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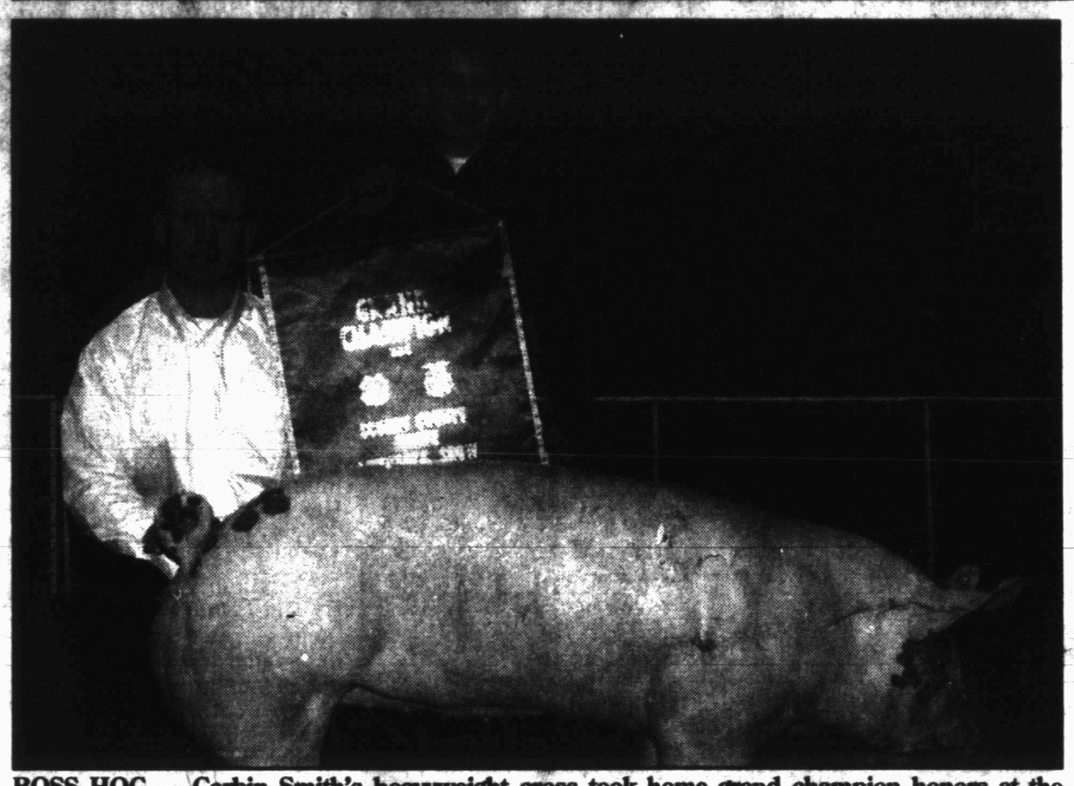
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For grand champion, long wait was worth it



BOSS HOG — Corbin Smith's heavyweight cross took home grand champion honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show underway at the Scurry County Coliseum. Smith, a 7th grader at Snyder Junior High and a member of Snyder 4H, is shown with his entry and judge Cody Hill of Farwell. (SDN Staff Photo)

With 257 entries in the swine division, it was almost 3 a.m. today when the judge finally revealed 7th grader Corbin Smith's hog as overall grand champion in the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show.

The show continues today at the Scurry County Coliseum with judging of the steers and heifers at 5 p.m. Michael Schertz, Denton County extension agent, will be the judge.

Evaluation of the lambs will begin 30 minutes after the steer and heifer show and the judging of goats will begin after the lamb show. Judge in the last two events is Jerry Bearden of Mason.

Entered in today's events are 101 goats, 87 lambs, 30 steers and three heifers.

Smith's overall grand champion winner was a 248-pound heavyweight cross. The swine judge was Cody Hill, Parmer County agent.

Overall reserve champion was a 207-pound medium weight Yorkshire shown by Kaci Waller of the Ira FFA.

Senior showmanship champion was Chance Tatum, a sophomore in the Snyder FFA.

The junior showmanship trophy went to Jordan Derryberry, a 6th grader in the Snyder 4-H Club.

Other first place exhibitors in the swine division were Kailea Shaw, lightweight Duroc; Jacinda Judah, mediumweight Duroc; Ashton Burton, heavyweight Duroc; Chance Tatum, lightweight Hampshire; Ashton Burton, mediumweight Hampshire; Jessica Odom, heavyweight Hampshire.

Other winners were Kendra Tidwell, white OPB; Ty Collier, lightweight black OPB; Austin Rinehart, heavyweight black OPB; Jordan Stansell, lightweight Yorkshire; Jacinda Judah, heavyweight Yorkshire.

Other first place animals were shown by Cody Wall, lightweight cross; and Justin Taylor, mediumweight cross.

The show continues Saturday. Buyers will have a meal at 5 p.m. Saturday, followed awards at 6:30. The sale begins at 7 p.m.

Tax abatement eyed

The Development Corporation of Snyder discussed the possibility of a tax abatement for Patterson-UTI Energy at its monthly meeting Thursday.

Executive Director John DeLille told the board that Patterson-UTI is one of Snyder's largest employers and taxpayers and has made many large capital investments in the community, including most recently a 12,000 square-foot addition to its headquarters here and a corporate jet.

"They really fought to stay in Snyder when they merged last year," DeLille said. "Cloyce Talbott really put his foot down to keep the headquarters of the business here."

DeLille said the board has never recommended a tax abatement for an existing business, but keeping businesses in Snyder is as important as recruiting a new one.

Board member James Brown also discussed the abatement, saying it is a necessary gesture to show the company Snyder appreciates it.

"No one from Patterson has approached me for an abatement and I don't think they would," he said. "I approached them with this idea. People don't realize how much Patterson has done for Snyder financially."

DCOS president David Cotton appointed Brown and board member Dayton Robertson to meet with representatives of local taxing entities to investigate the possibility of an abatement.

The board also convened in executive session for the annual evaluation of DeLille, but no action was taken.

In other business, the board approved financial statements and minutes from a previous meeting and paid bills.

Friendly employee at mall is killed; gunman shoots self

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — A mall employee who waved at a passing motorist thinking he knew him was shot as the two men argued in the mall parking lot.

The alleged gunman drove home and killed himself, police said.

Samuel Plunkett, 23, of Swedesboro, N.J., was shot four times in the parking lot of the Granite Run Mall on Thursday evening. He was in critical condition today, a spokeswoman at Crozier Chester Medical Center said.

The alleged gunman, George Karl Hahn III, 24, shot himself in the head at his home in Norwood, about eight miles from the suburban Philadelphia mall, state police said.

Law officers were surveilling Hahn's home when he shot himself with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun on his porch at about 9:30 p.m., authorities said.

State police were investigating the incident.

Museum to host kite, watercolor exhibits

Two new displays will brighten the Scurry County Museum and Western Texas College. The museum will exhibit watercolor paintings by Kay Smith and smaller kites and various buildings on campus will display the larger kites.

A reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the museum to open both exhibits.

The 85 kites from around the world will be displayed at campus sites including the Administration Building, Student Center, Fine Arts Theatre and Learning Resource Center.

The museum will house more than 50 smaller kites that will be displayed through March 8.

The international kite show was put together by Bill Lockhart, retired chair of the Texas Tech art department; Tech art professor Betty Street and WTC associate art professor Ben Sum.

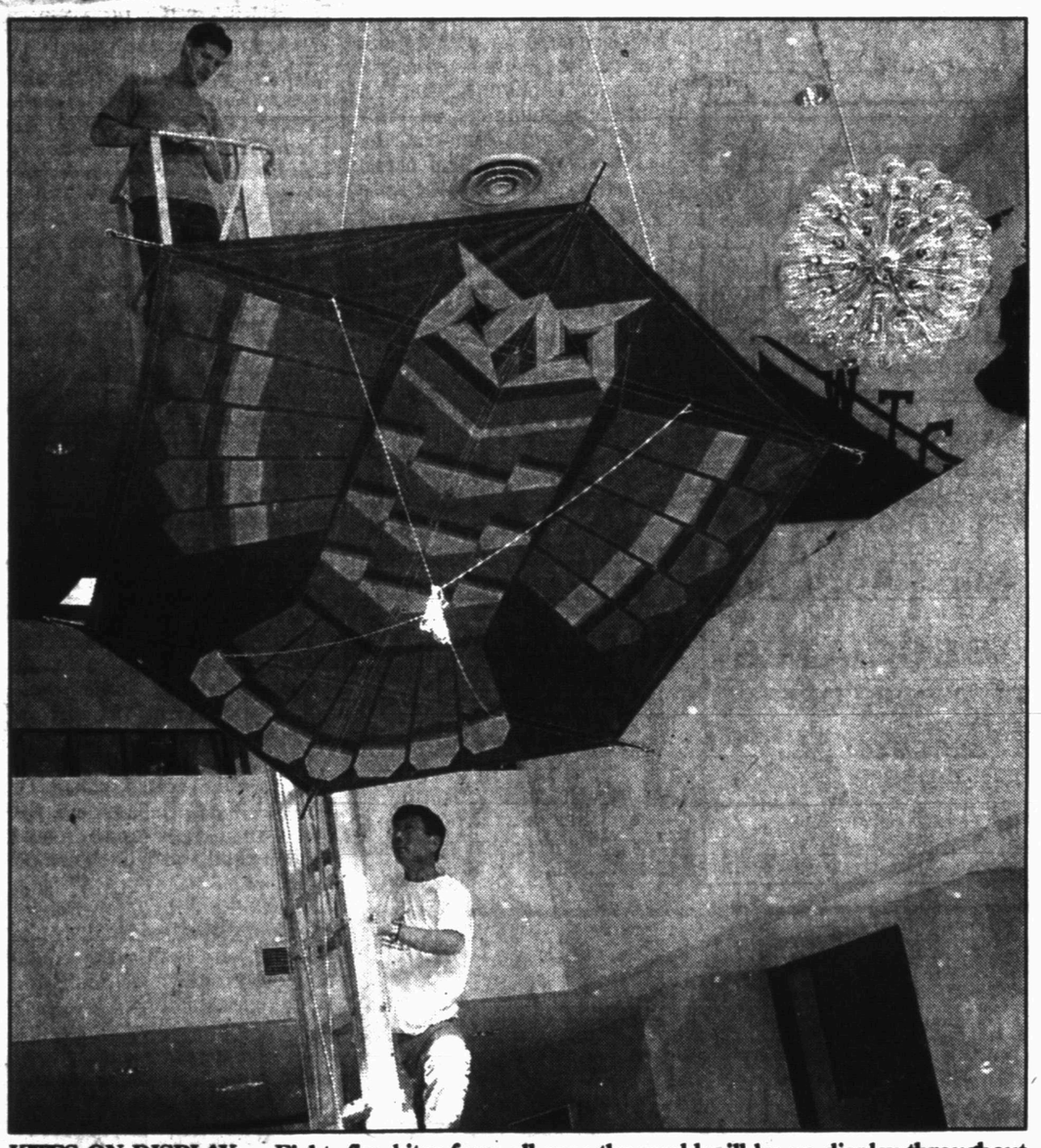
Smith is a native of Lamesa who began working in oils and pastels in the 1960s. She began studying watercolor in 1990. With a nursing degree, she is primarily a self-taught artist.

Brushworks Studio Gallery, Smith's working open studio, is located in Big Spring. She has been recognized in national, regional and local shows with multiple Best of Show and People's Choice Awards. In addition, she has won the Dick Blick and other awards for Best Use of Color.

Smith has traveled extensively and enjoys taking her own photographic reference material. Her work extends into custom designs for home décor and includes murals, trompel'oeil and faux finishes.

Smith began painting oil as a child, and later she taught herself watercolor techniques. She explains her process, "Working from dark to light provides me with immediate gratification seeing value comparisons. Whether I'm painting architectural subjects, animals, floral or still life, I'm always looking for the darks first. By establishing these values early, I'm better able to judge the values that follow."

These techniques are found in more than 30 watercolors on display at the museum. The watercolor display will be up until mid-February.



KITES ON DISPLAY — Eighty-five kites from all over the world will be on display throughout the Western Texas College campus until March 8. The Administration Building, Student Center, Fine Arts Theatre and Learning Resource Center will house the largest kites, some of which are more than 54 feet long. The Scurry County Museum will house 60 smaller kites. The exhibit is open to the public. Pictured are art instructor Ben Sum (bottom) and art student David Garcia hanging kites in the Student Center. (Contributed Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You probably live in a small town if your pickup has a security system (dog), but you leave it running in the coffee shop parking lot."

Some might call it good news, bad news – but if you live in West Texas the prediction is positive.

A Houston economics professor was in Midland recently to speak to the Midland Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers.

Dr. Michael Economides, coauthor of "The Color of Oil" and professor of engineering at the University of Houston, has boldly predicted $30-a-barrel oil in 2002. He also said that natural gas could reach $10 per Mcf by next winter.

The price of oil is one issue that is central to the health of our economy. Strong crude prices means more people working, more dollars in circulation and more tax dollars to support our schools and other infrastructure.

The price of oil is a core issue when companies like Kinder Morgan and OxyPermian decide how much capital they will earmark for recovery of oil from the fields of Scurry County. Strong energy prices means that companies like Snyder-based Patterson-UTI Energy will have a higher percentage of its rigs working and local service companies will be busy.

Higher oil prices do drive up consumer prices at the gasoline pumps, but if the economy isn't strong, it's hard for West Texas consumers to afford fuel at any price.

Lots of action at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale is underway at the coliseum.

The event concludes tomorrow evening.

A couple of construction projects are scheduled to begin soon.

The vacant Eastridge Apartments have a new owner and will be refurbished and provide needed rental income for local residents.

Also, renovation work on the emergency room area at Cogdell Memorial Hospital is just getting underway.

And city of Snyder crews continue to remove dilapidated buildings in the community. It's going to be a long-term project, but every little bit helps.

Enjoy the weekend!

ASK US

Q—When does absentee voting begin in local elections?

A—Early voting begins Feb. 25 for the March 12 primaries. Voter registration deadline is Feb. 10.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 50 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Friday, 33; no precipitation for 2002.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy; low mid 30s; SE winds 5-15 mph, becoming N 15-25 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny; high near 50; N winds 10-20 mph, becoming light, variable.



Chance Young
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 17 days in 2002, the sun has shone 17 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A well-adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.

—Jane Heard

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New videotapes and photos of 5 suspected terrorists released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Appealing to the public for help in tracking down terrorists, the Justice Department released videos and photos of five suspected members of al-Qaida, including one shown cradling a rifle and a Yemeni man who authorities believe was supposed to take part in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The tapes were released without sound, but Attorney General John Ashcroft said they showed "martyrdom messages from suicide terrorists." He urged anyone who has seen the men to call the FBI or an American consulate, saying they are "suspected of planning additional attacks against innocent civilians."

The videotapes were recovered recently in Kabul, Afghanistan, from the rubble of the home of Mohammad Atef, believed to have been Osama bin Laden's military chief. Officials say Atef was killed by a U.S. airstrike in November.

U.S. intelligence officials helped recover the tapes, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The sound was left out of the released versions to guard against the possibility that the messages contained signals for other terrorists, officials said.

In one video a man buries his head in his arms for moment. The next image is of the same man, eyes closed, hugging a rifle. He leans his face close to the barrel, his lips appearing to touch it. He then looks up and smiles.

The rifle strap is inscribed with Arabic writing that the man seems to be showing off. Officials did not transcribe the message.

Ashcroft said preliminary translations of statements from the men indicated they may have been trained and prepared for attacks.

A law enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the men did not specify what would be attacked, used anti-American rhetoric and spoke of a hatred of "infidels."

Authorities don't know where the men are or whether they were killed in the bombing raids. There is no evidence they ever entered the United States; the Atta associate tried to enter the country three times last year but was unsuccessful.

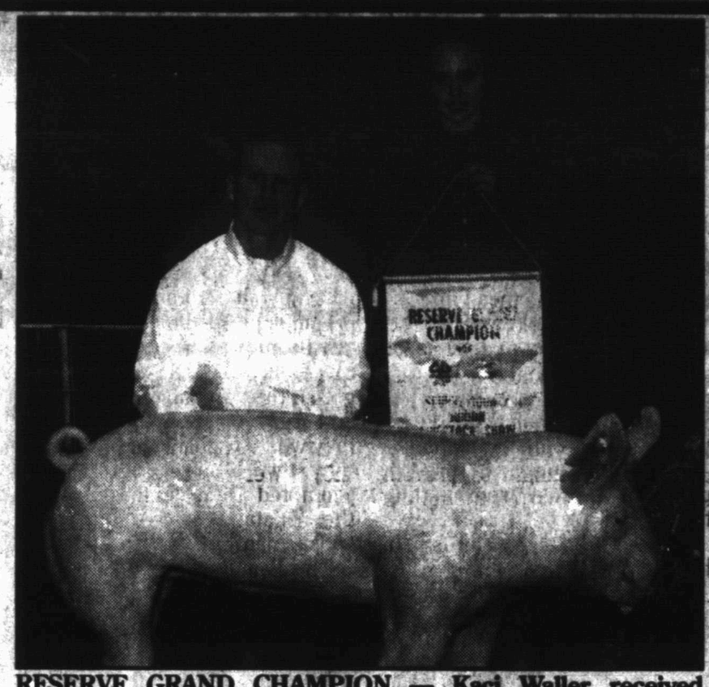
Ashcroft said the government tentatively identified four of the men as Abd Al-Rahim, Muhammad Sa'id Ali Hasan, Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al-Juhani and Ramzi Binalshibh. The fifth man's identify was not known.

Ashcroft said little was known about any except Binalshibh, a Yemeni whom officials allege was an associate of the Sept. 11 suicide hijacker Atta.

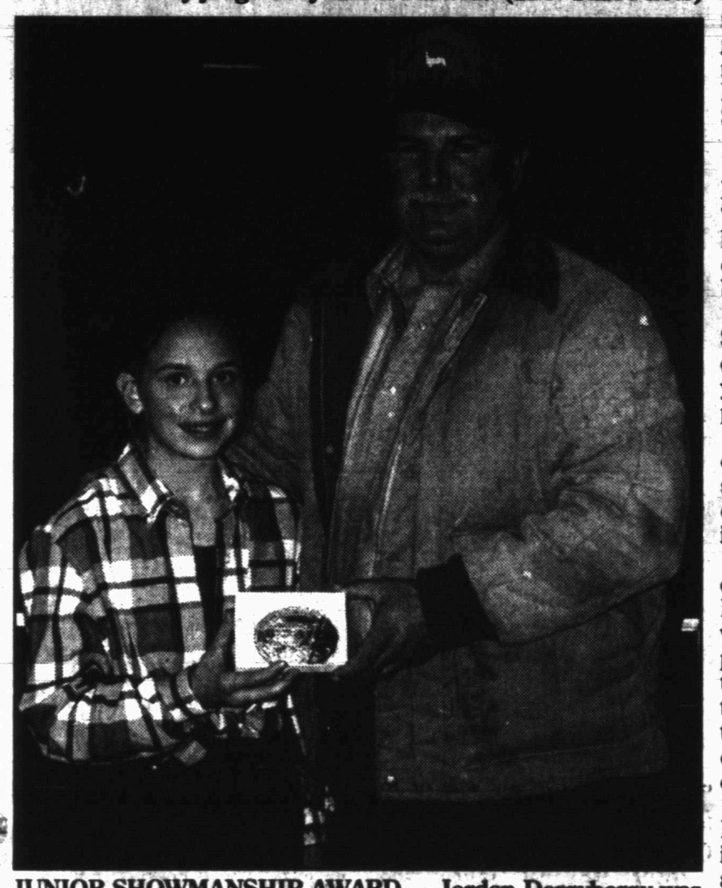
In the December indictment against Zacarias Moussaoui, Binalshibh was named along with Atta and the 18 other hijackers as an unindicted co-conspirator.

At a news conference, Ashcroft showed 30-second videos of Hasan, Al-Rahim and Al-Juhani. There were technical problems with the videos of the other two men; for them, the government released only still photos taken from the tapes. Photos shot from the tapes were also released for the other three.

Ashcroft said investigators were still translating the tapes. A decision about releasing the sound or a translation would be made after weighing security concerns, he said.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION — Kaci Waller received reserve grand champion honors with her hog at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Waller is presented with a banner by judge Cody Hill of Farwell. (SDN Staff Photo)



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AWARD — Jordan Derryberry was honored with the junior showmanship award for hogs at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale underway at the Scurry County Coliseum. Derryberry, a sixth grader at West Elementary and a member of Snyder 4H, is presented with a belt buckle by stock show president Kirby Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man is convicted on one charge

NEW YORK (AP) — An Egyptian man who raised suspicion one week after the terrorist attacks when he was found carrying a fake pilot's uniform and license has been found guilty of lying about his plans to attend flight school.

But Wael Abdel Rahman Kishk, 21, was cleared by a jury Thursday on a second charge of trying to impersonate a pilot by carrying a forged document.

Kishk, 21, faces up to five years in prison on a federal charge of making false statements, though sentencing guidelines suggest a maximum term of only six months. He also faces deportation. Sentencing was set for Feb. 18.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Holton said the verdict "sends a message that if you lie to federal agents in the middle of an investigation, you'll be prosecuted and convicted."

Defense attorney Michael Schneider again insisted his client was nothing more than a young man who wanted to be a pilot.

"I can understand the government was suspicious," he said. "But not every Egyptian or Arab who wants to be a pilot is a terrorist."

The government has conceded it has no evidence Kishk, who had a valid U.S. visa, was party to the terrorist plot. But prosecutors argued the fact that he appeared to fit the profile of the men who turned jetliners into weapons of mass destruction made his crimes more serious.

Kishk was detained at Kennedy International Airport in New York on Sept. 19 after arriving on a flight from Barcelona, Spain, that had originated in Cairo. During a routine search of his luggage, immigration agents discovered a fake Federal Aviation Administration document.

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RESULTS

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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Former executive with Enron quits as head of PUC

DALLAS (AP) — The state's top utility regulator, a former Enron Corp. executive whose boss donated money to Gov. Rick Perry following the appointment, has quit amid congressional investigations over the company's financial meltdown, according to The Dallas Morning News' today editions.

Mario Max Yzaguirre, formerly president of Houston-based Enron's operations in Mexico, told the Republican governor Thursday he was resigning after weeks of turmoil over his selection.

Sources familiar with the decision told the newspaper on condition of anonymity that Yzaguirre's appointment as Public Utility Commission chairman had become a political liability and would continue to be raised by opponents trying to damage Perry's election effort.

Yzaguirre, who was appointed chairman by Perry in June, did not return a telephone call early today from The Associated Press.

A spokeswoman for Perry, who is running this year for a full term as governor, declined Thursday to discuss Yzaguirre's situation.

"The governor maintains that Max Yzaguirre is qualified and was qualified at the time of his appointment to serve on the commission," said spokeswoman Kathy Walt. "He has been a fair and balanced voice."

Critics had questioned the former Enron executive's connections with the now-bankrupt company, including a $25,000 campaign contribution to Perry from Enron chairman Kenneth Lay a day after the appointment.

Perry has said the donation so close to the selection was "totally coincidental."

Three people are killed when airplane crashes into a house

TEMPLE (AP) — The crash of a twin-engine plane that slammed into a Central Texas house has killed three people, including a New Mexico man, and injured two others.

A fire that erupted in the unoccupied house after Thursday's crash was quickly brought under control.

Law officers identified the dead as Carl Huff, 47, and Angela Hallam, 17, both of Dickinson; and Leroy Vanantwerp, 34, of Williamsburg, N.M.

One man was dead at the scene, said Temple police Lt. Edward Best. Hallam and the other man were pronounced dead at Scott and White Memorial Hospital.

Cecilio Robles, 20, of Aransas Pass and Jason Osborn, 23, of La Marque were both in fair condition early today at Scott and White, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"We have no idea of what caused the plane to go down," said Sgt. Steve Mosley, head of the Temple Police Department's detective division.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board in San Antonio and the Federal Aviation Administration were reviewing evidence in the crash.

Huff was believed to be the pilot. The plane was thought to be en route from Houston to Killeen, Mosley said.

The 1979 Cessna 340 slammed into the front of the house shortly after 3 p.m., coming to rest on its belly with its nose inside the structure. Witnesses said it struck a small power line.

Bo Harvey, who lives alone in the house, was at work when the plane crashed.

"We heard cries from inside the aircraft," said Eugene H. Hoover, who lives across the street from the crash site. "A fellow stumbled out and fell."

He said neighbors and passers-by rushed to the aircraft to help.

A witness at a nearby school said she saw a small plane flying at tree level just before the crash.

Charlotte Carpenter, a sign language interpreter at Thornton Elementary School, told the Temple Daily Telegram that the plane made a sharp turn just before the crash, and then she saw a large plume of smoke.

Investigation slated

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy has initiated an investigation into whether Arthur Andersen LLP violated state auditing standards in its handling of Houston-based Enron Corp., the board said in a letter issued Thursday.

The board also will investigate Enron accountants.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1911, in San Francisco, Eugene Ely landed a Curtiss biplane on the deck of the USS Pennsylvania.

On this day in 1943, the U.S. government banned the sale of pre-sliced bread for the duration of World War II.

On this day in 1974, members of Free, Mott the Hoople and King Crimson formed the band Bad Company.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), U.S. statesman; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), writer; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comedian; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Curt Flood (1938-1997), baseball player-labor figure; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl X by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 21-17.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whatever fortune brings, don't be afraid of doing things." — A.A. Milne

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 13) and first quarter (Jan. 21).

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Anthrax vaccinations not for pregnant women

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is a new problem with the Pentagon's troubled program to protect military forces from the deadly anthrax virus — pregnant women have mistakenly been given anthrax vaccinations that can cause birth defects.

The Defense Department has ordered military health workers to come up with new plans for avoiding such mistakes after a study by the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery found pregnant women who received anthrax vaccinations ran a higher risk of having babies with defects.

Officials think the study may have used faulty data and have ordered a review, bureau spokesman Lt. j.g. Mike Kafka said Thursday.

That could take months, so the Defense Department's top health official is asking each military service to develop a plan within two weeks to ensure pregnant women in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines do not get the vaccinations in the meantime.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, asked the services to devise a way to enhance the screening of women of childbearing age, "potentially including pregnancy testing," to prevent pregnant women from getting the vaccine.

Throughout the program, health care workers were supposed to be asking women if they were pregnant, to avoid vaccinating expectant mothers.

Winkenwerder's memo, sent Wednesday, reiterated the policy and said "it should be reinforced to all medical personnel."

It's unclear whether women who got the shots weren't asked or simply didn't know they were pregnant at the time.

The study also seemed to indicate some women might have gotten the vaccination after their first trimester — by which time they would probably have known they were pregnant. That prompted officials to question the data, said Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner.

The Pentagon is not releasing details on the study while the review is under way, Kafka said.

Started years before the new worry caused by anthrax-tainted mail, the Defense Department program originally aimed at immunizing all 2.4 million members of the active and reserve military to protect them against anthrax bacteria that, when inhaled, can cause death within a few days.

The immunizations were needed because Iraq, North Korea and others hostile to the United States have produced anthrax weapons, military officials said. The program started in 1998 with troops deployed to South Korea and the Middle East.

Among the vaccination program's problems, a small but vocal number of soldiers, fearing the shots are unsafe, have refused to get them and faced legal or disciplinary action.

After the Persian Gulf War, some troops with symptoms of the still-unexplained Gulf War syndrome pointed a finger at the vaccinations, saying they might have caused their problems.

Scientists have repeatedly said the vaccine is not linked to Gulf War syndrome, and it has had FDA approval for use since 1970.

Another problem with the vaccination may be close to resolution.

The Pentagon's only supplier, Bioport Corp., tried unsuccessfully for years to get government certification for its manufacturing plant. As a result, supplies dwindled and the Pentagon sharply cut the number of people given the shots.

Bioport, of Lansing, Mich., said earlier this week that a December letter from the Food and Drug Administration clears it to begin shipping the vaccine, provided a separate laboratory in Spokane, Wash., that puts the vaccine into vials also gets approval.

Under the immunization program, more than 525,000 service members have received one or more shots. The six-shot regime is given over 18 months, followed by a booster each year.

On the Net: DoD's official website for anthrax vaccine program: http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/

Blue star banners mean loved ones in war

CAMILLUS, N.Y. (AP) — With U.S. troops in combat in Afghanistan, the American Legion is bringing back the blue star banners that parents once hung on their front doors and windows to signify a child gone to war.

The banner, bearing a single blue star in a field of white trimmed in red, was a badge of honor during World War I and World War II. And supporters say bringing it back will further unite a nation resolved to battle terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It not only is a sign of support, but it is important because it shows that the tentacles of terrorism reach to virtually every neighborhood in America," said Joe March, a spokesman at Legion headquarters in Indianapolis.

"In the past, when Johnny went marching off to war, half the town would come out to see him off. Today, people may not realize that someone's son or daughter down the block is serving in the military."

Ed Hyde has ordered 10 banners for relatives in Camillus, five miles west of Syracuse. His son, James, is aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis in support of the war against terrorism.

"It's just a way of doing a little something to show our support, to let my son, and everyone else putting themselves at risk for our country, know that we care," Hyde said.

An Army captain with two sons serving overseas during World War I first proposed the blue star service banner, which was patented in 1917, March said.

The stars were rarely used after World War II, with patriotism more muted during fighting in Korea and Vietnam.

The American Legion tried to revive the banners during the Gulf War but the conflict "was over before we could really get started," March said.

On Sept. 11, the Legion's National Commander, Richard J. Santos, was waiting to testify to Congress' joint committee on veteran affairs when the terrorist attacks hit New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Knowing we were going to be a nation at war, he wanted to immediately activate the blue star banner campaign," March said. Since then, the Legion has distributed 14,000 banners, and thousands more have been ordered.

On the Web: American Legion: http://www.legion.org/

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	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

The first of two similar deals

By Phillip Alder

If you are interested in seeing more deals from Paris, print the Daily Bulletins, which are available at http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Paris.htm.

Look at the North-South hands. You are in three no-trump. West leads the spade three. What would you do?

First, though, an explanation of the strange-looking auction. South's two clubs followed by two no-trump showed a balanced 17-19 points. Despite e-mails to Italy, North's two-heart response remains a mystery!

This deal occurred during Round 12 of the round-robin qualifying stage. At every other table, three no-trump failed. Even after Italian declarer Norberto Bocchi received a low-spade lead from the French West and guessed correctly to put up dummy's 10, the commentators were predicting defeat. They were confident the defenders would collect four hearts and one diamond.

However, at trick two Bocchi called for a low heart and put up his queen! After winning with the king, West continued with the spade queen. Declarer won with his king, played a diamond to dummy's queen, crossed back to his diamond ace, and gave West the lead with a third diamond. The last chance had arrived. Maybe West should have been suspicious that declarer had suddenly abandoned hearts. But thinking that South had the heart ace and that East, therefore, had something good in clubs, West thought he could see the contract failing; he continued with the spade jack. Bocchi immediately claimed nine tricks: three spades, three diamonds and three clubs.

There are some ruses, although well highlighted in the literature, that still work at the table.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Gay man's dream of family could turn into a nightmare

DEAR ABBY: Please reprint a letter you ran a few years ago from a gay man who was single, but wanted to be straight so he could fulfill his dream of marrying and having children.

I am a 38-year-old married gay man. I am having a very difficult time dealing with this issue. My wife and I are being divorced. The truth came out after I went into rehab after becoming addicted to prescription pain medication.

I realize I have made a mess of everything. I love my wife of 15 years, but I am unable to love her the way she deserves. — **BETTER OFF OUT**

DEAR BETTER OFF: I have had many requests for that letter since it originally appeared, and I'm pleased to print it again. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I'll get right to the point — I am gay, but I don't like being gay. I want a wife and children. I also have a career in which further advancement would be very difficult if it becomes known that I am gay. Psychiatrists and other therapists I have consulted have tried to help me to adjust to my homosexuality rather than help me to change.

Abby, adjusting to homosexuality is fine for those who have accepted their homosexuality, but I have not. I know I'd be happier straight. Please help me. — **UNHAPPY**

DEAR UNHAPPY: Did you choose to be homosexual? If so, you could choose to be "straight." But if you have always had erotic feelings for men instead of women, then face it, you are homosexual — and even though you may be able to change your behavior, you will not be able to change your feelings.

Some therapists insist that if a homosexual is sufficiently motivated, he or she can become "straight" again. Maybe so, but the chances are slim. Marrying and having children may make you happier, but what about the other people you involve?

To thine own self be true. Only then will you find true happiness.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for three years and have a 10-year-old daughter, "Candace," who lives with me. My ex-husband, "Chet," and I are friendly. I have a full-time job, work part time on the weekends, and go to school two nights a week. I'll get my B.S. degree next July.

Chet has offered to keep Candace on nights when I go to school. I have always been very flexible about the time she spends with her father. Mother thinks I am giving Candace the wrong message. I have talked with my daughter, and she knows her daddy and I will not be getting back together. We are only friends. Mother says I need to prove to Candace that we are not reconciling. She says Chet shouldn't be with my daughter in my home on the nights I go to school or even on weekends when I am working.

Mother says I have depended upon others my whole life. That's a big joke. I have been on my own since I was 17. Mother thinks I need to start depending upon myself more. What do you think? — **CONFUSED MOM IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR CONFUSED MOM: I wish all divorces were as amicable as yours. It seems you're doing everything right. I can only conclude that your mother does not want your daughter to have a healthy relationship with her father. That said, maybe it's time to discount what your mother thinks. You're a big girl now, and the important thing is what YOU believe.

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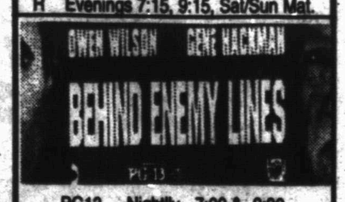
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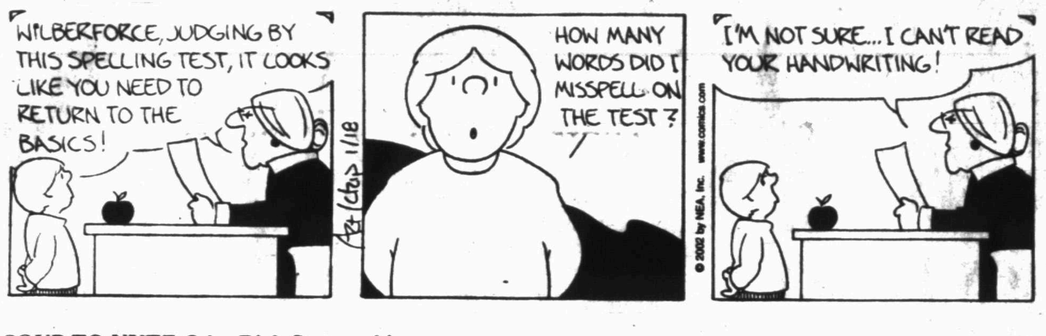
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ACROSS

1 Vapor
4 Write on glass
8 Gym pad
11 Insignificant
12 Neutral color
13 Poet Lowell
14 Self-centered
15 Roam about
16 Kind of sheet
17 Gave compliments
19 Cheesy snack
21 Autumn mo.
22 Klutz
23 Striped animal
26 Greenish melon
29 Did lunch
30 Easy win
32 Learning method
34 Containers
36 Not so much
38 Astonished cry
39 Hit dead-center
41 Mr. Pim's creator
43 — -tzu
44 Fallen tree
45 Low scores
48 Farm babies
52 Kind of poem
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55 Popular cookie
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59 Windup
60 Needle holes
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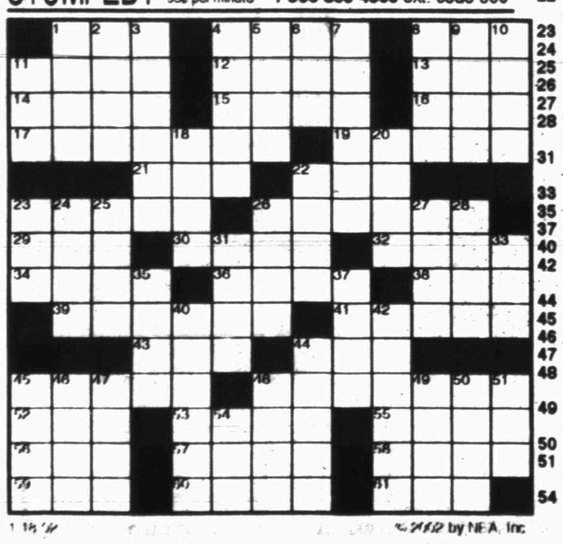
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3 Graduate, almost
4 Marsh bird
5 Walked
6 Cleveland NBA'er
7 Veldt scavengers
8 Artist Chagall
9 Far East nanny
10 Hunt-and-peck error
11 Baseball award
18 Al Capone feature
20 Out of range
22 Nutritious grains
23 Use a ray gun
24 British school
25 Frat letter
26 Prompted
27 Soup dish
28 Egyptian sun god
31 Kitchen staple
33 Bleater
35 Corn holder
37 Dirty air
40 Highland girl
42 Arctic dwellings
44 VIP wheels
45 Tow-away —
46 Blissful spot
47 Cattail
48 Geraldine or Patti
49 Writer Bombeck
50 Crawl with
51 Daughter's brother
54 Ante up

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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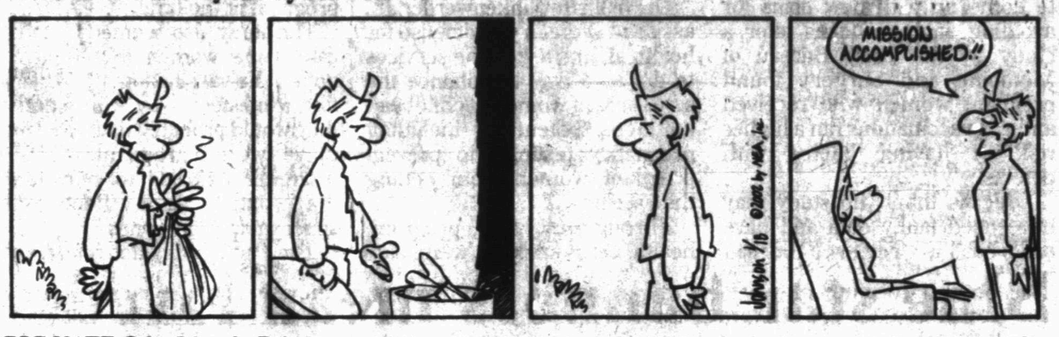


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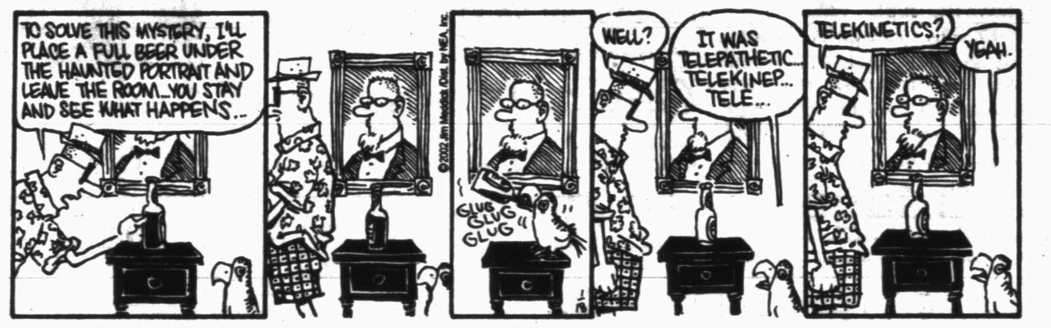
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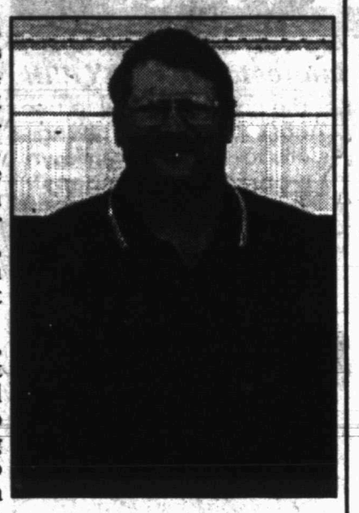
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"DO THE ASTRONAUTS HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE FULL MOON, SO THEY'LL HAVE MORE ROOM TO LAND?"

SPORTS

White, Tigers begin track preparations



Roger White

The Snyder Tigers have risen through the track and field ranks the past two seasons. With 14 years experience as a head track coach, Roger White hopes to continue the Tigers' climb to the top.

White makes his debut as the SHS boys track coach this season after successful stints at four schools in two different states, and he believes the Tigers can pick up where they left off last year.

"I expect a lot out of this team, because these are good kids that we have here at Snyder," said White who led Gatesville to two regional championships during the '80s. "We want the kids to have fun, and we also want them to be successful. Those two things go hand-in-hand in any sport you participate in."

In addition to Gatesville, White also served as head coach at Mansfield before making the move to New Mexico where he held the same position at Roswell and Las Cruces Mayfield.

With the experience he's gained over his career, the SHS coach has formulated a philosophy as to how to build a track team.

"I like to concentrate on the mile relay," White stated. "I've always built my teams around the mile relay.

"I think if you can train your kids to run well in the 400, then it helps you in the other events as well. If a kid can run the 400, then he can help on the relay. He can run the open quarter, and he he'll be good in the 200. The mile relay is key to a good track team."

White currently has 18 athletes participating in workouts, but believes as many as 20 more will join the squad at the conclusion of basketball season.

"We have some good kids out there right now who are back from last year, and we'll get even more at the end of basketball," the coach said. "The guys have a good understanding of what we need to get done during practice, and they're working hard."

White has plenty of coaching help, with Kyle Freeman instructing the shot put and discus athletes, and Buster Mabrey taking care of the pole vault and distance events, not to mention the man he replaced as SHS track coach.

White takes over for Chad Rogers who now serves as head football coach and athletic director.

"I've worked with Coach Rogers for a number of years," said White. "We have a fun ongoing battle over the best way to handle baton handoffs. Either way works well. It's just that we both have our preferences and we're both hard-headed. That's probably one thing that makes us successful coaches.

"But this time I'm the head track coach, so I'll get the last word. We're going to get to do it my way."

Snyder competes at its first meet Feb. 22-23 at the ABC Relays in Frenship.

The Tigers host the Canyon Reef Relays March 9, with the District 4-4A meet set for April 12-13 at South Plains College in Levelland.

NFL Playoffs

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

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

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

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

Sports Briefs

SHS football banquet

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

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

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

Venus Williams advances at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Venus Williams looked healthy again and overpowered Daniela Hantuchova 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 to advance to the fourth round of the Australian Open.

In other third-round matches, Monica Seles overcame a slow start and the agile retrieving of Francesca Schiavone, for a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Adriana Serra Zanetti beat 11th-seeded Silvia Farina Elia 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; 13th-seeded Magdalena Maleeva beat No. 18 Lisa Raymond 7-5, 6-1; Martina Sucha defeated Asa Svensson 6-0, 6-4; and Anabel Medina Garrigues beat Nathalie Dechy 6-3, 6-2.

On the men's side, Jiri Novak beat Francisco Clavet 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; Jonas Bjorkman defeated 12th-seeded Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; Adrian Voineaedged Taylor Dent 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; and Fernando Gonzalez won 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 against Alex Kim, who had knocked out fourth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the second round.

Hornets could head for New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets filed an application with the NBA to move to New Orleans, and Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster said he was certain league owners will approve the move.

Parcells, Kelly among finalists for Hall

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Quarterback Jim Kelly, coach Bill Parcells and team owner Art Modell are among 15 finalists for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The class of 2002 will be announced Feb. 2, the day before the Super Bowl, after a vote of the hall's board of selectors.

SHS visits Levelland tonight

After picking up a pair of victories on Tuesday, the Snyder High School basketball teams have their work cut out for them tonight.

Snyder travels to Levelland tonight for a pair of District 4-4A contests. Girls action tips off at 6 o'clock, followed by the boys game at 7:30.

Both SHS squads are coming off wins Tuesday over Lake View, but face a tough challenge playing at Gaino Tubb Gymnasium.

The Lady Tigers' victory at Levelland last year was the first in school history, while last year's win by the Tigers in Tubb Gym was their first in four years.

"It's always a tough place to play. It's not because of the set-up of the gym, it's just that Levelland always fields a solid team," said Snyder boys coach Bud Birks. "They were pretty tough last year, and in my opinion I think their even better this season.

"We've played two of our best games the last two times out, so we need to keep playing with that same intensity. We have to keep Levelland off the boards, and take care of the ball."

The Tigers (2-4, 6-15) shot over 50 percent from the floor on Tuesday. Levelland's (4-2, 13-13) only two losses district play have come to Estacado and Frenship.

In the girls contest, the Lady Tigers (2-6, 7-15) are facing the state-ranked Loboettes (7-1, 21-5) for the second time this season. Levelland won the first meeting, 67-34.

"They present some match-up problems for us," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "They have great size on the inside, and great quickness on the perimeter. They're just a solid team all the way around."

In other games around the district tonight, Frenship visits Big Spring. Plainview hosts Andrews, and Estacado travels to Lake View.

Snyder continues conference play Tuesday at Big Spring.

Snyder is the only local school in competition tonight, as Ira and Hermleigh have the evening off.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	6	0	21	5
Plainview	4	2	12	9
Levelland	4	2	13	13
Frenship	4	2	16	7
Andrews	3	3	12	9
Snyder	2	4	6	15
Big Spring	1	5	9	13
Lake View	0	6	6	16

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

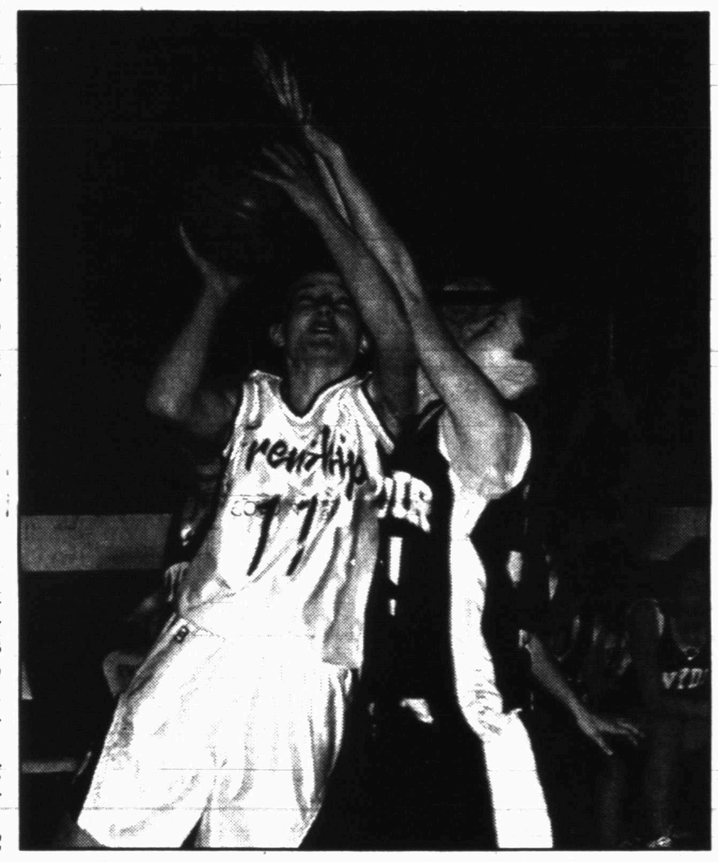
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District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	8	0	22	1
Levelland	7	1	21	5
Estacado	6	2	19	6
Andrews	4	4	15	7
Frenship	3	5	14	11
Big Spring	2	6	11	12
Snyder	2	6	7	15
Lake View	0	8	2	20

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TOUGH DEFENSE — Snyder's Afton Schwertner defends a Frenship player during district action earlier this season. The Tigers and Lady Tigers continue conference play tonight when they visit Levelland. (SDN Staff Photo)

8th grade earns victories

LUBBOCK — Snyder's eighth grade boys chalked up a pair of victories Thursday over Lubbock Cavazos.

Snyder Gold hung on for a 55-53 win, while Snyder Black cruised to a 52-30 decision.

Dustyn Williams poured in 13 points, and Garrett Pinson added 10 to pace the Gold squad.

Joel Tarin and Jay Weaver posted six apiece. Blake Scott, Cade Simpson and Barrett Bowlin registered five each. Chris Smith finished with three, and Jason Cave chipped in two.

For Snyder Black, Blake Seale's 12 points led the way.

Cade Lancaster and Orlando Vasquez dropped in eight apiece. Tyler Hogan and Chase Ashworth accounted for six each. Steve Martinez registered five. Danny Ortegon tallied four, and Bryan Clifton drained one.

SHS freshmen topple Cavazos

LUBBOCK — Lico Castillo was on target the entire night to lead Snyder past Lubbock Cavazos, 49-42, in freshman boys basketball action Thursday.

Castillo poured in 32 points to anchor the Tigers' effort.

Zack Garcia drained 12 points. Austin Hatfield tallied three, and Walter Ezell finished with two.

Mavs down Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The final score was bad enough. Watching Shane Battier leave the game with an injury was particularly rough for the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies lost 108-97 Thursday night to the Dallas Mavericks, who were led by Dirk Nowitzki with 32 points and Steve Nash with 20 points and 10 assists.

Battier who left the game in the third period with a strained muscle in his left hip. The Grizzlies will know more about the extent of the injury Friday when Battier has an MRI.

"If we lose Shane for the rest of the season, guys will have to step up," coach Sidney Lowe said. "Will Solomon will be called on and he has got to be ready to play."

Memphis was led by Pau Gasol with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Williams had 16 points and eight assists. But the Grizzlies got only four points from Battier.

Battier, a first-round draft choice from Duke, was averaging 39.8 minutes a game and is the only member of the team to start all 38 games this season. He came into the game averaging 14.8 points.

Dallas never trailed, breaking for the half with a 55-49 advantage.

The Mavericks led by 12 points, 90-78, with just over eight minutes left in after Eduardo Najera scored on a drive. The Grizzlies then scored six straight points and eventually trailed by five points, 92-87, with 6:13 left.

But a 10-footer by Nowitzki and two layups by Adrian Griffin pushed the lead to 98-87, and Memphis trailed by at least eight points the rest of the way.

"We're still not doing a good job of putting teams away early," Nowitzki said. "That's dangerous. You keep teams hanging around and they make a couple of shots, especially at home with the crowd going, and they're right back in the game."

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	26	11	.703	—
Boston	23	14	.622	3
Orlando	20	20	.500	7½
Washington	18	18	.500	7½
Philadelphia	18	20	.474	8½
New York	14	23	.378	12
Miami	11	26	.297	15

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	23	13	.639	—
Toronto	22	17	.564	2½
Indiana	21	19	.525	4
Charlotte	18	20	.474	6
Detroit	17	19	.472	6
Atlanta	13	25	.342	11
Cleveland	13	26	.333	11½
Chicago	8	30	.211	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	28	9	.757	—
San Antonio	27	10	.730	1
Dallas	27	12	.692	2
Utah	21	18	.539	8
Houston	12	26	.316	16½
Memphis	12	26	.316	16½
Denver	11	26	.297	17

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	9	.763	—
L.A. Lakers	27	9	.750	1
Seattle	19	18	.513	9½
L.A. Clippers	19	20	.487	10½
Phoenix	19	20	.487	10½
Portland	19	20	.487	10½
Golden State	13	24	.351	15½

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 93, Charlotte 88
Chicago 94, Atlanta 91
Dallas 108, Memphis 97
San Antonio 102, Utah 98
Miami 92, Portland 90, OT

Friday's Games
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
Charlotte at New York, 1 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 4 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
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7th grade falls to Cavazos

LUBBOCK — Two solid efforts fell short Thursday night for Snyder seventh grade.

Snyder Black was edged by Lubbock Cavazos, 30-29, while Snyder Gold suffered a 37-30 setback.

James Hernandez poured in 10 points to pace Snyder Black.

Michael Mann posted five points, and Omar Herrera tallied four. Chase Medina, Ryan Arredondo, Chase Burleson and Jeremy Rodriguez finished with two apiece.

For Snyder Gold, Ryan Mitchell led the way with 10 points.

Pete Villa drained eight points. Matthew Schoolcraft and Sid Wiggins scored four each, and Cody Reed and Tyler Driggers chipped in two apiece.

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In the Matter of the Marriage of Valarie Castleberry and Allan Castleberry.

Petitioner's Attorney Name and Address:

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GOP marks record year of fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rewarded for recapturing the White House, the Republican National Committee raised a record $82 million in political donations in 2001, nearly doubling the Democrats' own record take.

The RNC said Thursday that in addition to raising its highest total for a nonelection year, it started 2002 with $29 million in the bank, the most it has ever had entering an election year.

The Democratic National Committee raised $46.5 million last year, also a record for a nonelection year, but it started 2002 breaking even, with about the same amount in debt as it had cash on hand.

The White House has played a key role in the parties' changing fortunes.

The RNC historically has held a fund-raising advantage over the DNC, a gap President Bill Clinton worked hard to narrow during his eight years in office.

Now, with Republican George W. Bush in the White House, and the GOP in control of the House, the RNC is once again building on its fund-raising advantage over its Democratic counterpart. The $82 million raised last year surpassed its last nonelection-year record, set in 1995, by more than $23 million.

"I think it's reflective of the support that people all across the country have given to the president," RNC spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said. "His agenda, his accomplishments, his leadership since September 11 have resulted in a lot of new people giving money to the party and a real strength in our grass-roots support." Of last year's 794,682 donors, 219,165 were new contributors.

The big bucks started rolling in long before the terror attacks. Last spring, Bush raised $23.9 million in contribution pledges in one night alone at an RNC gala.

Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe said he is in an all-out drive to boost DNC fund-raising, particularly "hard money" donations from individuals and political action committees that are limited in size and can be spent directly on candidates.

The Republicans have long been far more successful at raising hard money, in part through sophisticated use of direct mail, something it has done for more than 30 years. The DNC's McAuliffe is working to emulate the RNC's large direct-mail, small-donor base.

More than two-thirds of the RNC contributions, or about $56 million, came from telephone solicitations and direct mail, Tucker said.

The RNC's biggest contributions included $750,000 from Anchor Gaming, $703,032 from Marriott International, $488,260 from Hyatt Corp. and $444,364 from Philip Morris, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics.

U.S. trade deficit narrows in November as oil imports fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to $27.9 billion in November as oil imports fell to the lowest level in more than two years, the government said today.

The Commerce Department reported that the deficit in goods and services narrowed by 4.9 percent from an October imbalance of $29.3 billion.

The gap in goods alone narrowed by 3.1 percent to $33.97 billion, the smallest goods deficit since January 2000. Much of the improvement in that area came from a dramatic 17.4 percent plunge in oil imports, which fell to $6.5 billion in November, the lowest level since July 1999.

Through the first 11 months of 2001, the country's trade deficit was running at an annual rate of $349 billion, down from the all-time high of $375.7 billion hit in 2000.

The Bush administration had hoped to reduce the massive trade deficit by boosting U.S. exports through new trade liberalization agreements around the world.

The improvement this year is the result of the country's first recession in a decade. That has cut into demand for imports, which are down 5.4 percent from a year ago.

Exports, because economic weakness in the United States has spread overseas, were down by 5 percent through the first 11 months of 2001 compared to the same period in 2000.

For November, the deficits with both China and Japan, the countries with which the United States has its biggest imbalances, showed improvements.

The deficit with China narrowed by 21.1 percent to $7.2 billion, the lowest level since June. That reflected a drop-off in shipments of toys, which had soared in previous months as retailers stocked up for Christmas. The individual country figures, unlike the overall numbers, are not adjusted for seasonal variations.

The deficit with Japan fell 15.6 percent to $5.87 billion; a big drop in imports outpaced a fall in U.S. exports to Japan, which declined to the lowest level in more than two years.

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Gas from derailed train kills one

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — A train derailed west of this North Dakota city early today, sending a cloud of anhydrous ammonia gas over the area, killing one resident and sending dozens more to the hospital.

"It was like something just grabbed your lungs," said state Sen. Randy Schobinger, who lives about 500 feet from the tracks.

Ten people were in the intensive care unit at Trinity Hospital today morning, and more than 35 others had gone to the hospital for treatment, Ward County Sheriff Vern Erck said.

Some residents were forced to evacuate, and dozens were being given oxygen or having their eyes flushed with water at temporary public shelters.

Authorities did not immediately identify the man who died. Erck said he was found outside his home, close to the wreck.

The accident happened at about 1:40 a.m., when about 20 cars of a 112-car Canadian Pacific Railway train derailed, Gov. John Hoeven said.

"A couple of them have rolled away from the track, and there's just a small plume coming out of one of the cars," Hoeven said. He was not sure how many of the cars held anhydrous ammonia, a fertilizer that can burn the nose and throat.

The cause of the derailment was not immediately known. Authorities were working to build a road to the crash site about a mile west of Minot, Hoeven said.

Minot, population 36,000, is about 100 miles north of Bismarck.

With temperatures hovering around 5 below zero, Paul Behm, who owns a truck stop near the derailment site, put a moist towel over his nose and mouth and went knocking on doors to make sure friends living nearby were not hurt.

"The cloud had started kind of enveloping the truck stop area," Behm said. "It smells just like ammonia cleaner, only higher concentrate."

State emergency manager Doug Friez said some people were evacuated, but did not say how many. The derailment also knocked out power to parts of Minot and neighboring Burlington, railway spokeswoman Laura Baenen said.

Shoe bomb suspect enters innocent plea

BOSTON (AP) — The man accused of trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with bombs in his shoes pleaded innocent today to terrorism-related charges in federal court.

Richard C. Reid, a 28-year-old British citizen, answered "Not guilty" to eight charges, including attempting to murder the 197 passengers and crew members aboard American Airlines Flight 63 on Dec. 22. For technical reasons, the defense had the judge enter the innocent plea on the ninth charge.

Reid appeared in U.S. District Court in heavy shackles and looked down during much of the brief hearing.

Reid was initially charged with interfering with a flight crew. The new terrorism charges, issued Wednesday, accuse him of having been trained in Afghanistan by the al-Qaida terrorist network and of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction.

Reid was subdued by flight attendants and passengers on the Paris-to-Miami flight after he allegedly attempted to light a fuse protruding from his shoes.

Authorities said each shoe contained a plastic explosive often used by terrorists. They said the homemade bombs could easily have ripped a hole in the plane if Reid had successfully ignited them.

Reid's case is being prosecuted in Boston because the plane was diverted to the city's Logan International Airport. He could get five life sentences if convicted.

Officers arrest woman for the use of inhalants

Arrests

A 24-year-old woman was taken into custody at 1 p.m. Thursday for bond surrender, possession of inhalant paraphernalia, and use and possession of an inhaler.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old man in the 3000 block of College Ave. Thursday morning for driving without a license and for warrants for failure to appear before a judge.

A DPS trooper arrested a 47-year-old man in the 3700 block of Ave. C at 2:15 p.m. Thursday for driving while intoxicated.

Just before midnight Thursday officers arrested a 53-year-old man on the old Lubbock Highway for driving while intoxicated. He was transported to jail and his vehicle was towed.

Disturbance

Officers responded to a disturbance at the driver's license office at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in reference to a juvenile causing a disturbance there. The juvenile was left in the custody of a parent and officers advised everything was in order upon their departure.

Close patrol

A man contacted officers at the police department to request a close patrol of his residence on 26th Street after seeing several suspicious people around his property. Officers initiated an ongoing close patrol.

TXU Corp. forms separate business to deliver power to customers throughout Texas

TXU Corporation Thursday announced it has formed a separate business to deliver power to customers in Texas.

Oncor, the new firm, was created to separate the delivery of electric energy from the retail sales of electricity in the newly deregulated Texas market.

Tim Burk, operations manager in Snyder, said local customers will still receive a bill from TXU as long as they keep the company as their retail electric provider (REP).

"TXU will still provide you with your power," he said. "Oncor will handle the physical aspects of the business. It will be responsible for the power lines and poles."

Oncor, whose energy delivery responsibilities remain regulated, is the company that will construct, operate and maintain the infrastructure that moves electricity around its service area on behalf of the REPs that sell the power.

The Oncor service area stretches across 92 counties in North Central, East and West Texas and includes about one-third of the state's geographic area and population.

The company has 13,000 miles of electric transmission line and 9,000 miles of natural gas pipeline.

Burk said the only noticeable changes in Snyder will be the Oncor name on vehicles and meter reader uniforms.

TXU Energy is the competitive, unregulated REP that sells electricity service to customers throughout Texas and the nation.

The parent company will continue to be TXU Corp., which is ranked among the top five energy traders globally.

In addition to TXU's electric transmission and distribution, pipeline services and gas delivery, Oncor will include Oncor Utility Solutions, which offers unregulated management and operating services to electric cooperatives, municipal and investor-owned utilities.

The system-wide name change throughout Texas will cost the Dallas-based company about $3 million.

Obituaries

J.B. Bowling

1924-2002

POSEY, Calif. — J.B. Bowling, a native of Hermleigh, died Jan. 8 in Hanford Hospital in California after a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Bowling, 77, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday in the Blue Mountain Cemetery in Woody, Calif.

Born Oct. 25, 1924 in Scurry County, he married Dorothy Reilly on Oct. 23, 1959 in San Diego, Calif. She preceded him in death.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Nellie Bly Bowling; a brother, Jack Bowling; a sister, Darlene Bowling; and a stepson, Tommy Cooper.

Mr. Bowling was reared in Fluvanna and Snyder and was retired from the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Ron Bowling of St. Cloud, Fla.; two daughters, Darlene Porter of Orlando, Fla., and Marcia Madden of Posey; three stepsons, David and Robert Cooper of San Diego and Bill Cooper of Portland, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Scurry County Stock Show results

Swine Show

Overall grand champion: Corbin Smith, Snyder 4H; Overall reserve grand champion, Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Senior showmanship, Chance Tatum, Snyder FFA; Junior Showmanship, Jordan Derryberry, Snyder 4H.

Duroc Grand Champion breed: Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; Reserve champion breed: Ashton Burton, Snyder FFA.

Lightweight Duroc: 1. Kailea Shaw, Scurry Co. 4H; 2. Bubba Walker, Ira FFA; 3. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA; 4. Valerie West, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Stetson Kincheloe, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Duroc: 1. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 2. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 3. Soslan Jusoyev, Snyder FFA; 4. Kelsey Shaw, Scurry County 4H; 5. Aryn Calley, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Duroc: 1. Ashton Burton, Snyder FFA; 2. Jada Bilano, Scurry County 4H; 3. Sarah Gunset, Ira FFA; 4. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 5. Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA.

Hampshire grand champion breed: Jessica Odom, Ira FFA; Reserve champion breed: Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA.

Lightweight Hampshire: 1. Chance Tatum, Snyder FFA; 2. Ashton Burton, Snyder FFA; 3. Ty Burton, Snyder FFA; 4. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 5. Allison Swigert, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Hampshire: 1. Ashton Burton, Snyder FFA; 2. Jordan Williamson, Hermleigh FFA; 3. Soslan Jusoyev, Snyder FFA; 4. Melanie Kariainen, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Valerie West, Hermleigh FFA.

Heavyweight Hampshire: 1. Jessica Odom, Ira FFA; 2. Brandon Lunsford, Ira FFA; 3. Ty Collier, Snyder FFA; 4. Amanda Whisenhunt, Snyder FFA; 5. Darrell Cook, Snyder FFA.

OPB Breed Champion: Kendra Tidwell, Snyder FFA; Reserve Breed Champion: Annie Stribling, Snyder FFA.

White OPB: 1. Kendra Tidwell, Snyder FFA; 2. Annie Stribling, Snyder FFA; 3. Jenna Neff, Snyder FFA; 4. Chance Tatum, Snyder FFA; 5. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA.

Black OPB Champion: Austin Rinehart, Snyder FFA; Reserve Champion: Ty Collier, Snyder FFA.

Lightweight Black OPB: 1. Ty Collier, Snyder FFA; 2. Kira Bilano, Scurry County 4H; 2. Christopher Ward, Snyder FFA; 4. Terri Bullock, Snyder FFA; 5. Kendall Tidwell, Snyder FFA.

Heavyweight Black OPB: 1. Austin Rinehart, Snyder FFA; 2. Wesley Kellner, Ira FFA; 3. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 4. Annie Stribling, Snyder FFA; 5. Shana Blackard, Snyder FFA.

Yorkshire Breed Grand Champion: Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; Reserve Champion Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA.

Lightweight Yorkshire: 1. Jordan Stansell, Scurry County 4H; 2. Annie Stribling, Snyder FFA; 3. Sarah Carpenter, Snyder FFA; 4. Dylan Early, Snyder FFA; 5. Ricky Early, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Yorkshire: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 2. Celeigh Sterling, Ira FFA; 3. Soslan Jusoyev, Snyder FFA; 4. Corey Longorio, Snyder FFA; 5. Brittany Dickerhoff, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Yorkshire: 1. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 2. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; 3. Shana Blackard, Snyder FFA; 4. Joe Bishop, Snyder FFA; 5. Jake Harvey, Snyder FFA.

Cross Grand Champion Breed: Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; Reserve champion; Cody Wall, Snyder FFA.

Lightweight Cross: 1. Cody Wall, Snyder FFA; 2. Stetson Kincheloe, Snyder FFA; 3. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 4. Ricky Early, Snyder FFA; 5. Soslan Jusoyev, Snyder FFA.

Mediumweight Cross: 1. Justin Taylor, Ira FFA; 2. Laci Hackfeld, Snyder FFA; 3. Lindsey Urias, Scurry County 4H; 4. Jordan Payne, Scurry County 4H; 5. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA.

Heavyweight Cross: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4H; 2. Kelissa Craig, Snyder FFA; 3. Kailea Shaw, Scurry County 4H; 4. Kelsey Shaw, Scurry County 4H; 5. Jordan Williamson, Hermleigh FFA.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum reception Sunday

A reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum will open displays of international kites and Kay Smith's original watercolor paintings. Smaller kites will be exhibited at the museum and the larger kites will be displayed at the Student Center, Fine Arts Theatre, Learning Resource Center and the Administration Building on the WTC campus.

AARP Chapter meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Fran Farmer will be the guest speaker.

Bible study

The public is invited to Bible study at the Iglesia de Cristo from 7-8:15 p.m. Monday. The church is located at 501 N. College Ave.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Stephen: The Spirit-Filled Preacher," followed by "What is a Miracle?"

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Tuesday and again, Tuesday, 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.

FFA booster club

The FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building to discuss major stock shows.

Seniors' swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. start Tuesday at the Western Texas College pool.

MAWC monthly luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be made at Ira School Wednesday. Also, each class group, K-12, will be photographed. Each student will also be photographed. The friendship pictures have a sitting fee of $2 per person in the picture. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be received. Call 573-2628 for more information.

FBC services televised

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

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland for Stanfield Elementary students and their familes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Five tickets for $1 will be on sale at the school from 8 to 8:30 Thursday and next Friday. Entry is through the gym door and is sponsored by the Stanfield Parent-Teacher Council. For more information call 573-5841 or 573-2159.

Sing-a-long

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene, will join Post and Levelland in an old fashioned sing-a-long at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the church in Post, 202 W. 10th.

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Feb. 1. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Windbreak trees

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

Adult basic education classes

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

ESL, GED classes

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

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

VFW membership drive

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

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday, Feb. 12. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.

FBC support groups

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

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Shattered town mourns for law school shooting victims

GRUNDY, Va. (AP) — Hundreds of people gathered to remember a dean, a professor and a student who authorities say were killed during a campus shooting spree by a man described as "off-balance" and prone to vulgar outbursts and violence.

Students lit tiny white candles and wept in small, shivering circles at the Appalachian School of Law as they remembered the victims Thursday.

"They were irreplaceable, whether you see them as teachers or father figures or friends," said William Sievers, 25, president of the school's Student Bar Association. "It's going to be tough going back to school."

Peter Odighizuwa, 43, a troubled law student who had recently flunked out of school for a second time, opened fire with a handgun at the school on Wednesday, police said.

Dean L. Anthony Sutin and professor Thomas Blackwell were slain in their offices and student Angela Dales, 33, died later at a hospital. Three other students were wounded.

Kenneth Brown said his fellow students always joked that Odighizuwa was one of those guys who would finally crack and bring a gun to school.

"He was kind of off-balance," said Brown, 28. "When we met last year, he actually came up and shook my hand and asked my name. Then, like five minutes later he came back and said, 'You know I'm not crazy, but people tick me off sometimes.' Out of the blue."

Odighizuwa, a native of Nigeria, faces three counts of capital murder, three counts of attempted capital murder and six weapons charges.

At an arraignment Thursday, Odighizuwa told the judge he was sick and needed help.

"I was supposed to see my doctor," Odighizuwa said, hiding his face behind a green arrest warrant. "He was supposed to help me out ... I don't have my medication."

Prosecutor Sheila Tolliver said she will seek the death penalty.

Students described Sutin as a hands-on administrator who knew all of his students' names.

"He just had this integrity about him," said Mary Kilpatrick, who will graduate in a semester.

Blackwell, a father of three, was remembered as an avid runner and trumpet player. He recently performed with his family in a Christmas show at a local elementary school, said professor Stewart Harris.

Dales, a mother of an 8-year-old girl, became a student after working as a recruiter for the school. She wanted to work in law education.

Odighizuwa was arrested on Aug. 15 for allegedly assaulting his wife. The police report said he hit her in the face, bruising her right eye.

Chief Deputy Randall Ashby said Odighizuwa repeatedly approached police with concerns about people breaking into his house on the outskirts of this small town in western Virginia.

Grundy, a gritty coal town of about 1,100 in the shadow of two great mountain ridges, has long been isolated from violent crime, the Rev. Stan Parris said at an afternoon memorial at the Grundy Baptist Church. He asked the crowd of a few hundred to pray and reassured them that "God will bring justice."

On the Net: Appalachian Law School: http://www.asl.edu

Last survivor pulled from WTC rubble leaves hospital

WEST HAVERSTRAW, N.Y. (AP) — When the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed on Sept. 11, Port Authority Sgt. John McLoughlin found himself pinned from his hips to his feet under 30 feet of debris, in a cavern "the size of a body."

His helmet was wedged tight, so he couldn't move his head. But he was conscious, as were two of his colleagues — until the collapse of the north tower killed one of them just as he was digging himself out.

Deputy Chief Robert Caron of the Port Authority police said McLoughlin, who went home from the hospital Thursday, was the last survivor pulled from the trade center ruins after spending 22 hours under the rubble.

McLoughlin said he and rookie Officer William Jimeno, who was pinned a few feet above him, talked about their families before they were rescued.

"All I thought about was my family," McLoughlin said. "I had to get out for them. I'm not saying there weren't points of sheer desperation. There was a point of acceptance of dying."

Sometime that night, Jimeno's cries for help were heard by Dave Karens, a former Marine who had driven from Connecticut to assist in the rescue. Rescue workers, desperate to find survivors, converged on the site and dug Jimeno out.

It took eight hours more for them to get to McLoughlin, but as he said Thursday, "Once they started digging, I knew I was getting out."

McLoughlin, 48, steered his wheelchair into a farewell news conference Thursday at Helen Hayes Hospital. He wore a Port Authority Police Department cap; his 4-year-old daughter Erin, sitting in his lap, wore a shirt that said, "Never forget." Three other children and his wife, Donna, stood at his side.

McLoughlin counted off the "miracles" that saved him.

"How did we survive the collapse of two buildings on top of us?" McLoughlin asked. "How did a Marine somehow find us in the debris field? How did the rescuers dig us out? How did the doctors get my legs working?"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002

You're likely to handle yourself quite well in the year ahead in situations where you act independent of others. But where you have to share the authority, it could be a different story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your spouse or someone with whom you've planned to spend your day may not feel the same way about an activity as you do. Compromise is called for, not contention. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you rate your chances of getting something you want higher than they are in reality, you'll set yourself up for a huge disappointment today. Take off the blinders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You might realize you're being had today when someone tries to take advantage of your generous nature. But for reasons known only to you, you'll let it happen anyway.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you've designed a faulty game plan, chances are you won't be getting the types of results you desire today. Go back to the drawing board and check things out once more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It could be one of those backward days when the people you trust will let you down, while those who usually aren't reliable may come through for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Bring impulsive spending on frivolous things or activities today into line. Don't blindly follow the way your pals blow their wads.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Believing that just because you wished for something it will simply materialize is fool's play. You can achieve your desire, but only if you're willing to work hard for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When doubts and apprehensions start to overtake you today, remember FDR's words, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Don't let negativity stand in way of success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You won't be a tight wad today if you have to turn down a friend's request for a loan. The important thing is to follow your common sense, not emotions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's impossible to please everybody all the time, so don't get upset if, after you've done your very best, someone is still not happy. It's his or her problem, not yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — To stay out of trouble today, once you agree to take on a job, apply your best effort to it. And if you don't know how to do something, do not attempt to bluff your way through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you'll mingle well even in unfamiliar places with unfamiliar people today, keep your guard up. Your judgment concerning strangers might not be too keen.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Helping an epileptic

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently witnessed a friend having an epileptic seizure. What happens to cause this? What, if anything, can a bystander do to help?

DEAR READER: A seizure can be truly frightening to an observer, because the victim loses consciousness and body control. This attack is due to sudden, random bursts of electrical activity in the brain, leading to uncontrolled movement of muscles and alterations in consciousness.

Ordinarily, most seizure activity lasts only a few minutes, following which the patient slowly returns to normal - with, however, amnesia from the event. (Rarely, seizures may be prolonged, necessitating the need for aggressive medical therapy.)

During a seizure, a person can be seriously harmed (by falling) or can stop breathing if the tongue falls back into the throat and blocks the windpipe.

Therefore, as a bystander, you can help prevent injury (by moving any hard objects that the patient might strike or cushioning the head) and by making sure the airway is open (by rolling the patient on his side or stomach, or by depressing the tongue. Use a spoon or any othe. appropriate tool for this). Don't place your fingers in the patient's mouth; you might get bitten.

You needn't worry about the seizure - in most instances, that will take care of itself. So don't restrain the victim. Remember, your primary role is to prevent injury, drowning or asphyxiation.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend tests her food to determine if it will agree with her by holding a pendulum (a watch, a chain or the like) over the food. Depending on the way the pendulum swings, she claims she can tell if the food is appropriate to eat. Is this scientifically valid?

DEAR READER: Not on your life; it's pure fantasy. By the time the pocket watch lady completes her ritual, the food will probably be cold or unappetizing anyway. Better she should just eat it, enjoy it and give up such silliness.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have irritable bowel syndrome for which I have been prescribed eight different medications, none of which help my pain and constipation. What's my next step?

DEAR READER: Irritable bowel syndrome, formerly termed spastic colon, is a common, harmless yet annoying condition marked by varying degrees of abdominal pain, flatulence, bloating and cyclic alterations in evacuation (constipation or diarrhea). The cause is unknown, but IBS is often aggravated by stress and anxiety.

Patients with the disorder should be tested (with stool examinations, bowel X-rays, colon studies and blood analyses) to rule out other, more serious and treatable disorders, such as intestinal cancer, colitis and lactose intolerance.

Treatment is largely empirical, meaning that physicians try various methods to control symptoms until the doctors and their patients discover something that works. Standard therapies include dietary restriction (avoiding foods that worsen symptoms), stool bulking agents (such as FiberCon, Metamucil or bran), anti-spasmodic drugs (such as Donnatal), anti-depressants and stress counseling. Hypnosis and psychotherapy may help severe, recalcitrant cases.

In your situation, the combination of an anti-spasmodic drug and a mild laxative (such as hot prune juice) might be useful. If your primary care physician is unable to assist you, ask for a referral to a gastroenterologist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." 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.

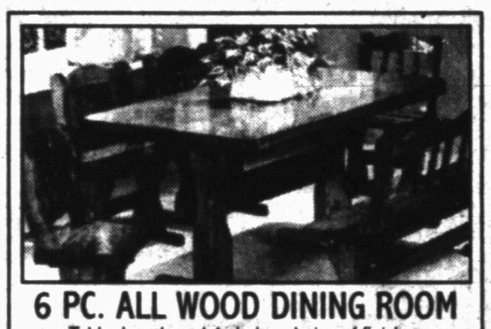
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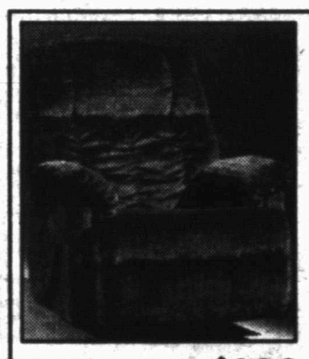
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