer instructor, said, "Hopefully this program will continue at Daniel and spread to all TDCJ units across the state."

Graduates include John Bosillo, Don Conyers, James Gray, Jonathan Feltenstein, Randall Whitehead, Lawrence Collins, Jr. Jolee Williams, Patrick Jaetzold, Elias Hernandez, Tony Golden, Felix Cisneros, Albert Moreno, Alfredo Lopez, Alfonso Rios, Ismael Rodriguez, Wayne Marshall, Roosevelt Wright, Adrian Gonzales, Jerry Green.

Others include Belford Borden, Joseph Torregrossa, Michael Hubbard, Randy Tidmore, Carl Beeson, Ronald Breckenridge, Everell Billadeau, Donald Bollinger, Alejandro Gonzalez, Manuel Rodriguez, Jason Noble, Don Calhoun, Rodrick Gibson, Cleofas Ruiz, Joey Satchell, Juan Molina.

One of the inmates, Patrick Jaetzold, said, "To be part of Cognitive Intervention was a great privilege, but to be part of Cognitive Intervention when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred makes our class unique. We were able to connect what we were learning to what happened Sept. 11. This made the skills learned in Cognitive Intervention all the more special, these tools and techniques for solving problems will be among the most useful I possess."





Graduates include (top photo) back row, from left, Mollie Shearer, instructor; John Bosillo, Don Conyers, James Gray, Jonathan Feltenstein, Randall Whitehead, Lawrence Collins Jr. Jolee Williams, Patrick Jaetzold; middle row, Elias Hernandez, Tony Golden, Felix Cisneros, Albert Moreno, Alfredo Lopez, Alfonso Rios, Ismael Rodriguez; front row, Wayne Marshall, Roosevelt Wright, Adrian Gonzales, Jerry Green. Others include (bottom photo) back row from left, Belford Borden, Joseph Torregrossa, Michael Hubbard, Randy Tidmore, Carl Beeson, Ronald Breckenridge, Everell Billadeau, Mollie Shearer, instructor; middle row, Donald Bollinger, Alejandro Gonzalez, Manuel Rodriguez, Jason Noble, Don Calhoun; front row, Rodrick Gibson, Cleofas Ruiz, Joey Satchell, Juan Molina. (Contributed Photos)

Defense fund for Yates not getting very many donations

HOUSTON (AP) — The defense fund to offset legal expenses for Andrea Pia Yates, who has admitted to drowning her five children, has suffered since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when donations dried up, according to a trustee of the project.

Less than $15,000 has been raised for the Andrea Pia Yates Defense Fund, said Chris Tritico, one of the fund's three board members.

Yates was arrested at her far southeast Houston home June 20 after allegedly leading police to the bodies of her drowned children. She had a history of postpartum depression and has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to two charges of capital murder in the deaths of three of the children, Noah, 7, John, 5, and Mary, 6 months.

Homicide investigators said Yates admitted to drowning the children, along with their siblings, Paul, 3, and Luke, 2, in the family bathtub.

During the summer, the National Organization for Women announced plans to raise money for Yates' defense fund.

Nearly all the money that has been raised so far for the fund has been used to pay non-lawyer experts, doctors and other professionals to evaluate the mother's Yates' mental status.

"The trust isn't as active as we thought it was going to be," Tritico told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions. "Sept. 11 clearly shut down a lot of donations that were going everywhere, including this trust."

Since the terrorists' attacks on New York and Washington, many local charities have suffered with kaco of donations.

Children in Kabul are forgotten

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — She fiddles with her brown scarf, knots a piece of red cloth on her dirt-blackened foot. Her large almond-shaped eyes well with tears and her voice is barely a whisper as she explains how she came here, to this orphanage with no heat, no running water, hardly any food.

"My mother is dead. My father married another woman. But they couldn't take care of me," she says.

Shyly, Mariam tucks her head, and only occasionally is she brave enough to look up. She says she is 2 years old and the teachers laugh. She is 5. Their laughter makes her cry.

Tears come quickly to Mariam's soft brown eyes. She has been here only two months.

In all, 450 children ranging in age from 4 to 15 live at the sprawling, barrack-style orphanage in Kabul's war-ruined southwest district, a place forgotten by Afghanistan's changing regimes.

Since the Taliban fled on Nov. 13, no official of the new government has visited.

There is no heat in the cement rooms, where temperatures drop to freezing at night. A matted carpet is the only floor covering and all the children wear two or three layers of tattered clothes. Mariam's dirty pink shirt peeks out from beneath a brown sweater full of holes.

The children's hands and feet are caked with dirt. Samiullah's hands are black and swollen — he fell, but there was no doctor to treat him. Embarrassed, he pulls down the sleeves of his torn blue sweater to hide his hands.

There's a pharmacy at the orphanage, but it has no medicine. The orphanage used to get help from international aid organizations, but after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States and the withdrawal of foreign aid workers, most of it stopped.

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ATTEND FALL CONVENTION — Sandra Browning, Patsy Huckabee, Betty Wood and Gertrude League (from left) attended the District VIII Garden Club convention in Abilene. (Contributed Photo)

SGC members attended district fall convention

Four Snyder Garden Club members attended the District VIII Fall Convention Nov. 2-3 in Abilene. They included Sandra Browning, Dist. VIII second assistant director; Patsy Huckabee, Dist.VIII State Trustee; Betty Wood, SGC president; and Gertrude League, Dist. VIII Butterfly Chairman.

"Treasure Island" was the convention theme. Gary Norman from Philpott Florist & Greenhouses in Abilene presented the program and Sue Durett of Spring spoke to the group about future plans for all clubs in the state including the years 2002-2003. Texas Garden Clubs will celebrate its 75th anniversary of Federated Clubs with special activities.

The spring convention will be held in Snyder on March 22-23 and the theme will be "Diamond Jubilee Garden Party."

The local garden club will meet Thursday for a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Following a potluck luncheon at 11, members will share ideas about making natural Christmas ornaments. Gertrude will give the comprehensive study on floral design characteristics.

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.

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.

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.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; central Fire Station; 7 p.m.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

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

Snyder Garden Club; "Celebrate Your Christmas Visions," members are to bring supplies and share ideas about making natural Christmas ornaments at BeBe Borens home; 10:30 a.m. business meeting, pot luck luncheon at 11.

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

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-01-01
♠ —
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

West
♠ A K 7
♥ K 9
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 10 7 6 4

East
♠ Q J 10 9 6 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A 7 2
♣ 9 8

South
♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ J 7 5 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001

First day, good ruse

By Phillip Alder

On the first day of the last month of the year, here's one of the smoothest pieces of declarer-play I've seen in a while. You are sitting South in six hearts — don't ask — and West leads the spade ace. After ruffing in the dummy, how would you continue?

The deal occurred during the European Women's Team Championship played last June in Tenerife. North was Margaret Courtney, a Londoner who is married to Australian expert and loose cannon Michael Courtney. South was Sally Brock, many times a national and world champion.

The auction was full of debatable actions. West's first pass was a clear error. She should have jumped sacrificially to four spades. After Courtney reopened with a takeout double, Brock was worth four hearts.

Courtney's pass over four spades was forcing. When you bid a vulnerable game to make and nonvulnerable opponents sacrifice, you must either double or bid higher. Most people sitting South would double and collect 300. But Brock, who could have had a Yarborough yet actually held five trumps, an ace and a king, decided to jump to six hearts!

The dummy was a disappointment. Holes everywhere. However, after ruffing the spade lead in the dummy, Brock calmly called for a low heart, her jack losing to West's king. Now came that little — all right, large — slice of luck we all need from time to time. West shifted not to a deadly diamond but to a calamitous club. Brock won in hand with her ace, played a trump to dummy's ace, and ran the clubs, discarding her diamond losers. An easy plus 1430!

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Bridge Scores

All games were played at the Snyder Country Club. They were directed by Monte West.

Friday, Nov. 16

A group

1. Margaret Dillaha, LaVerne Hood.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Presswood.
4. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.

B group

1. Margaret Dillaha, LaVerne Hood.
2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.
3. Maribeth Vestal, Vera McSpadden.
4. Artie Harris, Gracie Craig.

Sunday, Nov. 18

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.
3. Jane Hinton, Margaret Birdwell.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
4. Nonnie Ward, Margaret Dillaha tied with Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.



R.J. "Red" and Sue Walker
(Contributed Photo)

Walkers celebrated 60 years of marriage on November 30

Longtime Snyder residents R.J. "Red" and Sue Walker will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Nov. 30 in Plano where they now reside.

Red was born on March 2, 1922 in Fort Towson, Okla., and Sue Ella Bentley was born on Aug. 30, 1919 in Claude, Tex.

They met in El Paso at a church social in 1940 and married on Nov. 30, 1941. Seven days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Red joined the Navy and served on the USS Doyle, a destroyer that made 19 Atlantic crossings during World War II and participated in the invasion of Normandy. While the USS Doyle was stationed at Brooklyn Navy Yard, Sue moved to Bayonne, N.J., to work at the Naval Supply Depot and to see Red when the ship was in home port.

After the war, Red worked as a surveyor for Texaco across North and West Texas. Their first child, James Dorn Walker, was born in 1945 at Brownfield and their daughter, Molly Ann was born in 1950 at Jacksboro. They finally settled in Snyder in 1955 where their third child, Amber Dawn, was born. They built a home at 3003 42nd Street where they lived until September 2000.

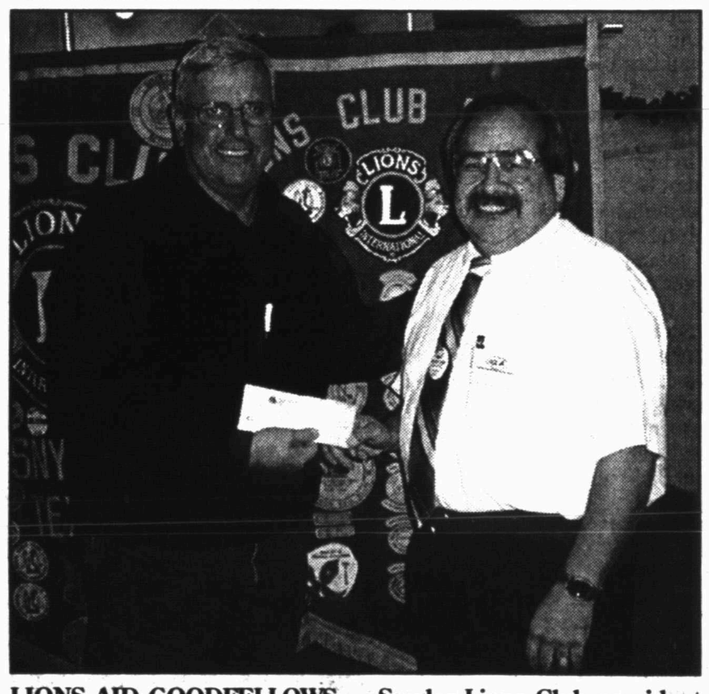
Red worked for Texaco for 38 years with the last 28 years at the Cogdell Unit in Scurry County. Sue was a homemaker and ran Snyder Reproduction, a blueprint making business for several years. Red was also a mapmaker and local historian. He authored many of Scurry County's historical markers. His historical map of the area may be seen in the Scurry County Museum where Sue also volunteered as a docent. She often led the senior swimming classes at the Western Texas College pool. Red served on the Scurry County Library Board. Both were members of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church and they enjoyed the Snyder Senior Center in recent years.

Their children and their spouses are James Walker of Alexandria, Va., and Lynn, daughter of Bea Graham of Snyder; Molly and Michael Droge of Dallas; and Amber and Eric Devlin. The trio agreed that they are very proud of their parents and grateful for the loving home and family that Red and Sue gave them.

Grandchildren include James's sons, Matthew Evan Walker and Owen Stuart Walker of Virginia; and Amber's two stepsons, Matthew Conan Devlin and Michael Liam Devlin of New York City.

Red Walker now resides at the ActivCare Residential Alzheimer's Care in Plano. Sue lives very near him at the Colonial Lodge Residence, 5217 Village Creek Drive, Apt. 220, Plano, 75093-1420.

A reception to celebrate the couple's 60th wedding anniversary will be held at ActivCare on Saturday.



LIONS AID GOODFELLOWS — Snyder Lions Club president David Holt presented the Goodfellows a $200 check, accepted C.R. Perez, past president of the Noon Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club is heading up the program again this year. Donations of nonperishable foods and money are being accepted at the Snyder banks. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridal Registry

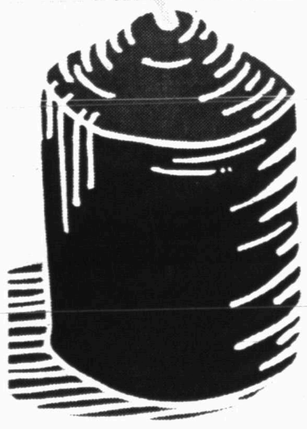
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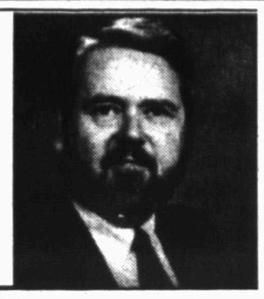
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



The "I's" of Personal Success

The ingredients of achievement are many, but the number of people willing to mix them well are few. However, if you're willing to invest in your own future, I've got a few ingredients for you to blend into your own success recipe.

The interesting factor about these elements of success is that they all begin with the letter "I." It is interesting isn't it? We could say the "I's" have it.

The "I" factors

* **Integrity.** There is no success foundation as secure as integrity. A lifetime of integrity is built one honest day at a time, and honesty is the cornerstone of all real success.

Be careful that you don't become brutal in your honesty. For example, if a female co-worker wears a really ugly dress to work, you could be honest in telling her how ugly it is and how bad it makes her look. Or you could say nothing.

If asked for an opinion, you could simply say that the dress is not the most attractive one she wears, and is not as flattering as the red, blue or green outfits, etc. It pays to be completely honest with ourselves, and tactfully honest with others.

Integrity creates happy bosses, customers, partners and family members. Integrity builds trust, and trust is necessary for all relationships to grow and prosper. If trust is lost through occasional lapses in integrity, it is nearly impossible to regain. Trust takes a lifetime of building but only moments to destroy. Guard your integrity.

* **Initiative.** Successful people are willing to take action on their own. They do not need to be prodded or coaxed. They look for what needs to be done and then do it.

The old saying about the three kinds of people is true. The great achievers take initiative and make things happen. The almost successful watch things happen, and the rest wonder what happened.

Build this into your success blend. Become a "doer" not a "watcher" or a "wonderer." Yes, on occasion you may have to apologize for jumping the gun, but I've found it is often easier to ask for forgiveness than to wait for permission.

* **Improvement.** Someone once observed that the largest room in the world was the room for improvement. I am certain that no company product has provided a service that couldn't be improved on.

We all have room for improvement. Improvement comes from study, practice, measurement and focus. Here are four quick tips to get you started on improvement. 1) Turn off the TV and use that time to study something meaningful. 2) Whatever skill you're trying to build, allocate an hour every day to practice. 3) Focus on the most critical areas of your life and career for improvement. 4) Find ways to measure your progress. I'm a firm believer that if you can't measure it, you can't improve it.

We build skills and performance through study of best practices, practicing to perfection and focusing on critical objectives. Try it for a few months. I think you'll be pleased.

* **Imagination.** Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Man's mind once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimension." Imagination is a success growth hormone. It is often the force that powers inspiration.

Albert Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." There is a lot of truth in the motivational phrase "If you can dream it, you can do it."

While imagination gives the mind freedom, it does not free the mind of facts. Pigs can't fly, but it doesn't mean they can't travel through the air. Imagination allows us to see success beyond the limits of our vision.

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.

Deregulated spinoff will not be affected by Enron woes

HOUSTON (AP) — An Enron Corp. spinoff that has grown into one of the biggest players in Texas' new deregulated electricity market says the energy giant's problems won't affect its ability to sell power to residents and small businesses next year.

The New Power Co. said that even if Enron's files for bankruptcy protection, it would have no impact on its earnings.

The company stressed that it is an independent from Enron — although Enron owns about 44 percent of New Power — with its own board, financial resources and management. It said it doesn't get funding from Enron and isn't owed any money by the Houston company.

Enron created New Power and spun it off with an initial public offering of stock last year. In October, Enron wrote down its investment in New Power by about $250 million.

In the first nine months of this year, New Power, a unit of Purchase, N.Y.-based NewPower Holdings Inc., lost $173 million on revenue of $245 million.

New Power said Thursday that it has enough cash and liquidity to operate at least through the second quarter of next year but might need more money to build up natural gas inventories for the 2002-2003 winter heating season.

Spokesman Gael Doar said New Power is already talking to lenders about additional financing and expects to reach a deal. It probably needs $50 million next year and another $50 million in 2003, Doar said.

The company reaffirmed that it expects to lose 65 cents to 73 cents per share in the fourth quarter and turn a profit in 2003.

During a pilot deregulation program this year, about two-thirds of Texas residential customers who switched power companies picked New Power — about 61,000 out of 96,200, according to the state Public Utility Commission.

Under Texas dereg law, if New Power sells electricity after Jan. 1 ;then stops running, its customers will be sent to a provider.

Public Records

Marriage License

David Lee Digby of Hermleigh and Daniell Nicole Sharp of Snyder.

George Vasquez and Rhonda Pingleton Seedig, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Southern Electric vs. James Fields, suit on account.

Action in District Court

Weldon Key and Leroy Key, Trustees of the Opal Key Irrevocable Trust and as independent co-executors of the Estate of Opal Key, vs. Jimmie Joe Key, partial summary judgment for plaintiffs.

Deed Records

Peggy Joe Vernon and Jerry Wayne Trice to Ray Heath, Lot 17 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Eastridge Apartments Ltd. to Johnny L. Melton, a tract out of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. to Midwestern Services Inc., a 0.205-acre tract being all of Lot 2 of the HAT Subdivision of Lot 13, Block 5, Wadleigh Addition.

Faustino Lopez to Christina Dominguez, the east one-half of the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Cody Addition.

Joel O. and Sandra Talavera to Don F. and JoAnne M. Sleeman, Lots 3 and 4 in Block 8 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Mary E. and Abel Beauchamp to Larry Harold Sears, Lot 12 in Block H of the Highland Park Addition.

Helen Grinslade, attorney-in-fact for Dewey K. Grinslade, to Ruby P. Smith, the south 75 feet of Lot 3 and the north one-half of Lot 4 in Block 8 of the Blankenship Addition.

American State Bank to Agnacio and Martha Torres, Lot 9 and the west one-half of Lot 8 in Block 52 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Agnes Allene Armstrong to Vickie Ellene Pinkerton and Linda Sue Mix, tract one being the west 25 feet of Lot 2 in Block 68 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition; tract two being the east 50 feet of the north 140 feet of Lot 1 in Block 67 of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Douglas Herbert and Shirley Merritt to Clyde and Debra Young, Lots 4-6 and the west 35.6 feet of Lot 7 in Block 20 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Gilmore quits as GOP national chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican National Chairman Jim Gilmore intends to resign after a one-year tenure marked by disappointing election results and internal party tensions, GOP sources said Friday.

These sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Gilmore's departure would take effect in mid-January. It would clear the way for President Bush to install a new party head in advance of 2002 elections, with control of Congress and three dozen statehouses at stake.

It was unclear whether Gilmore's resignation was sought at the White House or tendered voluntarily.

One Gilmore ally said the outgoing Virginia governor had chafed from the restrictions imposed by the White House and thought the job was no longer worth the financial and family sacrifices. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gilmore and the White House had been discussing the governor's remaining at the RNC at least another year

The planned departure comes less than a month after the party suffered the loss of two governorships — in New Jersey and Gilmore's own Virginia — in off-year elections.

Although GOP gubernatorial candidates were trounced in both New Jersey and Virginia earlier this month, Republicans elected Michael Bloomberg as mayor of New York, a city with an overwhelming voter registration edge for Democrats.

"On Election Day, we did not suffer a wipeout," Gilmore said after the vote. "It was a split decision. We won the mayorship in New York, won a landslide in the Virginia House of Delegates, won judicial races in Pennsylvania, special elections in Missouri."

He acknowledged the two governors' races were the contests everybody was watching.

Gilmore said he was personally unaware of criticism within the party ranks, and in a recent interview with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, disputed plans he would be stepping down. "That's not true. I'm looking forward to serving as RNC chairman, serving the president, raising the money necessary and moving ahead next year," Gilmore said.

And White House spokesman Ari Fleischer had reaffirmed Bush's support for Gilmore.

Sources said the White House had grown dissatisfied with Gilmore's performance at the RNC. The election was one issue, they said, but was not as significant as the friction between his camp and Bush allies at the RNC and the White House.

Several high-ranking GOP officials familiar with Bush's thinking, including some at the White House, said Gilmore had a hard time accepting direction from the White House. Jack Oliver, a top operative and fundraiser for the Bush campaign, was installed at the RNC to run day-to-day operations and look out for the president's political interests; Gilmore often chafed at the deputy's power, officials said.

Gilmore has said the biggest challenge in the 2002 elections could be Democrats running what they call "centrist" campaigns that tend to blur differences with Republicans. The winners for governor in New Jersey and Virginia have been described as centrist Democrats.

"We have to guard against the day that all the Democratic candidates are running as conservative Republicans," Gilmore said.

The RNC holds its winter meeting in mid-January. It was not clear whether Bush would tap Gilmore's replacement by then.

Holiday traffic at DFW was better than expected

FORT WORTH (AP) — Passenger volume at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport was better than expected over the Thanksgiving holiday, an official says.

More than 1.3 million people flew in and out of the nation's fourth busiest airport during the peak holiday travel period from Nov. 19 through Tuesday, according to Joe Lopano, airport executive vice president of marketing.

That figure was about 16 percent below the year-ago period, but better than what most airlines expected for the first major travel period since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Projections had been for passenger totals to drop as much as 27 percent.

Many other airports reported about a 20 percent reduction in passengers.

"This was the first flight for many of our passengers," Lopano told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions. "It was an opportunity to get over the fear."

He was pleased by the number of passengers traveling through DFW, which is owned by Fort Worth and Dallas, just two months after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Passenger jets hijacked by terrorists were used in the attacks.

At American Airlines, which has its hub at DFW, flights during the Thanksgiving period had passenger load factors at or above last year's Thanksgiving levels, said company spokesman Emilio Howell.

Load factors are the percentages of seats in use.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Masseuse's constant chatter leaves client feeling tense

DEAR ABBY: As a treat to myself, every two weeks for the past several years I have gone to "Natasha," a professional massage therapist. Like my hairdresser, Natasha has become not so much a business acquaintance as a friend. That's why I need your advice.

Natasha constantly talks and tries to engage me in conversation during my massage. I don't want to be rude, but I would get more out of the massage if she talked less and allowed me to relax in peace and quiet. How can I tell her without hurting her feelings?

The massage costs me $90 a session. The way things are now, I don't feel I'm getting my money's worth. — **TIED IN KNOTS IN TEXAS**

DEAR TIED IN KNOTS: Stiffen your spine and level with your masseuse. As a paying customer, you have a right to relax and not be distracted during the session. As a professional, she should understand.

However, since you and Natasha are friends, make it clear that you and she can enjoy a lunch or dinner together for social conversation between appointments.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the very pregnant lady who couldn't get a seat on the subway brought back one of my fondest memories.

Back in the '50s when I was expecting my first child, I would wait each morning at a downtown Dallas street corner for a streetcar. It was a busy transfer point, and although my pregnancy was obvious, I could never manage to get a seat — so I'd have to stand up most of the way.

One morning a man made a mad dash for the streetcar. When it stopped, he stood in the doorway and threw his arms across the entrance, announcing to everyone, "No one gets on until this lady gets a seat!" As you might guess, I didn't have any trouble getting one.

I had never noticed the man before, and I never saw him after that day, but that one encounter with this special person has kept me smiling for decades. I think of him as my guardian angel. — **VIRGINIA IN DALLAS**

DEAR VIRGINIA: He was either your guardian angel or a blocker for a football team. Anyone who would refuse to yield a seat to a pregnant lady should be forced to walk a mile in her support hose.

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DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the 90-year-old Missouri recycler about what she did with her old pantyhose.

A few years ago, while driving through a remote area of Arizona in an RV with my sister and her husband, one of the belts on their engine broke. We were stranded.

Fortunately for us, a truck stopped, and the driver offered to help. When we explained our dilemma, he asked, "Do either of you ladies have a pair of pantyhose?" My sister produced a pair. He promptly cut off the legs and twisted them into a rope-like band that he placed around the engine pulleys. We started the engine and drove 50 miles per hour behind our kind rescuer to the next town — 16 miles away — where we were able to purchase a real belt.

This goes to prove that old pantyhose have an afterlife. — **BOB STAUFFER, GIG HARBOR, WASH.**

DEAR BOB: I have heard of using old pantyhose strips to tie vines to trellises, but yours is the most unusual and inventive use for pantyhose I have ever encountered. How ingenious!

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DEAR ABBY: It may seem early for holiday squabbles, but they have already begun in our family. My brother, "Arlen," and his wife, "Lurline," are hosting the Christmas get-together. I took my brother aside after church last week and told him that due to the weakened economy, our business is struggling and we are barely keeping our heads above water. I said we couldn't participate in the family's annual gift exchange and he seemed to understand.

A couple of days later, my mother called and raised Cain. She said since Arlen and Lurline are hosting the party, we must go along with the gift exchange. Mom said the expense they were going to for the party — although it is to be a potluck — obligated us to exchange gifts with everyone. She added that my four sisters and their husbands were participating, and it would look "funny" if we didn't.

Abby, it angers me that we're being pressured to exchange gifts when our budget is already stretched to the max. Why can't Mother understand our predicament? This is turning into a sour holiday season, and I don't know if we should go in debt for gifts or not. We live in a community less than 30 minutes away from the family, so skipping the party isn't an option. What's the answer? — **DEE DEE IN COLORADO**

DEAR DEE DEE: Your mother may have meant well, but she should have stayed out of it. Under no circumstances should anyone with a business that's struggling to stay above water go into debt for Christmas gifts in order to keep up appearances.

The true meaning of Christmas is the love you share for each other, not the presents. You can write a short letter to each of your siblings explaining the circumstances, telling them that you love them, but a gift is not possible this year.

However, keep in mind that there are alternatives to expensive gifts — home-baked goodies, coupons for raking leaves or shoveling show, even an IOU for hosting a family dinner at your house sometime next year when your finances have improved.

The most important "gift" is the fact that you're all healthy and able to celebrate the holiday together. Many families aren't that fortunate.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you can reprint a letter that was previously printed in your column. It was about a child who had two grandmothers with very different interests.

At the time, our son was dating a wonderful young lady. Her mother and I had both seen your column and remarked that if our children were ever to marry, our situation would be similar.

Much to our delight, they did marry, and now they are expecting their first child. I have thought of the letter in your column many times. I would love to read it again. — **CHARLOTTE IN RICHFIELD, MINN.**

DEAR CHARLOTTE: And I would love to print it again. It carries an important message. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You often hear from people who feel trapped into "competitive grandparenting," feeling they must match the in-laws gift for gift. The same sort of comparison can develop between parents and stepparents. The kids encourage it because of all the goodies they get.

I recently heard my mother deal with the issue in a wonderful way. My sister's 5-year-old was visiting my mother and asked, "Are you going to take me to the toy store? Grandma Johnson always does."

I was horrified because my parents are nowhere near as well off as the "Johnsons." But Mother didn't get defensive. She just said, "Different grandmas are good at different things. Grandma Johnson is your SHOPPING grandma, and I am your COOKING grandma." And they went into the kitchen and made brownies!

Isn't that beautiful? I don't have any grandkids yet, but I have already decided to be their "reading grandma." — **AUNTIE M IN SAN DIEGO**

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Suspect in child porn case shot

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — An angry mother shot a man who allegedly had nude pictures of young boys and had spent time with her son, authorities said.

Larry Eugene Howell was shot once in the groin and once in the side Thursday night in the front seat of his van in a drug store parking lot, Police Sgt. Teal Nally said.

Howell, 40, was in critical condition Friday morning at the University of Cincinnati Hospital.

The shooting took place next to the police department, and a 40-year-old woman was found with a 9mm revolver in her hand and arrested. She was charged with first-degree assault.

Her son was not pictured in about 25 photographs of naked boys taken from Howell's residence, but the woman was upset because her son had spent time with Howell, authorities said.

Howell, a carnival worker from nearby Erlanger, was arrested Tuesday for possession of marijuana and of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor. He was freed from jail after posting $1,000 bond Wednesday, police said.

Besides the photographs, 150 negatives and a computer were taken from Howell's home, according to court records.

Q & A

Grandparents, grandkids

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

Over the River and Through the Woods...Grandparents Hold A Key to Keeping Teens Drug-Free

Today's grandparents do much more than bake cookies. Forty-four percent of grandparents see a grandchild every week and forty-five percent of grandparents talk weekly or more with their grandchildren. According to a national survey conducted in conjunction with the 2000 Census, there are 2 million grandparent-headed homes with children under 18 and another 3.2 million grandparents live with and share parental responsibilities for their grandchildren. In other words, grandparents are doing more "parenting" than ever. It is important to reflect on the key role they play in influencing their grandchildren's lives, especially when it comes to drugs.

While parents are generally recognized as the most important and long-lasting influence on children, grandparents have a close and special bond and often serve as an inspiration to their grandkids. The unique relationship between grandparent and grandchild provides an ideal opening for a discussion of the dangers of drugs.

Research shows that grandparents are looking for guidance on how to talk to their grandkids about difficult topics. In fact, according to a recent AARP survey, 54 percent of grandparents would find information about discussing drugs somewhat or very useful.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy's National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign offers the following strategies for grandparents to keep their grandkids drug-free:

START: It is never too early to prevent your grandchildren from trying drugs. Building protective factors, such as letting your grandchild know you care, plays an important role in deterring them from drugs. State your position clearly and often. One of the major reasons teens decide not to use drugs is the fear that their parents or other family members will lose respect for them. Teens do not want to let down their families.

CONNECT: Take the opportunity to build lines of communication and do things regularly with your grandkids. Spend time together-eat dinner with them, read together, play a game, go shopping, go to the movies, a baseball game or go sightseeing together. Use opportunities like family gatherings or inviting your grandchildren to stay over to show that fun doesn't require drugs.

LISTEN: Take a more active interest in what is going on in your grandchild's life. Listen to their cares and concerns by fostering family openness and communication. In this way, teens will feel more comfortable to open up to you when they need your advice.

EDUCATE: In honor of Grandparent's Day, spend at least 30 minutes discussing the dangers of using drugs with your grandkids. Continue the discussion on a regular basis.

CARE: Make sure your grandchildren know you care that they are drug-free.

SUPPORT: Explain to your grandchild that you are always there for them-no matter what happens. Make sure that they know to come to you for help or information.

LEARN: Children today are sophisticated. In order to educate your grandchild about the dangers of drugs, you need to educate yourself first. Sit down and learn about what messages kids are bombarded with everyday through peers, school and the media. It is up to grandparents to help teens sift through those messages and decipher right from wrong. Grandparents should also be aware of all of the risks drugs pose.

LEAD: Young people are as aware of what you do, as much as what you say. Don't just say the right things, do the right things. Set a good example. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, get help.

If you would like more suggestions on communicating with your grandchild, visit www.theantidrug.com, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's online parenting resource. The site offers a brochure titled "Parenting Skills: 21 Tips and Ideas to Help You Make a Difference," which may also be ordered by calling (800) 788-2800.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Bipolar disorder may need double therapy

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am manic-depressive, treated with lithium. In my experience, the drug is no more than a Band-Aid. It doesn't relieve my symptoms. Are there any foods or herbal remedies that I could try to control my depressive episodes, so they won't be so intense? Is there any literature available to help me?

DEAR READER: Manic depression, now known as bi-polar mood disorder, is marked by fluctuating swings of euphoria and melancholy. The affliction is believed to be due to a chemical imbalance in the brain, for which medication is ordinarily effective.

Lithium is the customary drug of choice for the euphoric component. However, to be effective, it must be given in full therapeutic dosages. Thus, lithium levels should be monitored by periodic blood tests that measure the concentration of lithium in the body. An insufficient quantity is useless. In contrast, too much causes toxicity, which may lead to tremor, weakness, malaise, fatigue, excitability and abnormal heartbeat, to mention a few complications.

The depressive component of bi-polar mood disorder is usually treated with anti-depressant medications, of which there are many. Consequently, the condition is best overcome with double therapy.

If you expect lithium alone to relieve your depressive episodes, you'll be disappointed. On the other hand, if your manic behavior is not controlled by lithium, you may not be receiving proper amounts.

I urge you to review this situation with your psychiatrist, because with modern drugs, your disorder can be treated. Any changes in dose or alterations in therapy should, of course, be undertaken only in conjunction with your therapist.

I am not aware of any dietary prohibitions or herbal remedies that are useful for bi-polar problems.

You can obtain further information from your doctor, from your local library or on the web. You can also obtain information from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Their address is 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201-3042. They can also be called at (703) 524-7600, faxed at (703) 524-9094 or you can visit the Web site at http://www.nami.org.

To help you begin your search, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." 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: At 45, I am suddenly experiencing hot flashes, mood swings and irregular periods. Could I have Hashimoto's disease? My physician is too busy to answer.

DEAR READER: I'm sorry that your physician has chosen to put you off. Doctor's are often busy — but that is no excuse to refuse to answer your questions, which I will try to do.

Hashimoto's thyroiditis is an autoimmune disorder, marked by chronic, painless inflammation of the thyroid gland, associated with underproduction of thyroid hormone. Symptoms include an enlarged thyroid gland, constipation, listlessness and other features of deficient metabolism. The diagnosis is made by blood tests that measure thyroid hormone as well as antibody proteins against thyroid tissue. Treatment is simple and inexpensive: thyroid supplements taken indefinitely.

I doubt that your symptoms are caused by Hashimoto's thyroiditis. More likely, you are suffering from early menopause.

If your physician is truly too busy to offer you help and advice, drop the guy like your date to the sophomore prom. Seek another physician. It's ridiculous for you to feel unwell without having a diagnosis and treatment. If doctors in your community are really scarce, bypass your physician and proceed directly to a gynecologist, who can diagnose your condition and offer advice and treatment (such as hormone therapy).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could the medications captopril and furosemide, used for hypertension, cause memory loss in an 85-year-old man?

DEAR READER: Elderly people universally experience short-term memory loss. As we age, for example, we become less facile with names and other everyday events. I find myself more forgetful than I was previously and have to make lists. I know several dear old friends who can clearly remember childhood occurrences, but throw up their hands when questioned about what they had for lunch yesterday.

Unfortunately, not all memory loss can be classified as "benign forgetfulness of the elderly." I recently had the pleasure of meeting a new patient, a charming and articulate gentlemen, who was referred by his family doctor for memory loss. The patient and I carried on a lengthy discussion about his medical history, diseases and operations (all negative). He was quite clear about his good health. He had never really had to see a doctor and, despite his age of 76, professed no particular urge to see one now. He was well shaven, well groomed and impeccably dressed. He appeared confident and strode purposefully into the examining room, a big smile on his face, with handshake extended.

On a hunch, before beginning the exam, I decided to ask him a few current-events questions, the kind most people could answer without thinking.

"Who is the governor?" I inquired.

He paused and grinned. "Oh," he replied, "I don't much like him. Say, that's a handsome tie you're wearing."

With my interest piqued, I thanked him. "Seriously," I continued, "What's the governor's name?"

"Doc, what a silly question! Are you serious?"

"Just asking."

"Well, I don't really remember. Can you give me a clue?"

I mentioned several recent governors' names. At each one, he shook his head. When I gave him the present governor's name, he brightened up and proudly exclaimed: "Yep, that's the one!"

I wouldn't let him off the hook. "Who's the vice-president?" I queried. He had no idea.

"OK, what's the president's name?" I asked.

"Gosh, doc, everyone knows that. He sure is doing a great job. Whatta guy. I'd certainly vote for him again." He turned and began removing his coat, still smiling, affable and unconcerned.

I persisted but, again, he needed "a clue." He knew it wasn't Eisenhower ("Heck, Doc, I'm not an idiot!"), Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter or Clinton. When I mentioned "Bush," he said: "He's the one! Good old George," folded his coat and placed it carefully on a chair. I didn't choose to stress him further about which George.

That was the extent of the mental examination, because I'd learned what I needed to know. He had an early dementia for which I ordered a truckload of blood tests and a CT scan of his brain, in an attempt to discover a treatable cause (such as anemia, folic acid deficiency, thyroid disorders or a stroke) for his problem. Everything turned out normal, so I ended up referring him to a geropsychiatrist, a specialist in brain malfunction in the elderly, who diagnosed Alzheimer's disease.

I digressed with my anecdote to point out that a phenomenal amount of memory loss may occur before a clever patient with a severe mental condition can be diagnosed. This is usually more than simple age-related memory deficiency. It is a big-time problem, often a consequence of alcohol abuse, Alzheimer's disease or mini-strokes.

The 85-year-old man in your question needs a thorough mental evaluation. Captopril and furosemide, two drugs used to treat hypertension and heart disease, do not ordinarily cause significant loss of memory. But, obviously, any drug has the potential for affecting mental function in an elderly person whose memory may already be borderline or - in the case of my patient - significantly impaired. A doctor is the logical resource to sort out the various factors that can cause poor memory; and such a practitioner can also recommend therapy or referral to an appropriate specialist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." **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.

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Terrorism threat renews debate over limits to investigations made by FBI

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — For years, FBI agents probing possible terrorist activity have worked under restrictions meant to protect the free-expression rights of political and religious groups that might come under investigation.

The result, some law enforcement experts say, has been a slow, overly cautious approach to investigating and arresting potential terrorists.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks those limits have come under new criticism and scrutiny, despite the arguments of civil liberties groups who say the limits are still needed to prevent abuses.

Rules meant to protect freedom of expression "require the FBI to have their eyes closed and their ears plugged up and look the other way" unless they can demonstrate a crime has been or is about to be committed, said Oliver "Buck" Revell, former associate deputy FBI director for investigations.

"When you're dealing with terrorism, that's too late," said Revell, former special agent in charge in Dallas who headed the agency's counterterrorism division for 11 years.

Two sets of Justice Department guidelines are in place, one for foreign counterintelligence and the other for domestic terrorism. They govern when cases may be opened or must be closed, who must approve opening a case, what surveillance and other techniques may be used, and what reports must be filed.

The FBI director himself must approve any infiltration of an academic institution, according to the foreign intelligence guidelines, most of which remain secret. Similarly, agents must have approval from FBI headquarters and Department of Justice before they can investigate domestic religious, political or news media organizations.

The guidelines are now under review as part of Attorney General John Ashcroft's planned reorganization of the Justice Department, said spokeswoman Susan Dryden.

"We are conducting a review of all guidelines, not just those in particular, to determine if they are in line with our new priorities," she said.

The guidelines were created to rein in the FBI after the abuses during the era of J. Edgar Hoover, who presided over domestic spying during the Cold War, civil rights movement and Vietnam. In the 1980s, the FBI faced accusations that it improperly investigated a U.S. group, the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), that it suspected was funneling money to rebels.

The CISPES investigation "spun out of control," said Harvey Grossman, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, who has often sued the FBI to force it to comply with the guidelines. Grossman argues that there are no real restrictions on investigations.

Critics of the guidelines say the FBI should be able to monitor groups that preach violence, even if there's no direct evidence of an actual plot. Revell cites a radical Palestinian group involved in the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the extremist Jewish Defense League. The Palestinian group eventually was linked to the first World Trade Center bombing.

Had that group been pursued in 1993, Revell said, "It's very possible and I think highly probable that the first World Trade Center bombing could have been avoided."

Without the restrictions, the FBI might have stopped two 1999 fatal shootings by racist extremists, said Steven Freeman, legal affairs director for the Anti-Defamation League, because "they were members of groups we had information about."

Confusing guidelines "made field agents very reluctant to open cases," said L. Paul Bremer III, former President Reagan's ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism and chairman of the National Commission on Terrorism that finished its work last year.

Bremer's commission concluded that the regulations are so confusing they contribute to "a risk-adverse culture that causes some agents to refrain from taking prompt action against suspected terrorists."

When Revell and others criticized the regulations after the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995, then-Director Louis J. Freeh told Congress the regulations weren't a handicap. But the Clinton administration considered altering the guidelines, and the Justice Department eventually distributed a 16-page memo intended to broaden agents' interpretation of the guidelines without changing the language.

Former agents say the FBI remained reluctant to investigate religious or academic institutions with possible terror links.

"We wanted to be more aggressive at times, but the whole push back from civil libertarians and the universities — it was very punishing," said George Vinson, a 23-year FBI veteran who headed two West Coast anti-terrorism programs. Vinson is now California Gov. Gray Davis' security adviser.

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Wednesday
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Thursday
Biscuits w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
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Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

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Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
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Texas Toast
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Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Pizza
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Applesauce
Garlic Bread Stick
Friday
Chicken Fry on a Bun or
Beef Vegetable Soup w/Grilled Cheese
Tater Tots
Fruit Cobbler

Robert Reich mulls running for Massachusetts governor

BOSTON (AP) — Robert Reich, the former labor secretary under President Clinton, said Friday he is eyeing a run for Massachusetts governor.

"I'm taking a serious look at it. I really haven't made any definite decisions," he said.

Reich, who left Clinton's Cabinet in 1997 and now teaches at Brandeis University, said he won't decide on a gubernatorial bid until early next year, but that he at least wanted to make his voice heard during the 2002 election.

"It's important that we have a loud and clear voice on behalf of working people and people who have been left behind," he said. "Who is better qualified to stand up for the little guy? I'm 4-foot-11."

Reich, a Democrat, had harsh words for Republican acting Gov. Jane Swift, calling her an "a bit of an embarrassment" and "incompetent" for issues such as her handling of Massport — the agency that runs Logan Airport — after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Swift declined to comment Friday on Reich remarks.

Reich also blasted the state budget proposed by the Democratic-controlled Legislature for steep cuts in human services.

Reich, 55, said he began considering a run for office after the Sept. 11 attacks led him to think about ways to contribute to the community.

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

Reich has never run for office, and likely would face an uphill battle as a newcomer to Massachusetts politics.

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Flooding imperils Pampas

CARLOS CASARES, Argentina (AP) — Oscar Alcaraz used to mend fences out on the Pampas, where cattle have grazed for centuries. But months of unusually heavy rains have flooded millions of acres in the famed region, adding to Argentina's economic crisis.

For Alcaraz, 31, it is time to go fishing. Unable to do ranch work, he spends his days laying out lines and nets to catch carp and other fish swimming in what used to be fields where cattle roamed and grain grew.

"I used to eat beef everyday — beef with a little salad. Fish was something we only ate occasionally," he said.

The Pampas — a symbol of Argentina's ranching pride — is under siege: With the region already hit by a drop in global commodity prices, the flooding has agriculture on the ropes in communities like Carlos Casares, about 200 miles west of Buenos Aires.

It's a further blow for a nation struggling to keep up with $132 billion in foreign debts after three years of a bruising recession that has pushed unemployment to more than 16 percent.

The money-strapped government says it will have to spend more than $1.5 billion to help recovery from flooding that has damaged 12.4 million acres across the Pampas. The region is one of the country's most important economic sectors, exporting cattle, meat, dairy products, corn, wheat and sunflowers.

Argentine officials estimate 3 percent of this year's wheat crop has been lost, and 11,000 people have been forced from their homes. While there have been few cattle actually lost, trade in meat and animals has been disrupted by water blocking rural highways.

The area around Carlos Casares has been hit hard, and farmers say they don't know when they'll be able to plant their next crop of wheat or corn.

Looking out over acres of standing water, Alcaraz lays out nets where fish have been feeding on grain that has been underwater since last month.

"I used to do the fence work, and at harvest time, I would work in the silos," he said. "Today there is no work anymore. I live at home with my sister and grandmother and this is how I get by."

Jorge Antonio Ortiz, 41, has been a farmhand all his life. When work dried up last year because of falling commodity prices, he found a minimum-wage job with a municipal work program. But the cash-strapped government laid him off this month, still owing him two months' wages.

"There are just millions of acres covered in water," Ortiz said. "I have no idea how we are going to keep making a living in this town."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001
You may make an important change in your lifestyle in the year ahead. The transition you make will benefit others greatly, as well as yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There's a strong possibility that you could be invited to join in on a venture today that is being masterminded by another. It could prove to be a very good move on your part to do so. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The spotlight might be aimed squarely on your mate or partner today, because you'll be the one to direct it. Your loved one will appreciate you making him or her feel so important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You will be looking for ways to display your talents and skills today, and to satisfy this, you might even volunteer to do a couple of jobs for others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The social mood you're in today will be appeased if you surround yourself with either good friends or family. Invite some over to your place to watch the games or share in a good meal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Use this day to finish a whole bunch of little things you've left undone. You might not think so before you start, but it will provide you with enormous gratification.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What makes you so popular today is your listening abilities with people who need to ventilate or talk things out. Your patience and tolerance will be greatly appreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take the stress off your wallet today and do some of the odd jobs around the house yourself. It'll not only help your budget, but will give you a great deal of satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your natural-born leadership qualities will be prevalent today in all that you undertake, especially when dealing with domestic matters or those things that effect your loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A quiet day at home today with the family may be just what the doctor ordered. Take this day to refurbish your inner being, so that your outer self can function better in the week ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you get out with the masses, either at the mall or to a group function, either will invigorate you instead of wear you down. You'll thoroughly enjoy mingling and chatting with folks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You won't fit comfortably in a subordinate role today, so don't volunteer for one or let anybody else appoint you to one. You need to let the best that's in you shine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The philosophical needs you seek can be satisfied today in a number of ways. For some, it might be going to church; for others it could be to brainstorm a personal issue with others.

Monday, Dec. 3, 2001
In the year ahead you may take on a variety of new projects, most of which will be a success. Your biggest problem might be deciding what to tackle first. Go for the one that yields the most.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It might be quite diffcult for you to stay focused on what you want to do today, because someone could be demanding you do what he or she wants. Neither is going to win this battle. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful about making a commitment to do a job for someone before thoroughly checking out what you're getting into. You could bite off more than you can chew.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Steer a very careful course if you find yourself among friends today who have conflicting viewpoints. Don't let them draw you into the fray, especially if you have to take a side.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20 — If use tactics that could tarnish your image in order to advance your interests, the ends never justify the means. It could have a permanent effect on your reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may have far less tolerance today for a friend of yours who is always challenging your comments. Should you encounter him or her, be careful not to turn things into a blowout.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you don't know what you're doing today concerning a business transaction, you could suffer a major loss. Gather pertinent data and information before you get involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't let anyone pressure you to make a decision on something that you are unsure of today. Stubbornly stall for time so that you don't make an error that'll have lingering ill effects.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be prepared for a heavier than usual workload on the job today. Problems and headaches from all fronts could come at you. It's important you remain calm in order to handle things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A social situation in which you're involved today could turn sour if two people within the group have a disagreement. Don't take sides or get in the middle; you could be targeted as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you bump heads with an authority figure today, it could be a very stupid thing to do. No matter how strongly you feel about something, be smart about how you deal with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is nothing to be gained today by trying to impose your stance on an issue on someone who is fiercely opposed to it. The only thing that will ensue is an argument.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because you might totally lack financial discipline today, you had better throw away the key to your money belt so that you can't get your hands on it.

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Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001

Today is the 335th day of 2001 and the 71st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1841, the steamboat Vandalia was launched at Oswego, N.Y. It was the first screw-propelled steamboat on the Great Lakes.

On this day in 1921, naval personnel let by Lt. Cmdr. Ralph Wood made the first flight in a helium-filled airship, the Blimp C-7.

On this day in 1958, Neil Sedaka signed a recording contact with RCA Records.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Martin (1913-1990), actress; Woody Allen (1935-), director-writer, is 66; Lou Rawls (1936-), singer, is 65; Lee Trevino (1939-), golfer, is 62; Richard Pryor (1940-), comedian, is 61; Bette Midler (1945-), singer-actress, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, heavyweight boxer Lamar Clark knocked out six opponents in the same evening.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Stop the habit of wishful thinking and start the habit of thoughtful wishes." — Mary Martin

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Nov. 30).

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001

Today is the 336th day of 2001 and the 72nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, the first streetcar to have an aluminum body and underframe went into service.

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Senate censured Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wisc., for behavior "contrary to senatorial traditions."

On this day in 1991, Paul McCartney's "The Liverpool Oratorio" rose to No. 1 on Billboard's classical music chart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 86; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. Army general-politician, is 77; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 76; Edwin Meese III (1931-), U.S. attorney general, is 70; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Archie Griffin of Ohio State became the first football player to receive a second Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is very easy to accuse a government of imperfection, for all mortal things are full of it." — Montaigne

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Nov. 30) and last quarter (Dec. 7).

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Probe opened into fires in Toyota vans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has opened an investigation into the 2002 Toyota Sienna minivans after two owners reported a fire in the engine compartment.

No one was injured, but investigators say small children had to be evacuated from the vans in both cases.

The vans were built this summer at Toyota's Kentucky assembly plant. The fires reportedly occurred with no warning, shortly after the owners took the vehicles home from the dealerships.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration disclosed the investigation Friday in a monthly report of defect investigations. The agency's investigations can lead to a recall, but many are dropped.

Couple wed in storm

NEW YORK (AP) — A little rain couldn't ruin David Boreanaz and Jaime Bergman's special day.

The couple married in Palm Springs, Calif., during a torrential storm on Nov. 24. The storm got so bad that the power went off for an hour during the reception.

Bergman, a former Playboy playmate and co-star of the FX series "Son of the Beach," walked up the aisle with her stepfather holding an umbrella over her head.

"I never thought I could feel like this," the 30-year-old Boreanaz, star of the WB's "Angel," told People magazine for its Dec. 10 issue.

"Celebrating our love — that's what our marriage is about," said the 26-year-old Bergman.

Lynn Cheney reflects on post Sept. 11 life

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lynne Cheney's self-portrait of life after Sept. 11 looks less forbidding than any image conjured by those "undisclosed secure locations" where her husband supposedly is hidden: She writes in the cluttered office of her day job; Vice President Dick Cheney browses the neighborhood grocery's apple bin.

In an expansive interview with The Associated Press, Mrs. Cheney settled on a vanilla velvet loveseat and shooed away notions that heightened security has forced her husband into a cave, or kept the couple apart too much.

"I've always worked. Dick's always been gone a lot. I've always been gone a lot. I've traveled a lot," said Mrs. Cheney, a corporate director and former college professor whose husband is a former defense secretary and corporate CEO. "So I don't think our lives are that different now from the way they have been for many years."

One thing that has changed since the Sept. 11 terror attacks: The conservative author once paid to argue on live TV keeps an even tighter lid on her opinions.

Mrs. Cheney refused to comment Thursday on President Bush's move toward military tribunals for suspected foreign terrorists. She also passed on a question about bipartisanship.

Looking back on her two outspoken years on CNN's "Crossfire Sunday," Mrs. Cheney said:

"That was then, this is now. I'm not sure that kind of theatrical and sharply pointed debate is one I feel as comfortable in. ... We all live in a different time, where we're perhaps a little more considerate of each other."

In the library of the vice presidential residence, Mrs. Cheney, 60, was genial and undistracted by an afternoon schedule that had her giving a speech at Princeton University.

American history is her cause — her topic at Princeton and in "America: A Patriotic Primer," the alphabet book she is writing for children.

Social studies often supplants history in curriculums, she said, calling for all states to develop standards for teaching history and tests to measure learning. Bush's education initiative seeks standards and testing only for reading and math.

But Mrs. Cheney, Bush's education adviser in the campaign, said she felt "not even the slightest inclination" to find the president's plan lacking. And now, she would never propose history standards — or any other idea — to Bush.

"When I see the president, I just enjoy his company. In the same way, I don't push Dick on policy issues either," she said.

"There's also an element here of appropriateness and seemliness and common sense. I just can't imagine that, after my dear husband has been dealing with these issues all day and were he to come home at night and have me do it all over again to him — it just doesn't seem the right thing to do."

She wasn't keen on him being vice president in the first place. "We had a nice, very settled life and I didn't really want to unsettle it," she said.

But now that they're in power, Mrs. Cheney relishes her position's built-in megaphone. She gave Princeton students a vivid accounting of George Washington's most harrowing Revolutionary battles and can, with her cowgirl tales, leave audiences longing for the untamed West.

She writes speeches herself on a laptop whose screensaver replicates a serene aquarium — down to the sounds of swooshing water — that belies her messier work style.

In the mansion tended by Navy stewards, Mrs. Cheney feels guilty scattering papers and books, so she prefers to work in her office at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank where she said also finds "intellectual companionship."

"I can just lock up my office and nobody knows what a horrendous amount of chaos I've created in trying to get two pages written," she said.

Having quit six corporate boards, Mrs. Cheney expects her 2001 income to be less than the $956,000 she earned last year (she won't say how much less). She still serves on the boards of American Express Mutual Funds and the Reader's Digest Association, each of which take her away from home six or eight times a year.

Asked about a newspaper that once called her "tart, take-charge and too busy to shop," Mrs. Cheney acknowledged that most of this year's Christmas shopping will be by catalogue — mostly because she's lost the freedom to roam shops unnoticed and on her own.

"I will tell you who really misses it is the vice president. He still goes to bookstores ... and it's amazing to me the way he sort of forgets that everybody is seeing what book he just took off the shelf."

"He's in an undisclosed location from time to time," she said. "I go with him from time to time."

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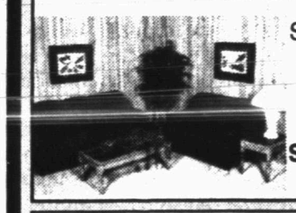
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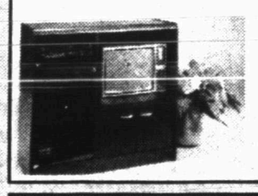
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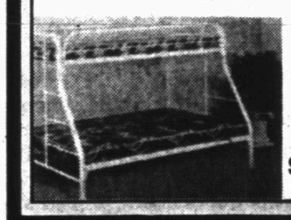
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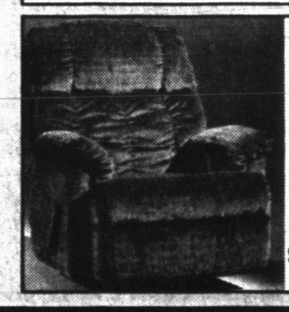
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Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

Let's show the police some respect

"The policeman's lot is not a happy one," sings one of the characters in "The Pirates of Penzance." He may be right.

Every 37 hours, a police officer is killed in the line of duty in the United States. And what is even more startling, every 22 hours a cop commits suicide in this country.

If Rodney Dangerfield thinks he gets no respect, he should become a police officer. Public opinion polls rank officers near the bottom, along with used-car salesmen, in terms of respect.

If we were to play a game of word associations, the word most people would use to fill in the blank in "police —" would be "brutality," not "protection." Yet no one puts his or her life on the line more often (and for people they doesn't even know) than a police officer.

We used to teach our children that the corner police officer was their friend. Now we teach them their Miranda rights in case an officer tries to bully them.

But much of that attitude has changed since the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The police officer, along with the firefighter and the construction worker, has become a hero in our society. That's because of the heroism of the cops who selflessly risked their lives — and even gave their lives — to save others.

It's hard to say who is responsible for the adversarial relationship that has developed between a community's citizens and those they entrust to act as the guardians of their lives and safety. In any case, it's time for a truce. Both sides need to reform.

There is no doubt that many police officers could use a Dale Carnegie course. The police do the most to shape a city's image, especially in the eyes of outsiders. If the image they project is poor, the whole city has a public relations problem.

When I lived in Cleveland, there was a traffic cop at the corner of East Sixth Street and Superior Avenue who would accompany the pedestrians on their walk across the street while complimenting the ladies on their good looks and joking with the men.

People like me would walk an extra block or two just to cross the street at his corner. I think that the out-of-towners staying at the Hollenden Hotel on that block went back to New York, Dallas or Milwaukee with a good feeling about our city.

But if we want more police officers to act like this traffic cop, we will have to change our disdainful attitude toward the police. They are giving back what we are giving them. Even so, the police probably show more good will toward citizens than we citizens express toward the police.

We are ready to cry brutality if an officer so much as speaks sharply to us when we commit an offense that by all rights should land us in the clink.

In one big city, recently, a woman physician who was charged with resisting arrest subsequently accused the arresting officer of police brutality.

Many people might have been inclined to believe her story if it weren't for the fact that the officer had recorded the entire incident on a video camera in his cruiser. There was not a hint of brutality or of stepping out of line in the policeman's conduct as recorded on the video.

A policeman's lot may not be a happy one — but it can be. And it is for many men and women in blue who are like Tom Lambert, whom I met when I was covering the police beat for a paper in Boston.

When I asked him how he would like it if his three young sons grew up to be policemen, he said, "Nothing would make me prouder."

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Leter to the editor

Rotary Thanksgiving

Dear Editor:

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, approximately 350 meals were served to needy families in Snyder. This annual project by the Snyder Rotary Club is made possible by the generosity of Stan Pavlik of The Shack, Ken Robinson of Aramark, C.R. Perez and Bill Davidson of Davidson's IGA, Nan Swanson and the Food Cupboard and Rocann Rogers, sponsor of SHS Student Council.

The Rotary Club wishes to especially acknowledge the employees of The Shack Restaurant and members of the Snyder High School Student Council who gave their Thanksgiving Day to serve this wonderful meal.

The City of Snyder is known for so many things but the generosity of its citizens continues to be at the forefront.

With our sincere thanks,
Jeff Lowrance, president
Snyder Rotary Club
Gayle Lomax
Thanksgiving Project Coordinator







North of Forty by Red Green

Getting ready for New Year's

I want to talk to all the middle-aged guys out celebrating New Year's this year. This may seem premature, but don't be fooled. It's never to soon to start thinking about the traditional midnight New Year's kiss. You don't want to screw it up again this year. You only have to remember one thing — kiss your wife first. Excuses don't work. Like "I thought I was kissing you," or "I tried to, but someone else's lips got in the way," or worse still, "Come on, honey, it's New Year's. I'm supposed to have fun."

Now, in order to kiss your wife at midnight, you have to be able to find her. That means you need to stay relatively sober throughout the evening. If you're too inebriated to see, you can't recognize your wife. Braille is not an option. And after you do find her, and you're kissing her like she's your own personal Beauty Queen, don't be simultaneously making eye contact with Miss Congeniality. A split focus at that crucial moment can lead to other splits — a split lip, a splitting headache, or even a splitting wife. Don't use New Year's as an excuse to reconnect with ex-girlfriends. Should old acquaintance be forgot? Absolutely. Especially if she's attractive, and she's at the party, and she's carrying around pictures of a 12-year-old boy who looks exactly like you.

THE NO-FAULT DENT

You just got home and found a new dent in your car. A dent your wife put there. You're about to go right off the deep end. But be careful. A lot of guys have drowned underestimating just how deep the deep end is. I know you've never put a dent in the car. Other people have. Like, when that idiot tore the door off when you left it open to go into the store to buy milk. Or when you got rear-ended because some goof didn't notice that you stopped on the highway to pick up what you thought was a dime. Or when the engine seized because none of your friends reminded you to check the oil. You know your wife's not so careful with the car as you are. But you don't need to get bent out of shape about a little dent and cause a head-on collision. Don't be the one trapped in your vehicle. Your mouth may be big, but it's not the jaws of life. Just smile and say, "That's OK, Honey." I know you still love your car. Just not enough to sleep in it.

MUM'S THE WORD

Although we like to talk, here are some times when middle-aged men should not say anything:

— Whenever you're wrong.
— Whenever you're right.
— Whenever you're in the presence of an expert or your wife.
— While the cop is writing the ticket.
— Whenever anyone is trying to place responsibility, blame, or charges.

PACKAGING MATTERS

Recently, I bought a cartridge for my printer. It came in a box mounted on a card and wrapped in plastic. When I took it apart, I found that the printer cartridge itself was actually quite small, but they made the packaging unnecessarily large to make it harder to steal and to make the customer feel better about the high price. I pointed this out to my wife and mentioned how my weight gain over the years of our marriage should have the same effect: It made me seem more valuable and also made me harder for other women to steal.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "When you sell your house and move into an apartment, you have fewer stairs, but more stares." — Red Green

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

El Paso Times

Border law-enforcement resources

El Paso and the rest of the Southwest border form a conduit for illegal drugs entering the country, yet the region does not have the resources necessary to stem the flow.

Fortunately, Asa Hutchinson, newly appointed administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, realizes that and intends to do something about it. "This is a principal point of entry for drugs in the United States," Hutchinson said while visiting El Paso. "Clearly, the DEA needs more resources in the Southwest border. We have a great investment in the Caribbean area. We've beefed up in the Southwest border, but I don't think we've done it sufficiently."

Hutchinson needs to take this awareness and attitude to the halls of Congress and into the White House. It is to be hoped, especially with a Texan as president, that leaders in Washington will be more prone to hear and understand this special border-related problem.

Law enforcement has done a relatively effective job of cutting down on drugs entering the country through the Caribbean. Now, Hutchinson said, 70 percent of illegal drugs enter the country over the southern border. El Paso lags only Laredo as the main gateway for illegal-drug smugglers in Texas.

Successful law enforcements in the Caribbean pushed drug-smuggling efforts to the west, and now this area is due for some federal help.

Shutting down smuggling operations has taken on a new urgency since Sept. 11. It's known that some smuggling profits go to finance terrorists and their activities. Shutting down the terrorist money pipeline is a major part of the Bush administration's war on terrorism and should be pushed to its limits.

One thing vital to the war on drugs is Mexico's cooperation. Hutchinson said the level of binational cooperation is increasing, but there's still some concern about corruption at various levels of government. Mexico must clean up its act and purge corruption from its governmental ranks if the war on drugs is to succeed.

As Hutchinson indicated, improvements are being made in the war on drugs.

But a lot remains to be done.

Austin American-Statesman

Redistricting

The characterizations of redistricting as messy, imprecise and an exercise in raw political power are repeated often because they are accurate.

In redrawing political boundaries, politicians hide behind a gossamer veil of precision by using population figures to draw boundaries. In the final analysis, however, it is brute political strength that most often prevails.

No better — or worse, depending on your point of view — example of how twisted the process can be is the proposed new state senate district lines that put a large part of South Austin and a chunk of downtown into the district that stretches north from San Antonio. That proposal was the product of the Legislative Redistricting Board chaired by Attorney General John Cornyn. The five-member board split on the Senate Redistricting Plan with Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, a Republican, and House Speaker Pete Laney, a Democrat, on the short end of a 3-2 vote. Cornyn, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, a candidate for lieutenant governor, and Comptroller Carole Rylander voted for the new district lines.

One of the stated goal of redistricters is to draw political boundaries that unite communities of common interest in compact districts. It is difficult to understand what common interests would tie residents of Travis Heights in Austin to northern San Antonio.

Also put at a political disadvantage are the Hays County residents who would be taken along for this ride until the next redistricting, 10 years from now.

There is nothing compact about the new Travis/Bexar alignment, and the communities it combines have very little in common — politically, demographically or economically.

The judicial panel reviewing the new districts should reject it.

Houston Chronicle

Sealing presidential documents

Since passage of the post-Watergate Presidential Records Act of 1978, the official documents produced by presidents and vice presidents have belonged to the American people. President Bush has no right to deprive Americans of the reasonable use of their property.

The law grants public access to some presidential papers five years after a president leaves office, and access to all but the most sensitive documents after 12 years. Demonstrating his contempt for that law, Bush recently issued an executive order giving himself and future sitting presidents the power to withhold the documents generated by previous presidents, even if the former leaders want them released.

Furthermore, Bush orders that any American must demonstrate a "specific need" when requesting the documents. Would a citizen's desire to know whether past leaders lied about their views or actions be specific enough? Will Americans henceforth have to demonstrate a specific need to visit their Capitol or the Washington Monument?

Bush's press secretary, Ari Fleischer, disgraced himself by suggesting that Americans shouldn't have free access to President Reagan's 12-year-old papers because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Subsequently, Fleischer offered the absurdity that the order really was meant to speed public access to the papers of previous administrations. So why has the Bush administration delayed the release of the Reagan documents, including the vice presidential papers of President Bush's father?

The president's meritless executive order lends credence to suspicions that he wants to cover up evidence of wrongdoing or mistakes that might embarrass members of Bush's administration or family. His executive order would allow Bush to block access to his own papers long after he left the White House.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Bullies

For one in three students, those in the sixth through the 10th grade, walking through the school's hallways is as excruciating as stepping on hot coals or as challenging as running the gauntlet.

For one in three students, a bully is waiting.

That's according to a nationwide study of more than 15,000 private and public schools, printed in the American Journal of Medicine this spring. Unfortunately for those students, few schools have adopted anti-bullying policies, despite the outcry in the wake of the Columbine tragedy — that students bullied incessantly could eventually retaliate, possibly fatally.

Far too often, the bully and the victim receive the same punishment, when an administrator seeing the skirmish after the first punch is thrown misinterprets the victim's accountability. Even when the bully is individually disciplined, the punishment hardly measures more than detention, in-school suspension, alternative campuses or expulsion.

Downtown Houston eyes Enron's troubles

HOUSTON (AP) — The soaring towers of downtown Houston could become much lonelier places in the next few years if Enron Corp., the one-time energy giant now teetering on collapse, vanishes from the scene.

Downtown vacancy rates, now below 3 percent in the 25.2 million square feet of top-quality space, could rocket to 20 percent if Enron vacates both its Smith Street towers, said office broker Sanford Criner of Trione & Gordon realty.

"It would be quite severe," Criner said of what he considers the ceiling vacancy rate. "Something in between 5 to 10 percent (vacancy rate) is moderately comfortable for building owners, slightly more than they want."

Criner's worst-case estimate is based on the scenario of Enron's current home and its partially completed counterpart across the street emptying out, adding 2.5 million square feet of inventory. It also includes three other downtown buildings, all in the early stages of construction, that will comprise about 2 million more square feet.

Based on current trends and pending construction, downtown Houston was headed for as much as an 11 percent vacancy rate even if nothing had happened to Enron, Criner added.

Enron's fate remains unclear. The company, which has become a Wall Street pariah because of questionable accounting practices, was considered on the verge of bankruptcy after its credit was downgraded to junk status and an emergency merger with Dynegy Inc. fizzled.

Enron accounts for roughly 4 percent of the downtown work force, or 6,300 of about 150,000 workers, said Bob Eury, executive director of economic development-minded Downtown Houston.

Normally, Enron's stable of talented and experienced traders would be a hot commodity in energy-minded Houston, but the sputtering economy might prevent them from latching on elsewhere.

"Houston is suffering from its own little recession with (low) energy prices, so the availability of jobs at other trading houses might not be so open," said Carol Coale, a Prudential Securities analyst.

Richard Zigler, director of real estate market research for O'Connor & Associates, said most of the leases at the buildings under construction will simply move workers from one downtown space to another. But the massive amounts of rare contiguous space available if Enron disappears could draw a firm from outside downtown, he said.

"But there's not a good way to spin 2.5 million square feet of vacant (Enron) office space in a time of recession," said Zigler, who added that remains of Enron could remain in place if they're purchased in a bankruptcy sale.

Zigler also noted that, besides the new Enron building, downtown's other major construction projects aren't due to open until late 2002 or 2003. By then, according to some projections, Houston's economy should be back on track.

"The fact of the matter is this whole community has been built on risk," Eury said. "This is a community that understands risk, knows risk and takes risks. Sometimes you reap supreme rewards, sometimes you can end up with losses, and we all know that."

Despite the gloominess, no one is comparing the downtown office situation to the 1980s, when a rash of speculative construction tripled the amount of high-quality office space just in time for the oil bust. Recent building has increased it by only 13 percent, Criner said.

Ominously though, the new Enron tower and its state-of-the-art trading floors — thought to be desirable to competitors if Enron can't use them — was the first major downtown building started since nearby Heritage Plaza was finished in 1986.

That building was vacant more than two years before Texaco became the anchor tenant.

"There is no reason to believe the Enron towers would be vacant for two years, regardless of what happens to Enron," Zigler said.

Dynegy chairman and chief executive, Chuck Watson, acknowledged Thursday that Enron's fall is embarrassing for the city and the energy marketing industry that calls Houston home.

"This is a black eye," Watson said, "but not a stunning blow to the city."

Winners, losers in wake of Enron's demise

NEW YORK (AP) — While Enron Corp.'s rivals are poised to gain from its unraveling, stockholders are left holding virtually worthless shares and business partners risk losing hundreds of millions of dollars.

An understanding of the fallout from Enron's spectacular demise is only beginning to take shape, and executives and analysts cautioned there is still plenty of uncertainty over who will emerge as winners and who will be losers.

"We are one of the companies that will pick up the slack if Enron ceases to exist," said Eric van der Walde, executive vice president of trading and marketing at American Electric Power Co. Inc. of Columbus, Ohio. "But there are a lot of people who are going to be hurt very badly by this."

Homeowners aren't expected to notice any difference in the cost or delivery of natural gas or electricity, the two main commodities in which Enron led the trading on wholesale markets.

But with Enron's collapse — analysts believe it is a matter of time before the company files for bankruptcy — huge industrial and commercial contracts will likely be up for grabs.

In the third quarter, for example, Enron traded 26.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas, and 289.8 million megawatt hours of electricity each day, or roughly a quarter of all trading volume, analysts said. The company reported quarterly revenue of nearly $47 billion.

"There's a bigger piece of the pie to go around," said Gordon Howald, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities in New York.

Top competitors now licking their chops include AEP, Reliant Resources Inc. and Dynegy Inc., which abandoned its offer to buy and possibly save Enron after two rating agencies dropped Enron's credit rating to junk status Wednesday.

Much of Enron's trading activity took place on EnronOnline, an Internet-based bazaar that just weeks ago was the world's most popular platform for unregulated energy trading. After Enron admitted in October that it overstated profits for four years, energy buyers and sellers lost faith in its creditworthiness and began moving to other marketplaces.

Traders said volumes have already increased on the New York Mercantile Exchange, DynegyDirect and the Atlanta-based Intercontinental Exchange, which was launched in March 2000 by BP Amoco and Goldman Sachs Group Inc., among others.

As investors grew jittery that Enron might disappear from the scene altogether, they quickly dumped shares, causing tens of billions of dollars in shareholder value to evaporate.

For example, California's Public Employees' Retirement System, the largest public pension fund in the country, holds roughly 2.8 million Enron shares worth $197 million a year ago. Their value now: about $1.2 million.

The three financial firms with the most Enron shares at the end of the third quarter were Alliance Capital Management Inc., with 43 million, Janus Capital Corp., with 41 million, and Putnam Investment Management Inc. with 23 million.

Two people who profited from sales of Enron stock many months before the company imploded were its chairman, Kenneth Lay, and its former chief executive, Jeffrey Skilling. Combined, Lay and Skilling cashed out roughly $33.5 million worth of Enron shares in 2001, according to Thomson Financial/First Call.

Enron has not announced any reduction to its work force of 20,000, although the company said in a statement it would "work to retain the employees necessary to the continuing operations of our trading and other core energy businesses."

A group of Enron employees sued the company last week, alleging that mismanagement by executives running the company's 401(k) plan resulted in huge losses in their retirement funds. The lawsuit says employees were encouraged to invest more heavily in Enron stock just before it tanked.

In the category of likely big losers are bankers such as J.P. Morgan Chase and Co. and Citigroup Inc., which lent hundreds of millions of dollars to the Houston-based company, hoping to keep it going so previous loans would be repaid. J.P. Morgan and Citigroup are each said to be owed about $800 million, enough to send their stock prices down several percentage points.

Which creditors ultimately get paid will be one of the most contentious issues if Enron files for bankruptcy. Dozens of Enron's business partners have already divulged their credit risk: Dynegy, $70 million; Mirant, $50 million; El Paso, $50 million; the list goes on and on.

"Absent any bankruptcy filings, it's pretty much a free for all," said Fred Cohen, a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers' energy risk management division.

Others potentially left out in the cold include dozens of hotels, manufacturers, retailers and technology firms that signed long-term supply contracts with Enron to receive various commodities at fixed prices as a way of hedging their exposure to volatility.

Simon Property Group, the nation's largest retail real estate investment trust, signed in October 1999 a 10-year agreement with Enron worth $1.5 billion.

Under the deal, Enron is responsible for helping Simon manage its $150 million annual energy budget. At least for now, any attempt to map out the future of that relationship is futile.

"There's no saying how the process will proceed," said Billie Scott, a Simon spokeswoman.

Artist's massive painting setting record for its size

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) — An artist has been working 21-hour days in the past three weeks as he puts the finishing touches on a mammoth painting in honor of children affected by AIDS and HIV.

Eric Waugh has been working for five years on "Hero," a painting that will stand twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty when all the canvas is pieced together. The massive work is to be unveiled on Saturday — World AIDS Day — on the grounds of the North Carolina Museum of Art.

After the one-time exhibition, the 41,400-square-foot painting will be cut into 1-square-foot pieces and sold on the Web site art.com, a sponsor of the work. Waugh hopes to raise $4 million.

The artist plans to divide the proceeds between Camp Heartland, a Minnesota camp for children affected by AIDS and HIV, and Los Angeles-based Starlight Children's Foundation, which helps seriously ill children.

A representative of the Guinness Book of World Records is expected to attend the unveiling and declare the painting the largest by a single artist, a new category.

Waugh worked frantically to complete the work, sort out funding and work out the logistics of moving the painting's 1,656 5-foot sections from his studio in Montreal to Raleigh.

The impetus for the painting came when Waugh watched a 1995 CBS News documentary, "Before Your Eyes: Angelie's Secret," about a young girl's struggle with HIV.

"I was just — it took my breath away," Waugh said Tuesday in the warehouse in Morrisville where the painting was stored. "And I thought how lucky I was with two healthy boys upstairs."

Waugh called Camp Heartland in Willow River, Minn., to ask about designing a benefit poster. After a visit to the camp, he came up with the abstract image of an adult comforting a child.

The poster didn't sell as well as he would have liked, even though it was a fixture on the TV show "Seinfeld," where it hung on the wall of Jerry's apartment.

"So I came up with the crazy idea of making the world's largest painting," Waugh said.

At that time, the largest was 77,000 square feet, created by thousands of people. But Waugh asked Guinness to create a new category — largest painting by a single person — for the enormous new version of his painting. He expects to get that superlative on Saturday after volunteers connect the canvases until the painting measures 180 feet by 230 feet.

The Museum of Art doesn't usually sponsor charity events, said museum director Larry Wheeler.

"But it came on World AIDS day, and we always do some commemorative or memorial event about the continuing AIDS epidemic," Wheeler said.

The $2 million Waugh hopes to raise for Camp Heartland represents the camp's annual budget, said founder and CEO Neil Willenson.

"This money represents a brighter future for children with AIDS," he said. "It will greatly expand the reach of our program."

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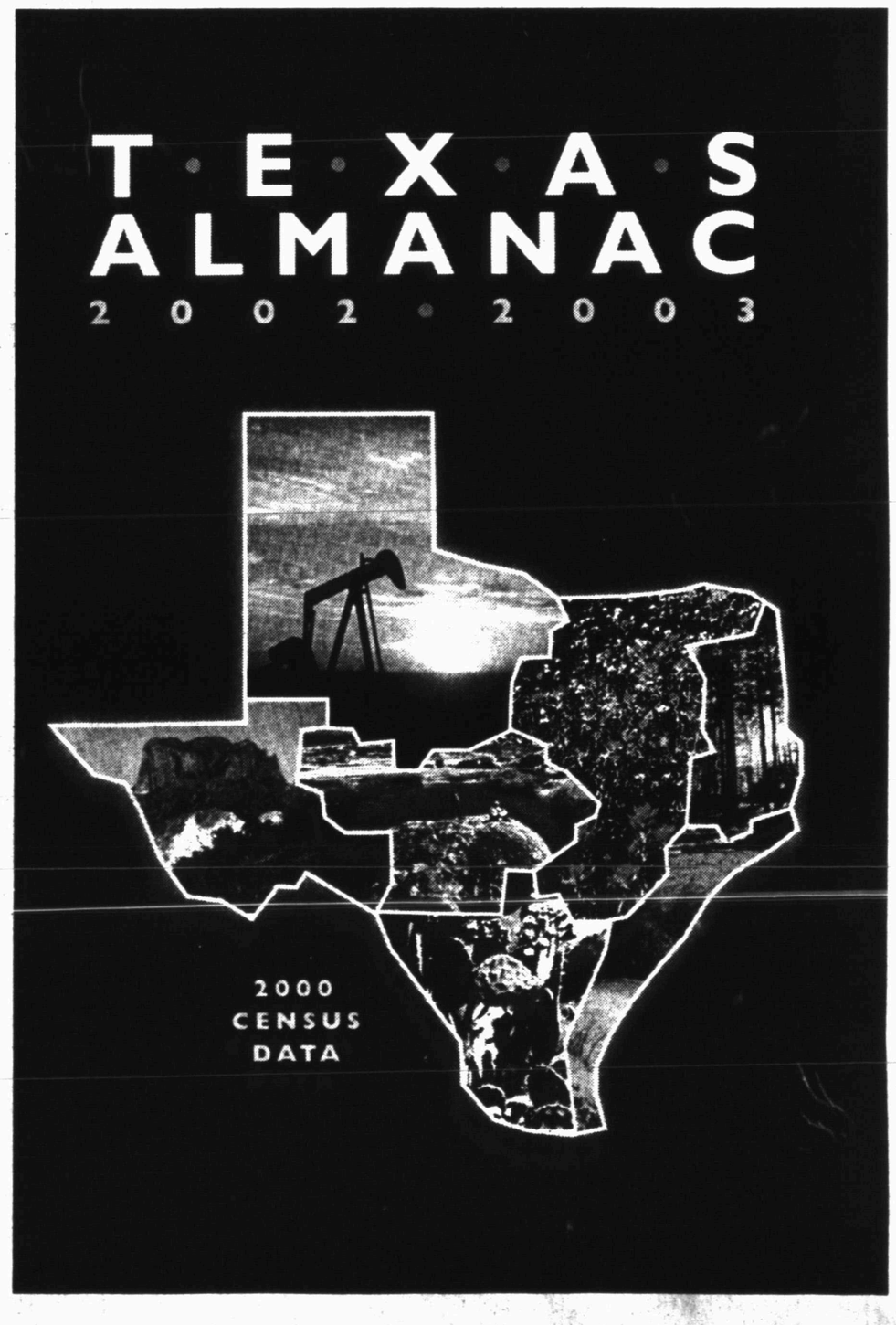
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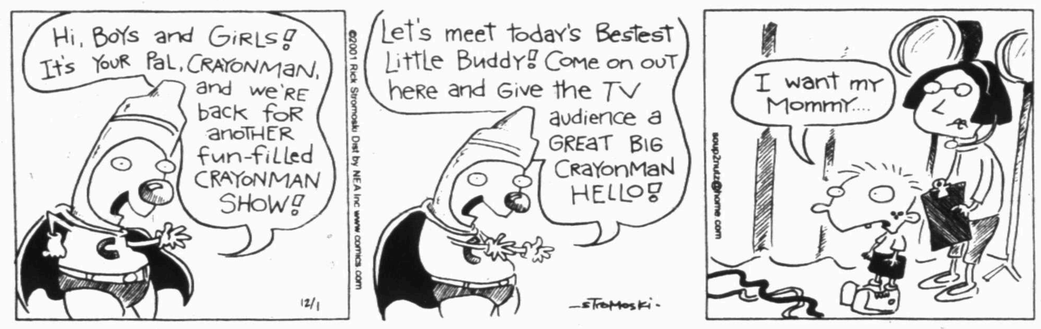
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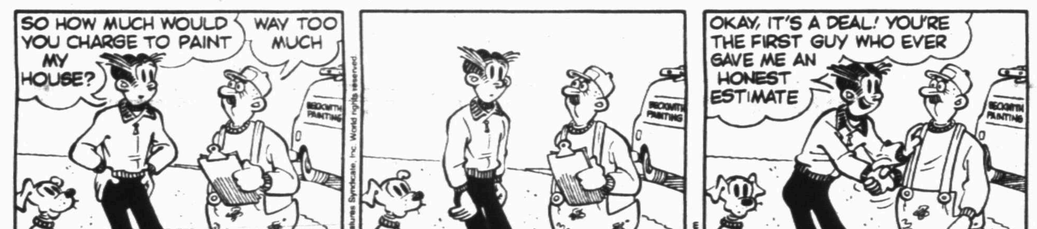
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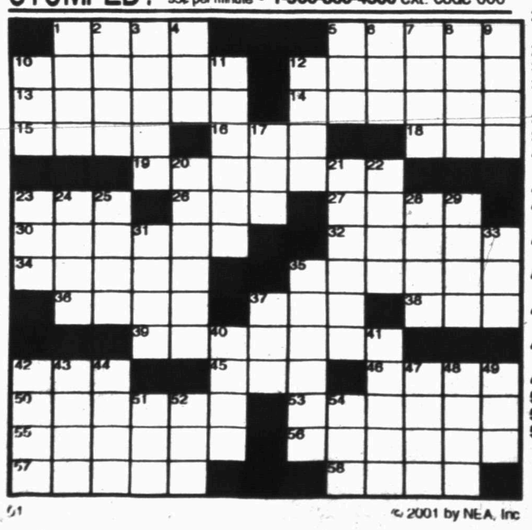
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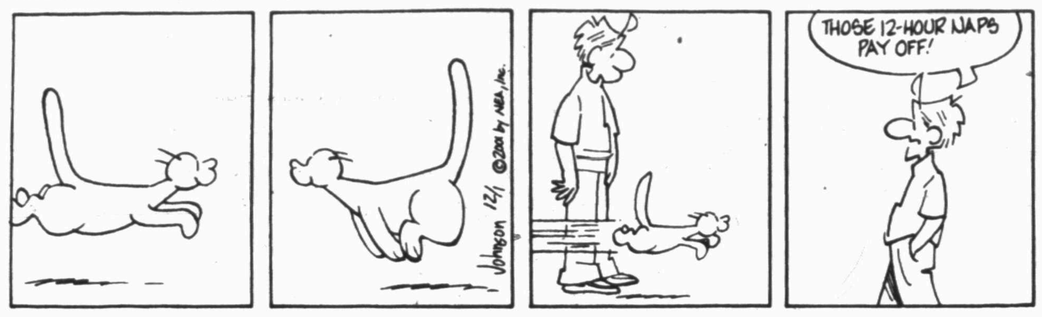


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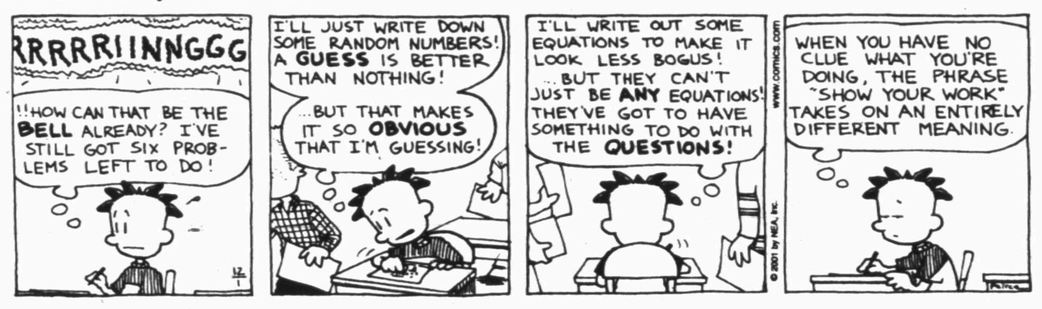
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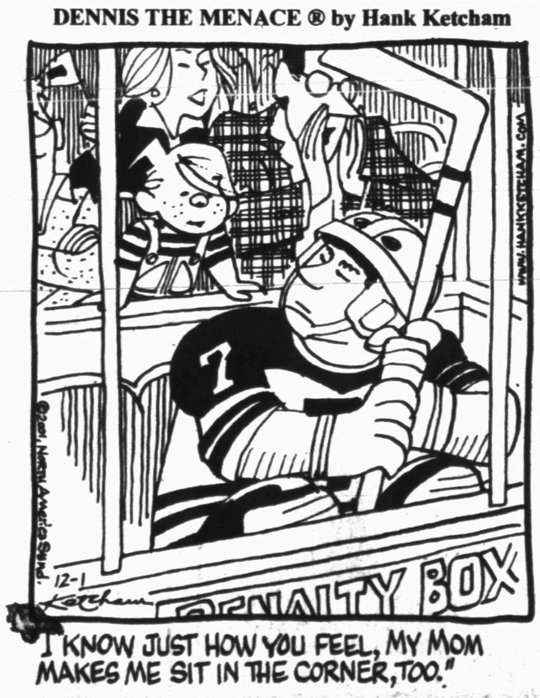
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Ex-head of fuel testing firm pleads guilty

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The former president of a fuel testing company pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday, admitting that he encouraged employees in Linden and Puerto Rico to alter results to keep clients satisfied.

Richard M. Kaminski, former president of Caleb Brett U.S.A. Inc. of Houston, is the ninth person to admit a role in schemes that authorities believe ran for about a decade.

Kaminski said his actions dealt with the level of sulfur, a pollutant, in unspecified amounts of fuel oil.

Other defendants have acknowledged that doctored results allowed about 224 million gallons of substandard gasoline to be sold in the New York metropolitan area.

Kaminski's trial date had been Thursday, and he was implicated in October in guilty pleas entered by brothers Waldo and Mark Schroeder, two executives of Blending, Marketing and Service Inc., a Houston-based fuel blending company.

Kaminski resigned from Caleb Brett in October 1997, about nine months after the company notified the Environmental Protection Agency it had discovered false data. He had been president five years, and had served as senior manager in Linden from 1979-92.

In a January indictment against Kaminski and the Schroeders, Kaminski was accused of directing employees to destroy records.

Caleb Brett was fined $1 million in April for trying to derail a federal investigation into falsified results. The company was not prosecuted for the falsifications because it had alerted authorities to the doctored data.

Kaminski, 53, of Houston, pleaded guilty to a single count of obstructing EPA and Postal Inspection Service proceedings. It carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

He said he falsely answered "no" when asked in April 1998 by an EPA investigator whether he had results altered "to make clients happy."

In return for his guilty plea, the three counts pending against Kaminski (two conspiracy charges and one count of making false statements to investigators) are to be dismissed.

The government's four-year investigation into Caleb Brett uncovered a scheme designed to make it appear that tested fuel met standards of the cleaner-burning blend of gasoline that became mandatory in the Northeast in 1994.

When samples of reformulated gas blended by BMS analyzed in the Caleb Brett lab in Linden did not meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements, the data was routinely changed to make it conform, according to others who have pleaded guilty. Linden is major fuel transit area in central New Jersey.

The Schroeders have both said in court they had an understanding with Caleb Brett employees, including Kaminski, that test results relating to batches that did not meet EPA standards would be changed.

In September 1999, three managers at the Linden lab admitted they falsified data to satisfy one of the lab's largest customers and sometimes destroyed documents so the gasoline could be sent to unsuspecting retailers including Hess, Mobil, Shell and Texaco.

As a result of the scheme, substandard reformulated gasoline was sold for 2 1/2 years into 1997 to motorists in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, according to the EPA.

Caleb Brett operates 155 labs in 70 countries. It is part of a British company, Intertek Testing Services Ltd.

Hearts shrink in space

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts who bravely spend long stretches in orbit return to Earth with a little less heart.

So far, this heart shrinkage, or cardiac atrophy, has not caused health problems for astronauts, even those who have spent months in orbit aboard the Russian outpost Mir or the international space station now flying 250 miles above Earth.

But as NASA eyes an eventual mission to Mars — a trip that could take up to 21/2 years — a team of Dallas-based scientists is embarking on a long-term NASA-funded study of why hearts shrink in space and whether it is something to be concerned about.

"The first thing is to find if it's something we have to prevent," said Dr. Benjamin Levine, principal investigator for the $1.7 million study. Levine is medical director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Presbyterian Hospital.

Cathy Watson, a NASA spokeswoman at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said the study is one of many across the country examining how the human body adapts to weightlessness and recovers back on Earth.

Numerous NASA-funded studies have documented how muscle atrophy and bone loss during long-term spaceflight often leave astronauts weak and wobbly upon returning home.

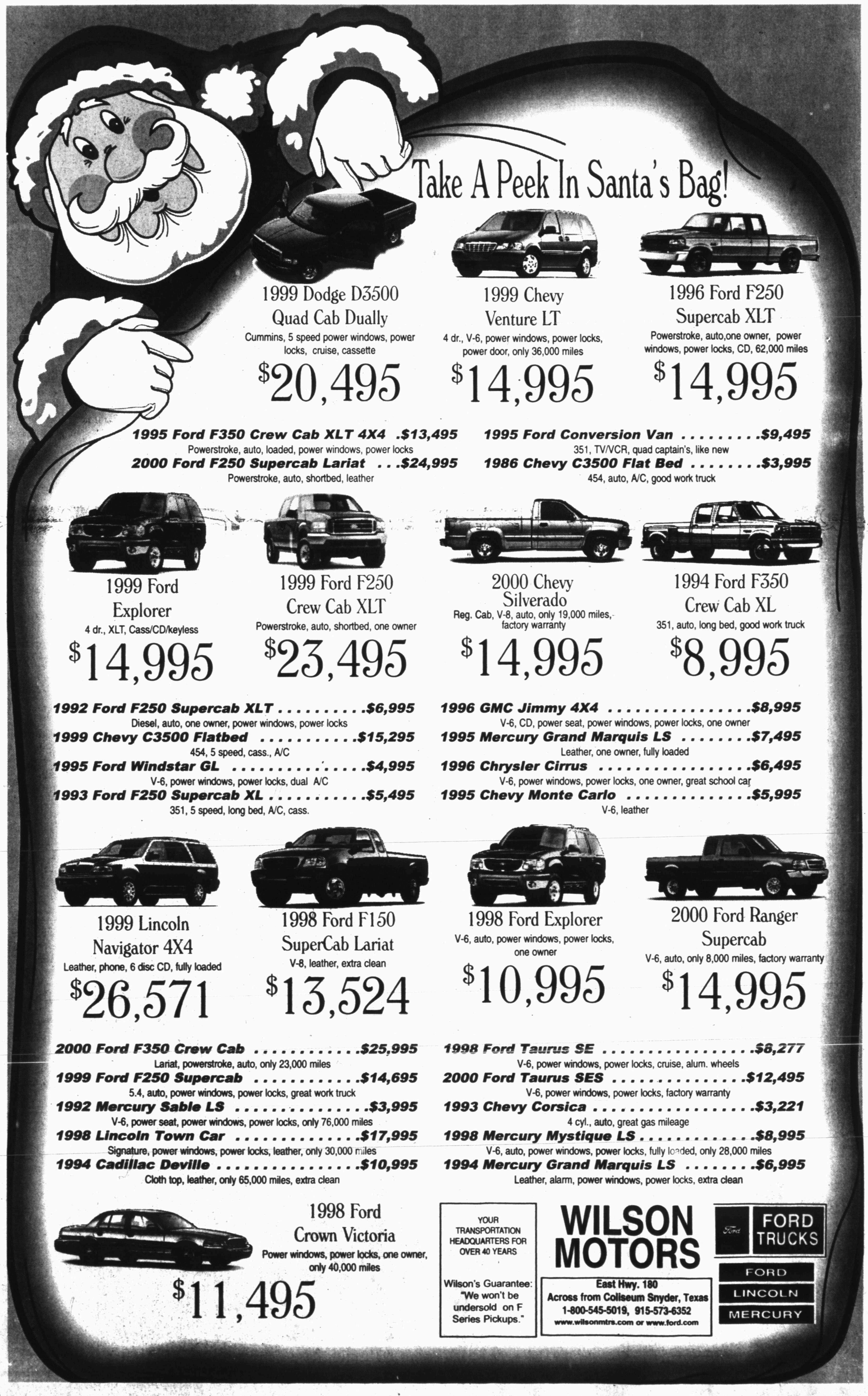
Daily exercise and weight training in orbit can help slow muscle atrophy, as American Shannon Lucid discovered when she spent up to two hours a day on a treadmill during her six-month stay aboard Mir, a U.S. space endurance record.

But some astronauts have also lost as much as one-third of the mass of their hearts on long-term trips.

No one knows exactly why. But Levine noted that the heart doesn't have to work as hard in zero gravity because astronauts float around rather than walk or run, which raises the heart rate. Even on Earth, a person bedridden for several months may experience atrophy.

The study will compare the heart's pre- and post-flight size and its ability to pump. Researchers want to know whether the heart could shrink so much that it becomes too stiff to work properly on Earth.

Researchers will solicit the participation of 12 astronauts slated for long stays aboard the international space station.



2ND SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Snyder I.S.D. 2nd Six Weeks

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Alcala, Alex
Anderson, Wesley
Bollinger, Brook
Burleson, Krysha
Burns, Shawn
Burton, Ashton
Cabrera, Ana
Carroll, Dakota
Chhuor, Melisa
Clayton, D.J.
Cooper, Ally
Crawford, Heather
Davis, William
Freeman-Reed, Taylor
Glass, Sydney
Glenn, Kailey
Harlan, Carrie
Horton, Kaitlin
Jackson, Eboni
Johnston, Chris
Jones, Jessica
Leuck, Kirstie
Lord, Kaylee
Moffett, Skye
Molter, Nicole
Morris, Sky
Parsons, Collin
Pechacek, Chad
Pineda, Jessica
Presley, Taylar
Rascon, Audriana
Reigh, Laura
Robbins, Caedra
Rodriguez, Tania
Scott, Makenna
Snyder, Garrett
Stansell, Joshua
Stewart, Jeffrey
Tabor, Logan
Taylor, Anthony
Tippens, Jordon
Toombs, Blaire
Toombs, Will
Velasquez, Robert
Williamson, Megan
A-B Honor
Alarcon, Chelsea
Anderson, Kanesha
Bass, Kaitlin
Benavidez, Adrian
Black, Jonathan
Breedlove, Jacob
Brooks, Jacoree
Carroll, Taylor
Castaneda, Jonathan
Cearley, Sarah
Clark, Colten
Clemmons, Taran
Culwell, Brayden
Daniell, Matt
DeLuna, Ricky
Early, J. Dee
Espinoza, Brandi
Espinoza, Lucero
Esquibel, Ricky
Estrada, Eddy
Ezell, Annie
Fonseca, Fransisco
Garcia, Bridget
Garza, Lupe
Garza, Michael
Gonzales, Justin
Greene, Chad
Guerrero, Angel
Guzman, Louisa
Henderson, Kassidy
Henry, Troy
Hernandez, Jansi
Hernandez, Liliana
Hook, Alex
Ibarra, Jessica
Infante, Myrka
Jaramillo, Alex
Jenkins, Ashleigh
Jones, Baily
Jones, Skylar
Lewis, Baylee
Medina, Karissa
Medrano, Brandon
Medrano, Donnie
Molinar, Priscilla
Northcutt, Xalee
Nunley, Emma
Overton, Eric
Payne, Jenee
Perry, Brianne
Phillips, Marcie
Quintana, Megan
Reston, Lindsey
Robbins, Meagen
Roemisch, Shade
Rosas, Leslie
Rose, Briana
Smith, Scott
Smith, Zac
Stack, Tiffany
Valdez, Savannah
Vasquez, Michelle
Ward, Christopher

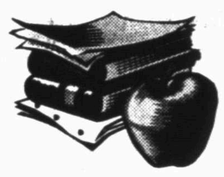
Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Ashley, Eleanor
Bloom, Remington
Calley, Brodie
Castillo, Autumn
Chaidez, Alicia
Clanton, Monica
Clifton, Stacey
Cooley, Meghan
Downing, Meagan
Gafford,Kenyon
Garcia, Ricky
Garza, Shelby
Guerrero, Gina
Guerrero, Kristi
Hernandez, Alex
Jaramillo, Lawrence
Johnson, Jacob
Juarez, Humberto
Kelley, Stephen
Kerr, Jonathan
Luna, Raven
May, Aryn
Minor, Bailey
Moreland, Kylie
Parmer, Sarah
Redman, Micayla
Sanchez, Brailee
Thompson, Megan
Wall, Clint
Walters, Alexandra
Wesson, Tayla
West, Jessica
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Marcos
Arellano, Eduardo
Arellano, Larissa
Arizmendi, Samana
Barrera, Sami Dee
Benitez, Cassandra
Benitez, Cassie
Bragg, Tanner
Brewster, Kayli
Browning, Amanda
Burton, Ty
Cabrera, Blanca
Cabrera, Martha
Carey, Steven
Chhuor, Victor
Cochran, Cassie
Cooper, Jessica
Crenwelge, Jake
Delce, Jerard
Deloera, Devyn
Dupree, Rachael
Escareno, Monica
Escobedo, Daniel
Estrada, Antonio
Evans, Becky
Eveland, Jacie
Garcia, Daisy
Garcia, Dana
Garcia, Natasha
Guardado, Michael
Guerrero, Krystal
Guzman, Valeri
Hale, Garrett
Hamilton, Jodi
Hamlin, Bryan
Hernandez, Meranda
Hestand, Titus
Holley, Tye
Huddleston, Arielle
Kemp, Jacob
Kincaid, Kenneth
Kuliga, Christian
Lara, Kyra
Lewis, Jack
Lopez, Angelica
Lopez, Toby
Marcon, Mitchell
Martinez, Andrea
Martinez, Kelly
Martinez, Krystal
McGlouthin, Tosha
Medrano, Samatha
Morin, Veronica
Ornelas, Janie
Ornelas, Josie
Ortega, Laura
Payne, Kayla
Robertson, Tanner
Rodarte, Jose
Rowe, Javiel
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Silva, Ashley
Smith, Meagan
Sosa, David
Stribling, Annie
Strickland, Jake
Swigert, Allison
Tarter, Johnathan
Trammel, Eric
Tyrrell, Taylor
Urias, Lindsey
Van Winkle, Dana
Verduzco, Jonathan
Wright, T. J.
Zajicek, Nick

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Ryanna Alexander
Brian Allred
Yoci Arellano
Frankie Benitez
Kira Bilano
Jessica Bilderback
Jared Cave
Taylor Davidson
Elizabeth Davis
Jessie Deavers
Jaclyn DeLeon
Amy Fogleman
Sierra Foreman
Taylor Gibbs
Gina Hermosillo
Emanuel Hernandez
Clay Hirt
Rubi Jaimes
Leslie Johnston
Lesa Jones
Kari Lord
Clint McFatridge
Maria Murillo
Alix Rieser
Riley Raschke
Erma Rodriguez
Brittany Scott
Kailea Shaw
Josh Sorrells
Will Stewart
David Strayhorn
Wes von Roeder
Brittney Webb
Jordan Wright
AB Honor Roll
Consuelo Acosta
Gabriel Acosta
Tanya Adams
Mary Alaniz
Daniela Allen
Bianca Alvarado
Veronica Alvarado
Larissa Blackard
Briana Bryant
Robert Castaneda
Jesse Conner
Lindsey Cox
Riley Davis
Brenna Fletcher
K'Ana Garcia
Wolfie Garcia
Jessica Garza
Dayton Grice
Fabian Gutierrez
Chase Guynes
Ashley Hagins
Caleb Harrison
Melanie Hernandez
Keagan Herrley
Jessica Hinson
A'Lex Koonce
Kayla Liccardi
Erica Maldonado
Alexandrea Martinez
Connie Martinez
Jaime Martinez
Carson Matthies
Chantell McGaha
Patrick Meighen
Brittany Mitchell
Savanah Molina
Zeke Muniz
Tony Perales
Daniel Peterson
Tyler Porter
Cody Presley
Lolita Ramos
Roxann Renteria
Ava Reyes
Bailey Richardson
Brittney Rivera
Jessica Sandoval
Shaquita Sneed
Katy Spradlin
Teryn Sullenger
Jessi Timora
Heather Vasquez
Tommy Vasquez
Zachary Warren
Gage West
Kaycee Westlund
Caleb Wilcox
Sean Wilson
Chelsea Young
Kasey Young
Lauren Zamora

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alexander, Alayna
Amirillas, Angela
Ashworth, Bradley
Breedlove, Tonya
Brewster, Colton
Butler, Tanner
Claxton, Ryan
Derryberry, Jordan
Gafford, Airon
Means, Nicole
Miller, Kristen
Robertson, Craig
Sharrock, Allison
Toombs, Loren
Wesson, John
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Mark
Almanza, Angela
Billingsley, Kaden
Bollinger, Brent
Burk, Daniel
Casas, Ashley
Chandler, Kristina
Davidson, Devin
Davis, Kirstie
Day, Tharon
Deleon, Jessica
Elam, Stacey
Foreman, Vallie
Franks, Chad
Garcia, Paul
Garza, Joe
Gutierrez, Laura
Harlan, Kimberly
Hatfield, Travis
Hendricks, James
Hernandez, Cassandra
Hogan, Erin
Holdren, Kelly
Jaimes, Santiago
Jaramillo, Corey
Jones, Audrey
Jones, James
Juarez, Rebecca
Knipe, Blane
Landa, Laura
Leatherwood, Brittany
Lopez, Ashlei
Martinez, Amanda
Martinez, Robert
Mayes, Brittany
Matfield, Daniel
Mayndard, Heath
Maynard, Mark
McCormack, Tyler
McFatridge, Jacob
Means, Nicole
Moffet, Morgan
Munson, Preston
Norwood, Tatum
Ornelas, Arron
Pittman, Kayla
Resendiz, Gregorio
Rhodes, Cayelea
Richards, Christopher
Robertson, Luke
Rodriguez, Crystal
Ruiz, Raquel
Scifres, Jacob
Thatcher, Ashley
Tidwell, Kendra
Urias, Alexandra
Velasquez, Megan
Westmoreland, Layton
Wittie, Nathan

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Rebekah Brown
Katie Crenwelge
Krista Dorsett
Casey Long
Ashley Luecke
Kazual Moore
Terann Ragland
Juan Ramirez
Amanda Rivera
Jeremy Rodriguez
Sidney Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Cinthia Arellano
Casey Arnold
Ryan Arredondo
Tasha Ball
Jaedi Baze
Monica Benavidez
Brianna Bernal
Mayela Borrego
Brett Bowlin
Will Brasher
Dalton Cole
Taylor Courtney
Tylor Courtney
Sarah Covington
Laura Culwell
Alyssa Davis
Malcolm Deavers
Tyler Driggers
Monica DuBois
Andrew Dupree
Starla Early
Joe Fitzgerald
Whitley Fulford
Kaitlyn Greenlee
William Greenwood
Kinsey Guynes
Felicia Guzman
Chelsea Hackfeld
Victoria Hermosillo
Ramsey Herrera
Kade Kruger
Kaylee Lacik
Jordan Lester
Shannon Mangis
Michael Mann
Sidney Medina
Ryan Mitchell
Austin Owens
Jordan Payne
Nicole Presley
Wesley Price
Candace Rice
Tara Robertson
Ashly Rodriguez
Ricky Sanchez
Amy Sauceda
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Levi Stahl
Jordan Stansell
Courtney Tyrrell
John Whitworth
Jessica Yanez
Sebastian Zamora

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Chase Ashworth
Barrett Bowlin
Starla Bruton
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Megan Crisp
Will Floyd
Kayla Hartzog
Tanner Hunter
Emily Jones
Austin Lyle
Megan McCormick
Ashly Pavlovsky
Garrett Pinson
Amber Reston
Blake Scott
Jessica Taylor
Dustyn Williams
Glyn Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Ashley Bailey
Will Banks
Ashley Barrera
Jennifer Barrientes
Tyler Baze
Kimberly Bell
Morgan Bilderback
Laura Boyd
Dondi Brock
Krysta Anne Burleson
Jessica Calvert
Monica Capetillo
Jason Cave
Teddi Crenwelge
Gena Dooley
Tyler Eveland
Stanley Forbes
Daniela Garcia
Stephanie Grant
Sarah Henson
Tino Hermosillo
Nikki Hernandez
Rachel Herrera
Tyler Hogan
Kenetra James
Mark Keller
Tara Kubena
Cale Lancaster
Ciara Latta
Jana Lewis
Chris Lopez
Amber Luecke
Eric Martinez
Steven Martinez
Curtis Mason
Sirena Medrano
Lindsey Morin
Krisa Murphrey
Amanda Orosco
Samantha Pena
Aeryal Peoples
Jamie Putnam
Paydon Ramirez
Wendy Reed
Troy Reigh
Jessica Robbins
Noe Ruiz
Blake Seale
Cade Simpson
Chris Smith
Tye Stone
Joel Tarin
Shaela Thompson
Temi Thompson
Caliber Vigneau
Ashton Wall
Jay Weaver
Christi Williams
Kiki Wofford
Tyler Zalman



Ira I.S.D. 2nd Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Elizabeth Brunson
Tanya Elam
Taylor Hollingsworth
Clay Johnson
Kelly Jones
Sarah Kellner
Jimmy Markworth
Kaleb Presley
Mistie Smith
Avery Wirsching
A-B Honor Roll
Ellis McKinsey
Holly Juarez
David Wooldridge

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Taylor Autry
Travis Hartman
Cristian Ornelas
Brandee Pinkerton
Quinton Shafer
Conner Smith
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Bennett
Jacob Elam
Gabriel Patterson

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Amber Baker
Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Sarah Gunset
Rebecca Jones
Isaac Martin
Baily Nickerson
Jose Ornelas
Mariana Ornelas
Kellie Pilcher
Kolton Stokes
J.P. Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Cody Chappell
Seth Cotton
Amanda Elam
Trea Fontenot
Steven Juarez
Paul Martinez
Jacob Mitchell
Kellner Odom
Alex Rivera
James Zieman-Gernandt

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Olivia Juarez
Reyez Juarez
John Martini
Evian Olvera
Daniel Wooldridge
A-B Honor Roll
B.J. Botts
Brandon Lunsford
Rosemary Rivera
Roy Shafer
Cheyann Taylor

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Leeja Mauldin
Shandy McMullen
Seth Sanchez
Ashley Trotter
A-B Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Tanner Price
Brandon Ramirez
Andy Rivera

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Laura Juarez
Josi Presley
A-B Honor Roll
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Kaci Walker

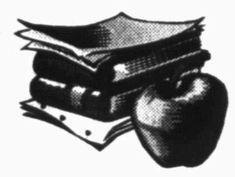
Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
A-B Honor Roll
Corbin Clements
Kelbi Pitner

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
Wesley Kellner
Whitney Parks
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Diana Aguinaga
Shea Allen
Brandon Crane
Stephan Kirk
Sarah McCown
Amber Sanchez
Justin Taylor

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Jake Barnes
Brandon Graves
Rusty Josey
Suzie Pendergrass

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Kali Clements
Eric Dickerhoff
Tim Huddleston
Michelle Nettles
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Bea Aguinaga
Raquel Ornelas
Geoff Pinkerton
Amy Strong
Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Case Hardy
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Cade Tucker
A-B Honor Roll
Jessie Green
Jerry Jamison
Todd Wall



Hermleigh I.S.D. 2nd Six Weeks

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Delinda Dacus
A-B Honor Roll
Carly Gill
Fabian Fuentes
Brianna Ortiz

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Jacob Nachlinger
Duncan Sorrells
A-B Honor Roll
Lori Garcia
Jordan Williamson
Matt Williams

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Dustin Dacus
Caroline Granados
A-B Honor Roll
Naomi Arellano
Melanie Karianen
Shawn Shankles
Shaye Williams

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Lelan Shankles
Casey Williamson
A-B Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Jeremy Eaton
Rustin Webb
Ashley Luna

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
Alana Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Courtney Ethridge
Georgianna Smith
Johnathon McClure
Danni Webb

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart
A-B Honor Roll
Justin Kelley
Cassie Harbin

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Dustin Williamson
A-B Honor Roll
Justin Williamson
Valerie West

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Terrel Culp
Misty McClure

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Sabrina Terry
A-B Honor Roll
Jeremy Roemisch
Julie Mireles
Mary Spruill

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