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County to fill treasurer's post

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

With no apparent means to abolish the office, Scurry County Commissioners this morning voted to seek applications for the position of county treasurer.

Applications will be taken for a two-week period for the office, which was left vacant when Charlie Bell was appointed county auditor following Eddie McHaney's retirement.

In its Jan. 15 meeting, the court discussed possible options, including combining it with another elected office, abolishing the position altogether or appointing someone to replace Bell and keep the office functioning.

County Attorney Michael Hartman told commissioners this morning that State Rep. David Counts' office advises against combining offices as the county would run into legal complications in doing so.

While there would be cost-savings in doing away with the office, research by Hartman and District Judge Ernie Armstrong found that the likelihood of Scurry County being able to do so is remote.

Judge Ricky Fritz explained that the procedure was involved and relied on approval of special legislation and a state-wide vote.

"The procedure is to request our state representative to sponsor a bill to put the abolition of the Scurry County treasurer's office on the constitutional amendment ballot," Fritz said. "We've checked, and it appears that the state legislature is strongly discouraging any abolition legislation.

"There is some proposed legislation that would allow a local referendum, but they've restricted it to constable positions only," Fritz said.

The appointment will be for the remainder of the two-year term. Hartman told the court that they would know before time for someone to run for the office whether the legislature passes a bill allowing for the abolishment of the position by local referendum.

In other business, the court rejected the gravel bids it had received and voted to seek bids again.

The court approved a $2,800 bid from Paul Glover for the purchase of the Knapp Community Center and a bid of $1,000 from Rhonda Frizzell to purchase the Inadale Community Center.

A $1,000 bid from Dink Foree of KSNY radio was approved for the sale of the county's 1991 van-style ambulance.

In board appointments, Foree was re-appointed to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board. Fritz apologized to Foree for overlooking his re-appointment in the last meeting.

The resignation of Sandra Graves from the Scurry County Library was approved.

Keith Ward was appointed to the Child Welfare Board, and all members of the Scurry County Historical Commission were re-appointed.

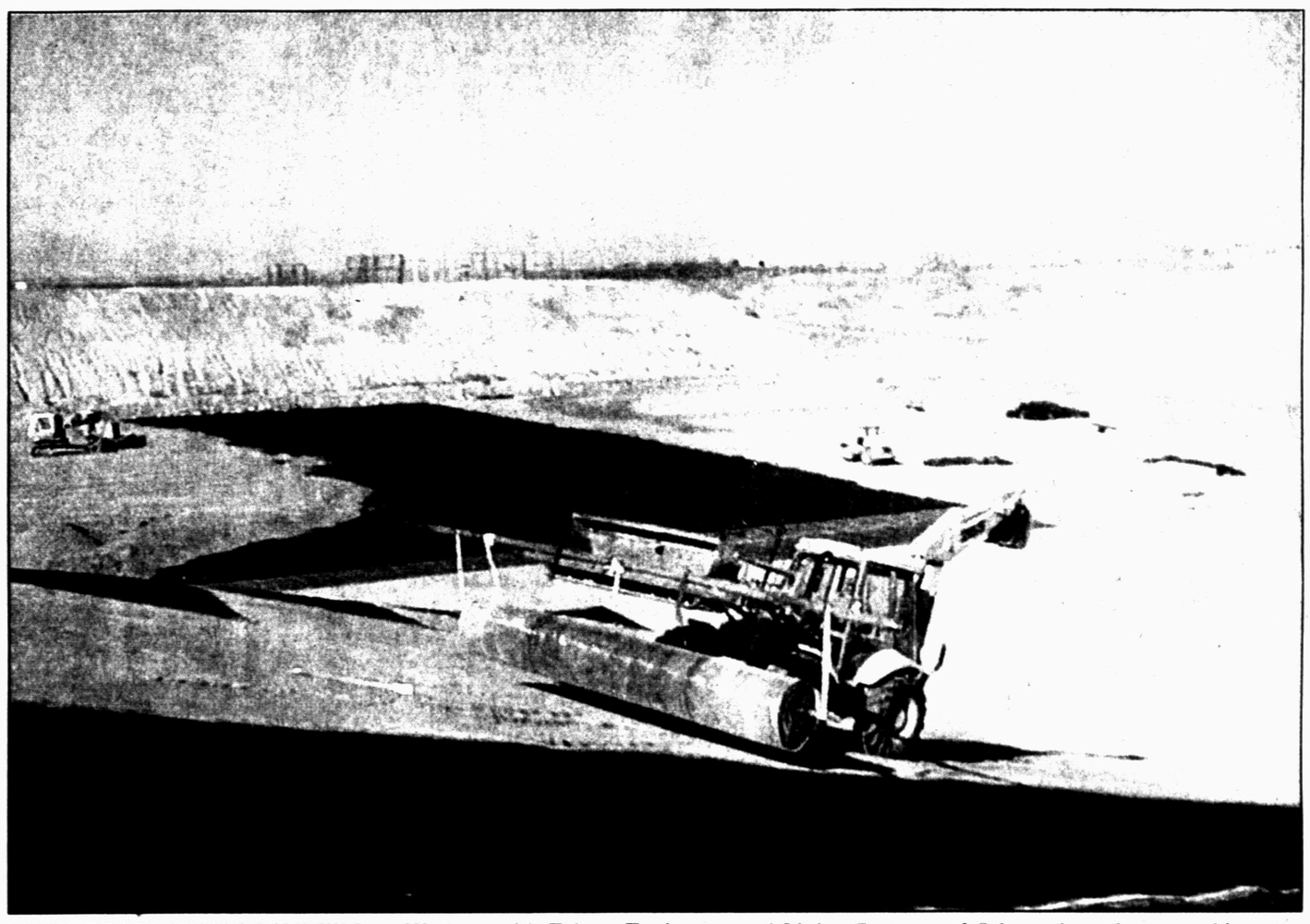
Nelda Colvin, deputy county treasurer, gave the fourth quarter 2000 treasurer's report. The county's cash balance at the end of the period was $7,171,217.

Total interest earned for the fourth quarter was $127,657. That is an increase of $11,963 compared to the third quarter of 2000.

Total interest earned for all four quarters of 2000 was $480,635, an increase of $63,155 from 1999.

A 10-year lease on a building in Winston Park was renewed to the Snyder Park Club.

Two budget amendments were granted including one for $9,000 for the sheriff's office to cover the cost to lease a new computer and replace a terminal. For the adult probation office, a $6,000 amendment was approved.



MORE ROOM AT THE LANDFILL — Workers with Falcon Environmental Lining Systems of Odessa have been working at a new area within the city's landfill lining a pit as required by law. This new cell is expected to take five years to fill. (Photo courtesy of Eli Torres)

SHS choral students advance to state

Several Snyder High School students will be competing in UIL state solo and ensemble contests in May as a result of competition Saturday.

The students earned the right to compete in the state contests in Austin as a result of their finish in the Region UIL Solo and Ensemble competition at Frenship High School.

The SHS choirs originally entered 83 solos and nine ensembles in the contests, but because of illness only 66 solos and eight ensembles performed. The choir returned with 38 ensemble medals and 23 solo medals.

Students receiving the highest rating of I on a Class I solo will compete in May. They are Shannon Chambers, Leslie English, Kelli Henderson, Valerie Hernandez, Haley Holmes, Leslye Starnes, Crissida Tyler, Michael Compton, Matt Coronado, Cole McLeod and Patrick Vantine.

Snyder small ensembles also received a rating of I and will also advance to the state competition.

The men's quartet consists of Michael Compton, Matt Coronado, Cole McLeodk and Patrick Vantine.

Ladies' quartet members are Shannon Chambers, Krisi Early, Haley Holmes and Crissida Tyler.

The Tiger Jazz Ensemble competed in the pop/swing ensemble division and received a I rating. Tiger Jazz is composed of Alison Billingsley, Rachel Cave, Michael Compton, Matt Coronado, Jessica Dea, Erin Dunham, Krisi Early, Leslie English, Brandon Gonzales, Ira Gonzales, Kelli Henderson and Haley Holmes.

Other are Melissa Maguire, Carlos Martinez, Cole McLeod, Malorye Miller, Beth Parsley, Tara Price, Marcie Rodriguez, Derek Rushing, R.J. Sanders, Bobby Sands, Crissida Tyler, Lane Whitefield.

Earning a rating of I on a Class II solo were Alison Billingsley, Stephanie Crisp, Molly Haire, Melissa Maguire, Tazmean Moorehaad, Brooke Peterson, Afton Schwertner, Robert Early, Jonathan Garza and Justin Stoker.

Receiving a rating of I on a Class III solo wer Ashley Darnell and Ashley Jenkins.

Performing a Class III ladies' ensemble and receiving a I rating were Shana Blackard, Andra Dunham, Molly Haire, Sharene Lewis, Rebecca Pavlovsky and Brooke Peterson.

Earning a rating of II on a Class I solo were Krisi Early, Felicia Ibarra, Jacinda Judah, Beth Parsley, Marcie Rodriguez, Jessica Rylant and Bobby Sands.

Awarded a rating of II on a Class II solo were Ana Arce, Marina Barrera, Shana Blackard, Debra Bollinger, LaCrystal Brooks, Andra Dunham, Alexis Dupree, Ira Gonzales, Gerrico Greenlee, Bonnie Guzman, Cecelia Lara, Tressie Martin, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Clarissa Sauceda, Scott Gilliland, Brandon Gonzales, Daniel Gurriettez, Michael Hernandez, Wade Pinson and Juan Rodriguez.

Receiving a II on a Class III solo were Sharena Lewis and Destiney Proctor.

City council will consider a number of items when it meets this evening at 6:30

Mostly routine items and the start of work on next year's proposed budget face the Snyder city council when it meets at 6:30 this evening at city hall.

Agenda items include the second reading of an ordinance establishing right-of-way regulations for utility companies, the second reading of an ordinance closing a portion of the 1500 block of 29th Street as requested by the Snyder Boys and Girls Club to expand athletic fields, and the second reading of an ordinance setting the speed limit in the area of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Also on the agenda is the first reading of an ordinance abandoning a portion of 45th Street in Towle Park. The ordinance also provides for a 20-foot sewer maintenance easement. It would also allow paving a portion of Avenue Z at the owner's expense. This item was tabled last month.

The council will also order the May 5 election for the position of mayor and both at-large council seats, and discuss the appointment of Francene Noah as election judge and Joyce Cooper as alternate.

The council will also begin discussion of the 2001-2002 budget, and again discuss adopting a new city personnel policy handbook.

Also on the agenda is a request by the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to approve an amendment to a contract that provides engineering services for the 2000-01 in-house water line replacement project.

The council will also meet in executive session to begin the yearly evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

Six from here will attend 'Senior Day' activities

Normal Laywell, Evelyn Tate, Alice Underwood, Faydean Hart and Bonnie Elledge, along with director Carla Thompson, will be attend the first "Senior Day at the Capitol" on Tuesday.

The six are representing the Scurry County Senior Center.

The event is designed to raise public awareness of seniors' contributions to the state in all areas of public and private life.

The daylong celebration will be highlighted by ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. on the steps of the capitol.

Bruce Bower, chairman of the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition, said Senior Day represents, "Due respect for a generation that has put its lives on the line to safeguard our freedom, enriched our cultural and economic life beyond measure and carried our state from rural electrification to the dawn of instantaneous global communication."

The ceremonies on the capitol steps will be followed by the official opening of a Senior Day exhibit in the capitol.

Ira board will discuss honor for Roy Sallee

Ira ISD board members will meet today at 7 p.m. in a called meeting at the Ira schools.

The board will consider naming a building, perhaps a gym, in remembrance of Roy Sallee.

Sallee, who served as superintendent at Ira from 1955-1975, passed away Wednesday.

In other business tonight, the board will meet in closed session to consider the salary of Supt. Jim Rumage. In the February meeting, the board extended his contract through June, 2004, but did not set his salary.

That action is expected tonight.

Rumage will also report on plans to update the school's air conditioning in the gym, and the flooring in the main building.

DCOS to meet with Lorber's president

Tom Lorber, president and chief executive officer of Lorber Industries of California, will meet with the Development Corporation of Snyder board at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The meeting will be in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.

Snyder FSA will host ag producer's meet

A producer's meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

Topics of discussion will include the 2000 crop disaster program, livestock assistance program, the non-insured crop assistance program and the conservation reserve program.

Joe Hefner, director of the Scurry County Farm Service Agency, said some changes in the current disaster programs have been made, and information will be given that will be helpful to agriculture producers.

Hefner also said that although sign-ups for the 2000 crop disaster program (CDP) has begun, an ending date has yet to be set.

Hefner said that funding for the 2000 CDP is not limited, therefore a national payment factor will not apply and payments can be issued as soon as the regulations have been published and all payment criteria have been met.

Crops eligible for CDP includes insured crops, uninsured crops and non-insurable crops.

ASK US

Q—How can I contact a member of the local American Heart Association?
A—Call 573-2913.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 66 degrees; low, 29; high Sunday, 57; low, 28; 7 a.m. Monday, 29; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low lower 30s, W. wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high mid 60s, light NE wind becoming SE 10-20 mph.



Stephen Kelly
Sunny

Sunset:
6:23 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:33 a.m.
Of 35 days in 2000, the sun has shone 29 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Those who exaggerate in their statements belittle themselves.
—C. Simmons

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 11-J northwest Ira, a 7,200-foot wildcat located four miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 18 O.L. Burney in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 2,650 feet, drill site is in Section 146, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Honeck Oil Co. will drill the No. 208 Borden unit in the Reo field, 11 miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 39, Block 32, T6N, T&P survey.

Honeck Oil will drill the No. 402 Creighton unit in the Lamb field, 11 miles northwest of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 6,500 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 32, T6N, T&P survey.

Honeck Oil will drill the No. 402 Creighton unit in the Lamb field, 11 miles northwest of Gail. Also planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 321, T6N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum will drill the No. 118 Lott Trust in the Lazy JL field, 12 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,810 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum will drill the No. 113 Lott Trust in the Coulter south field, 15 miles southwest of Post. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 8,520 feet, and drill site is in Section 13, Block 30, T7N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

First Permian has completed the No. 846 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. The well was finaled to produce 182 barrels of oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,994-3,002 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating has completed the No. 31-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 12 barrels of oil and 70 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,057-3,353 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

First Permian has completed the No. 847 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. The well was finaled to produce two barrels of oil and 385 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,954-3,115 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 37-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field. Planned depth is 6,500 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 11-A Jordan in the Maryneal field, five miles southeast of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 75 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,114-125 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block Z, T&P survey.

Chisholm Operating Inc. has completed the No. 10 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry field, five miles northeast of Nolan. The venture was completed to produce 110 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations wee from 4,026-031 feet, and location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

USS Cole commander meets families

DALLAS (AP) — Almost four months after terrorists bombed the USS Cole, Cmdr. Kirk Lippold, the Cole's captain, and Master Chief James Parlier are visiting the families of the 17 victims to offer condolences and answer questions about the attack.

Sarah Gauna, the mother of slain sailor Tim Gauna, was visited by the pair Sunday in Ennis as they tried to comfort her, console her and answer tough questions about how her son was killed.

Monday was the day Tim Gauna was supposed to come home, but the seaman from Texas was one of the 17 sailors killed Oct. 12 when suicide bombers attacked the Cole in Yemen.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that my son would be a hero," Sarah Gauna said in Monday's editions of The Dallas Morning News, as she cried and tightly clutched a photo of her son. "My son is a hero."

When the men arrived at the home of Seaman Gauna's uncle, James, Sarah Gauna kept them waiting for a few minutes before agreeing to see them. She hugged Master Chief Parlier, who had known her son on board the ship, then moved to the commander.

Cmdr. Lippold reached out to hug her, but she hesitated. After he wrapped his arms around her, she began to cry out: "Why Tim?"

"I'm sorry," he half-whispered.

Her reply, muffled in his Navy dress blues: "Are you?"

"Yes, I am," he answered.

Then the Gauna family met in private with Cmdr. Lippold and Master Chief Parlier for about two hours. Gauna had brought a 4-inch-thick binder of documents about the explosion, with dozens of passages highlighted to remind her of questions to ask.

Cmdr. Lippold, who left the meeting without comment, has been criticized by the victims' families and a Navy investigation for failing to carry out security measures before the Cole docked in Yemen, a country known for terrorist activity. But when the investigation was closed last month by Defense Department officials, Cmdr. Lippold was not disciplined, in part because investigators found he had not been properly informed about the potential threat.

Gauna is not as generous.

"I told him I don't think he should be a commander of a ship anymore," she said. "I told him that to his face."

Gauna is still fighting for her son, almost four months after his death.

She battles with the Navy to reclaim his personal items, including a baseball glove and a cross.

Every day, Gauna visits her son's grave and reads Bible passages to him. "He tells me, 'You're doing good, Mom, you're doing good.' I know now I'm going to heaven to be with him."

Phillips Petroleum buying Tosco Corp.

NEW YORK (AP) — With its $7 billion stock purchase of Tosco Corp., Phillips Petroleum Co. has boosted its refining operations at a time when the oil industry is focused on exploration and production.

Crude prices have remained high since summertime, trading at nearly $30 a barrel wholesale, and oil companies have profited mightily from drilling operations. The acquisition of Tosco, however, positions Phillips as the nation's No. 2 refiner.

"What the company has done is akin to an investor spreading himself out in the stock market," said Peter Beutel, president of Cameron Hanover, an energy risk management firm in New Canaan, Conn.

"Exploration is today's hot topic. But crude prices will be a lot lower in a couple of years and the action will be in refining," Beutel said. "These companies are breaking the mold and looking ahead."

The transaction, which also creates a gasoline retailer with more than 12,000 stations, was approved by the boards of both companies Sunday and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of this year.

Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., is offering 0.80 of one of its shares for each share of Tosco, valuing Tosco shares at $46.50, a 34 percent premium. Shares of Tosco closed Friday at $34.61 on the New York Stock Exchange. Phillips also will assume about $2 billion in Tosco debt.

Phillips and Tosco join the ranks of other industry powerhouses formed by similar mergers: Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Texaco, Royal Dutch/Shell Group and BP Amoco Plc.

The combined companies should benefit from having refineries in all areas of the country. Phillips' refineries are primarily in the Midwest, while Tosco has operations on both coasts.

Tosco, based in Greenwich, Conn., is the country's third-largest refiner with eight refineries in California, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington with capacity to process 1.35 million barrels of oil a day. Combined, the companies would process about 1.7 million barrels a day.

Tosco has 6,400 gas stations in 32 states, operating under the brands "76" and Circle K, the nation's No. 2 convenience store chain, and about 26,000 employees.

Phillips has about 5,900 gas stations, sold under the brand "Phillips 66," across the U.S. The company has 12,400 employees and had net income of $1.86 billion in 2000.

The combined company's refining, marketing and transportation operations will be located in Tempe, Ariz.

In a conference call with journalists, Jim Mulva, Phillips chairman and CEO, and his counterpart at Tosco, Tom O'Malley, said some jobs would be eliminated but that no decision has been made on how many.

The merger is subject to approval by federal regulators and shareholders.

On the Net:
http://www.phillips66.com
http://www.tosco.com

events

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 (M) million

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-12-14-41-48-53

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 (M) million.

Pick 3

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

4-8-1

Berry's World



Date Book

Monday, Feb. 5, 2001

Today is the 36th day of 2001 and the 47th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1825, The American Mechanics' Magazine was first published in New York City.

On this day in 1918, near Saarbrucken, Germany, 1st Lt. Stephen Thompson became the first American flier to shoot down an enemy airplane.

On this day in 1971, Apollo XIV astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell landed on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marie de Sevigne (1626-1696), correspondent; Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965), U.S. statesman; William S. Burroughs (1914-1997), writer; Red Buttons (1919-), comedian-actor, is 83; Andrew Greeley (1928-), sociologist-writer, is 73; Henry Aaron (1934-), baseball great, is 67; Roger Staubach (1942-), football great, is 59; Barbara Hershey (1948-), actress, is 53; Jennifer Jason Leigh (1962-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Andre the Giant won the World Wrestling Federation championship by pinning Hulk Hogan.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions." — Adlai Stevenson

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 1) and full moon (Feb. 8).

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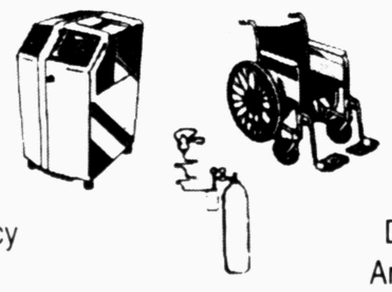
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State investigates boot camp for drugs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Rangers and other state personnel examined Mansfield boot camp's medical records and supplies after a complaint alleged the camp was illegally possessing and distributing narcotics, a boot camp spokesman said Sunday.

The three-hour search Friday was prompted by a complaint, said attorney Tony Schaffer, who represents Correctional Services Corp., the Florida-based private contractor that runs the camp for Tarrant County.

"They said, 'It's been reported that you've been illegally distributing and possessing narcotics,'" Schaffer said. "We were like, 'Well, OK, come on in.'"

The authorities declined to identify who brought the complaint which was filed Friday, he said.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said in Monday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that she had not heard about the search.

The boot camp has been at the center of controversy since an inmate, Bryan Alexander, died. Rick Alexander, Bryan's father has alleged that the boot camp provided inadequate medical care. He accuses the boot camp of forcing his son to exercise when he was coughing and wheezing.

Authorities also say antibiotics hand-delivered to the sick teenager by his father were never opened.

Alexander's father said the discovery supports his claim that his 18-year-old son didn't receive proper medical attention at the boot camp.

"I'm just outraged and appalled. I'm dumbfounded," said Rick Alexander, who brought the medicine the day before his son was hospitalized. "You entrust these people with your kid down there, and they just flat killed him."

Schaffer disputes assertions the Arlington teen-ager received inadequate care.

Regardless of whether the prescription was opened, he said, boot camp officials were providing the young man antibiotics.

"I understood that he did receive that medication, but if he didn't, then penicillin is penicillin, and he was receiving the same medication," Schaffer said.

Mansfield police retrieved the unopened prescription from the inmate's personal effects after they were called in to assist the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department in investigating the death, said state Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington.

Harris' criticism prompted outside investigations by the Texas Rangers and a special prosecutor.

The discovery of the unopened prescription is inconsistent with early reports about the young man's treatment, Harris and Alexander said.

In the days following the teenager's death Jan. 9, facility administrator Randy Tate said the boot camp provided antibiotics for the teen-ager until his father brought the prescription, then gave him pills from that supply.

Schaffer accused Harris of blowing the incident out of proportion.

"This activity is no worse than what happens in any other facility on any other given month, anywhere in the country. It's just amazing that this is such a political football," he said.

Harris, vice chairman of the senate finance committee, has threatened to campaign to close the facility if problems at the boot camp persist. He took exception to Schaffer's criticism.

"It is shocking to me that this is the mentality of this company, that abuse and neglect of a prisoner in their charge ... could be construed as business as usual and something to be ignored," Harris said.

On Jan. 4, Bryan Alexander filed a formal request for medical attention and was seen by a staff nurse the next day. The nurse called a doctor, who prescribed antibiotics but did not refer the teen to a physician, Tate has said.

Alexander was admitted to a Fort Worth hospital Jan. 7. He died two days later.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-05-01
♠ 9 6
♥ K 5 3 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ A 6 5 3

West
♠ A 10 8 7 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 3 2
♣ Q 10 9

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

South
♠ K 5 4
♥ A 8
♦ K Q 5
♣ K J 8 7 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Monday, Feb. 5, 2001

Back to the South

By Phillip Alder

After the Buderim classes, Jennifer Allfrey, Margot Girle and I drove back to Brisbane, and I promptly jumped into a cab to attend a shiraz wine tasting. It was an interesting mixture of 16 wines that highlighted the varietal's variety! This depends primarily on area. For example, in the Lower Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, you get light and elegant wines, sometimes with a peppery flavor; whereas in the McLaren Vale, southeast of Adelaide, the wines are more full-bodied.

The next morning, September 14, Meta Goodman and I drove south to Surfer's Paradise, which has some similarities with Miami Beach. I taught an afternoon class on the 10 commandments of discarding.

Against three no-trump, West leads the spade seven: six, jack, king. Declarer plays a club to dummy's ace and a club back. What should East discard?

It looks tempting to throw the heart queen onto the table, but that isn't right.

Apply the Rule of Eleven to the opening lead: 11 - 7 = 4. So, there are four spades above the seven in the dummy, the East hand and the declarer's hand combined. And East has seen all four: dummy's nine, his jack and queen, and declarer's king. Therefore, West's suit is ready to run. Yet West doesn't know where the spade queen is located. If South started with king-queen-third of spades, West would have to try to get East on lead for a spade through declarer's remaining Q-x. Also, from the Stayman sequence, West is known to have started with five or six spades.

East should clarify the situation by discarding the spade queen.

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Ejected from seat

MIAMI (AP) — NBA referee Joe Forte proved he's no "Parrothead."

Forte ejected singer Jimmy Buffett from his seat along the baseline at Sunday's New York Knicks-Miami Heat basketball game for using profanity.

Buffett, whose fans are called "Parrotheads," was escorted to another seat for the game's final quarter.

"There was a little boy sitting next to him and a lady sitting by him. He used some words he knows he shouldn't have used," Forte said.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Son rebuffs aunt's attempts to contact long-gone dad

DEAR ABBY: After my divorce 12 years ago, my ex-husband left the state and had no contact with our son, "Lance," or me. We didn't even know where he had gone. Lance was 5 at the time and is now 17.

When Lance was 6, I married a great guy who is wonderful to both of us.

Several years ago, my ex got in touch with my sister and sent her a letter and a picture of him and his new family to give to our son. When my sister gave it to Lance, he told her he wanted nothing to do with his "old dad" (his words) and told her to let things be the way they have been.

My sister continues to harass Lance to write or call his father, and has out-and-out screamed at my son for choosing his stepfather over his birth father. She has even tried to set up secret meetings, but Lance knows better than to trust her and wants nothing to do with her. Time and again he has said he wants nothing to do with his biological father. I feel my son is old enough to make his own decisions.

Because of this, we attend no family events and have cut ourselves out of everyone's life. And we have never said anything to anyone about what my sister is doing.

Lance turns 18 this year and already has plans in motion to legally change his name to his stepfather's and to be adopted by him. He uses his stepfather's name now, except for legal documents. (Another thing that annoys my sister.)

How can we continue to deal with my sister until he turns 18, and what should we say if someone brings up the fact that we never come around? **— TRULY A FAMILY IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR TRULY: There is nothing you can do to stop your sister from meddling. She is convinced she knows what is best for her nephew and obviously has a long alliance with your ex-husband. Your son has done an admirable job of handling her on his own.

I'm mystified that you would protect your sister by telling no one about her trouble-making and cut yourself off from the rest of the family. It was a mistake you should correct. If someone brings up the fact that you have been absent, speak up and explain why. If you do, I'm sure you'll find you have allies.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently saw the letter in your column from Jack Anspach, who dreamed that the next president would have six letters in his first name and four letters in his last name. He bemoaned the fact that he had failed to place a bet.

Apparently, it escaped his attention — and yours — that the names of BOTH major-party candidates have six and four letters. I would have expected you or one of your staff to have caught such an obvious error before going to print.

By now, he's probably got your column matted and framed and proudly on display in his office. Imagine his surprise when he finally discovers that Al is short for Albert. **— JODY IN MEMPHIS**

DEAR JODY: Jack got it! I got it! And I'm pleased that so many of my readers also got the JOKE. A little amusement in serious times can be a ray of sunshine on a dreary day, and I think we all needed a dose of humor around that time.

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California utilities suspend charitable giving during crisis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California's energy crisis has created an unexpected backlash for nonprofit organizations — the disappearance of charitable contributions from the state's two largest utilities, once leaders in corporate philanthropy.

Pacific Gas and Electric, which has given $22 million to northern California causes in the last three years, discontinued its donations indefinitely last month, said PG&E spokesman Ron Low.

Southern California Edison, once a highly visible donor to the arts, education and the environment, has also halted charitable donations, said spokesman Ray Golden.

"Between May and January we've amassed about $5 billion in debt," Golden said. "At that point we had to do whatever we could to reserve cash."

Between them, the utilities say they've lost $12.7 billion in six months and face possibly bankruptcy. They blame the cash crisis on California's 1996 energy deregulation law which blocks them from raising rates.

Charities are already beginning to feel the chill.

The United Way, which received $860,000 from Edison and its employees last year, isn't expecting any money this year. Ironically, the organization sent a letter to Edison's corporate headquarters listing services, like job counseling, offered by its member agencies.

In recent years, PG&E has also provided about $250,000 a year to the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the American Red Cross. This year, PG&E's contribution will likely be limited to offering volunteers and technical expertise, said Red Cross spokesman Jason Smith.

But some community activists say scaling back might not be a bad idea for utilities as the threat of bankruptcy looms.

"They're going to have a severe image problem for a while," said Bruce Whitaker, an Orange County accountant and government watchdog. "They might as well duck back in the foxhole. ... They need to be careful about being out touting themselves when their most basic service is operating on flat tires."

Seinfeld doing nothing

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — The star of a show about nothing is doing just that these days.

"I do nothing," Jerry Seinfeld told an audience at Rascal's comedy club Saturday. "A lot of people think doing nothing is really good. I tell you, you can get pretty crammed doing nothing."

Seinfeld, 46, has kept a relatively low profile since his immensely popular TV series "Seinfeld" ended its prime-time run in May 1998.

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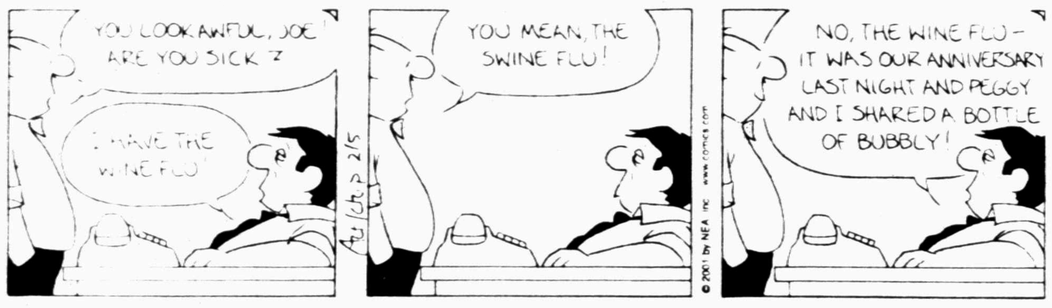


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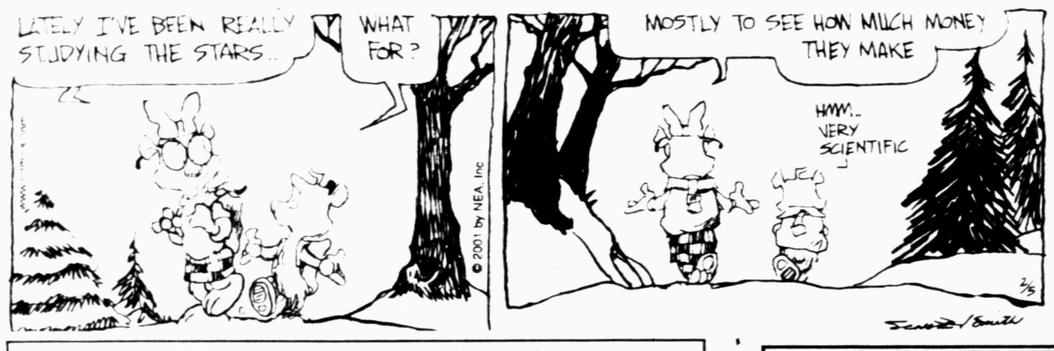
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37 Actual being
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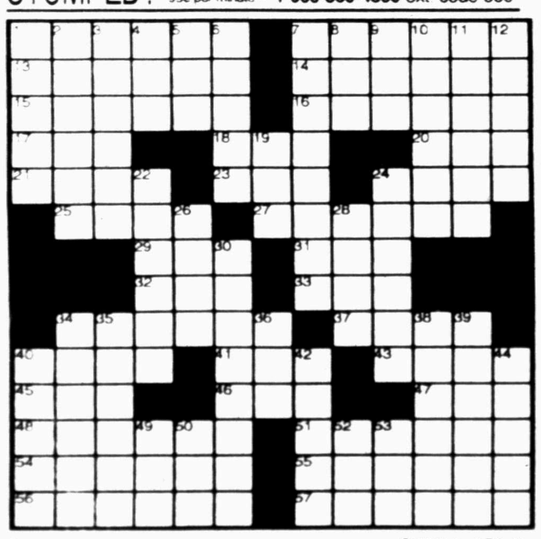
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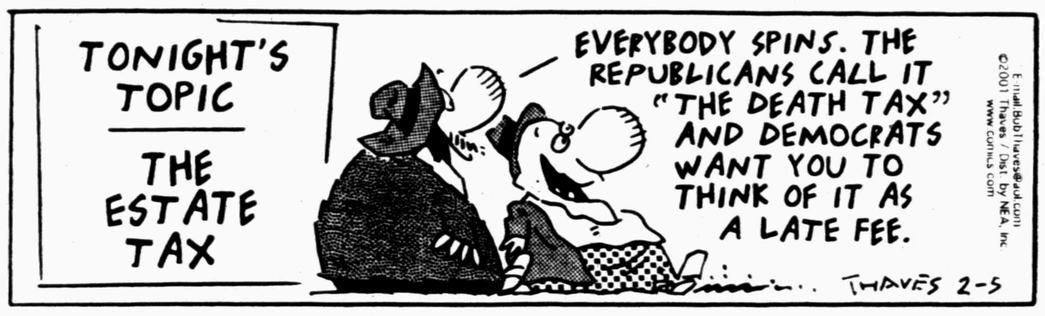
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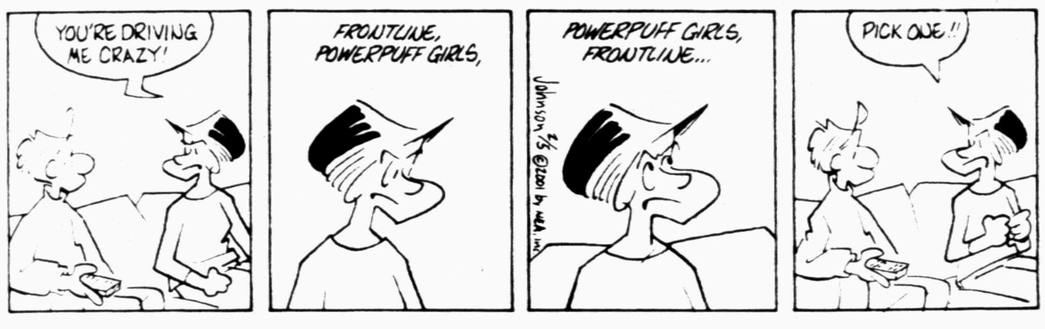


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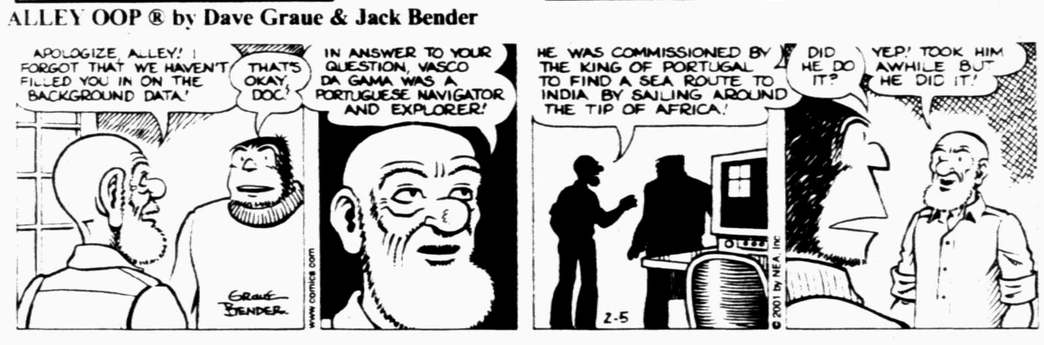
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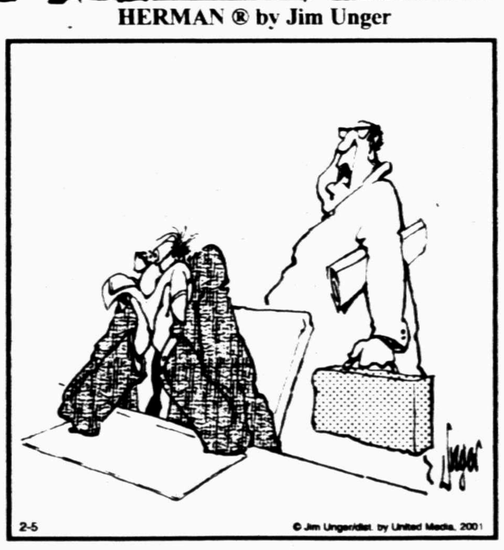
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"OH, HI, DAD. HOW ABOUT A MIDNIGHT SNACK?"

SPORTS

At TaeKwonDo tournament...

Local competitors secure top spots

A slew of local competitors got their kicks in Saturday during the West Texas TaeKwonDo Championships at Scurry County Coliseum.

Eighteen locals finished in the top three in either forms or free sparring. Competitors were divided by age and skill levels.

Capturing first place in the forms event were yellow belts Miranda Parks and Lesa Jones.

Second in forms were orange belts Nelson Sears and Fred Ramirez, yellow belt Cruz Renteria, green belt Clint Faulkner and blue belt Alex Jaramillo. Grabbing third place were blue belt DaNorris Smith, orange belt Codee Applin and black belt Ronnie Martinez.

Nine local competitors secured top spots in the free sparring event. Finishing first were blue belts Jordan Gafford, Santiago Jaimes and Jaramillo.

Yellow belts Mara Sheets, Cowboy Sheets, Parks and Jones also finished first, along with Faulkner and Ramirez.

Second in sparring were Seth Jaramillo at the orange belt level, and Renteria as a yellow belt.

Rounding out the top three in sparring were Cheyenne Alvarez, Fernando Ramirez and Sears as orange belts. Yellow belt Alex Bullis and Smith were also third, along with Martinez.

The top spot in the team competition went to Won Park Institute, with Southwest TaeKwonDo Academy grabbing second. Both schools are out of Fort Worth. Lee's TaeKwonDo from Dallas was third.

SHS golfers top district rivals, but finish second to Sweetwater

On one hand, the Snyder Tigers walked away from the Snyder Invitational as runners-up, but on the other hand, it was a victory of sorts for the Tigers.

Sweetwater made up three strokes and then some during Saturday's final round to win the Snyder Invitational.

The Tigers, who held a three-stroke lead over the Mustangs heading into the final round, finished second after posting a 310 at Western Texas College. Sweetwater followed up its 299 at Snyder Country Club with a 297 on Saturday. Frenship was third, followed by Abilene Wylie.

Despite falling short of the title, Snyder bested all six its district rivals in both rounds.

"I was disappointed in our play on Saturday, but overall I'm pleased with where we finished," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "We beat all the teams in our district, so we proved that we can play with the best teams in the state. Sweetwater played well both days, and they'll be a contender for the 3A state title."

Sophomore Zach Starnes, who paced the Tigers with a 2-under-par 70 on Friday, led the team again with a 74 in the final round. Clinton Calmes was the only Snyder player to improve his score on Saturday, following up his opening-round 76 with a 75.

"We still have a few things to learn about leading a tournament," Glenn stated. "We need to learn how to control our emotions, and when we get teams down, we have to put them away.

"If we would've played well on the front nine Saturday, it would've been over. But we left the door open, and it gave Sweetwater incentive to play even harder on the back nine."

Snyder's final-round scores also included an 80 from Levi Mandrell, an 81 from Stafford Gray and an 84 by Landon Day.

Frenship's Shaun Melville defeated Sweetwater's Shane Mercer in a playoff for top medalist honors. Both players finished with two-round totals of 142.

In Division II competition, Snyder II grabbed the top spot thanks in part to two sterling rounds from Brady Reed.

Reed followed up his 75 on Friday with a 78 in the final round. The SHS sophomore barely missed out on top medalist honors, falling to Colorado City's Landon Hammond in a playoff.

Snyder's Tanner Beard fired an 82 on Saturday, while Jason Williams carded an 85. Vaughn Wiggins came in with an 86, and Matt McCormick posted an 87.

Snyder III finished 12th in Division II. Final-round scores for Snyder were Nathan Hines, 92; James Mills, 97; Taylor Cotton, 103; Hunter Shipp, 109; Cameron Harrison, 120.

Snyder varsity will duel San Angelo Central on Saturday, while the junior varsity Tigers compete at the Big Spring Invitational.

The Snyder girls open their spring schedule Friday and Saturday at Big Spring.

Snyder Boys Golf Invitational
Final Round
DIVISION I
at Western Texas College

Team standings: 1. Sweetwater 299-297—596, 2. Snyder 296-310—606, 3. Frenship 298-310—608, 4. Abilene Wylie 315-303—618, 5. Andrews 308-316—624, 6. Abilene Cooper 311-320—631, 7. Midland High 319-314—633, 8. Odessa Permian 325-315—640, 9. Big Spring 314-331—645, 10. Monahans 343-323—666, 11. Plainview 346-331—677, 12. Levelland 418-396—814.

Individual standings: 1. Shaun Melville, Frenship, 70-72—142, 2. Shane Mercer, Sweetwater, 73-69—142; 3. Trey Todd, Abilene Wylie, 71-72—143, 4. (tie) Zach Starnes, Snyder, 70-74—144 and Bryan Howard, Sweetwater, 69-75—144, 6. (tie) Clinton Calmes, Snyder, 76-75—151 and Brandon Melville, Frenship, 74-77—151, 8. (tie) Sean Howard, Sweetwater, 77-75—152, Colby Brownlee, Andrews, 75-77—152 and Jerrod Simmons, Big Spring, 77-75—152.

Other Sweetwater scores: Robert Henson 80-78—158, Eliathan Lara 84-87—171.

Other Snyder scores: Levi Mandrell 74-80—154, Stafford Gray 76-81—159, Landon Day 76-84—160.

Other Frenship scores: Josh Keeton 77-80—157, Tim Martin 77-81—158, Nathan Robbins 89-81—170.

DIVISION II
at Snyder Country Club

Team standings: 1. Snyder I, 316-331—647, 2. Abilene High I, 323-329—652, 3. Colorado City 335-330—665, 4. Midland Lee 350-328—678, 5. Seminole 342-340—682, 6. Lamesa 366-345—711, 7. Abilene High I 362-353—715, 8. Abilene Cooper I, 375-355—730, 9. Greenwood 385-355—740, 10. Lubbock High 372-376—748, 11. Lake View 389-377—766, 12. Snyder II 394-401—795, 13. Brownfield 409-407—816.

Individual standings: 1. Landon Hammond, Colorado City, 75-75—150, 2. Brady Reed, Snyder II, 75-78—153, 3. Bryan Levrets, Abilene High, 84-75—159, 4. Chet Erwin, Colorado City, 79-81—160, 5. Allen House, Abilene High, 73-86—161, 6. Jeremy Spears, Seminole, 81-83—164, 7. (tie) Jason Williams, Snyder, 80-85—165 and Aaron Lesley, Abilene High, 83-82—165, 9. Vaughn Wiggins, Snyder I, 80-86—166 and Bryan Luna, Lake View, 87-79—165.

Other Snyder II scores: Matt McCormick 81-87—168, Tanner Beard 90-82—172.

Other Abilene High I scores: Isaiah Martinez 83-84—167, Aaron Reddel 86-89—175.

Other Colorado City scores: Star Neff 86-85—171, Ashton Anderson 92-89—181, Anthony Munoz 106-100—206.

Snyder III: Nathan Hines 93-92—185, James Mills 97-97—194, Taylor Cottor 95-103—198, Hunter Shipp 109-109—218, Cameron Harrison 120-120—240.

Boys Little Dribblers

MINOR DIVISION
Grizzlies 35, Wolfpack 18
Grizzlies: Jake Crenweige 14, Seth Sanchez and Alex Hernandez 7, Tanner Bragg 4, Garret Hale 3. **Wolfpack:** Jordan Gafford 10, Doug Brunson 6, Alex Alcala 2.
Knicks 31, Trailblazers 17
Knicks: Rance Dunn 21, Kelton Garcia 6, Gage Welsh 4, Chance Young 2. **Trailblazers:** T.J. Wright 6, Dakota Carrol 4, Seth Cotton 3, Kelner Odom and Justin Gonzales 2.
Pistons 53, Lakers 15
Pistons: Gage West 14, Riley Davis 11, Jared Cave 10, Wil Toombs and LaShondrick Richardson 8, Colby Berrera 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez 10, Rader Kinney 5.
Nuggets 27, Grizzlies 14
Nuggets: Rey Juarez and Bubba Perales 12, Shade Roemisch 2, Kenyon Gafford 1. **Grizzlies:** Jake Crenweige 10, Ernesto Arrellano 2, Clint McFatridge and Seth Sanchez 1.
Knicks 22, Bulls 14
Knicks: Rance Dunn 16, Kelton Garcia 6. **Bulls:** Dominic Cabrera 5, Caleb Harrison 4, Anthony Taylor 3, Nick Zajicek 2.
MAJOR DIVISION
Magic 39, Rockets 31
Magic: Ricky Sanchez 11, Ryan Mitchell 10, Charone Hill 8, Cody Burney 7, Matt Schoolcraft 3. **Rockets:** Pete Villa 18, Brandon Robbins 11, Travis Hatfield 2.
Blue Devils 37, Celtics 28
Blue Devils: Lance Day 19, Michae Mann 6, Austin Galley and Kaden Billingsley 5, Wes Richardson 2. **Celtics:** Dustin Murdock 14, Andy Garvin 8, J.W. Wesson 6.
Magic 38, Tarheels 26
Magic: Ryan Mitchell 12, Cody Burney 9, Ricky Sanchez 8, Charone Hill 4, Jimmie Schooler 3, Matt Schoolcraft 2. **Tarheels:** Donald Jeffery 10, Ryan Claxton 6, Craig Robertson 3, Josh Ornelas, Jacob McFatridge and Michae Martinez 2, Cole Russell 1.
T-Wolves 25, Raptors 22
T-Wolves: Brent Bolinger 11, Jamie Arnold 10, Cody Reed and Tyler Driggers 2. **Raptors:** Brooks Gafford 9, Brandon Jones 6, Bryce Westmoreland, 3, Joe Rocha and Blane Knipe 2.
Spurs 32, Celtics 24
Spurs: Jesse Connor 16, Cord Welsh and Jacob Soltres 6, Brandon Hagins, 4, Chad Franks 2. **Celtics:** Dustin Murdock 11, Andy Garvin 9, Rudy Martinez 5.

Area Basketball Standings

4-4A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	10	1	19	10
Plainview	8	3	17	12
Snyder	7	4	17	10
Frenship	7	4	17	13
Levelland	6	5	20	10
Andrews	3	8	16	13
Lake View	2	9	10	19
Big Spring	1	10	6	22

4-4A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	13	0	28	1
Levelland	9	4	23	7
Frenship	7	6	20	11
Big Spring	7	6	17	9
Snyder	6	7	17	10
Andrews	6	7	17	12
Estacado	4	9	14	13
Lake View	0	13	8	12

11-A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Westbrook	6	1	20	3
Ira	6	2	11	10
Grady	3	4	17	9
Sands	3	4	8	12
Borden County	0	7	1	24

11-A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Borden County	6	1	15	13
Ira	6	2	12	11
Sands	4	3	12	13
Grady	3	4	12	13
Westbrook	0	7	3	21

12-A BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Blackwell	6	1	13	5
Trent	5	2	8	8
Highland	5	2	6	3
Loraine	1	6	1	13
Hermleigh	1	7	3	16

12-A GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Trent	7	0	17	5
Blackwell	5	2	11	5
Highland	4	3	9	13
Hermleigh	2	6	7	14
Loraine	1	6	6	14

AFC topples NFC, 38-17

HONOLULU (AP) — For most of Rich Gannon's career, playing in the Pro Bowl was something for other players. Having reached that level, the Oakland Raiders quarterback wasn't about to pass up an opportunity to stand out.

Stil' recovering from the separated left shoulder he sustained in Baltimore's 16-3 victory over the Raiders in the AFC championship game, Gannon played anyway Sunday. He wound up the player of the game.

"It's OK and getting better," Gannon said after completing 12 of 14 passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns in the opening 11 minutes, igniting the AFC to a 38-17 victory over the NFC. "It's still not 100 percent healthy, but I was able to get out of there today without getting slammed. So that's important."

The 35-year-old Gannon was playing in his second Pro Bowl since signing a four-year, $16 million contract with the Raiders in 1999. Before that, he spent most of his first 11 NFL seasons as a reserve with Minnesota, Washington and Kansas City.

He certainly made his coach proud.

"The guy had a serious injury, he rehabilitated it extremely hard," said Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who led the AFC. "He wanted to be here, and he wanted to play."

Sports Briefs

Chmura acquitted of sexual assault

WAUFESHA, Wis. (AP) — Former Green Bay Packers tight end Mark Chmura was acquitted Saturday of sexually assaulting a former baby sitter at a drunken party.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 2 hours, 15 minutes before finding Chmura innocent on charges of third-degree sexual assault and child enticement. The charges carried a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and $20,000 in fines.

Love III wins at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A seven-stroke deficit was wiped out in seven holes, but that's where the similarities ended in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. This time, the stunning comeback happened early, and it belonged to Davis Love III.

Love erased that margin by playing his first seven holes in 8-under. He finished with a 9-under 63, and buried his 0-for-62 winless drought on the PGA Tour.

Love, who earned $720,000, finished at 272 for a one-stroke victory over Vijay Singh, and three shots ahead of Phil Mickelson.

Most of the attention was on Tiger Woods, who made up seven strokes over his last seven holes last year for an amazing victory. Woods was only a spectator on another gorgeous day on the Monterey Peninsula, shooting a 72 to tie for 13th — eight strokes behind.

Love's 63 was the lowest finish by a winner in the 60-year history of the National Pro-Am, topping the 64 Woods had last year.

Legendary pool player dies

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Eddie Parker, the legendary pool player known as "Fast Eddie" and the inspiration for the movie "The Hustler," died at a pool tournament in Texas. He was 69.

Parker was one of the best money players in pocket billiards. He is credited with inspiring Walter Tevis to write the book and screenplay for the 1959 classic film, "The Hustler," in which Paul Newman played the role of Parker.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	35	13	.729	—
New York	28	17	.622	5½
Miami	29	20	.592	6½
Orlando	23	23	.500	11
Boston	21	26	.447	13½
New Jersey	15	34	.306	20½
Washington	12	36	.250	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	17	.622	—
Toronto	24	23	.511	5
Charlotte	25	24	.510	5
Indiana	21	26	.447	6
Cleveland	20	26	.435	6½
Detroit	18	30	.375	10½
Atlanta	16	30	.348	12½
Chicago	6	40	.130	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	31	15	.674	—
San Antonio	29	15	.659	1
Minnesota	31	18	.633	1½
Dallas	30	18	.625	2
Denver	27	21	.563	5
Houston	22	25	.468	9½
Vancouver	13	34	.277	18½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	31	13	.705	½
Portland	34	15	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	30	16	.652	2½
Phoenix	27	19	.587	5½
Seattle	27	23	.540	7½
L.A. Clippers	15	33	.313	18½
Golden State	14	32	.304	18½

Saturday's Games
Denver 105, Washington 100
Minnesota 108, Toronto 105
Detroit 88, Cleveland 81, OT
Orlando 96, Atlanta 84
Dallas 101, Golden State 95
Milwaukee 104, Indiana 85
San Antonio 90, Houston 88
Utah 111, Seattle 91
Vancouver 91, Chicago 84
L.A. Clippers 90, Portland 89

Sunday's Games
New York 103, Miami 100, OT
L.A. Lakers 100, Sacramento 94
Boston 103, Cleveland 82
New Jersey 96, Philadelphia 89
Phoenix 85, Charlotte 82

Monday's Games
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

XFL Glance

All Times EST

EAST CONFERENCE

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Banker blamed stock market for suicide

PIRGOS, Greece (AP) — He settled his affairs in the meticulous manner befitting a banker.

He straightened up his apartment, phoned his mother to come pay a visit, and left her a farewell note with detailed plans for his funeral and burial. Then Anastasios Maniatis laced a glass of milk with Lanate, a farm pesticide.

"I am also a victim of the stock exchange," said the note found alongside his body Jan. 23 — a day before the Athens Stock Exchange hit the lowest point in its 16-month slump.

The suicide of the 41-year-old bank manager was something Greeks could instantly relate with the dizzying course of his life in the past two years: the promise of sudden wealth, a mad frenzy to buy shares, the gloom when it all crumbled.

In life, Maniatis was just another woeful story from the boom-to-bust jolt that has become commonplace in stock markets the world over, especially the immature ones. In death, he was eulogized as a martyr of the reckless greed that has left many Greeks trapped in the wreckage of an exchange that has lost about half its value since September 1999.

Since his suicide, two more Greeks mired in debt have tried to take their lives — a civil servant who attempted to hang himself and a bank teller who shot himself.

Maniatis' death broke through a wall of pride that has kept many Greeks quiet about losses on the exchange. It also forced them to look harder at their nation's struggle to find its bearings in competitive and consumer-driven times.

"We were all expecting a suicide, but no one thought it would be him," said Athanasios Skordalis, head of the Chamber of Commerce in Pirgos, a seaside town of 40,000 people about 200 miles southwest of Athens.

The suicide repeatedly came up as finance minister Yannos Papandoniou fended off a parliament censure motion Friday. Opposition lawmakers accused his Socialist government of letting the exchange become a free-for-all in 1999 as a way to curry political support.

After the vote, the exchange's general index plummeted 2.8 percent to close at 3,156. On Monday, the index fell another 1.87 percent to 3,098.07. Its high was 6,355.04 on Sept. 17, 1999.

"Some people must be punished," insisted Miltiades Evert of the opposition New Democracy party.

Not too long ago, Greeks were emptying savings accounts, selling property, borrowing, taking what they could for livestock and tractors. Much of the money went into high-risk new companies with no business experience, definite capital strategies or any real value. A company offering satellite TV to households turned out to have neither dishes nor programming.

Some listings tripled in value week after week in mid-1999. "A Roman orgy," said broker Vasillis Hadjiilias. "It was a party that no one was allowed to break up."

Banks in Greece — especially in rural areas — often trade on behalf of small depositors, and in Pirgos, Maniatis was flooded with neophyte investors. He was working 16 hours a day to keep up with demand. It's unclear how much of his own money he invested, but he lived a modest bachelor's life.

Christos Plevrias, editor of the Pirgos newspaper Patris, called it the "summer of euphoria."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 5, 2001
A personal ambition might be realized in the year ahead involving your work or career. Concentrate on what is important and getting the job done, and the rest will fall in line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A project on which you're working that has been going pretty well for you can be expanded into something even better today. Begin by elevating your sights a bit. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It behooves you today to be especially friendly to those you encounter, because any social contacts you establish at this time could turn out to be quite lucky for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions at home are reasonably stable today, so you can proceed with self-assurance and confidence if you're trying to put something together concerning the family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because your powers of concentration are exceptionally good today, you will be quite adept at assignments that require the use of your mental attributes. Tackle these kinds of chores.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It isn't likely you'll do anything foolish in the finance department today, mainly because you're inclined to deal with life on practical terms.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Go ahead and focus your attention and energies on personal interests today. You should be able to do whatever you want to do without too much outside interference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Let your heart rule your head today when it comes to making decisions concerning a loved one. Things will work out better for everyone if you act from a compassionate perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make an effort today to establish a more solid relationship with a person you like but with whom you haven't as yet been too involved. The time is ripe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you put forth the necessary application today, an objective of considerable importance can now be achieved. The conditions will match the efforts you expend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Speak your mind freely when asked for your opinions today. Your logical evaluations are seasoned with the right amount of sensitivity needed for giving excellent advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll instinctively know how to use all the resources at your disposal today. Thus, any endeavor in which you get involved should work out to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It shouldn't be too difficult for you to get the type of cooperation you need from others today to advance a personal interest. Seek out those who can help.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001
Rewards that have been denied you concerning an endeavor on which you've worked hard could finally come in the year ahead. They'll be well deserved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What will enhance your popularity today is your ability to make all with whom you're involved feel special and important, thereby lifting their spirits. 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't disregard any deep-rooted feelings telling you you're lucky today. You're right. Lady Luck wants to do all that she can to help you end up a winner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because you'll jump right into the fray early in the day, you'll accomplish more than you'll anticipate, freeing up time for a fun diversion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make material matters your priority today. You're in a lucky cycle where good things can be be garnered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't get discouraged prematurely if things appear a little tougher today than you anticipated. A positive, optimistic attitude will put you in the ranks of the winners.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involving a situation in which you believe you've been more of the giver than the getter, a reversal of fortunes could take place today and put you at the head of the receiving line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends of long standing will turn out to be very fortunate for you today, so get involved with one or more if possible. Besides, what's lucky for you will also be lucky for them, as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Because of your hard work and contributions to others, your possibilities for success are exceptionally good today. Look for something rewarding to occur.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if what you are wishing for appears unattainable to your detractors, remain hopeful today. Lady Luck isn't apt to give credence to their opinions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll sense that the harder you work today, the greater your opportunities will be. This includes situations that appear challenging or even distasteful. You'll be right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The right types of associations today will inspire you to utilize your full potential. Share your time with companions who are optimistic and do not think in limited terms.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Much to your credit, you'll go out of your way to be of service to others today, even at the expense of disrupting your own agenda. Interestingly, it'll be you who ends up gaining the most.

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Snyder police handle variety of reports over the weekend

• ***Problems with child***
A mother called police at 5:28 p.m. Saturday in reference to her 12-year-old daughter throwing lumber and nails at her. The juvenile was escorted to the police station where she spoke with MHMR officials and was then released back to her mother.

• ***Harassment***
A woman called police at 8:58 p.m. Saturday in reference to a female subject harassing her by phone. An offense report for harassment was filed.

• ***Vehicle paintballed***
Justin Guy contacted officers at 12:32 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone vandalizing his vehicle with paintball guns at the Western Texas College apartments.

There was no damage to the vehicle, and the students responsible cleaned it.

• ***Theft***
Lloyd Nichols reported on Sunday the theft of fence and gate panels from the Lone Star Gun Range on North Hwy. 208.

• ***Family violence***
An offense report for Class A assault and family violence was taken at 9:37 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Arrests***
A 43-year-old man was taken into custody at 1:19 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 29th Street on warrants for no seatbelt and failure to appear. He also had a misdemeanor warrant from Randall County for theft by check.

At 7:10 p.m. Saturday, 41-year-old Jimmy Romero of 2907 Avenue J was taken into custody at the Garza-Scurry County line on charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and felony endangerment of a child.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated landed a 24-year-old man in jail at 10:41 a.m. Saturday.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old man at 11:49 p.m. Saturday for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A Department of Public Safety trooper took a 52-year-old man into custody at 5:32 p.m. Sunday for driving while license suspended.

A charge of Class A assault and family violence resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old man at 9:54 p.m. Sunday.

At 10:10 p.m. Sunday, a 28-year-old man was arrested for driving while license suspended.

A 36-year-old woman was jailed at 11:40 p.m. Sunday for Class C assault and family violence.

• ***Accidents***
A two-vehicle accident occurred at 7:12 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of College. Involved were a 1994 Pontiac driven by Ashley Baremore, 18, of 314 36th Place and a 1985 Pontiac driven by Robert Reyes Jr., 18, of 3002 39th Street.

At 3:50 p.m. Sunday, officers took an accident report in the 1800 block of 30th Street. The mishap involved a 1994 Chevrolet driven by Ima Lucille Massingill, 80, of 3402 40th Street and a 1988 Pontiac driven by James Smith Jr., 16, of 1308 23rd Street.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 2-Richard Barnett of Panhandle, Rey Guzman. Feb. 3: Doris Klutts, Jerry Mullis and Sadie Shifflett.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 2-Sherrie Bidwell and boy, Jasmine Flores, Sandra Groce, Skyler Hand, Holden boy, H.D. Holmes, Mavis Logan, Jason Mendoza, Esmeralda Rivera, Amecia Warr, Meliton Zuniga, Anniely Martinez, Omer Pointer, C. Robinson, Charlene Whitfill; Feb. 3-Jerry Mullis, Riley White, Doris Klutts, Geraldine Okray of Sweetwater and Jacqueline Self.

CENSUS: 37 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-24 and OB-1)

Births

Justin and Ronda White of Snyder are parents of a daughter, Riley D'Lynn, born at 7:26 p.m. on Jan. 29 at San Angelo Community Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces.

Grandparents are Larry and Vicki White of Snyder and Ronnie and Donna Parker of Roscoe. Great-grandparents are Howard and Rosemary Jones and Verlene White, all of Snyder, and Ruby Parker of Roscoe.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	38 80	37 55	38 00	— 58
AOL TimeWm	49 02	47 41	48 80	+ 1 01
AT&T Corp	23 79	23 25	23 78	+ 40
Albertsons	28 75	28 25	28 38	— 11
Alltel	57 47	55 83	56 70	— 57
AmEl Pw	44 19	43 50	43 86	+ 56
AndarkPtr	62 22	59 05	61 90	+ 1 79
ATMOS Egy	24 40	23 30	24 10	+ 48
Aviall	7 58	7 40	7 43	— 10
BP Amoco	53 00	52 52	52 95	+ 95
BakerHughes	43 45	42 40	43 05	+ 1 25
Bank of Amer	54 24	53 05	53 19	— 41
BellSouth	42 00	41 10	41 30	— 20
Beth Steel	2 47	2 25	2 45	— 02
BurlNoSFe	30 39	30 15	30 22	— 58
Caterpillar	44 15	43 90	43 90	— 37
Chevron	83 20	82 55	82 84	+ 42
Citigroup s	56 91	55 61	55 72	+ 26
CocaCola	59 00	57 62	58 76	+ 1 02
ColgatePal	61 45	60 60	61 00	+ 20
ComclMetals	23 46	23 44	23 46	+ 01
CooperIn	44 63	44 19	44 19	+ 01
DaimlrChry	47 40	45 86	46 99	+ 1 00
DallSemicn s	36 10	35 50	35 85	— 36
DeltaAirl	48 40	47 38	47 95	+ 59
Dillards Inc	17 90	17 11	17 88	+ 2 61
DowChem s	33 80	33 05	33 39	— 40
DuPont	43 33	42 25	43 22	+ 97
EastmanChem	49 00	48 15	48 30	+ 96
EstKodak	43 75	42 76	43 17	+ 19
EDS Corp	57 45	56 85	56 91	— 14
Entergy	36 40	35 80	35 86	+ 21
ExxonMobil	84 20	83 25	83 73	+ 74
FstBksAm	21 00	21 00	21 00	+ 01
Flowers	16 78	16 62	16 75	+ 24
GenDynam	69 66	68 36	68 93	— 95
GenElec s	46 84	46 05	46 70	+ 42
GenMills	42 07	41 56	42 02	+ 51
GenMotors	56 69	55 90	56 41	+ 41
GaPacGP	31 24	30 55	30 99	+ 49
GlobalMar	29 74	28 90	29 70	+ 1 10
Goodrich	36 75	36 50	36 53	— 03
Goodyear s	25 70	25 17	25 60	+ 04
GtAtlPac	10 50	10 09	10 21	— 48
Halliburtn	41 64	40 50	41 15	+ 1 04
Hanson ADS	32 00	31 85	31 85	— 15
HarteHanks	23 33	22 70	23 06	— 26
HomeDepot	46 91	46 10	46 20	— 69
Honeywellintl	48 27	47 65	48 20	+ 50
IBM	111 64	109 30	111 20	+ 93
IntlPaper	39 10	38 41	38 41	— 11
JohnsonJn	95 75	94 25	94 32	— 78
K mart	8 76	8 55	8 56	— 27
Kroger Co	24 74	24 15	24 28	— 33
Litton	79 24	79 16	79 20	+ 04
LockheedM	35 68	35 40	35 65	— 75
Lowes Cos	53 66	52 50	53 25	— 59
Lubys	6 15	6 00	6 05	+ 05
LucentTech	17 89	17 51	17 57	— 16
MayDeptStr	37 92	37 05	37 52	+ 22
Medtronic	53 75	53 36	53 37	— 22
Motorola s	21 09	20 64	20 85	— 48
NCR Corp	47 65	46 76	46 87	— 53
Navistar	29 11	28 50	29 10	— 08
Penney JC	15 08	14 70	15 06	+ 15
PepBoys	4 78	4 70	4 72	— 08
PepsiCo	44 97	44 25	44 91	— 08
Pharmacia	59 45	58 10	58 52	+ 71
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PhilipPet	53 57	52 26	52 38	— 5 75
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Polaroid	6 91	6 75	6 75	+ 02
Praxair	45 96	45 05	45 86	+ 78
ProctGamb	74 24	73 77	74 09	+ 33
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RadioShack	51 42	49 70	49 81	— 19
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Scripps EW	64 60	64 00	64 02	— 48
SearsRoeb	38 44	37 65	37 69	— 31
SherwinW	26 60	26 15	26 56	+ 16
SouthernCo	29 25	28 73	28 93	+ 20
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TempleInland	50 97	50 15	50 25	— 55
Texaco	61 99	61 63	61 80	+ 45
TexInd	27 99	27 70	27 71	— 27
TexasInst s	42 88	40 60	40 80	— 2 28
Textron	50 65	49 65	50 20	+ 19
TriconGlbR	35 05	34 51	34 51	— 74
TrinityInds	22 85	22 40	22 77	— 23
TritonEngy	25 75	24 80	25 45	+ 52
USX-Marathn	28 35	27 75	28 18	+ 58
USX-USS	16 42	16 17	16 31	— 39
UnCarbde	53 65	52 34	53 00	— 21
UnionPacif	53 10	52 17	52 27	— 70
UnitedTech	74 96	74 25	74 40	+ 44
Unocal	35 00	34 58	34 94	+ 54
Venator Grp	12 15	11 70	11 89	— 19
VerizonComm	52 26	51 51	51 59	— 41
WalMart	55 22	54 01	54 01	— 75
WellsFargo	51 09	50 45	50 83	+ 59
WstrnGasRs	27 64	26 39	27 64	+ 1 31
WinnDixie	22 15	21 40	21 93	+ 30
Xerox Cp	8 32	7 75	7 78	— 48

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Retailers unsure how to cut power usage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Power police" prowling car dealerships to make sure outdoor lights are turned off. Acres of darkened parking lots. Fines of up to $1,000 a day.

All are possible under Gov. Gray Davis' executive order last week requiring retailers to "substantially reduce" outdoor lighting during nonbusiness hours. The order becomes mandatory on March 15.

The goal is to ease California's power crunch by halving the demand for retail outdoor lighting.

"Everybody has to do their part," Davis spokesman Roger Salazar said. "We feel that Californians will respond pretty strongly to this ... hopefully, we won't have to issue fines."

The order came amid a Stage 3 power alert that entered its 21st consecutive day Sunday and will remain in effect until at least midnight Tuesday.

Such alerts are called when energy reserves dip below 1.5 percent and set the stage for rolling blackouts. On Sunday, Lorie O'Donley, a spokeswoman for the California Independent System Operator, predicted no immediate rolling blackouts.

Davis' order exempts lighting deemed "necessary for the health and safety of the public, employees and property." But what that means in practical terms hasn't been determined.

"Is it half my lights? Is it a third? I can't answer that," said Kenneth Greene, vice president and general manager of Silver Star Motor Car Co. in Thousand Oaks.

The dealership has five acres of Oldsmobile and Lexus cars, and luxury sport utility vehicles like Land Rovers and Humvees with price tags up to $100,000.

Vandalism and thefts have occurred, so outdoor lighting is important.

"Car lots have to be big users of energy," said Henry Hansel, president of the dealers association at the Petaluma Auto Mall. "Our wares are outside, unlike a Macy's where they have their products indoors ... We have to light it."

Hansel and Greene said they are cutting electricity use. "I do want to do what's right," Greene said. "I know we'll try."

Nobody has precise figures on how much electricity outdoor signs and parking lot lights consume.

But Home Depot, with 140 stores in California, believes that its stores by themselves can save enough electricity each month to power 1,800 houses, spokesman Chuck Sifuentes said.

Law enforcement officials say they hope businesses voluntarily comply before fines are needed.

"Enforcing it would be the last thing that we do," said Deputy R. Bottomley of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Darkening auto dealerships and store parking lots could "be a help for the criminal element," said Lt. Jim Peery of the Police Department in Tustin, south of Los Angeles.

Peery said his department's 95 officers might have to do extra policing if businesses darken their outdoor signs and lights.

But "our jobs are complicated enough as it is with new laws," he added. "I would hope that we wouldn't add being light bulb police."

The governor's order is only one piece of his plan to solve the power crunch that has left California's electrical grid on high alert for three weeks.

On Friday, Davis used his emergency authority to snap up long-term power contracts owned by Southern California Edison before they could be seized by one of the debt-ridden utility's creditors. That followed approval of legislation allowing the state to spend $10 billion to buy power.

Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. have incurred $12.7 billion in debts. The utilities contend they have been forced to the brink of bankruptcy by skyrocketing wholesale electricity prices and state limits on how much they can charge their customers.

The governor's order was supported by the California Retailers Association, which represents 55 companies, including Sears and Target.

The order is "a good tool to kind of level the playing field," said Bill Dombrowski, association president. "It's a good thing when people are voluntarily doing it, but they get cold feet when their competitors aren't doing it."

The lights-out edict is a good idea, even if it creates only a marginal dip in energy use, said Lynda Ziegler, director of business and regulatory planning for Southern California Edison.

"Anything that reduces the overall load is going to be beneficial," especially to ratepayers, because it reduces the need for utilities to buy costly spot emergency supplies of power, she said.

XFL has promising premiere

NEW YORK (AP) — The XFL and NBC must be X-cited about the strong TV rating for the fledgling football league's debut broadcast.

Mixing guerrilla television tactics and shots of scantily clad cheerleaders with mediocre on-field action, the XFL's inaugural broadcast on Saturday drew a preliminary rating of 10.3 with a 17 share.

That means an average of 10.3 percent of U.S. TV homes were tuned in at any given moment for the game between the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen.

The highest-rated single market for the broadcast was Las Vegas, where the game was played, with a 17.7. Minneapolis — where viewers were drawn to watch their governor, Jesse Ventura, work as an XFL announcer — was next at 14.9.

Saturday's rating gave NBC a prime-time victory over the other networks and is more than double what advertisers were told to expect for the league, the brainchild of World Wrestling Federation mogul Vince McMahon and jointly owned by NBC-TV.

"As long as (the rating is) somewhere between 3, 4, 5, we're gold," McMahon said.

Said NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol: "We're trying to bring Saturday night viewers back to NBC, and last night's game more than doubled the time period."

The network had been averaging a 4.2 rating and 7 share this year by broadcasting movies in prime time on Saturdays.

The premise of the XFL is to appeal to male viewers aged 12-24, the audience on which the WWF thrives.

The preliminary ratings released Sunday were based on measuring the 49 largest TV markets, covering about 65 percent of the United States. The full national ratings were expected Tuesday.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

One killed in plant shooting

MELROSE PARK, Ill. (AP) — Gunfire broke out at a Navistar engine plant this morning, killing at least one person and injuring four others, including one critically.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Penny Mayteck confirmed the shooting at the suburban Chicago engine plant but would not provide any other details.

Mike Kalajian, who said he worked in the engineering offices, told WMAQ-TV that several people ran by him yelling that someone had a gun.

"At first no one believed it," he said. "Then I heard two or three shots in rapid succession."

Kalajian said he ran for a basement exit to avoid the crush of people on his floor.

A 48-year-old man was pronounced dead on arrival at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and a 45-year-old man was listed in critical condition there with a gunshot wound to the abdomen, hospital spokeswoman Angie Hatfield said.

One other person was being brought to Gottlieb and two others were taken to Loyola University Medical Center, Hatfield said.

The plant, about 15 miles from the company's headquarters in downtown Chicago, employs about 1,400 people, Navistar spokesman Roy Wiley said. He did not have any details of the shooting.

Embassy bombings trial gets underway

NEW YORK (AP) — Twin bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa were part of a broader scheme by Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden to spill American blood across the globe, a prosecutor said Monday at the opening of the trial of four alleged terrorists.

"The bombings were neither the beginning nor the end of a terrorist plot to kill Americans," prosecutor Paul Butler told the jury amid tight security at U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

The closely watched terrorism case arose from the near-simultaneous bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, on Aug. 7, 1998.

Before the bombers struck, it was "business as usual at the American embassy, which means busy," Butler said in his opening statement. "Then, in the blink of an eye, everything changed."

The blasts were strong enough to reduce buildings to piles of rubble, Butler said. "But what it did to human beings that day defies description. ... Words and numbers cannot describe the horror."

In his statement, defense attorney Sam Schmidt urged jurors to "show the world how our system really works, how it protects each individual from the power of the government."

Obituaries

Nellie Davis

1918-2001

Nellie Mae Davis, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, died at 4 a.m. today in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Davis, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born May 26, 1918 in Snyder, she married Willis Wright Davis on Oct. 10, 1938 in Snyder. He died Feb. 28, 2000.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

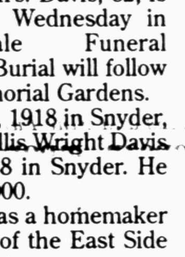
Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Mike Stipe of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Davis of Giddings; two sisters, Margaret Judkens of Baker City, Ore., and Virginia White of Snyder; a brother, James Neal of Paint Rock; four grandchildren, Curtis Stipe of Dallas, Karen Westmoreland and her husband, Perry, of Snyder, Kim Quinn and her husband, Kevin, of Keller, and Kellie Davis of Longview; and three great-grandchildren, Lainie Quinn of Keller and Bryce and Layton Westmoreland, both of Snyder.

Clair Westbrook

1908-2001

Dean Ray "Clair" Westbrook, a resident of Snyder the past six years, died Sunday, Feb. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Westbrook, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Miles. The Revs. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, Eddie Tingle, pastor of the church in Miles, will officiate.



Westbrook

Burial will follow in the Miles Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 24, 1908 in Runnels County, she married Archie Carroll Westbrook on May 14, 1929 in Ballinger. He died April 12, 1971.

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Reared in Runnels County, she attended Hardin-Simmons University and taught school for 12 years at Miles, Green Mountain, Tennyson and Cruse.

She and her husband moved to Slaton in 1959 and to Lubbock in 1960 where she lived until moving to Snyder in January, 1995.

She was a dietician at Texas Tech University from 1959-71. She and her husband were members of Southcrest Baptist Church where she taught a Sunday school class and he was a deacon. She also organized a homebound Sunday school class and also was a Past Worthy Matron of an Eastern Star Lodge in Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Westbrook, on Oct. 12, 1989; and by four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Miller of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Mary Ann Westbrook of Stephenville; a sister, Bill Mae Payne of Fort Stockton; seven grandchildren, G.G. Miller of Houston, Jason Westbrook of Stephenville, Brent Westbrook of Lubbock, Audry Tietgens of Amarillo, Angie Wilkins of Pflugerville, Amy Dillon of Austin and Andrea Westbrook of Lewisville; and 10 great-grandchildren.

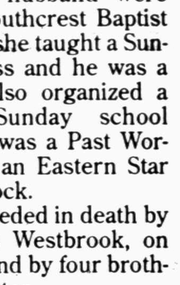
Friends are contributing to the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center.

Rosemary Goebel

1929-2001

Rosemary Goebel of Hermleigh died Sunday, Feb. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Goebel, 71, is set for 7 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.



Goebel

Funeral mass for Mrs. Goebel is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Jerry Latham, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Sept. 23, 1929 in Clarksville, Tex., she married Roy Allen Goebel in 1949 in Sweetwater. He died June 12, 1987.

Mrs. Goebel was a homemaker and a farmer. She served as a member of the Farm Service Agency Community Committee and was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Hermleigh.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Larry Goebel, on May 21, 1981.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Karen Goebel of Snyder, Michael and Kay Goebel of Hermleigh and Ronnie and Donna Goebel of Colorado City; five sisters, Shirley Keen of Snyder, Joann Cagle of Brownwood, Maurine Russell of Bangs, Margaret Echols of Weatherford and Lillian Long of Early; seven grandchildren, Chris, Deidra and Chad Goebel, all of Snyder, Holly Goebel of Lubbock, Jami Goebel of Abilene, Victor Goebel of Waco and Justin Goebel of St. Kitts, West Indies.

Shorty Baumann

1922-2001

COLORADO CITY – Armando "Shorty" Baumann, a longtime Mitchell County farmer, died Friday, Feb. 2, on his farm south of Loraine.

Funeral service for Mr. Baumann, 78, was set for 2 p.m. today in the 22nd and Austin Sts. Church of Christ. Joe Marshall and Bill Looney were to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 20, 1922 in Gomez Palacious, Mexico, he moved to Mitchell County when he was seven years old. He was an U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a 1st Lieutenant with the 346th Fighter Squadron.

He married Jo Beth Rowland on Oct. 6, 1946 in Sweetwater. She survives.

Survivors also include a son, Johnny Edmund Baumann of Del Rio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patrice and R.L. "Pete" McKinney of Houston and Diana and Terry Looney of Weatherford; a brother and sister-in-law, Edmund and Lou Baumann of San Angelo; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Mercedes Bocanegra Baumann.

Pallbearers were Don Narrell, Dr. James R. Burleson, Eddie Mitchell, Stanley Moore, Benny Ray Hodges, Don Boyd, Edgar Haltom and Eddie Gregory.

Honorary pallbearers were those serving in the military with Mr. Baumann. They are Joe H. Canion, Dempsey E. Ballard, Col. Dwight Beckham, S.M. Alexander and William "Bill" Carey.

Petra Trevino

1957-2001

LUBBOCK — Petra S. Trevino, sister of Richard Trevino of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 2, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center.

Service for Mrs. Trevino was set for 10 a.m. today in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with the Rev. Philip Pasupil officiating. Burial was to follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Born April 28, 1957 in Mathis, she attended Wolfforth Elementary School, Mathews Junior High and Lubbock High School. She was a home care babysitter and a homemaker.

Survivors also include a daughter, Sandy Rangel of Lubbock; six sons, Manuel Rangel of Kyle, and Jimmy, Mike, Leroy, Santos and Sammy Rangel, all of Lubbock; six other brothers, Margarito, Armando, Paul, Joe and Erasmo Trevino, all of Lubbock, and Jessie Trevino of San Angelo; six sisters, Maryann Gonzales, Hilda Torres and Olga Sanchez, all of Lubbock, Clemencia Hernandez of Oklahoma, Dominga Caballero of Lorenzo and Mary Ramirez of Wolfforth; and seven grandchildren.

Mary Treadaway

1916-2001

SWEETWATER – Mary Grace Treadaway, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 3, in Holiday Retirement Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Treadaway, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leroy Scifres officiating. Burial will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery.

Born May 11, 1916 in La Grange, she was married to Richard Treadaway who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Treadaway was a nurses' aide and worked in nursing homes in Roscoe and Sweetwater. She was a member of the Highland Baptist Church and had lived in Sweetwater the past 20 years, moving from Roscoe.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie Spence; three brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Fay and Frank Beights of Sweetwater and formerly of Snyder; five sons, Chester Treadaway of Rush Springs, Okla., Billy Treadaway of Roscoe, Kenneth Treadaway and R.B. Treadaway, both of Medford, Ore., and O.D. Treadaway of Avery; a companion, Albert Campbell of Abilene; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Masonic meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday followed by a film on Shrine Hospitals. This will be open to the wives and refreshments will be served.

British Isles tour

A customized, adult-centered tour of Ireland and Scotland is being planned. An informational meeting is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community Room of Texas Savings Bank. For more information, call Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Financial aid

"Applying For Financial Aid: The FAFSA Process" will air live from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday on Channel 36. It offers high school students and families assistance with financial aid forms.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday, and again Friday, Feb. 23. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing date for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is 9 a.m. Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Gospel, country music

The monthly gospel and country music night will be held starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon next Monday at The Shack. Matt Cross will present a program on keeping fit in retirement years.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25. The event will be at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855, or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank for four-month premature Christa Lane Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01.

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargeson at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

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

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Arrest made in the deaths of Tech dean and teen-age girl

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bail is set at $200,000 for Lubbock man charged with two counts of murder Sunday after his arrest in the deaths of a Texas Tech administrator and 18-year-old woman last week.

Police said Vaughn Ross, 29, who was taken into custody Sunday evening, is the boyfriend of the sister of Viola Ross, whose body was found Tuesday along with that of 53-year-old Douglas Birdsall.

Birdsall was Tech's associate dean of libraries. Both he and Viola Ross, who was not related to Vaughn Ross, were shot in the head.

Police said DNA testing of the tip of a latex glove found in the car where the bodies were found led to the arrest.

Authorites have said that, after the two were slain, they were driven into a tree-lined gully about five miles from the university. Police believe the shooting occurred Tuesday night in an alley less than a mile from downtown.

Birdsall arrived at Tech in 1989 from North Dakota State University's library system. Police said Ross was not a student at the school.

Birdsall and Viola Ross were found inside a car parked in a tree-lined drainage gully at Canyon Lake No. 6.

A bicyclist riding trails surrounding the lake spotted Birdsall's 1993 Saab. Police spent about seven hours processing the crime scene before opening the car and removing the bodies.

A police officer told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that both were fully clothed, and no weapons or drugs were found inside the vehicle.

Birdsall had no record with Lubbock police but Ross had several misdemeanor arrests, mostly for traffic citations.

Vaughn Ross kept his hands over his face while being escorted from the police department to the courthouse removing his hands only during the arraignment to answer questions from a judge.

Latest victim at school for deaf was stabbed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A student found dead in his dorm room at Gallaudet University, a school for the hearing-impaired, was stabbed to death, District of Columbia police said Sunday.

Benjamin Varner, 19, of San Antonio, Texas, had multiple stab wounds to the head and body, said police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile.

He was found Saturday morning in a fourth-floor dorm room of Cogswell Hall. That is the same dormitory where freshman Eric F. Plunkett, 19, of Burnsville, Minn., was found beaten to death in a first-floor room Sept. 28.

Police Chief Charles Ramsey said there is no evidence of a link between the two deaths, but investigators are looking into the possibility that there could be a connection.

Security was tight at the campus Sunday. University police checked student IDs and wrote down the license plates of vehicles entering the campus.

A fellow student originally was charged with second-degree murder in the Plunkett case, but the charges were dropped the next day. District of Columbia police said at the time that two freshmen had a dispute that erupted into a physical fight that led to the beating death of one of the male students.

At the urging of police, the university beefed up security over the weekend. Visitors and students could only enter and exit campus through one of five gates.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Does niacin lower cholesterol safely?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 51-year-old man in good health. As part of a recent medical examination, I was found to have a cholesterol of 313. My doctor is adamant about prescribing a "statin" drug to lower the level. However, after searching the Internet, I discovered that a vitamin supplement (niacin) could reduce my cholesterol level. On 500 milligrams a day, the vitamin lowered my cholesterol to 273. My doctor was pleased, but cautioned me about the possible adverse effects, including flushing and liver inflammation. Now I am confused. Should I continue the niacin or take a statin drug?

DEAR READER: This is a question often asked by people with high cholesterol levels — and yours was certainly above the 200-220 mg that authorities say is the upper limit of normal, depending on age.

As with any therapy, it's important to look at the risk/benefit ratio. You certainly need therapy, but which one will minimize the risks?

The first step is to adopt a low-cholesterol diet. Restrict the intake of animal fats, including the obvious sources, as well as ice cream, butter, cheese, eggs and so forth. If this hasn't done the trick, you must consider other options.

Many of my patients prefer a "natural" remedy: niacin. This B vitamin, when taken in sufficient quantity (1,000 to 1,500 mg. a day), usually reduces the cholesterol level. However, as your doctor advised, you may experience flushing (which will fade over time or be reduced if you take an aspirin with the medication) and possible liver inflammation (which can be easily diagnosed by periodic blood tests). Nonetheless, the risks are acceptable — but if you're taking only 500mg a day, you need to increase your dosage.

The next step is statin drugs, such as Lipitor, Pravachol and others.

If you choose this option, you need to know that these medications are far from harmless. Like niacin, they can cause liver inflammation and muscle damage that may be severe. Hence, you will need periodic blood tests to monitor your liver function. Again, the risk/benefit ratio is operative. The risks of niacin are, in my experience, less than those associated with statin drugs. Nonetheless, if full-dose niacin is ineffective, you may be forced to change your strategy.

Therefore, in conclusion, I advise the following. Get on a low-cholesterol diet. Increase your daily niacin dosage. Check your cholesterol in six to eight weeks. If it remains above 220 mg, follow your physician's advice with respect to prescription medications. Remember that with niacin, as with statins, you should have cholesterol and liver blood tests every six weeks for the first year of therapy, then about every four to six months thereafter.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a visual field test? My ophthalmologist has me scheduled for one because of glaucoma.

DEAR READER: Look up from your reading and focus on a chair across the room. Without moving your eyes, gradually become aware of other objects in the room. This is your visual field: the area you can see around an object upon which you are focusing.

Eye specialists test visual fields in various ways. The purpose is to discover a defect, indicating a portion of retinal damage. Some eye diseases cause progressive shrinking of the visual fields that may not be noticeable to the patient until severe restrictions have appeared. Fortunately, diseases such as glaucoma are readily treated with medicine and rarely cause the visual handicaps that were so prevalent years ago.

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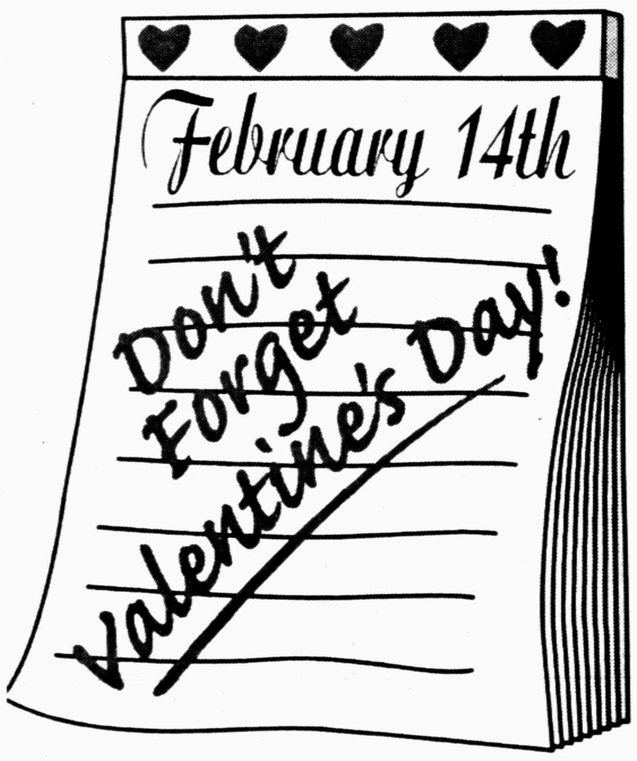
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Single taxpayer	$7,200

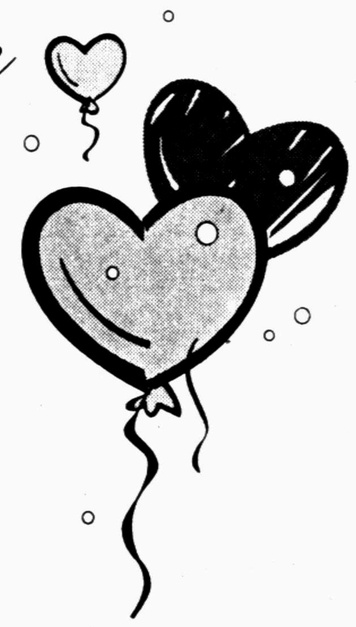
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