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**WEEKEND**

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Home of Diane Arnold




*Larry Scott mans the recording controls while Billy Ray Browning, left, and Tommy Allsup watch*

## Familiar voice at the Wagon Wheel

Patrons of the Wagon Wheel Ranch might be surprised to hear a familiar voice around the premises — especially those who are late-night listeners of classic Western Swing music.

Larry Scott, formerly a DJ with Tulsa and Shreveport radio stations, is now the manager of the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Scott will be joining Billy Ray Browning and Tommy Allsup in developing the local attraction into one known nationally and even internationally.

"I met Billy Ray at the first White Buffalo Festival and we became friends," said Scott, in explaining why he is now in Scurry County.

Scott said the Tulsa radio station was sold in December of 1999, and he then began working with the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso at that time.

He is also the talent director of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium held each fall in Ruidoso.

Scott, and the ranch's music director, Tommy Allsup, co-host the syndicated Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium of the Air, which is heard on 23 southwestern radio stations.

Scott, Allsup and Browning are currently working on several events to bring guests to the ranch and on in to Snyder.

"We have a Sweetheart Ball set for Feb. 10, another Bluegrass Festival in May and then a fiddle camp in June," said Scott.

The Texas Playboys will be at the ranch in June in conjunction with the Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Tourney, said Scott.

"We're going to do everything we can to put Snyder on the music map," emphasized Scott.

# Board appointments top county meeting

Scurry County Commissioners have some first-of-the-year housekeeping to do when they meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Business items include making county board appointments and opening bids for fuel, oil, grease, gravel and asphalt.

There are two spots on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board up for reappointment. Both Nan Swanson and E.D. Walton are eligible for another term on the board.

The court will need to name a replacement for Terry Hefner on the Board of County Development as her term has expired.

Mark Graham and Mark Erwin are each up for reappointment on the Scurry County Airport Board.

On the child welfare board, Ben Murphy and Amanda Herrera are up for another term while Chris Bane and Mary Ann Juarez will go off the board.

In addition, Katy McHaney, wife of retired county auditor Eddie McHaney, has resigned from the child welfare board.

Three spots are up on on the Scurry County Library board. Kay Echols, Carl Burleson and Elwanda Nall are all up for another term.

On the Veterans Land Board, Billy Longbotham and Leonard Keller are up for reappointment.

In another routine first-of-the-year item, commissioners will appoint the county's authorized investment representatives to TexPool.

While not an action item, the court will also discuss the vacancy in the county treasurer's office.

Former Country Treasurer Charlie Bell was appointed county auditor after Eddie McHaney retired, leaving the post vacant.

Talk has surfaced about the possibility of combining the two offices, but it is believed that would require legislative action.

The matter is being researched and the possibilities will be discussed further Monday.

The court will also consider selling the county's used ambulance as a new replacement was purchased last year.

The decision on which commissioner will preside at the meeting will be decided before business matters are discussed. In the absence of the county judge in the past, the commissioners have voted on the presiding officer at each meeting.

County Judge Ricky Fritz is at home recovering from a heart attack suffered during the court's last meeting.

## Annual stock show starts Wednesday

Cold weather is again on its way so it must be stock show time.

The weigh-in of hogs at 5 p.m. Wednesday will kick off the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the Scurry County Coliseum ag annex.

Steers will be weighed at 1 p.m. Thursday while lambs and goats will weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The show continues through Saturday when the buyers' meal, awards presentation and auction will take place.

The actual show gets underway at 5 p.m. Thursday as Eddie Smallwood of O'Donnell will begin judging hogs.

On Friday, show action begins with the judging of lambs at 6 p.m. immediately followed by the goat judging. Steers will be judged 30 minutes after the goat show.

Steve Sturtz of Glasscock County will judge both the lambs and goats while Michael Schertz of Bridgeport will judge the steers.

A meal for buyers will be at 11:15 a.m. Saturday followed by the awards presentation at noon. The auction gets underway at 1 p.m.

Ricky Miller again serves as the president of the show, while Kirby Sterling is the vice president.

Incoming secretary and treasurer is Susan Blackard, assisted by outgoing secretary and treasurer Jennifer Voss.

Other directors of the show are Billy Grimmett, Skip Craig, Jerry Boyd and Jeff Gilbert.

Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

David Frazier and Mike Williams serve from the Snyder FFA while Jay Waller is from the Ira FFA.

Richard Smith will represent Hermleigh FFA while Greg Gruben serves as Scurry County 4-H advisor.

The youthful exhibitors have been preparing for the county show this month by holding individual chapter shows.

Some of the participants in this week's local show will be showing stock through March as they enter major shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's far better to plan ahead, than to look back and regret."**

Even if you don't make formal resolutions, most folks informally intend to get better organized.

One such way to become better organized is to form a task force. That's a high-brow word for committee. Either of 'em will likely get bogged down and can't even decide on when to hold the next meeting.

We liked the tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians, passed on from one generation to the next. The tribal wisdom declares that when you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount.

However, in the corporate world, because of various factors — size of investment, long-time personnel or some sentimental attachment — often other strategies have been tried with dead horses.

Here's just a few:

—Buy a stronger whip.

—Change riders.

—Threatening the horse with termination or early retirement.

—Appoint a committee to study the dead horse.

—Arrange to visit other sites to see how they ride dead horses.

—Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.

—Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.

—Change the form so that it reads that the dead horse is not dead.

—Hire outside contractors to ride the dead horse.

—Harness several dead horses together for increased speed.

—Donate the dead horse to a recognized charity, thereby deducting its full original cost.

—Proving additional funding to increase the dead horse's performance.

—Do a time-management study to see if a lighter rider would improve productivity of the dead horse.

—Declare that a dead horse has lower overhead, and therefore performs better.

—Promote the dead horse to a supervisory position.

The start of a new year is also time to make sure all personal affairs are in order – like knowing where all the important papers are located.

We liked the story about the farmer whose barn had burned down. His wife immediately called the insurance agency and demanded the $50,000 for which the barn was insured.

The agent explained it wasn't quite that simple. She was told the company would have to ascertain the value of what was insured and would then replace with a barn of comparable worth.

There was a long pause before the wife replied, "Then I'd like to cancel that life insurance policy on my husband."

# Family violence subject of exhibit

The battered and shattered lives of victims of family violence will come alive in a new exhibit opening Tuesday at the Scurry County Museum.

While the subject is a somber one, Charlene Akers, museum director, said it is necessary in order to educate the community about domestic violence. "That's the only way the cycle of abuse will be broken. If this exhibit helps one person, it will be worth it."

The exhibit will include life-size, free-standing wooden silhouettes, representing 20 women and three children who have died as a result of family violence in the five-county area, including Scurry.

Each of the red-painted forms has an engraving providing a brief synopsis of the person's death. These "silent witnesses" are also used as a visual aid for programs in the five counties served by Gateway Services, Inc., the local shelter for victims of family violence. Gateway is helping the museum to set up the exhibit. The five counties are Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent. Scurry County Jail trustys made each silhouette.

A coffin, symbolic of those killed in domestic violence incidents, will also be included in the exhibit. The display will include artwork such as poetry, paintings, painted T-shirts and collages, all made by people who have lived in the local shelter. Teddy bears made by victims will also be on display.

Dee Wilson, Gateway's executive director, said the art projects were all created during "art release" sessions, which allows victims to express how they feel about domestic violence. Children also write stories about their teddy bears, and some put bandages on them, Wilson noted.

Chalk drawings from adult survivors of domestic violence who are in women's prisons will also be included in the exhibit.

Wilson said they have been collecting the items in the exhibit for about a year. She said it will be a "real powerful exhibit" and it is appropriate for all ages.

The "Battered and Shattered Lives Come Alive" exhibit will continue until Feb. 15. A reception will be held at the museum Sunday, Jan. 21, from 1-3 p.m.

The items will also be available for display by local organizations, and towns in the counties Gateway serves will also be able to borrow exhibit items. Strict protocol will be observed, Wilson said, because everything must be handled with respect.

## Monday is holiday for some locally

The Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Monday will mean a day off for just a few locally.

All financial institutions will close for the day, as will the Snyder Post Office.

Mail will be placed in post office boxes, but there will be no home deliveries.

The Texas Workforce Commission will also be closed Monday.

Scurry County and City of Snyder offices will not observe the holiday, nor will county public schools.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools will attend classes as usual.

However, Hermleigh schools will take a holiday Friday in conjunction with the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show, and Ira schools will release at noon.

## TXU has new pay plan

TXU Electric & Gas is now offering an enhanced average billing option that could provide substantial financial relief for customers with high winter gas bills.

The average billing option averages the past 12 months of the customer's bill to estimate future expenses.

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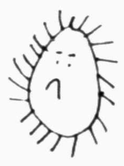
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**Q—Is there an AOL server in town for the Internet?**
**A—No.**

**FORECAST - ALMANAC**

**Snyder Temps:** High Friday, 56 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Saturday, 47; trace precipitation; total for 2001, .82 of an inch.

**Area Forecast:** Saturday night, clear, low lower 30s, W wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny, high upper 50s, SW wind 5-15 mph.



Nathan Rose
Sunny

**Sunset:**
6:03 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:43 a.m.
**Of 12 days in 2001, the sun has shone 10 days in Snyder.**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT**

**Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.**
**—Sophia Loren**

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Christy Tomlinson

## Tomlinson is ACU freshman

Christy Tomlinson of Snyder, a freshman at Abilene Christian University, completed the fall semester with a GPA of 3.769.

Christy graduated from Snyder High School in May 2000. She is studying to become a teacher/coach.

She is the daughter of Ronnie and Diane Tomlinson and the granddaughter of Archie and Eula Tomlinson of Hamlin and Fred Selby of Abilene.

## Apology criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of Bob Jones University said Friday he was disappointed George W. Bush apologized for having visited the Christian school, whose leaders have espoused anti-Catholic views.

In an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live," Bob Jones III said he felt the president-elect owed no apology for visiting the university during the election campaign.

"I love him, and I'm glad he's president, but I sure didn't feel that sort of capitulation was necessary," Jones said, shaking his head.

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# Two men charged

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two men were charged Friday with killing seven people in a drug house last month over what police called "nickel-and-dime drug dealing." Two others were charged with weapons and drug offenses.

The massacre, the city's worst shooting in decades, stemmed from one group of dealers undercutting the other's prices, police Capt. James Brady said.

"For literally a couple bucks, these individuals were slaughtered," he said. "We're not talking hundreds of thousands of dollars but pennies."

Jermel Lewis, 23, and Sacon Youk, 19, were charged with seven counts of homicide, attempted murder, aggravated assault and simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and robbery.

It could not immediately be determined whether Youk and Lewis had attorneys. Youk's mother, Meejain, said her son was innocent.

"If my son was in trouble, he would have come to me," she said.



EAST A HONOR ROLL — East Elementary students named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester include back row, from left, Sierra Foreman, Maria Murillo, Larissa Blackard, Taylor Gibbs, Ryanna Alexander, Brian Allred, Chelsea Castillo, Jared Cave, Amy Fogleman, Melanie Hernandez; middle row, Clint McFatridge, Alix Rieser, Kari Lord, Tyler Porter, Brittany Scott, Kailea Shaw, Will Stewart, David Strayhorn, Jordan Wright; front row, Kira Bilano, Lesa Jones, Riley Davis, Ashley Hagins, Clay Hirt, Leslie Johnston, Jessie Deavers, Josh Sorrells. Gina Hermosillo is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Municipal Court

Some 50 cases were heard in Municipal Court last week. Those cases included a 16-year-old male who pleaded guilty to not wearing a seat belt and he requested defensive driving.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to failure to control speed and he requested defensive driving.

A 14-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. His sentence was deferred for six months and he is required to attend a tobacco awareness course.

A 15-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. His sentence was deferred for six months and he is required to attend a tobacco awareness course.

A 15-year-old male pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to six weeks in STAR Boot Camp.

A 40-year-old male pleaded guilty to speeding. He was assessed a fine of $123.25 and for no liability insurance, $224. He was given time to pay.

A 39-year-old male pleaded not guilty to improper right turn (no turn signal). A pretrial docket was set.

A 17-year-old male provided proof of liability insurance and the citation was dismissed.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and he was given time to pay the fine and court costs of $224.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to not wearing a seat belt and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was given time to pay $530.25.

A 44-year-old female pleaded guilty to not wearing a seat belt and she was given time to pay.

A 39-year-old male pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and expired driver's license. Credit was given for time served in jail.

A 28-year-old female pleaded no contest to displaying an expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear. She was given credit for time served in jail.

A 17-year-old male was fined $447.24 for two minor in possession of tobacco offenses. He requested community service in lieu of payment and a tobacco awareness course was required.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. A fine of $299 was assessed and he was given time to pay.

A 17-year-old female was sentenced to six months deferred probation for a minor consuming alcohol offense and she is required to attend an alcohol awareness course.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor consuming alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol and two failures to appear. He was given time to pay a fine of $1,239.

A 17-year-old female was sentenced to six months deferral on a minor consuming alcohol offense, and she is required to attend alcohol awareness course.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to two offenses of a minor consuming alcohol, public intoxication, no liability insurance, no driver's license, and he was given time to pay $1,398.50.

A 58-year-old male pleaded not guilty to public intoxication and a pre-trial docket was set.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. His fine and court costs of $299 were paid in full.

Cases heard on Jan. 10 included a 15-year-old female pleading guilty to no driver's license. A fine of $79 was paid in full.

A 15-year-old female pleaded guilty to no driver's license and she was given time to pay a $79 fine.

A 14-year-old male pleaded guilty to no driver's license. Community service was handed down in lieu of payment.

A 16-year-old male pleaded guilty to speeding — community service in lieu of $151.25 payment was the sentence.

A 14-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class C assault — family violence. She was sentenced to six weeks in STAR Boot Camp.

A 15-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco. He was placed on six months deferral and required to attend a tobacco awareness course.

A 35-year-old female pleaded not guilty to dog at large and a pretrial docket was set.

A 22-year-old female pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and she was given time to pay $224.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and he was given time to pay.

A 23-year-old male pleaded guilty to speeding and requested defensive driving.

A 21-year-old male pleaded guilty to two counts of expired motor vehicle registration; community service in lieu of paying $194 in fines was handed down.

A 26-year-old male pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was given time to pay $199.

A 33-year-old male pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct and was given time to pay.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and a fine of $199 was paid in full.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty of Class C assault. He was given time to pay $299.

A 26-year-old female pleaded guilty to Class C theft. She was given time to pay fines totaling $548.25.

A 36-year-old male pleaded guilty to Class C theft and expired motor vehicle registration, and was given time to pay $381 in fines.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor consuming alcohol. He requested to lay out fines of $548.25 in jail.

An 18-year-old male pleaded not guilty to minor consuming alcohol. It was set on pretrial docket.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor consuming alcohol and he requested community service. He is also required to attend an alcohol awareness course.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and was given time to pay $348.25.

A 17-year-old male pleaded not guilty to public intoxication. The case is set on the pretrial docket.

A 34-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and was given time to pay $299 in fines.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and requested to lay out fines of $548.25 in jail.

A 35-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. He requested community service in lieu of paying $548.25 in fines.

A 36-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and he was given time to pay $548.25 in fines.

A 41-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and he was given time to pay $199.

A 39-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. Community service was ordered in lieu of payment of $299.

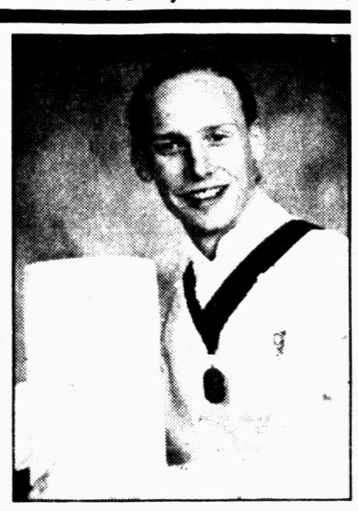
## Gordon helps school

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (AP) — NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon has helped a struggling private school by donating $10,000.

Kingsport Christian School received the donation Wednesday, after announcing last week it needed $80,000 to stay open until the end of the school year. Teachers were working for free during the money crunch.

"We are very thankful," principal Mike Miller said.

The school has about 145 students. Tuition is $2,300 a year.



Ben Baze

## Baze's grandson is culinary graduate

Benjamin Charles Baze, grandson of Roy and Geleska Baze of Snyder, graduated Dec. 21 from The Culinary Institute of America.

Baze earned an associate degree in culinary arts.

CIA, founded in 1946 in Hyde Park, N.Y., is a nationally-recognized school of culinary arts and culinary management. He graduated from The DeSisto School in Stockbrige, Mass., in June, 1997.

He is the son of Robert and Margaret Baze of Houston.

## People speculate about slain girl

(AP) — Five years after the unsolved murder of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, those who were closest to her continue to daydream about the teen-ager she would have been.

The Girl Scout was abducted while riding her bicycle in 1996. She was later found dead in a riverbed, but the killer was never found.

Amber would have been 14 this year, and life has gone on for her circle of friends. They've traded Barbies and cartoons for Backstreet Boys, crushes and makeup.

The transition is one not lost on Amber's mother, Donna Whitson Norris.

"I think about her going to junior high and high school, meeting her first boyfriend," Norris told The Arlington Morning News. "I imagine how pretty she would be in her prom dress. I don't get to see that. It's not fair. I am very angry at the person who did this to my daughter. He stole so much from me."

Norris said it brings comfort to imagine what Amber would be like now. She thinks about it when she looks at Amber's closest friends — Amanda Booth, Paige Hornback and Cassie Freeman.

"I still talk to Cassie all the time. She does so many things Amber would be doing," Norris said. "I should be buying Amber makeup, helping her with clothes and having mother-daughter chats with her."

Amber's friends are normal teen-agers concerned with popularity, fashion and boys.

They spend hours listening to their stereos and contemplating which 'N Sync guy is their favorite. They surf the Internet and chat through America Online Instant Messenger.

Amanda, Amber's best friend, believes the slain girl would have been like her — into cooking, home economics class, the pep squad, choir and good grades.


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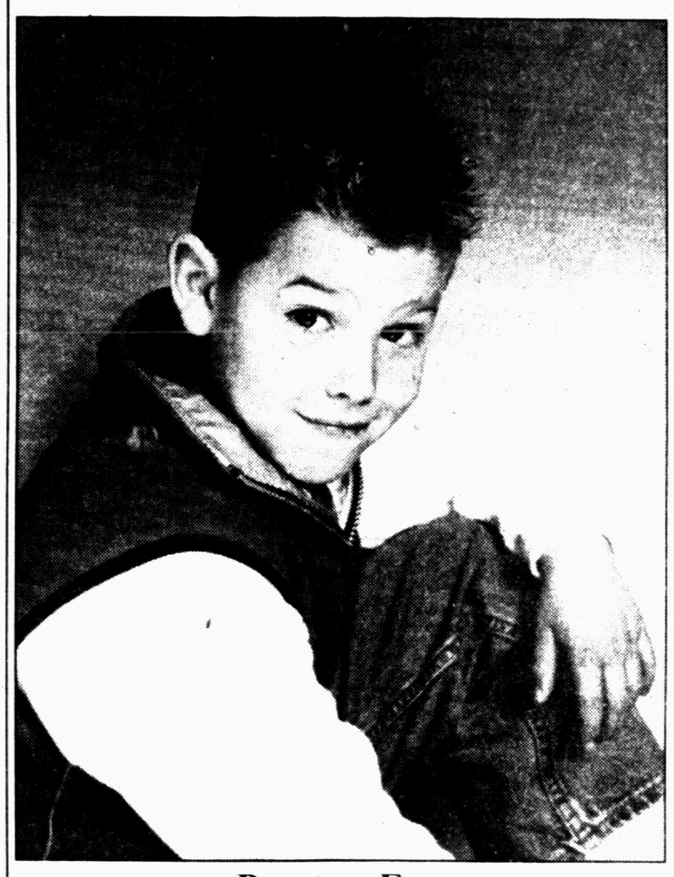


PACK MEETING — Cub Scout Pack 177 held its Christmas pack meeting last month. The boys received a visit from Santa Clause who gave them their pinewood derby cars. Pictured with Santa are Tyler Duzan, Caleb Hester, Shelby Grice, Nolan Duzan, Corbin Homesly, Keenan Ward, Tyson Sullenger, Justin Haggard, Jake Riley. (Contributed Photo)



50TH ANNIVERSARY — Boy Scout Troop 27 held its 50th anniversary last month at the First United Methodist Church. Participants include, front row, Robin Smauley, Andy Garvin, Zane Block, Jacob Hinson, Zack Block, Danny Courtney, Nathan Wittie, Joseph Hefner; middle row, Danny Pierce, Jarrod Fletcher, Thomas Hefner, Logan West, Christopher Smauley, Dalton Cole, Max Snider, Joe Hefner; back row, Barrett Munsen, Matthew Stokes, Brodie Pierce, Justin Stokes, Jay Callaway, James Garvin, Hamp Yearwood. Not pictured are Glenn Burns and GJ Burns. (Contributed Photo)

# Boy model nephew of Snyder man



Preston Eaton

Preston Eaton has taken up a new career. The eight-year-old has been modeling for several advertisements for companies such as Today's Kids, Ohio Casualty Insurance and JC Penney.

Preston has been featured on an ad for a computer chair for kids, is pictured on the box of a football toy for kids, and can be found in the Christmas JC Penney catalog.

This past summer, Preston auditioned for a role in a Sandra Bullock film. He also has his own agent.

The boy model is the son of Cal and Becky Eaton of Grapvine, and the nephew of Brad Pylant of Snyder, crew chief at Scurry County Maintenance. Preston has a brother, Bryce, who is 5.

# Indictment could bolster investigations

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Three men have been indicted for allegedly organizing a series of rave parties where large amounts of drugs were consumed, a case prosecutors say could lead to a nationwide crackdown on the high-energy dance parties.

Investigators connected more than 400 overdoses to the raves, which were held periodically from 1995 through August 2000, said George Cazenavette, special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's New Orleans office.

"In my time as a prosecutor this is one of the most unconscionable drug violations I have seen," U.S. Attorney Eddie Jordan said. "They used these raves to exploit young people by designing them for pervasive drug abuse."

Jordan said federal prosecutors around the country have asked him for copies of the case so they can use the same strategies to clamp down on rave organizers in their districts.

Robert J. Brunet, 37, was charged with conspiracy to violate a federal crackhouse law that makes it a crime to make a building available for the use of illegal drugs. His brother, Brian Brunet, 33, was charged along with James Estopinal, 32, on one count of violating the law.

Jordan said raves by definition are parties where pulsating techno music, steam, and paraphernalia such as pacifiers, chemical light sticks and flashing light rings are used to support highs from club drugs like Ecstasy. Therefore, anyone who uses the word "rave" to market an event could be inviting an investigation, Cazenavette and Jordan said.

Rault compared the situation to alumni associations that buy or lease fraternity houses on or near college campuses.

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Sophomores (30+ hours)
8:30 a.m. last names A - F
9:30 a.m. last names G - O
10:30 a.m. last names P - Z

Freshmen (0 - 29 hours)
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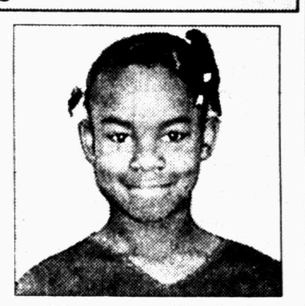
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Monday, January 15 Placement testing
Tuesday, January 16 Drop/adds begin at 1:30
Wednesday, January 17 Spring semester classes begin
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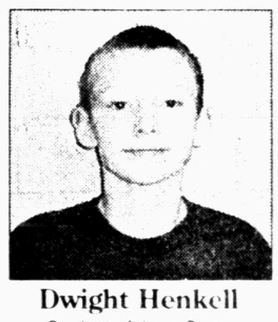
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# Senior Center Menu

**Monday**

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fried potato rounds, dill pickle spears, peanut butter cookies

**Tuesday**

Spaghetti w/meatballs, whole kernel corn, chopped spinach, tomato wedges, apricot cobbler, garlic toast

**Wednesday**

Chicken fried steak w/gravy, whipped potatoes, Italian green beans, heavenly delight salad, apple crisp

**Thursday**

Chicken filet w/cream gravy, scalloped potatoes, chopped broccoli, tossed salad, fruit gelatin chiffon

**Friday**

Fried fish, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, creamy slaw, pineapple upside-down cake

# Senior Center News

Thanks to volunteers, the community sing is a success and a time of enjoyment. The entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room on Saturday.

AARP has scheduled a "55 Alive" defensive driving course for Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. to be held in the conference room at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 M. Cost of the course is $10; and some auto insurance companies offer a discount to participants. Individuals are encouraged to contact their insurance company. Call 573-4035 to register.

An AARP training class is scheduled Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Registration is not required and everyone is invited. Call the center for more information. The regular AARP meeting for Monday has been cancelled.

Volunteers at the Food Cupboard need paper and plastic bags. The items can be brought to the center or the Food Cupboard.

Citizens of any age in the low-income bracket will be able to receive assistance in filing income tax returns beginning Feb. 7. Bernhard Bartels will be at the center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

**Monday**

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11.

**Tuesday**

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The country western volunteer band will entertain beginning at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon in the conference room.

**Wednesday**

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. in the dining room with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

**Thursday**

The fabric painting class begins at 9 and the Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room at 10 a.m. The AARP "55 Alive" defensive driving class will meet in the conference room Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Friday**

The blood pressure clinic and bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

## Art of war and politics to be displayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four days before George W. Bush becomes president, the public gets its first view of a portrait of the White House that President Clinton ordered in honor of the mansion's 200th birthday.

The painter is Jamie Wyeth, scion of the American art dynasty founded by his grandfather N.C. Wyeth, a leading illustrator and poster painter of his time, who died in 1945. One of his posters depicts George Washington looking over the construction of the White House in 1798.

Washington's successor as president, John Adams, moved into the mansion on Nov. 1, 1800.

# Financial Focus

**Stay Calm in a Volatile Market**

There are two things we can be fairly sure of in the investment world. The first is that prices will sometimes go up. The second is that prices will sometimes go down. When the ups and downs become too volatile, many investors may be tempted to make snap decisions based on short-term events. But the secret to successful investing during jittery markets is to stay calm.

Of course, that's easier said than done. However, you can do it. Here are a few suggestions that may make it easier.

**Concentrate on long-term objectives** — It's important to develop an investment strategy, stick with it over time and keep your long-term objectives in sight. You may want to adjust your portfolio but don't abandon proven principles of investment success, such as diversification and striking the proper balance between risk and reward.

**Look for opportunities** — During choppy markets, many people turn to "defensive" industries, such as consumer staples and drugs. These sectors are rarely out of favor for extended periods of time, for the simple reason that people will always need these products and services. Other sectors, while struggling along with a down market, may still be poised to do well during the next upturn.

**Accept normal market adjustments** — Sometimes when the market appears to be going through convulsions, it's actually "shaking out excesses of one kind or another in a move toward equilibrium. Such may have been the case this past spring, when overpriced technology stocks fell sharply, causing a drag on the market. While these shakeouts can seem unsettling at the time, they're often healthy for the market in the long run.

**Put your idle money to work** — It's probably not a good idea to ever get totally out of the market, no matter how turbulent things may get. By being on the sidelines, even for a short time, you're likely to miss out on opportunities for growth, especially given the speed with which markets can turn around. But if you do have money that's not invested in the market, at least make sure it's working for you — in a money market account for example. Your money will earn a decent rate of return and, more importantly, will be available to invest when you're ready.

**Shelter money in qualified retirement accounts** — Put as much as you can afford into tax-qualified retirement plans, such as an IRA or a 401(k). The money you invest in these plans is certainly not immune to market fluctuations, but it will grow on a tax-deferred basis — which means it will grow much faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. (And, if you have a Roth IRA, your money will grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

By following these suggestions, you should be able to keep your composure, no matter what the market throws your way. And when it comes to investing, the less emotion that's involved, the better.

# Power cutbacks urged

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — West Coast governors have urged residents to cut their electricity use by as much 10 percent while federal, state and corporate officials try to solve the region's power crisis.

The secretaries of the U.S. Energy and Treasury departments were expected to meet Saturday with the chief executives of California's two largest utilities and several state officials by video conference to discuss proposals, The New York Times reported.

Wholesale power prices have increased fivefold in California since last summer, accompanied by a series of drops in the state's power reserves due partly to power plants being down for maintenance.

On Thursday, power reserves in California dipped below 2 percent after a storm cut production at a key nuclear power plant.

The Independent System Operator, which manages most of the state's power grid, said electricity supplies had rebounded from the Stage 3 emergency by Friday but were still tight.

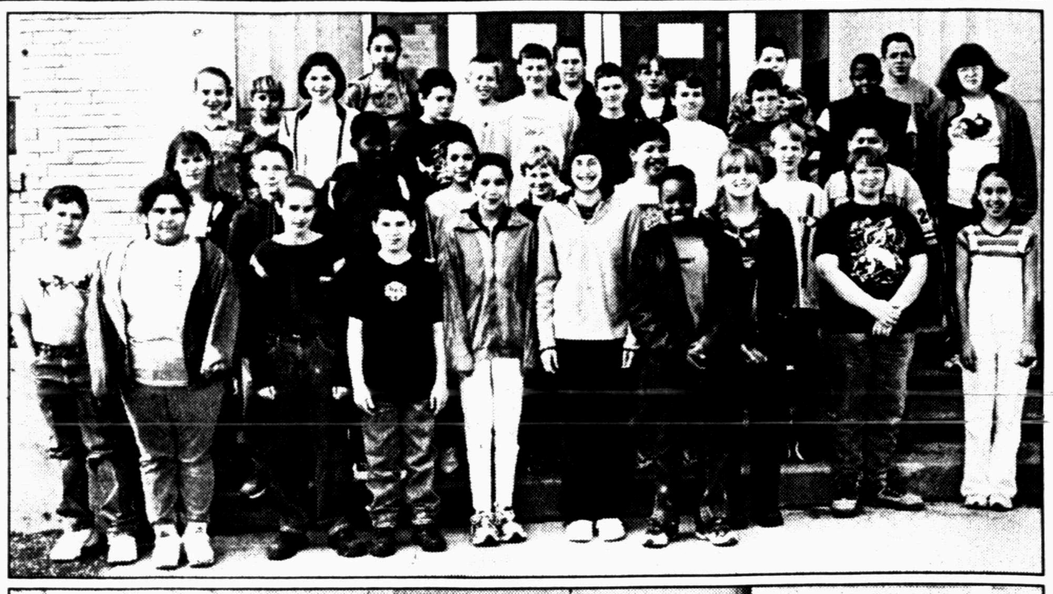
Govs. Gray Davis of California, John Kitzhaber of Oregon and Gary Locke of Washington said Friday that they would urge their residents to cut electricity demand 7 to 10 percent, try to reduce power use by their state governments by at least 10 percent, and look into joining forces to buy energy-efficient products for state and local agencies to get through the crisis.

Davis and California's two largest investor-owned utilities have pointed fingers at energy wholesalers, saying they have exacerbated the crisis by taking advantage of the tight supplies for their own profit.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Southern California Edison say they have lost more than $9 billion because of wholesale price increases and the state's 1996 deregulation law that froze rate hikes. The utilities, which won permission to raise rates, said the temporary increases approved by the Public Utilities Commission weren't enough and have warned they could go bankrupt if something isn't done.

Davis, Kitzhaber and Locke said in a written statement that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should impose immediate wholesale price controls.

"The federal government must take up its responsibility to prevent the chaos that threatens to engulf the entire western electricity system," the governors said.





PERFECT ATTENDANCE — West Elementary sixth graders who earned perfect attendance for the fall semster are (top photo) top row, from left, Michael Alaniz, Cinthia Arellano, Jamie Arnold, Brianna Bernal, Kunal Bhakta, Brett Bowlin, Danny Courtney, Taylor Courtney, Tylor Courtney; third row, Sarah Covington, Beverly Crenwelge, Malcolm Deavers, Trent Early, Nancy Facio, Andrew Garvin, William Greenwood, Brandon Hagins, Charone Hill, Staci Lee; second row, Aspen Mann, Dillon Matthies, Johnathan McDonald, Sidney Medina, Jeremy Mills, Melissa Newby, Adrian Padron, Louisa Pena, Wesley Price, Jeremy Rodriguez; bottom row, Joey Rosas, Amy Sauceda, Matthew Schoolcraft, Roxana Scott, Corbin Smith, Adrianna Sosa, Jordan Stansell, Lacree Tippens, Courtney Tyrrell, Heather West, Aeriefel Beth Witte, Jessica Yanez. Others are (bottom photo) top row, from left, Rebekah Brown, Brandon Garvin, Mario Hernandez and Jimmy Wells. Rebekah and Jimmy are Sherry Kidd's students and Brandon and Mario are in Shilla Kinney's "Cubs" class. First graders in the middle row are from left, Joseph Brooks, Fabian Gutierrez, Chelsea Meeker, Desiray Molinar, Alberto Resendiz, Brandon Rocha, Steven Seale, Brianna Small, Da Shay Smith, Tamron Wesley. Kindergarten students are from left, bottom row, Hannah Duddleston, Mathew Guzman, Kelly Jones, Amanda Luecke, Urbando Martinez, Amanda Roemer, Kellie Sanders, Mason Tabor, Melinda Warren, Aaliyah Wesley. Not pictured is Zane Morin, early childhood. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Katherine Harris questioned

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Secretary of State Katherine Harris left county supervisors to manage for themselves at the expense of voters, said members of a panel investigating Florida's presidential election.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on Friday concluded a two-day hearing on what some described as voting irregularities in the state that decided the presidency.

Panel members said Harris presided over a "disaster" in which she failed to help county election supervisors.

"The word that comes to mind is that you abandoned them. The fact is that you didn't help the voters and the voters really have paid the price," panel member Victoria Wilson said.

The results of the Nov. 7 election were contested for more than a month until Republican George W. Bush was awarded Florida's 25 electoral votes, and thus the White House. He beat Al Gore by 537 votes in Florida, but the tally was marred by recounts, court challenges and claims of disenfranchisement.

Some voters have said that blacks and others in Florida were deprived of their right to vote through incorrect purges of voting rolls, broken voting machines and other problems. The Madison County elections chief, Linda Howell, testified Friday that the state had mistakenly listed her as a convicted felon. She was allowed to vote.

Harris, a Republican, deferred most of the questions to Florida's elections director, Clay Roberts, saying she had delegated day-to-day elections operations to him.

That didn't satisfy commissioners.

"I don't know who's responsible — the supervisors are saying you're responsible, you're saying Mr. Roberts is responsible," Wilson said. "I'm on the merry-go-round called denial."

"Delegation takes no responsibility off your shoulders," Reynoso told Harris.

A fund has been set up at West Texas State Bank for Christa Lane Arnold born pre-mature at Lubbock UMC on December 18. She weighs 1.13 Pounds. Parents are Larry & Ruby Arnold. Larry is 'Cowboy' at KSNY. Christa is expected to be in Lubbock for 3 months. Account #311390601

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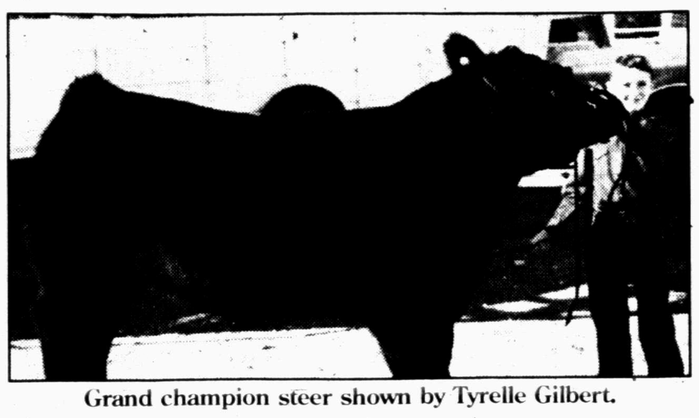
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Grand champion steer shown by Tyrelle Gilbert.



Tyrelle Gilbert also had the reserve grand champion steer, which was shown by his sister, Laramie.



The grand champion and the reserve grand champion goats belonged to Wesley Kellner. Candace Sanchez showed the reserve grand champion for Wes.

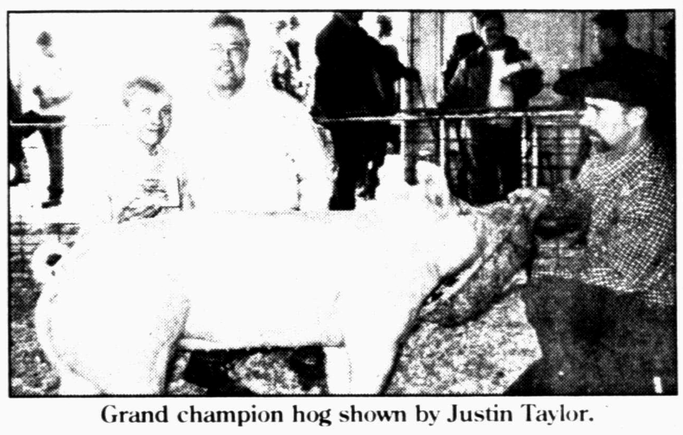


Grand champion lamb, Tyler Frey
Reserve grand champion lamb, Kaci Waller.

# Ira Stock Show



Showmanship awards (left to right): Jr. hog showmanship, Seth Sanchez; Sr. hog showmanship, Lacie Thompson. Jr. lamb showmanship, Kendyll Pilcher. (Gregg Hogg, center, show judge). Sr. lamb showmanship, Celeigh Sterling; Jr. goat showmanship, Chad Nickerson; Sr. goat showmanship, Candace Sanchez.



Grand champion hog shown by Justin Taylor.



Reserve grand champion hog shown by Rancé Dunn.

Photos courtesy of Ira School

## Last Saturday's winners announced below

Ira Stock Show was held last Saturday. The results in each division are as follows:

**Steer Show**

**Grand champion,** Tyrelle Gilbert; **reserve grand champion**, Tyrelle Gilbert (shown by Laramie Gilbert)

**Goat Show**

**Class one**

First through third, Wes Kellner; fourth, Jordan Smith; fifth, Rance Dunn; sixth, Bryson Higgins.

**Class two**

First, Wes Kellner; second Chad Nickerson; third, Joel Lollar; fourth, Jordan Smith; fifth Jordan Lollar; sixth Rance Dunn.

**Grand champion goat**, Wes Kellner; **reserve grand champion goat**, Wes Kellner (shown by Candace Sanchez)

**Sheep Show**

**Southdown Lambs**

First and **breed champion**, Travis Frey; second and **reserve breed champion**, Lacie Thompson; third, Kelbi Pitner.

**Finewool lambs**

**Class one**

First, Kendyll Pilcher; second, Kaci Waller; third, Brandon Lunsford.

**Class two**

**First and breed champion**, Amber Sanchez; second and **reserve breed champion**, Kendyll Pilcher; third, Brandon Lunsford.

**Finewool cross lambs**

**Class one**

First, Kaci Waller; second, Tyler Frey; third, Travis Frey; fourth, Tyler Frey; fifth, Lacie Thompson; sixth, Kendyll Pilcher.

**Class two**

First place and **breed champion**, Kaci Waller; second and **reserve Breed champion**, Celeigh Sterling; third, Tyler Frey; fourth, Travis Fry; fifth , Tyler Fry.

**Medium wool lambs**

**Class one**

First and **reserve champion**, Kelbi Pitner; second, Kaci Waller.

**Class two**

First place and **breed champion**, Tyler Fry; second place, Kaci Waller; third, Celeigh Sterling; fourth, Amber Sanchez.

**Grand champion lamb**, Tyler Frey; **reserve grand champion lamb**, Kaci Waller.

**Hog Show**

**Duroc**

**Class one**

First and **breed champion**, Seth Sanchez; second, Bubba Walker; third, Sarah McCown; fourth, Kaci Waller.

**Class two**

First and **reserve breed champion**, Cody Lomax; second, Rance Dunn; third, Candace Sanchez; fourth, April Lollar; fifth, Ashton Smith.

**Hampshire**

**Class one**

First, Seth Sanchez; second, Ashton Smith; third, Jackie Thompson; fourth, Sarah McCown.

**Class two**

First and **breed champion**, Rance Dunn; second and **reserve breed champion**, Brandon Lunsford; third, Kendyll Pilcher.

**Yorkshire**

First and **breed champion**, Justin Taylor; second and **reserve breed champion**, Candace Sanchez; third, Ashton Smith; fourth, Kaci Waller; fifth, Kendyll Pilcher; sixth, Jackie Thompson.

**Crossbreeds**

**Class one**

First, Wes Kellner; second, Franki Briseno; third, Stephan Kirk; fourth, Kevin Graves; fifth, Vanessa Espinoza.

**Class two**

First, Brandon Lunsford; second, Rance Dunn; third, Kendyll Pilcher; fourth, Wes Kellner; fifth, Lacie Thompson; sixth, Kevin Graves.

**Class three**

First and **breed champion**, Justin Taylor; second and **reserve breed champion**, Travis Frey; third, Kaci Waller; fourth, Travis Frey.

**Grand champion hog**, Justin Taylor; **reserve grand champion hog**, Rance Dunn.

**Showmanship awards:**

Jr. goat showmanship: Chad Nickerson.

Sr. goat showmanship: Candace Sanchez.

Jr. lamb showmanship: Kendyll Pilcher

Sr. lamb showmanship: Celeigh Sterling.

Jr. hog showmanship: Seth Sanchez.

Sr. hog showmanship: Lacie Thompson.

Gegg Hogg of Brownfield served as judge.

Jay Waller, Ira FFA adviser, said, "I would like to thank the community for the support of the stock show and the encouragement given the stock show exhibitors. The show went very well and the cake sale and other donations paid for the show and most of the expenses. Thank you for all of the support and a special thanks to the students for their hard work."

## Correctional officers have mock drill

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Nearly a dozen teams of law enforcement officers from across Texas and Oklahoma competed in a mock hostage crisis staged over two days at Southwest Texas State University.

The crisis began with the irate wife of a prison warden threatening to kill him at his office. During the tense episode, the gun-wielding wife — locked inside the office with her spouse, two inmates and a secretary — becomes despondent and contemplates suicide.

In a moment of indecision, she stumbles and the loaded pistol lands in the lap of one of the inmates. Seizing the opportunity for freedom, the inmate turns the gun on the others. He is now in charge.

Too fantastic to be true?

No, says Wayman Mullins, a criminal justice professor at Southwest Texas State. Mullins said it may seem farfetched, but actually it is not unlike real-life events that correctional officers are likely to encounter at some point in their careers.

"You can't make this stuff up. We are giving them situations they can expect to confront in their lifetimes," Mullins, an expert in hostage and crisis negotiations, told the San Antonio Express-News.

Mullins oversaw training of 28 teams on campus during an annual 2-day competition of mock hostage negotiators.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections Eastern Region won the competition for correctional officers, and the Tyler police department won in the competition for police and sheriff's deputies.

Correctional officers were given the crisis involving the warden's wife. Police and sheriff's deputies were given a slightly different problem — a distraught, gun-toting student barges into his ex-teacher's classroom, blames her for failing him, then holds the entire class hostage.

The goal was the same in both exercises — to bring the crisis to a peaceful resolution.

The competition for each involved a full day's worth of hostage negotiations. Bad-guy actors held nothing back. During the simulations, they shouted and cursed, much the same way real-life hostage-takers might.

Judges evaluated the teams on how well they worked to defuse the potentially explosive crises.

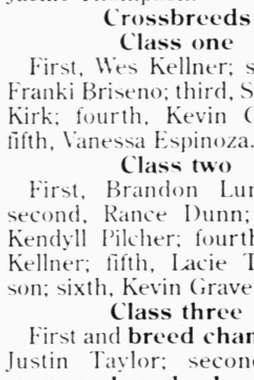
Mullins said negotiators got a feel for how well they were doing during their speakerphone conversations with the hostage-takers.

"It's kind of like arguing with your kids; you know whether you are winning or losing," Mullins said.

Judges evaluate the negotiator's tone of voice, whether he or she is able to establish rapport with the hostage-taker and how the negotiator is able to avoid topics that anger the actor.

"If a guy is angry and screaming, you don't want to offer him a pizza," said Joe Jimenez, a police officer from Richardson who is a hostage negotiator.

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## Darrell Callahan

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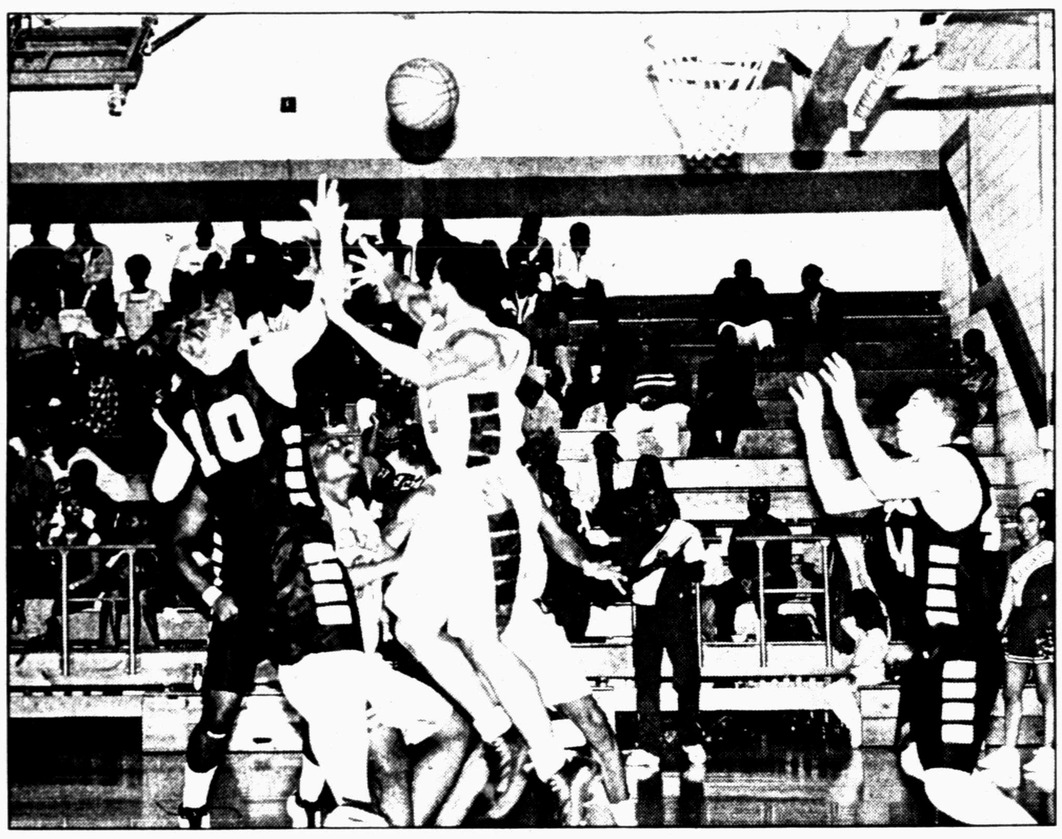
Darrell Callahan was born in Dayton, Texas and raised overseas. Darrell spent 14 years in the Air Force and in 1981 moved to Snyder. Darrell came to work for the City of Snyder as a driver for the Street Department in June of 1982. In September of 1983 Darrell was transferred to the Water Plant and in June of 1984 was promoted to Supervisor of the Water & Sewer Department. Darrell and his wife Toni have been married for 30 years. They have two children, a daughter Michele and a son Chris. Michele is married to Walt Floyd and they have 2 daughters, Jessica and Lauren. Darrell's hobbies are golf and woodworking. Darrell was nominated because he is very helpful to his employees and others. Always positive and has the best interest for the City.

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# SPORTS



TWO MORE — Snyder's Chris McLeod (10) shoots during first-half action Friday night at Lubbock Estacado, while Jared Thornhill (44) works to get open. The Matadors handed the Tigers their first district setback. (SDN Staff Phot o)

## Snyder comeback falls short against Estacado

By Eric Drennan
*Sports Editor*

LUBBOCK — Minus their starting point guard for Friday night's district showdown with the Estacado Matadors, all the Snyder Tigers were hoping for was a chance to win it in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers got their wish, but the Matadors got the victory.

Estacado outscored Snyder, 18-9, in the fourth quarter Friday to win the battle for the district lead, 57-46, at Matador Gym.

The setback, only the Tigers' third in district competition over the last three years, drops the Tigers to 14-7 on the year and 4-1 is league play.

Snyder entered the contest without the services of senior point guard Jamaal Wofford, who averages 14 points per game. Wofford is scheduled to have his hip injury evaluated on Tuesday, leaving the Tigers with underclassmen at the point.

Wofford's replacements, junior Brandon McGuire and sophomore T.J. Jones, handled Estacado's press, but the Tigers missed their senior leader's offensive production.

"I think we competed hard. We just made some mistakes in the fourth quarter," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We handled their pressure pretty well for the most part. We just struggled to find offense in the first and last quarters."

It looked early on as if the Matadors would roll over the Tigers. Estacado opened up a 19-9 lead in the first period, before Birks changed his defensive strategy.

Snyder switched from man-to-man to a zone defense, and survived the remainder of the first half to trail by only nine.

"I think the zone really helped us, because it helped us control their speed and quickness," said Birks. "Estacado has some outstanding athletes, and I felt we matched up better with them in a zone."

The Tigers made their biggest charge in the third quarter, behind senior post Jared Thornhill. After not attempting a shot in the first half, Thornhill went 5-for-5 in the third to fuel a 17-8 Tiger run that knotted the tally at 37-37 with only a handful seconds left in the period.

Estacado regained the advantage with a shot at the buzzer, to lead by two points entering the final eight minutes.

While the Tigers' run in the third quarter was crucial, so was Snyder's foul count during the fourth period. Thornhill and fellow post Shante Taylor picked up their fourth fouls early in the final frame, and picked up their fifth with the outcome still undecided.

Estacado took advantage of the situation with a 14-4 run over the final three minutes to pull away for the win.

Thornhill finished with a team-high 15 points, all of them in the second half.

"I was proud of our effort," said Birks. "Now we have to just forget about the outcome and go on. We have to get prepared, and go out and do it all again on Tuesday at Lake View."

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| **Snyder** | **09** | **11** | **17** | **09** | **— 46** |
| **Estacado** | **19** | **10** | **10** | **18** | **— 57** |

**Snyder**
Thornhill 5-5 5-6 15, McLeod 4-8 0-0 9, Pinkerton 3-11 1-1 8, Taylor 3-5 0-0 6, McGuire 1-2 0-0 3, Landes 1-1 2-2 5, Mendoza 0-1 0-0 0, Pruitt 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 17-34 8-9 46.**
**Estacado**
Duvall 7-14 4-5 19, Jones 3-5 2-2 8, Hutchinson 3-5 2-2 8, Morrison 0-8 2-4 2, Skief 0-2 0-0 0, Kinney 3-5 0-0 7, Phillips 2-4 2-4 6, Lawson 2-2 1-2 5, Hill 1-1 0-0 2, McKinzie 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 21-47 13-19 57.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (McLeod, Pinkerton, McGuire, Landes), Estacado 2 (Duvall, Kinney). Rebounds: Snyder 18 (Taylor 7), Estacado 20 (Hutchinson 10). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Estacado 12. Fouled out — Thornhill, Taylor.

### District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

| Team | District W | District L | Season W | Season L |
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| **Estacado** | 5 | 0 | 14 | 9 |
| **Snyder** | 4 | 1 | 14 | 7 |
| **Frenship** | 3 | 2 | 13 | 11 |
| **Lake View** | 2 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| **Plainview** | 2 | 2 | 11 | 11 |
| **Levelland** | 2 | 3 | 16 | 8 |
| **Andrews** | 1 | 4 | 14 | 9 |
| **Big Spring** | 0 | 5 | 5 | 17 |

**Friday's results:** Estacado 57, Snyder 46; Levelland 53, Big Spring 37; Frenship 69, Andrews 34.
**Saturday's game:** Plainview at Lake View.
**Tuesday's games:** Snyder at Lake View; Andrews at Levelland; Estacado at Big Spring; Frenship at Plainview.

## AFC quarterbacks traveled similar paths

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Trent Dilfer put it nicely.

"I'm not the best quarterback around, but I certainly don't think I'm the worst," the Baltimore Ravens quarterback said. Until this season, the same might have been said about Rich Gannon, his counterpart for the Oakland Raiders in Sunday's AFC title game.

To borrow a Bay Area phrase, it's been a long, strange trip for both of them, more so for Gannon — the Oakland quarterback, who at 35 finished fourth in the MVP voting this season but almost eschewed an NFL career to go to law school.

That was in 1987, when he was drafted out of Delaware by New England in the fourth round — as a defensive back. Gannon told the Patriots he was a quarterback, he was going to law school and two weeks later, he was traded to Minnesota.

From the Vikings, he went to Washington, sat out the 1994 season after shoulder surgery, landed in Kansas City and finally in Oakland, where he became a starter last season and an MVP candidate in 2000.

"I learned to be humble early," said Gannon, who grew up in Philadelphia. "I thought I was a hot shot until I learned that Penn State and Notre Dame weren't interested and wound up at Delaware."

Dilfer had a similar experience.

Growing up 70 miles south of Oakland in coastal Santa Cruz, Dilfer was recruited primarily as a linebacker, so he went to Fresno State to play quarterback. He did well enough there to be a first-round draft pick of Tampa Bay in 1994, the sixth choice overall.

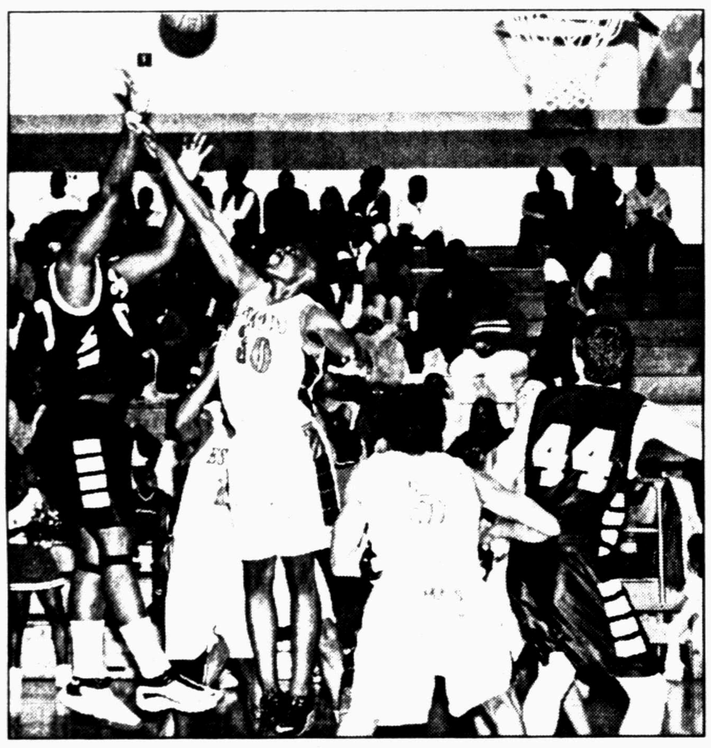
But he never quite lived up to expectations and last season was benched late in the season for rookie Shaun King, who got the Bucs to last season's NFC title game.

So on to Baltimore this year with the reverse scenario.

He started the season behind Tony Banks, who had led the Ravens to a 5-2 finish last season that left them at 8-8 and set the stage for this season's 12-4 regular-season record.

But after the Ravens went five games without a touchdown — although they won two, Dilfer replaced Banks. The Ravens lost his first start, but have won nine in a row, although he was just 5-of-16 for 119 yards last week in the 24-10 victory over Tennessee that got the Ravens into the title game.

That game was won by defense and special teams, which blocked two of Al Del Greco's field-goal attempts and returned one of them for a touchdown.



TOO TALL — Snyder's Shante Taylor (00) shoots over the top of an Estacado defender, while teammate Jared Thornhill moves into rebounding position Friday night at Estacado. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Freshman girls fall to Lubbock

Snyder ran into stiff competition in the opening round of the SHS freshman girls' basketball tournament.

Snyder fell to Lubbock Hutchins, 36-24, in the first round, but will get two more chances at victory when it faces McKenzie and Alderson on Saturday.

In the tourney opener, Erin Burleson poured in 10 points to lead the Lady Tigers' scoring effort.

Kelby Drum netted six points. Katie Chandler tallied four, and Desiree Braziel and Laura Arellano finished with two apiece.

## Snyder JV falls to Mats

LUBBOCK — Estacado used a pair of second-quarter spurts Friday night to hold off Snyder in boys' and girls' junior varsity action.

The Snyder boys fell to the Matadors, 59-45, while the Lady Tigers dropped a 52-47 decision.

In the boys' match-up, Estacado took control with a 26-8 run in the second period. The Tigers tried to rally with 15 points in the final frame, but couldn't overcome the 18-pointy halftime deficit.

Corey Clay poured in 13 points to pace the Tigers, while Colby Driggers added 11.

Clay Williams posted eight points, with Jay Scott and Brad Spells netting four each. Tyler Pollard drained three points, and Tanner Beard chipped in two.

In girls' action, the two squads battled to a 9-9 tie in the first quarter, before Estacado opened up a four-point advantage by halftime. The Lady Matadors extended their lead to eight points in the third period, then held on down the stretch.

Dara Chambers' 12 points led the Lady Tigers' effort.

Zipporah Peoples netted nine points, while Chasity Perales tallied eight. Hailey Putnam added six points. Kentara McDonald registered four, and Sauceda Reecie, Cindy Sanchez, Patricia Vargas and Tamara Norman chipped in two apiece.

Both Snyder squads will be in action again Tuesday at San Angelo Lake View.

### Boys' Little Dribblers Results

**MINOR DIVISION**
**Grizzlies 30, Lakers 9**
**Grizzlies:** Jake Crenwelge, 10; Seth Sanchez and Alex Hernandez, 6; Clint McFatridge, Ernesto Arellano, Garrett Hale and Chad Greene, 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 5; Quintin Bass and David Strayhorn, 2.
**Kings 20, Trailblazers 14**
**Kings:** Ty Burton, Brandon Lunsford and Kaden Seale, 6; Eric Morin, 2. **Trailblazers:** Ted Cerda, 12; T.J. Wright, 2.
**Nuggets 34, Knicks 26**
**Nuggets:** Bubba Perales, 19; Rey Juarez, 15. **Knicks:** Rance Dunn, 24; Chance Young, 2.
**MAJOR DIVISION**
**Rockets 37, Celtics 25**
**Rockets:** Pedro Villa, 15; Braden Robbins, 11; Ryan Gonzales and Terrance Wells, 4; Travis Hatfield, 3. **Celtics:** Dustin Murdock, 12; J.W. Wesson, 5; Andy Garvin, 4; Juan Ramirez and Will Stewart, 2.
**T-Wolves 33, Tarheels 21**
**T-Wolves:** Jamie Arnold, 11; Brent Bollinger, 9; Dillon Matthies, 7; Cody Reed, Casey Arnold and Tyler Driggers, 2. **Tarheels:** Donald Jeffery, 10; Michael Martinez, 4; Craig Robertson, Ryan Claxton and Nolan Grady, 2; Josh Ornelas, 1.
**Raptors 36, Blue Devils 26**
**Raptors:** Brandon Jones, 15; Joel Rocha, 9; Blane Knipe and Brooks Gafford, 6. **Blue Devils:** Lance Day, 13; Michael Mann, 11; Austin Calley, 2.

### NFL Playoffs

**All Times EST**
**Saturday, Dec. 30**
**Wild-card Playoffs**
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
**Sunday, Dec. 31**
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

**Divisional Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 6**
Minnesota 34, New Orleans 16
Oakland 27, Miami 0
**Sunday, Jan. 7**
Baltimore 24, Tennessee 10
New York Giants 20, Philadelphia 10

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday, Jan. 14**
**NFC Championship**
Minnesota at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
**AFC Championship**
Baltimore at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)

**Super Bowl**
**Sunday, Jan. 28**
**At Tampa, Fla.**
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

### National Basketball Association

**All Times EST**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 26 | 9 | .743 | — |
| New York | 22 | 13 | .629 | 4 |
| Miami | 21 | 16 | .568 | 6 |
| Orlando | 15 | 20 | .429 | 11 |
| Boston | 13 | 24 | .351 | 14 |
| New Jersey | 11 | 25 | .306 | 15½ |
| Washington | 7 | 31 | .184 | 20½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Charlotte | 23 | 15 | .605 | — |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 15 | .571 | 1½ |
| Toronto | 18 | 18 | .500 | 4 |
| Cleveland | 17 | 17 | .500 | 4 |
| Indiana | 16 | 21 | .432 | 6½ |
| Detroit | 14 | 22 | .389 | 8 |
| Atlanta | 13 | 22 | .371 | 8½ |
| Chicago | 6 | 29 | .171 | 15½ |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | |
| **Midwest Division** | | | | |
| | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| San Antonio | 23 | 11 | .676 | — |
| Dallas | 24 | 14 | .632 | 1 |
| Utah | 22 | 13 | .629 | 1½ |
| Denver | 21 | 16 | .568 | 3½ |
| Minnesota | 21 | 17 | .553 | 4 |
| Houston | 18 | 17 | .514 | 5½ |
| Vancouver | 10 | 25 | .286 | 13½ |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Portland | 27 | 10 | .730 | — |
| Sacramento | 23 | 10 | .697 | 2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 24 | 11 | .686 | 2 |
| Phoenix | 21 | 12 | .636 | 4 |
| Seattle | 20 | 18 | .526 | 7½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 13 | 25 | .342 | 14½ |
| Golden State | 11 | 24 | .314 | 15 |

**Friday's Games**
Philadelphia 86, Washington 82
Toronto 93, Boston 72
San Antonio 111, Detroit 90
Minnesota 95, L.A. Clippers 89
Charlotte 86, Chicago 85
Denver 106, Sacramento 93
Seattle 115, Vancouver 102
L.A. Lakers 101, Cleveland 98
**Saturday's Games**
Portland at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
**Sunday's Games**
Charlotte at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

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# SPORTS

# Delce carries Snyder past Estacado, 61-42

By Eric Drennan
*Sports Editor*

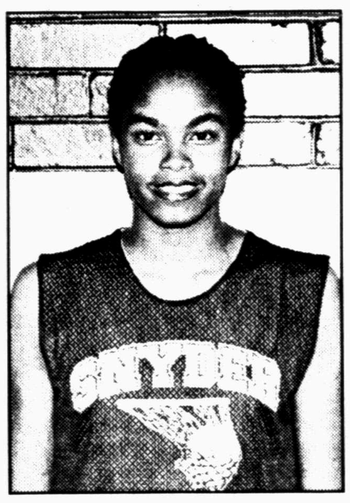
LUBBOCK — After falling to Andrews on Tuesday, the Snyder Lady Tigers were in danger of falling back in the pack in the district race.

But Friday night, Ashley Delce put the Lady Tigers on her back and carried the squad to safety.

Delce poured in 31 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead Snyder past Estacado, 61-42, in a District 4-4A contest at Matador Gym.

The victory, combined with Big Spring's loss to Levelland, gives the Lady Tigers (15-5) sole possession of second place at 5-2.

Delce, who will be relied on even more following a season-ending injury to fellow post Kameron Kallemeyn, was 12 of 17 from the floor, and hauled in seven of her rebounds on the offensive end.



Ashley Delce

"It was an unbelievable performance," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "And she did it against some really good athletes from Estacado.

"Everybody we put on the floor tonight competed hard, and Ashley did the things she's capable of doing. She's a remarkable athlete, and tonight proved it."

The Lady Tigers built a comfortable lead in the first half, behind balanced scoring and tenacious defense. Five Lady Tigers scored in the opening period, and Snyder limited Estacado to only six points to open a 17-6 advantage.

The Lady Tigers stretched the margin to 19 points by halftime, thanks in part to 11 second-quarter points from Delce.

But the senior's best performance might have come in the third period, when the Lady Tigers started to struggle and the Lady Mats started a run.

Seven Snyder turnovers in the early part of the second half allowed Estacado to put together an 8-0 stretch that cut the deficit to 11 points, before Delce went back to work.

Delce got free underneath for the Lady Tigers' first points of the half at the 3:00 mark, then dropped in five more points in the final minute of the third quarter to stretch the lead back to 18 points.

"Our girls continued to step up, throughout the entire game," said Tipton. "When Estacado made its run, we regained our composure and took back control of the game when we needed to.

"I thought our guards did a good job tonight. They penetrated off the dribble and that opened up a lot of other things for us."

Trailing, 42-24, Estacado resorted to fouling in the fourth quarter. Snyder attempted 26 free throws in the final eight minutes, connecting on 13 of them. Delce added a pair of buckets in the fourth, and Kristin Murray scored from the baseline to help the offensive effort.

Snyder was 58 percent from the floor on the night, and stifled Estacado's production with its defense. The Lady Mats went 14-of-56 from the floor, that included a 6-of-26 effort from the three-point line.

Snyder begins the second half of district competition Tuesday at San Angelo Lake View, and the Lady Tigers are focused on a playoff drive.

"There's still a lot of basketball to be played, but we're in a position to make a run in the second half," said Tipton. "We just have to make sure that our troops are ready to play each time they step on the floor, and everything will take care of itself."

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| **Snyder** | **17** | **18** | **07** | **19** | **— 61** |
| **Estacado** | **06** | **10** | **08** | **18** | **— 42** |

**Snyder**
Delce 12-17 7-12 31, Eicke 2-6 1-3 7, Geiger 3-6 0-0 6, Mackey 2-2 2-5 6, Murray 2-5 0-1 4, Robinson 0-0 6-10 6, Russell 0-0 1-2 1. **Totals 21-36 17-33 61.**

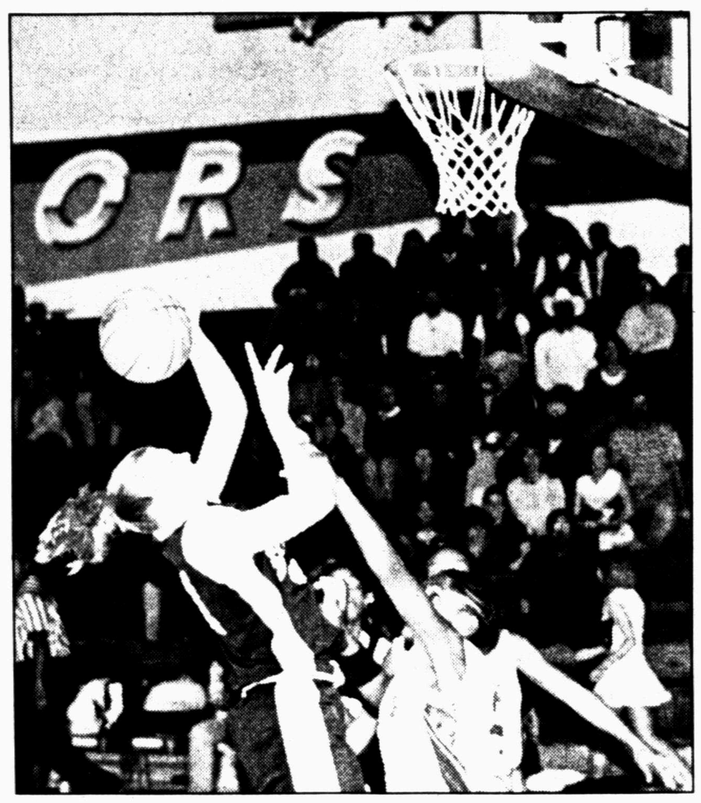
**Estacado**
Davis 7-15 0-0 15, A.Shephard 3-15 2-2 11, Curry 1-7 0-0 3, Ross 0-1 1-2 1, E.Shephard 0-4 0-0 0, McGraw 3-7 1-8 8, Wilkerson 0-3 2-2 2, Sanders 0-2 2-4 2, Dottin 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 14-56 8-18 42.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Eicke 2), Estacado 6 (A.Shephard 3, Davis, Curry, McGraw). Rebounds: Snyder 36 (Delce 17), Estacado 27 (Davis 7). Total fouls: Snyder 14, Estacado 26. Fouled out — Delce; Curry, McGraw, Wilkerson.

## District 4-4A Girls' Basketball

| Team | District W | District L | Season W | Season L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Plainview | 6 | 0 | 21 | 1 |
| Snyder | 5 | 2 | 16 | 5 |
| Levelland | 4 | 3 | 18 | 4 |
| Big Spring | 4 | 3 | 14 | 6 |
| Frenship | 4 | 3 | 17 | 8 |
| Andrews | 3 | 4 | 14 | 9 |
| Estacado | 1 | 6 | 11 | 10 |
| Lake View | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 |

**Friday's results:** Snyder 61, Estacado 42; Levelland 41, Big Spring 36; Frenship 57, Andrews 44.
**Saturday's game:** Plainview at Lake View.
**Tuesday's games:** Snyder at Lake View; Andrews at Levelland; Estacado at Big Spring; Frenship at Plainview.



AIR BATTLE — Snyder's Kristin Murray (left) fights an Estacado player for the ball during Friday night's district contest in Lubbock. The Lady Tigers toppled the Lady Matadors, 61-42, to remain in second place in the district standings. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Spurs extend streak with 111-90 victory

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Most players would consider five victories in a row to be a nice winning streak.

Not David Robinson.

The Spurs center wasn't satisfied even after San Antonio routed the Detroit Pistons 111-90 Friday night for its season-best fifth straight win.

"I still wouldn't call this a streak," he said. "We have played great basketball in spurts, but we haven't been able to put it all together. Hopefully we can do that, and then we will be able to call it a streak."

Robinson was impressed by the play of shooting guard Derek Anderson, who had 25 points, including 12 of San Antonio's 26 in the third quarter.

"Last year, we were lacking someone who could take the ball to the basket," Robinson said. "Derek does a good job of that, which makes life easier for both Tim (Duncan) and I."

Anderson has averaged 18.4 points during the winning streak, and has 49 in the last two games.

"I'm just trying to stay active on both ends of the floor," he said. "I've been feeling really good. We have to make sure that our chemistry stays this good when we get guys back from injuries."

Detroit led by as many as 12 points in the first quarter, but scored just 56 points in the final three periods.

"When we went down by 11 or 12 points, I was really pleased that we continued to execute and do what we have been practicing," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was the best part of the game for us — maintaining composure when Detroit came out really tough."

The Pistons have lost four in a row and seven of eight.

"We're on a slide right now, but we have to keep plugging away," said Jerry Stackhouse, who led Detroit with 35 points. "We have to find five guys who can start the game with a lot of energy, and five more who can come off the bench and sustain it."

Anderson's final five third-quarter points came on one possession, thanks to three Detroit technical fouls in 13 seconds. Pistons coach George Irvine picked up the first two, and the third was for an illegal defense.

"I'm the last person to blame the officials, but enough is enough," Irvine said.

"Joe Smith went inside and went inside and went inside and couldn't get a call. The most frustrating one was when David Robinson put both hands on Joe's back and shoved him six feet. The only three people in the building who didn't see it were the ones with the whistles."

The Pistons never got closer than 12 points in the fourth. Detroit has not led in the second half during its four-game losing streak.

San Antonio plays again Saturday night in Philadelphia. Portland visits the Pistons on Sunday.

# Westbrook makes late rally to nip 'Dogs, 56-53

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs controlled the action for the first eight minutes Friday night. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the Wildcats returned the favor over the next 24 minutes.

Ira built a 21-6 lead in the first quarter Friday, before Westbrook came storming back to register a 56-53 victory over the Bulldogs in District 11-A boys' action.

The setback drops the Bulldogs to 2-1 in district play, while the Ira girls improved to 2-1 with a 63-17 demolition of the Lady Wildcats.

In the boys' match-up, Westbrook slowly whittled at Ira's lead through the second and third quarters, before making its final push in the final frame. The Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs, 22-11, in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

Erick Roberson fueled Westbrook's comeback with 17 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs, who missed eight free-throws in the final period, had chance to regain the lead in the closing moments, but went 1-for-4 from the stripe in the final four seconds.

"If we make our free throws in the fourth quarter, we're in a position to win the ballgame," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Our guys gave a great effort, because three weeks ago we couldn't have played with Westbrook. But we're getting better and better, and we're going to keep working to improve even more."

After posting 21 points in the first period, Ira posted only 38 through the remainder of the game, despite three Bulldogs finishing in double figures.

"Westbrook started the game in a zone, and we were on fire," Edwards stated. "We were really shooting the ball well, and then Westbrook changed to a man-to-man defense and it slowed us down. We only made six field goals in the second half."

Eric Dickerhoff's 18 points paced the Bulldogs, while Nathan Smith netted 16, and Seth Sterling added 12.

Bryce Wilkins drained six points, and Todd Wall and Cade Tucker chipped in two apiece.

In the girls' contest, Ira's execution was stellar on both ends of the floor. The Lady Bulldogs held Westbrook to single digits in all four quarters, and scored 40 points during one 16-minute span.

After building a 10-5 lead in the opening frame, the Lady Bulldogs began the rout in the second period with a 23-2 run that put them up by 26 points at the break.

Another 17-4 stretch in the third quarter extended the margin, before Ira slowed down in the fourth with 13 points.

Morgan Clements and Celeigh Sterling dropped in 16 points apiece to pace the Lady Bulldogs.

Tara Allen drained seven points, while Kristen Harless added six. Amanda Calley, Michelle Nettles, April Lollar and Lindsey Wilson tallied four points each, and Davi Barnes finished with two.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Tuesday at Grady.

## Sports Briefs

### Fast-pitch softball clinic

Herman Martinez will hold a fast-pitch pitching clinic Wednesday at the Boys' and Girls' Club. For more information, contact Martinez at 573-0390.

### Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party will be held Jan. 28 from 4-9 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be given away each hour. Admission is $1 for members, and $2 for non-members.

### ASU tight end enters draft

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State tight end Todd Heap said he will forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft. Heap was the Sun Devils' career leader for receptions by a tight end. He caught 115 passes for 1,685 yards and 10 touchdowns in three seasons.

### Alabama tackle quits school

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama freshman defensive tackle Albert Means has decided to withdraw from school amid allegations that his high school coach steered him to Tuscaloosa for thousands of dollars.

### Astros, Hidalgo reach deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Richard Hidalgo, coming off a breakthrough year for Houston, agreed to a $32 million, four-year contract with the Astros. The outfielder hit .314 with 44 homers, 122 RBIs and 118 runs last season.

### Nuggets, Raptors swap six players

DENVER (AP) — The Nuggets acquired center Kevin Willis in a six-player trade with Toronto. Denver also received centers Aleksandar Radojevic and Garth Joseph and a second-round draft pick in either 2001 or 2002. Going to the Raptors were shooting guard Tracy Murray and centers Mamadou N'diaye and Keon Clark.

### Mavs owner fined again

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has been fined again by the NBA, this time $100,000 for sitting on the baseline during a Dallas game at Minnesota. It was the fifth time this season and second time in a week that commissioner David Stern has fined Cuban. So far, Cuban has been assessed $395,000.

## National Hockey League

All Times EST

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 22 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 52 | 140 | 97 |
| Philadelphia | 20 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 49 | 122 | 117 |
| Pittsburgh | 20 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 130 | 130 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 16 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 136 | 156 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 11 | 26 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 96 | 137 |

**Northeast Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ottawa | 23 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 52 | 132 | 97 |
| Toronto | 21 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 51 | 136 | 111 |
| Buffalo | 22 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 50 | 117 | 102 |
| Boston | 16 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 42 | 107 | 131 |
| Montreal | 13 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 107 | 128 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 19 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 47 | 115 | 112 |
| Carolina | 17 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 42 | 102 | 112 |
| Atlanta | 15 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 39 | 120 | 142 |
| Tampa Bay | 13 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 110 | 146 |
| Florida | 8 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 94 | 131 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 28 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 61 | 144 | 87 |
| Detroit | 25 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 58 | 134 | 119 |
| Chicago | 18 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 118 | 122 |
| Nashville | 16 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 40 | 100 | 117 |
| Columbus | 13 | 26 | 4 | 2 | 32 | 100 | 143 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 28 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 64 | 138 | 99 |
| Vancouver | 23 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 54 | 143 | 126 |
| Edmonton | 20 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 125 | 128 |
| Calgary | 15 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 42 | 102 | 118 |
| Minnesota | 14 | 19 | 8 | 2 | 38 | 91 | 104 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose | 26 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 58 | 121 | 92 |
| Dallas | 24 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 53 | 119 | 91 |
| Phoenix | 18 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 48 | 103 | 92 |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 46 | 145 | 130 |
| Anaheim | 14 | 21 | 6 | 4 | 38 | 108 | 138 |

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

**Thursday's Games**
Calgary 2, Nashville 1
Los Angeles 3, Buffalo 2
San Jose 6, St. Louis 3

**Friday's Games**
Toronto 3, Phoenix 2
Montreal 3, Atlanta 0
Chicago 3, Columbus 1
Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Carolina 2, Florida 2, tie
Colorado 5, Minnesota 0
Detroit 3, Dallas 2
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2
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**SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE**
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**
**COUNTY OF SCURRY**

Whereas, by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the District Court of Garza County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 24th day of July 2000, in favor of the said Rocker A. Well Service and against the said Rodney Bomar / Bomar Operating L. C. and being No.00-04-05600CV on the docket of said Court, I did on the 26th day of December 2000, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described personal property belonging to the said Rodney Bomar to wit:

#1. 750000 Working Interest of 78.5 acres, more or less out of Section 663, Block 97 H&TC Ry Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas and being the same more particularly described in that certain Deed recorded in Volume 238, Page 115 and dated October 2, 1963 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Annie Martin Lease)

#2. 812500 Working Interest of four tracts of land containing 296.30 acres, more or less, being a part of Section 88, Block 3 H&GN Ry Co. Survey, situated in Scurry County, Texas and being more particularly described in that certain Deed Recorded in Volume 251, Page 534 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (John D. Richardson Lease)

And on the 6th day of February, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock and four o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Rodney Bomar in and to said property.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a. m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Fernando Fuentes - Respondent

Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to **Petitioner's First Amended Petition for Divorce** at or before ten o'clock a. m. of the **Monday next after the expiration of twenty days** after the date of service of this citation before the **Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, Texas,** at the **Courthouse** of said County, in **Snyder, Texas.** Said petition was filed on the **March 30, 2000,** in this cause, numbered **20,602** on the docket of said court and styled **In the Matter of the Marriage of Margarita Fuentes and Fernando Fuentes and in the Interest of Their Minor Children.**

The Petitioner's suit requests the Court to grant a divorce and dissolve the marriage between **Margarita Fuentes and Fernando Fuentes.**

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree **dissolving the marriage, appointing Petitioner as Sole Managing Conservator of the minor children, ordering Respondent to pay a reasonable amount of child support for the minor children, and providing for the division of property and debts,** which will be binding upon you.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at my office, on this the **10th** day of **January, 2001**

**Trina Rodgers**
**132nd District Clerk**
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**2106 42nd** 3-1-1 screened porch $34.5T
**Country S.** 3-2-2cp + Income prop. .. Call
**2511 30th** 3-2-3 w/off. & RV cover. $90T
**Distinguished** 2-story hm. - upstairs master suite + sep. gar. apart. . 2018 37th
**Quality Home**, Cedar Creek, Custom Built, Call
**3606 44th** 3-2-2 Pretty Decor.....$73.5T
**2705 35th** 4-3-2 New Roof, office $119.5T
**3310 Ave. V** 3-2-2 Owner Says Sell. $62T
**3509 40th** 3-2 ..... $55T
**3500 Ave. W** 3-3-2 Courtyard... $84.9T
**2700 46th** 3-2½-2-2-1A's ..... $119T
**2907 33rd** 3-3-cp + pool ..... $110T
**2701 34th** 3-2 Nice tile ..... $86T
**FM 1607** 3-2 cp w/5 Acres .... $69.5
**3402 Irving** Neat 3-1-1 1A+Den $39T
**2212 43rd** 3-1 CH/A ..... $39.5T
**3003 42nd** 3-1½-1 RV cover . $48T
**2266 Sunset** 3-2-2cp Liv & Den. $33T
**304 34th** 2-1½ CH/RA .. $24.9T
**2706 28th** 3-2½-2 ..... $94.5T
**CR 243** - 10 A's, Shop 3-2-2cp .. $69.5T
**221 29th** 3-2-cp Mobile Hm/RV cover $199T
**409 20th** 3-1 CH/A ..... $15T
**2704 Ave. G** 3-1-1cp ..... $17T
**2218 Sunset** 2-1-1 ..... $19.5T
**2803 Ave. Y** 2-1½-1 ..... $18.5T
**2810 El Paso** 4 or 5 bd-3bth Red. $78.5T
**1861 Tuscola** 3-2-2.. Reduced $85.9T
**FM 1611** 3-2-cp + 2-1 rental prop.-142 A's
**Hermleigh** 3-2 w/acreage Call for Details
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**Hwy 180** - 80 Acres - pens..... $42T
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**3206 42nd** 3-1½ ..... $27T
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**3602 Kerville** 3-2-2, New Carpet . $55T
**2233 Sunset** 3-1-1 w/$1000 buyers Allowance
**4014 Irving** Great Buy! 3-2-2 Fpl Only $65T
**Dunn** 3-1½ Nice ..... Only $35T
**10.14 A's** 5 BR Hm/Shop/Country/Pecan
**1601 Ave. E** 2-1-2cp CH/A ..... $22T
**2266 Sunset** 3-2-2cp Spacious..... $33T
**REDUCED! Near Schools** 4-2-2 $99.9T
**2907 33rd** Colonial Hill 4-3-Pool. . Reduced!
**Lg. Metal Shop** w/4 covered Parking spaces
**211 34th** 3-1¾-1 detached..... $27T
**585 Armadillo Dr.** 13 A's w/home. $37T
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**218 29th** 2-1 Owner Finance–Call for Info
**3011 40th** 4-2-New siding, paint $24.9T
**217 35th** 3-1 with storage ..... $25T
**1209 Coliseum** 3-2-2cp 3 A's Owner Finance
**2312 FM 1611** 3-2¾ ..... $135T
**2609 37th** 3BR - 3 Living Areas . $112.5
**1908 30th** 5-2 w/Apartment ..... Call
**4509 Fredonia** 3-2-2 Fpl - Ready for You!
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**1861 Tuscola** 3-2-2 ..... $85.5T
**1801 22nd** Reduced Comm., 7 offices/yd
**2606 47th** Lg lot Great Neighborhood $8T
**2708 48th** 4-2-2 Brick Call us Today $88.5T
**Beautiful** 2 Story on 37th St..... Call
**1804 38th** 3-1½-1cp Brick..... $52T
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**Commercial Building** . RENT OR SELL
**IRA** 3-2-2cp on ½ Acre Needs Work. $30T
**134 20th** 2-1 Owner Finance Starter Home
**3015 38th** 3-1-1 CH/A Wood Burning Stove
**4304 Lubbock Ave.** 3-2-1 ..... CALL!
**3704 Muriel** Sell or Lease. Cute Home
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**4110 Jacksboro** Doll House 3-2-FL-2....$70's
**3303 Irving** GREAT BUY 4-2-2...$99.9T
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2307 40th.....3-1.....$375
3212 42nd.....4-2.....$475
3902 Eastridge.....3-1-2.....$400
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# Western Texas College

Western Texas College will offer the following academic business courses during the spring semester, which begins Wednesday.

### Academic classes

**BUSI 1301 INTRODUCTION TO bUSINESS**
Time offered TTH 10:50-12:05This is an academic class for students interested in business. It provides an overview of business operations, management, marketing, finance, financial institutions, and the role of business in modern society. This class was accidentally omitted from the academic area in the previous printed schedule. It can be found in the vocational area. For more information, contact the instructor, Joann Snider 573-8511, ext. 217.

**COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY**
The Computerized Business Technology department at Western Texas College will offer a variety of classes during the spring semester. WTC offers a Computerized Business Technology two-year degree. In addition, two certificates which are one-year, Accounting Specialist and Information Management Specialist are available. Registration begins Monday in the counselor's office for day and night classes. Classes begin Wednesday. Course offerings include: ACNT 1304 Introduction to Accounting II is scheduled for TTH 1:40-3:05 p.m.This class is a continuation of ACNT 1303 Introduction to Accounting I. The accounting concepts learned in the first semester course are applied to accounting for receivables and payables, merchandise inventory, plant assets, partnerships, and corporations. Student must have had some accounting or accounting experience before taking this class. If the scheduled time is a problem, contact instructor for a possible solution. For more information, contact Joann Snider.

**ACNT 1313 Computer Accounting Applications**
Scheduled time is: MW 8:30-9:45 a.m.This is a splendid class for students that want to learn to do accounting on the computer. Accounting procedures covered include journalizing and posting, financial statements, payroll, and inventory control. Students will also learn how to convert a manual accounting system to a computerized system. The CA-Simply Accounting for Windows program will be used in this class. Techniques learned, however, can be used in any accounting program. Some accounting knowledge is required before taking this class. If the scheduled time is a problem, contact instructor for a possible solution. For more information, contact Joann Snider.

**BUSI 1309 Business Machines**
Scheduled time is: TTH 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.Students will learn to operate the ten-key adding machine by touch. Speed drills and business applications will be mastered using both the ten-key calculator and the computer. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

**OFAD 1311 Keyboarding/Typing I**
Scheduled time is: MW 10:00-11:15 a.m.This course will be for beginning typists or those that cannot key 35 words per minute with five or fewer errors. Microsoft Word 2000 will be taught in this class. Students do not need previous computer experience to take this class. For more information, contact Joann Snider.

**OFAD 1312 Keyboarding/Typing II**
Scheduled time is: MW 10:00-11:15 a.m.This course is designed for those who want to further their keyboarding skills, document development, and speed. Computers using Microsoft Word 2000 will be used to complete assignments. OFAD 1311, Keyboarding I, or the equivalent is a prerequisite for this course. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson.

**OFAD 2301 Electronic Keyboarding**
Scheduled time is: TTH 9:25-10:40 a.m.Students who have completed OFAD 1311, OFAD 1312, POFI 1301, and POFI 2301 can advance their skills in desktop publishing, presentations, graphics, spreadsheets, converting file formats, databases, merging, embedding and linking, and increasing speed in this course. Microsoft Office 2000 will be used. Students should contact Tammy Wesson.

**OFAD 2312 Office Procedures**
Scheduled time is: TTH 12:15-1:30 p.m.This course emphasizes all aspects of running an office. Topics covered are: telephone etiquette, filing rules, grammar and punctuation rules, computer maintenance, public relations, document creation and distribution, creating presentations using computerized equipment, research and organization of reports, travel and conference planning, financial and legal procedures, and employment and career advancement. Keyboarding and computer skills are necessary. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson.

**POFI 1301 Computer Applications I**
Scheduled times are: T - 6:30-9:20 p.m. OR MW - 8:30-9:45 a.m. This course is designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers. Hands-on applications in Windows '98, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint (Version 2000), and Internet Basics will be included. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson.

**POFI 2301 Word Processing**
Will meet: MW 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or TH 6:30-9:20 p.m.Hands-on experience on microcomputers using Microsoft Word 2000 for Windows software. Designed to teach all types of business word processing applications as well as word processing functions and procedures from simple to complex. This is an excellent class for those that wish to brush up on office skills and get more computer skills. If you already know some about Word, this is a wonderful class that will present many advanced functions and many shortcuts. Prerequisites are OFAD 1312 and POFI 1301 or the equivalent. For more information, contact Joann Snider.

**POFI 2331 PowerPoint and Desktop Publishing**
Scheduled for: MW 2:20 p.m.-3:35 p.m.This is a hands-on application computer class with emphasis on presentations using Microsoft Power Point 2000 from simple to complex in PowerPoint and advanced desktop publishing applications using Microsoft Word 2000 for Windows. Prerequisites are OFAD 1312, POFI 1301, and POFI 2301 or the equivalent. For more information, contact the instructor, Joann Snider

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### Evening classes

Western Texas College will also offer the following evening courses for the fall semester, which begins Wednesday.

**ANTH 2351-Cultural Anthropology**
A course exploring key concepts, methods and theory in the study of cultural diversity, social institutions, linguistics and cultural changes among world peoples.
The class will be taught by Thomas Minton on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:20 and may be applied as a social science elective credit.

**PHED 1102-Aerobic Exercise**
The class will be taught by veteran aerobic instructor, Rhonda Ward on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:15 in the WTC gym. It is open to the public, and all community individuals are invited to enroll. The class may be taken for non-credit. Activities are designed for all levels and include step aerobics, conditioning, and kick boxing with a large variety of great music. Program may be modified as needed.

**ARTS 1301-Art Appreciation.**
This is an introductory course for developing understanding in art through lecture, readings, films and demonstrations. It is recommended for non-art majors and may be taken for non-credit. The class will be taught by Ben Sum and will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:20.

**ARTS 1304-Art History Survey II**
The course is a survey of painting, sculpture, architecture, and minor arts, prehistoric times to the 14th century. The class is a transferable art credit and will taught by Ben Sum on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:20

**ARTS 2323-Life Drawing**
This is a studio course emphasizing structure and action of the human figure. It may be taken twice for credit. The class will meet Monday evening from 6:30-9:20 and will be taught by Ben Sum.

**ARTS 2346-Ceramics**
This is an introduction to ceramic processes. Its emphasis is given to the exploration of form possibilities through the use of a variety of techniques such as wheel-thrown or hand-formed shapes. It includes experiments in the original treatment of clay bodies and glaze compositions and may be taken twice for credit and may be taken for non-credit. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:20 and will be taught by Shane Christensen.

**ARTS 2351-Design Communications**
This is an introduction to the basic processes and techniques of advertising art and illustration and may be taken twice for credit. This class will be taught by Kong Ho and will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:20.

# CARDS OF THANKS

## THANK YOU

**We would like to thank the many friends who have extended kind expressions of sympathy since the death of James E. (Jim) Burleson.**

**Your flowers and food, generous contributions, thoughts and prayers have helped to ease our loss.**

**A very special thank you to the entire staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital - especially the wonderful people who work on the 4th Floor and who lovingly cared for Jim during the past 5 years.**

**God Bless You All!**
**Jim & Luann Burleson**
**Jamie & Erin**

## THANK YOU

**The family of G.E. (Bud) Skaggs would like to say a special thank you for every act of kindness shown during his illness and death. Thanks for the food, flowers, cards, calls and visits. A special thanks to 1st Baptist Church Hermleigh & Dr. Rex Reynolds, Community Care Hospice, Snyder Oaks Nursing Home and the staff on Hall 2, Dr. Burleson, Dr. Dillaha and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.**

**Lois Skaggs**
**Linda & Melvin Davenport**
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**The Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren**

## THANK YOU

I would like to say "Thank You" for all the many kindnesses that have been expressed to me and my entire family. We have been overwhelmed by the hundreds of phone calls and personal visits. All of the plants are beautiful and the home-cooked meals were wonderful.

A huge thank you to the ladies that prepared our house for our return home. It was as shiny as a new penny.

I would also like to thank the emergency room doctors and hospital staff for the excellent care I received at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A big thank you goes to Snyder EMS for safe passage to Lubbock on those icy roads.

Most important of all, thank you for your prayers. They have already made a difference in my recovery.

I feel wonderful and can't wait to get back to work.

It is times like these that remind us what a wonderful community we live in.

Ricky Fritz and Family

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# American civilians fly to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A group of American activists landed Saturday in Baghdad to deliver books and medicine and join the ranks of dozens of countries that have mounted symbolic challenges to sanctions on the Arab nation.

The 27 Americans arrived on a Royal Jordanian plane, from Amman, Jordan, the latest of dozens of flights to reach Iraq in recent months following 10 years of U.N. sanctions that had essentially banned air travel.

"We're probably the first Americans who have flown over Iraq for a long time who haven't brought bombs," said James Jennings, organizer of the trip, which includes religious and humanitarian groups from 10 American cities.

"All these people have come together to show that there are many thousands of Americans who are concerned about the devastating effects of these sanctions," Jennings said.

The Americans did not request U.S. authorization for their trip. However, they did not technically violate the sanctions placed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Jordan, which owns the airline, sent a passenger and cargo list to the U.N. sanctions committee for approval before the flight to Iraq, officials said.

Another group of 50 American activists was expected to reach Baghdad on Saturday night, headed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

"Down USA" is painted in large black letters on the sidewalk at the entrance to the Saddam International Airport and similar handwritten signs are posted throughout the massive terminal building.

However, a delegation of more than 100 Iraqis led by Health Minister Omed Medhat Mubarak warmly greeted the Americans on the tarmac on a cold, foggy day.

"We think this is a very important event, because it has been the Americans who have imposed the embargo for more than 10 years," said Mubarak.

The U.S. group brought $150,000 worth of medicine, eyeglasses, school supplies and medical books for the Iraqis. U.S. activists have brought humanitarian aid before, but they have usually traveled overland from Jordan. In 1998, an AmeriCares volunteer group flew into Baghdad with humanitarian supplies after first receiving permission from the Clinton administration.

The challenge to sanctions began in September, when French and Russian planes flew to Baghdad without the approval of the U.N. sanctions committee

# Prison board chief: Escape could have been stopped

AUSTIN (AP) — A day after a report detailed the escape of seven armed inmates, frustrated state prison officials said Friday the breakout could have been stopped.

"It was somewhat frustrating that we had three opportunities to prevent the escape," said Mac Stringfellow, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

"Had procedures been followed, we may have had a hostage situation but we would not have had an escape," he said.

The seven inmates escaped from the maximum security Connally Unit on Dec. 13. They are still on the loose and suspected in the Christmas Eve killing of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins during a robbery of a sporting goods store.

The report released Thursday detailed their escape and how they subdued 13 prison guards practically one by one before driving away unchallenged in a prison truck.

The board did not discuss the report on Friday. Stringfellow talked with reporters after the meeting.

Because the Texas prison system has more than 100 years experience of dealing with criminals, "I believe we've got the procedures that are in place as a system of checks and balances," Stringfellow said. "Unfortunately we had three very key individuals not follow them and this is what can happen."

According to the report, prison staff missed three critical opportunities to prevent the escape:

— An officer ignored a silent fire alarm tripped by guards being held hostage.

— A prison employee did not report seeing a group of unsupervised inmates.

— Guards did not demand proper identification from inmates who were disguised as maintenance workers before they were allowed into the prison exit area.

Policies are always subject to human error, said board member Patsy Day. "There were definitely breakdowns," she said.

Critics of the report have said prison administrators share the blame.

"If it's a poorly run unit, the responsibility goes all the way up," said Brian Olsen, executive director of a prison employee council within the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the union that represents corrections workers.

# Rylander offers sweeping reforms for transportation

AUSTIN (AP) — Poor business practices have led the Texas Department of Transportation down a winding road away from building more highways and easing traffic congestion, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Friday.

She unveiled a plan to provide $1.1 billion for road projects over the next two years without raising taxes.

"What I found at TxDOT is troubling," said Rylander. "Texans have in the past prided themselves on a fine highway system. That system is in jeopardy."

Economic growth and the North American Free Trade Agreement have overloaded Texas roads, leaving Texans stuck in traffic and putting them at greater risk of accidents.

The pressure is on the transportation agency to expedite its efforts to fix roads and build new ones. But agency officials have said they only have enough money to fund 36 percent of necessary transportation improvements.

Calling the agency "antiquated," Rylander said it must abandon its "business as usual" approach.

Transportation Commissioner Johnny Johnson denied that the agency isn't a forward-thinking one,

"I don't think we're backwards or antiquated," Johnson said. "I just think we're a traditional agency."

Rylander's plan recommended the agency better manage funding, diversify its leadership, work harder to get federal funds, cut back on frivolous expenditures and update vehicle registration by moving it on the Internet.

The findings were part of a yearlong, $950,000 review of the department mandated two years ago by the Legislature.

# Obituaries

## Mary Etta Autry

**1905-2001**

Mary Etta Autry of Snyder died Friday, Jan. 12, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.



Mary Etta Autry

Funeral service for Mrs. Autry, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 26, 1905 in Grit, Tex., she came to the Snyder area in 1921 and married J.J. "Doc" Stringer on June 14, 1924. He died Jan. 4, 1966. She married Leland T. Autry on April 29, 1971. He died Sept. 28, 1988. Mrs. Autry was a homemaker and a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Ozane Pylant of Snyder; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Zona Nobles of Colorado City and Ben and Liz Nobles of Mesquite; a stepdaughter, Donna Manning of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Nobles and Bertie Sandlin, both of Snyder; a granddaughter, Becky Eaton of Grapevine and her husband, Cal; one grandson, Bradley Pylant of Snyder; two great-grandchildren, Preston and Bryce Eaton of Grapevine; two step grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

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## Alvis Townley

**1913-2001**

PADUCAH — Alvis Townley of Stanton, father of June Seigler of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 11, in a Stanton nursing home.

Funeral service for Mr. Townley, 87, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Paducah with the Rev. Herman Lancaster, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Born on May 20, 1913 in Henderson County, he married Faye Borland on Jan. 2, 1932 in Paducah. He moved to Stanton three years ago from Paducah. Mr. Townley was past president of Cottle and King County Horse and Colt Show. He was a past director of Farmers Coop Gin in Paducah and raised quarter horses, including five world champions. He was a retired deacon and member of the Paducah First Baptist Church.

Mr. Townley was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

Other survivors include his wife, Faye Townley of Stanton; two sons, Cecil Townley of Stanton and Warren Townley of San Angelo; one sister, Earlee Pinkerton of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Paducah Cemetery Association, in care of Seigler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 872, Paducah, 79248.

## Helen Mellard

**1946-2001**

ALPINE — Helen Williamson Mellard of Marathon, daughter of Bertha Gilbert of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 11.

Services for Mrs. Mellard, 56, are pending at Geeslin Funeral Home in Alpine.

Other survivors include her husband, Courtney Mellard of Marithon; three daughters; one son; two uncles, Floyd Fowler and Dick Fowler, both of Snyder; and two granddaughters.

## Neighbor reports prowlers in area

• ***Prowlers***

Dispatchers received a call at 12:33 a.m. Saturday from a concerned neighbor in the 800 block of 27th Street reporting three unknown males being inside a pickup truck parked at a residence across the street.

Officers contacted Manual Herrera at the residence who advised that four compact discs had been taken from his vehicle.

• ***Fine paid***

A 40-year-old woman was transported by officers to the Scurry County Jail at 8:29 a.m. Friday to pay a fine on an outstanding Amarillo Department of Public Safety warrant for speeding.

• ***Harassing calls***

A woman complained at 10:25 a.m. Friday about harassing phone calls she was receiving. An officer spoke to the woman and advised her of the proper steps to take.

• ***Citation issued***

Two vacuum cleaner salesmen were issued citations at 2:30 p.m. Friday for soliciting without a permit in the 2700 block of 33rd Street.

• ***Noise disturbances***

A complaint of a music disturbance in the 100 block of Canyon was received at 10:21 p.m. Friday. An officer spoke to a subject playing a car stereo and advised him of the complaint.

At 3:30 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to the Budget Inn in reference to a noise disturbance. Officers contacted several subjects and advised them of the complaint.

• ***Arrest***

A 28-year-old man was taken into custody at 3:06 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

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# events WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts will begin taking cookie orders Monday, and end on Jan. 28 for February deliveries. Anyone not contacted by a Scout who wishes to order cookies may call Carla at 574-8004 or Peggy at 573-6725.

### Country and gospel music program

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 573-3986.

### Snyder Neighbors Sharing

The board of directors of Snyder Neighbors Sharing will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the office of Sam Robertson Insurance, 1926 26th St. Anyone interested in the organization is welcome to attend.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Abraham, a Servant of God," followed by "Happy Father's Day."

### SHS baseball booster club

The Snyder High School baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center.

### AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

### Deep Creek Cloggers

Deep Creek Cloggers will offer beginning clogging lessons at 7 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion building, 1800 Ave. R. Call Shirley at 573-0807 or Susan at 573-3315 for more information.

### Vocational nurse program testing

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

### Defensive driving class

A 55/Alive defensive driving class will be held Thursday and Friday at the Senior Center in Snyder. Cost of the two-day course, four hours each day, is $10. Classes each day begin at 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, call 573-4035. Completion of the course results in a reduction of auto insurance premiums by most companies.

### GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) are Friday and Jan. 26. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, at home at 574-2112, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to defray medical expenses of Christa Lane Arnold who was born four months premature to Ruby and Larry Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with medicine expenses alone totaling over $900 per day. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01. Arnold is a DJ at KSNY.

### 'Music Man'

Snyder High School's Fine Arts Department will present "The Music Man" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 through Jan. 27 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 28. Adult tickets are $6 and reserve seat tickets are $8. Tickets cost $5 for students. Directors are Ronda Haire, choir director, and Brad Vincent, drama director.

### 1981 class reunion

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

### Adult basic education classes

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

### Ira annual deadline

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

### WTC continuing ed classes

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Department will present "The Great American Debt Opportunity" on Jan. 29 and "Spend Smart" on Jan. 30. Each session will last from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and both will be located in building 15A. The cost for each is $40. The textbook for "The Great American Debt Opportunity" costs $43, but it is not required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve space in either class.

### Windbreak trees

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

### Glory Room open

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

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

### Discovery School registration

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

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# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



# What is Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome?

**DEAR READER:** Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome is a type of electrical short-circuiting in the heart. Instead of the electrical impulses traveling through the normal nerve channels from the atria (low-pressure chambers) to the ventricles (high-pressure chambers), the impulses are rerouted along an abnormal, alternate pathway. This aberrancy can clearly be seen on the cardiogram that will show the electrical charges reaching the ventricles slightly earlier than they should.

By and large, this condition is harmless and produces no symptoms, except in some patients who experience cyclic bursts of rapid pulse (supra ventricular tachycardia) that cause palpitations, weakness and light-headedness. In such cases, medication can be used to stabilize the heartbeat.

Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome does not, by itself, indicate heart disease or cardiac damage, but patients should have regular check-ups.

**DEAR DOCTOR GOTT:** I've recently been diagnosed with lupus, but my doctor assures me that I have nothing to worry about at present, although I suffer from joint aches, fatigue and a blotchy rash. Is lupus life-threatening as it progresses?

**DEAR READER:** Systemic lupus erythematosis (SLE) is a disorder of unknown cause that produces fever, rash, joint pain, lung and heart inflammation, swollen glands and kidney disease.

Many patients experience a low level of inflammation and, except for joint pains and rash, do not progress to a serious stage. These people may not need treatment, such as cortisone, for years. Other patients, however, have a more aggressive form of the disease with early and serious medical problems.

Follow your doctor's advice about medical supervision. The major hazard of SLE is progressive renal disease, so periodic tests of kidney function are in order. When the kidneys are affected, SLE becomes life-threatening, so any renal abnormalities should be identified and treated at the earliest possible time.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." 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 DOCTOR GOTT:** My 15-year-old daughter has yet to menstruate. Our family doctor is not concerned but raises the possibility of hormone treatments. I don't like the idea of exposing her to chemicals at a young age unless it's really necessary. What's your opinion?

**DEAR READER:** I don't believe that hormone therapy is necessary for your daughter at this time.

The age at which menarche (first menstruation) appears varies greatly from race to race and culture to culture. For example, young black African girls customarily experience menarche several years earlier than their white American counterparts. Even among healthy white youngsters, first menstruation follows a variable pattern; some girls menstruate as early as 11, but others don't mature until their late teens.

I think your family physician is correct in adopting a laid-back approach, yet I disagree with the suggestion to start hormone treatments. I recommend that you wait a year or two. If your daughter has not fully developed and begun menstruating by age 17, you might choose to have her examined by a gynecologist or by an endocrinologist (a *specialist in the body's glands*).

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Why do the components of the flu vaccine change every year?

**DEAR READER:** One of the great games played annually by health experts is "Guess What Type of Flu Will Be Prevalent." Using data derived from the epidemiology of year-round influenza in Asia, specialists attempt to predict which viruses will affect U.S. citizens each winter.

Flu is a highly contagious disease caused by one or more strains of influenza virus. Such viruses are named and categorized according to their structures (A, B or C), geographic origin, year of isolation and strain number. This season, the predicted culprits are A/Panama/2007/99, A/Moscow/10/99, A/New Caledonia/20/99, and B/Yamanashi/166/98.

Influenza is spread by person-to-person droplet contact, such as sneezing and coughing. The disease typically causes fever, headache, muscle pains and symptoms of respiratory infection. In the United States, the virus season ordinarily extends from mid-December through March, with a peak in February.

For adults over 65 and people with immune deficiencies (or a tendency to severe bronchitis or pneumonia), flu can be very serious. Such patients often have difficulty manufacturing antibodies to the virus and can be extremely susceptible to secondary bacterial infections. Also, the influenza viruses can weaken the immune system, making additional infections, such as pneumonia, more likely. For this reason, the flu virus is especially hazardous to patients with cancer, AIDS or organ transplants. In addition, children under 2 are particularly susceptible (because of underdeveloped immune systems), although, by and large, youngsters rarely become seriously ill from flu.

In the main, treatment consists of rest, extra fluids and medication — such as ibuprofen - to lower fever. Although there are now at least three anti-influenza prescription drugs available, these medicines are not particularly effective unless given very early in the course of the disease — a difficult task, because many other viral infections mimic flu.

Influenza is largely preventable by a vaccine that is modified each year to incorporate the viral strains expected to be dominant. This is the guessing game to which I referred earlier. It's important to remember, however, that the experts have occasionally been incorrect in their predictions or — more commonly - "maverick" viruses may unexpectedly appear.

The vaccine does not give a person influenza, contrary to the misperception. Except for transient discomfort at the injection site, occasional low-grade fever and aches, the vaccine causes no symptoms. Because it is prepared in eggs, people allergic to egg protein should not receive it. In extremely rare instances, a neurological disorder, called Guillan-Barre syndrome, can follow vaccination.

Influenza vaccine is effective because it causes a person to manufacture anti-virus antibodies in the absence of natural infection. Full immunity occurs about four weeks after injection and lasts for about five months. Thus, the body is "fooled" into making antibodies to inactivated virus particles before a real virus even enters the body. This is the reason scientists are under such pressure to predict the specific strains of virus that will cause disease and manufacture the appropriate vaccine.

Furthermore, the components of the vaccine must change every year because of a phenomenon called "antigenic drift": As immunity develops to a certain strain of virus, the clever critters change their own characteristics. This alteration is virtually impossible to predict. Therefore, immunity to last year's flu is unlikely to be effective against this year's infection.

Finally, some influenza viruses appear to be more virulent than others. For instance, the catastrophic flu epidemic of 1918-1919 was the worst. Another epidemic in 1956-1957 also affected millions of people. In 1977, the Russian influenza virus appeared with disastrous consequences because people were not immune to it. Thus, susceptibility appears to play a major role in determining whether the virus will cause extensive illness. This is why the type of flu vaccine is so important; if it contains the wrong strains, it will be ineffective in controlling the spread of the winter epidemic. Fortunately, this year's influenza has been predicted to be only moderately virulent. Unfortunately, there is a nationwide shortage of vaccine, so we have yet to see how this scenario will play out. As in previous years, public health authorities urge immunization for the following people: Those over 65, health personnel at high risk, patients with chronic respiratory disorders (such as emphysema), those with serious diseases (such as heart ailments, and adults with immune deficiency).

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# Graham hoped to heal election wounds at inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Professing admiration for both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush — two men who lose little love between them — Billy Graham had hoped his inaugural invocation would help heal the wounds of a divisive election. Instead, fragile health has forced America's top minister to pull out.

Graham, 82 and frail with Parkinson's disease and a brain condition, announced Friday that he would not participate in the Jan. 20 Bush inauguration.

"I consider it a great privilege to have been invited by President-elect Bush to participate in his inaugural ceremony," Graham said a statement from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. "I love and respect his entire family very much, and regret that I am not able to join them for this special occasion."

Doctors advised Graham to skip the ceremony after medical tests revealed that a shunt — a small, thin catheter designed to drain fluid from his brain — is not working properly.

The shunt was implanted this summer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minn., and readjusted last month. Doctors at a hospital in Asheville, N.C., near where Graham lives, consulted with doctors at the Mayo Clinic, and will operate to remove the shunt in the next few days.

Earlier this week, his spokesman, Larry Ross, said that Graham had agreed to participate in his ninth inauguration — despite his ill health — because the divisive election campaign left him concerned about festering wounds.

"Some things do transcend politics, transcend party, transcend race," Ross said. "He wants to speak to the nation at a critical moment in its history."

Graham was especially troubled about the Clinton-Bush acrimony, Ross said.

During the campaign, Clinton mocked Bush for claiming the office because "my daddy was president." Bush has pledged to "uphold the dignity" of the presidency, a dig at the scandals that dogged Clinton's administrations.

"In a way, he wants to appear as a spiritual patriarch addressing the nation," Ross said.

Graham has been close to the Bushes since the 1950s, when he befriended George W. Bush's grandfather, Connecticut Sen. Prescott Bush. He has vacationed with them at their Kennebunkport, Maine, home annually since 1962.

In his autobiography, Bush says that it was at such a retreat in 1985 that Graham "planted a mustard seed in my soul" leading him to reaffirm his faith in Christ and culminating in his decision the following year to stop drinking.

Graham participated in Bush's swearing-in as Texas governor in 1995, and Bush returned the favor, appearing at a Graham crusade in south Texas in 1997.

"Speaking of my great family, Dr. Billy Graham has meant a lot to all of us," Bush said. "He helped change my own life in a very personal and profound way."

Graham is also close to the Clintons — for a number of years, Clinton tithed a 10th of his earnings to Graham's ministry. In 1998 Graham suggested that Clinton's misdeeds were overreported and told NBC's "Today" show that "he has such a tremendous personality that I think the ladies just go wild over him."


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# Profiles in Education

by Shirley A. Gorman

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# SHS 'shop' now offers Education Technology

**( Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles about Technology Education programs at Snyder High School and Snyder Junior High School)**

Technology Education is a many faceted part of the high school curriculum that offers a variety of instruction to students.

Darrin Duzan, who joined the Snyder High School faculty last school year, teaches manufacturing systems and manufacturing technology (formerly called metals classes), and engineering graphics and architectural graphics (drafting). He strongly supports the mission of the program to prepare students to succeed in a society influenced by technology.

Other instructors include Sam Huffman, technology systems (plastics) and construction systems and architectural construction (woods). Terry Leatherwood teaches energy power and transportation systems (power mechanics).

Suzan Hughes teaches ceramics.

Through Technology Education, Duzan said students "gain knowledge and skills in application, design, production and assessment of products, services and systems."

Studying technology allows students to "reinforce, apply and transfer their academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems and settings," Duzan explained.

He added that students are able to utilize reading, writing and math skills in their technology classes.

Besides technical knowledge and skills, Duzan said students also learn about career opportunities in technology and what employers require to gain and maintain employment in the 21st Century.

In the state of Texas, Technology Education is organized into six content areas including bio-related technology, communication, computer applications, construction, energy, power, and transportation and manufacturing.

The fast rate in which technology changes makes it difficult to specify technology-oriented Essential Knowledge and Skills, Duzan said. "A currently important technological tool, machine or process may not have a very long lifetime," he added.

The Technical Education courses are organized into five categories based on the intent of the courses. They include overview, exploratory, technical, scientific and research.

Duzan said overview courses offer a wide range of experiences in multiple content areas, while exploratory courses allow students to acquire knowledge and skills in a single content area.

Scientific courses use technology to facilitate the learning of scientific concepts. In research courses, students develop and apply the knowledge and skills gained in previous courses to the identification and resolution of relevant problems.

Over the years, Duzan said Technology Education has undergone several name changes. It started out as Manual Training, then Manual Arts followed by Industrial Arts, Industrial Technology and finally Technology Education.

He noted that changes in the technology, society and industry have prompted the name changes.

Duzan has seven drafting students this school year, down from 10 in 1999-2000. Twenty-five percent are female, which reflects the current trend he said. Duzan said he encourages girls to sign up for the courses, especially metals. More don't because they think its dirty work, but that is no longer true, Duzan said. Newer equipment doesn't get its users dirty.

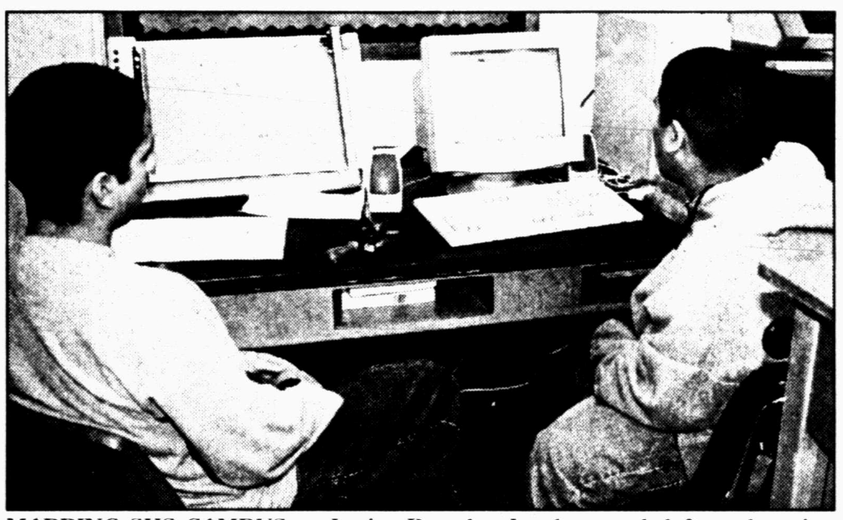
However, some of the old style machine shops are still in existence, he added. "You don't throw out the old just because you have something new."

Two of Duzan's architectural graphics students, senior Mark Guzman and junior Brandon Leatherwood, are drawing a new map of the high school campus. They started during the second six weeks and will continue working on it this semester. They measure each building and then draw it on a computer. A pen plotter can print the map on a 81/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper, or smaller. The drawing can also

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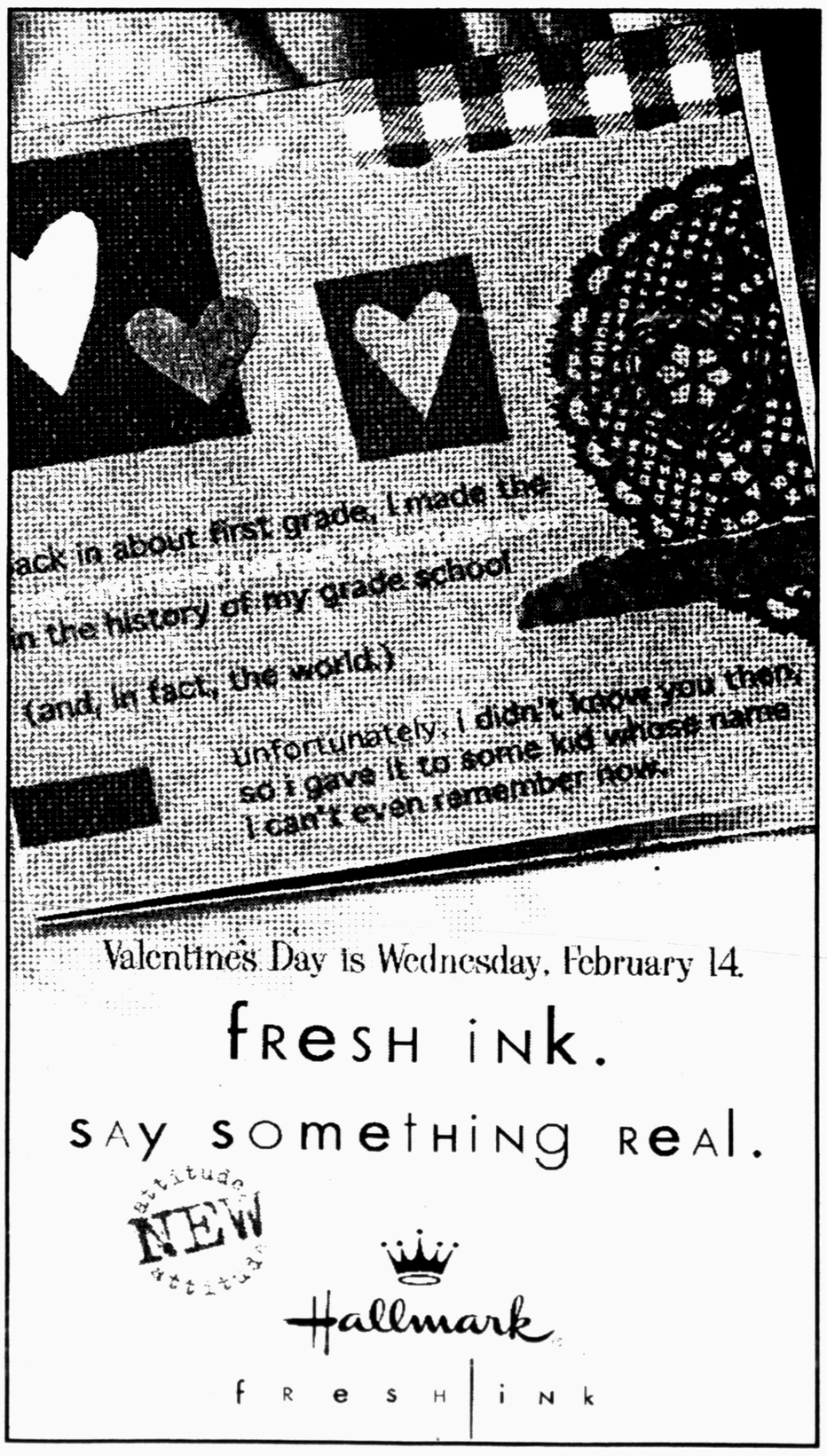
**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS — Darrin Duzan demonstrates how a pen plotter will print the drawings his architecture graphics students make of the high school campus.**



**MAPPING SHS CAMPUS — Junior Brandon Leatherwood, left, and senior Mark Guzman, are using a computer to draw a map of the high school campus. They are students in Darrin Duzan's architecture graphics class.**



**TOUR YZ SYSTEMS — Troy Hall, third from left, visits with area Technology Education teachers during a tour of YZ Systems. (Contributed Photo)**




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LEE, SPAIN ENGAGED — Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Lee of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, LaTrisha Faye, to Carl William Spain of Martin, Tenn. The wedding is planned for May 26 in the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

# School Menus

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Peaches
**Friday**
Cereal
Toast
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**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Tamale Pie
Shredded Lettuce
Corn
Crackers
Sheath Cake
**Tuesday**
Chicken & Dumplings
Broccoli
Carrots
Cherry Cobbler
**Wednesday**
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Peaches
Plain Cake
**Thursday**
Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Crisp
**Friday**
Ham Sandwich
Chips
Orange
Cookies

## Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

**CLASSROOM BREAKFAST**

(East, Northeast and Stanfield)
**Monday**
Pigs in a Blanket
Juice
**Tuesday**
Rice Krispie Square
Juice
**Wednesday**
Biscuit & Jelly
Juice
**Thursday**
Cinnamon Toast
Juice
**Friday**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Juice

**BREAKFAST**

(Other Snyder Schools)
**Monday**
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
**Tuesday**
Breakfast Soft Taco or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
**Wednesday**
Sausage in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
**Thursday**
Breakfast Burrito or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
**Friday**
Sausage on a Stick or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Spaghetti
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Peas
Fruited Gelatin
**Tuesday**
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Beef Chili Mac
Golden Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Applesauce
**Wednesday**
Pizza or
Chicken Quesadias
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Cake
**Thursday**
Chicken Fajitas or
Green Chile Casserole
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread
**Friday**
Corn Dog or
Ravioli
Corn on the Cob
Tossed Salad
Gelatin

## Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

**BREAKFAST**

**Monday**
Juice
Cheese Toast
**Tuesday**
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
**Wednesday**
Juice
Waffles/Syrup
**Thursday**
Fruit
Cereal
Toast
**Friday**
School Holiday

**LUNCH**

**Monday**
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Tater Tots
Pineapple Fruit Bars
**Tuesday**
Chili Beans
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Corn Bread
Chilled Peaches
**Wednesday**
Chicken Fajitas/Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Orange Cake
**Thursday**
Sausage Patties
Pancake/Syrup
Hash Browns
Baked Apples



COUPLE TO WED IN MARCH — Stephanie Lynn Whittenburg and Donald Dean Smith Jr. announce their engagement and wedding plans for 5 p.m., March 10 at the Rio Cibolo Ranch in San Antonio. Stephanie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Whittenburg of Snyder. Donald's parents are Belinda Smith and Rick Zimmerly, both of San Antonio and Don Smith of South Carolina. (Contributed Photo)



BABY SHOWER — Grace Nicole Highfield, born Oct. 12, 2000 in Abilene, was honoree at a shower on Oct. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church. She weighed 10 pounds, one ounce. Pictured from left are Allison Highfield, Peggy Highfield, Stephanie Highfield, honoree's mother, Connie Adam of Middletown, Ohio, her grandmother. (Contributed Photo)

# SC Library News & Views

**BOOK FEATURE**

"McCall's Create a Country Home"

This beautiful, photo-filled volume presents a collection of over 40 exciting country craft designs to brighten every room. Each easy-to-make project provides clear, step-by-step instructions. A full-color photograph of the finished project is included. Baskets, pillows, kitchen accessories and many other items are all here.

**NEW NON-FICTION**

"Make Your Own Great Vests; 90 Ways to Jazz Up Your Wardrobe," by Carol Parks.

"Donna Kooler's 555 Country Cross-stitch Patterns," by Donna Kooler.

"Making Miniatures: Dolls' House Projects in 1/12 Scale," by Venus Dodge

"Country Woodcrafts to Make and Paint," by Patrick Lose.

"The Complete Book of Basketry Techniques," by Sue Gabriel.

"Dough Folk Art: How to Make Beautiful and Lasting Objects From Flour, Salt, and Water," by Cheryl Owen.

"The Ultimate Clock Book: 40 Timely Projects From Wood, Metal, Polymer Clay, Paper, Fabric and Found Objects," by Paige Gilchrist.

**NEW FICTION**

"Lonesome Chisholm Trail," by Johnny D. Boggs.

"Balance Point, From the New Jedi Order Series," by Kathy Tyers.

"Roses Are Red," by James Patterson.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Mon., Wed. and Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.—Tues. and Thurs.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sat.


Bridal Registry

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# Roberts enjoys a good book

NEW YORK (AP) — Life isn't all glamour for Julia Roberts. Some of her favorite days include curling up by the fireplace with a book.

"Certain books have come into my life in such a way that I can't help but think, 'This is the perfect time for me to be reading this,'" Roberts says in the February issue of O magazine.

The 33-year-old actress recalls spending a cold day sitting in the living room of her New Mexico ranch, snuggled in a beanbag chair reading "Crazy Woman" by Kate Horsley.

"That was a great luxury — to actually sit down with a whole day free, start a book, and like it enough to just barrel right through," she says.

Other favorites include "The Wild Palms" by William Faulkner, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers and "An Imaginative Woman" by Thomas Hardy.

# Demolition derby is the hottest ticket

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The demolition derby is the hottest of all grandstand tickets at the summertime Crawford County Fair, but is it hot enough to melt the snow and fill seats in February?

Derby organizer Sherman Allen thinks so.

The West Mead Township zoning board on Wednesday approved Allen's plan to run a demolition derby at the snow-covered fairgrounds Feb. 10. Zoning approval was necessary because the fairground is zoned low-density residential to keep noisy events out except at fair time.

Allen said the derby will be just like summer ones, "only in snow."

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The opera "Tristan and Isolde" by Richard Wagner premiered in 1865 in Munich, Germany.

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Singer Judy Garland was born in 1922.

# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; "Dessert Mystery Drama," program; 6:30 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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




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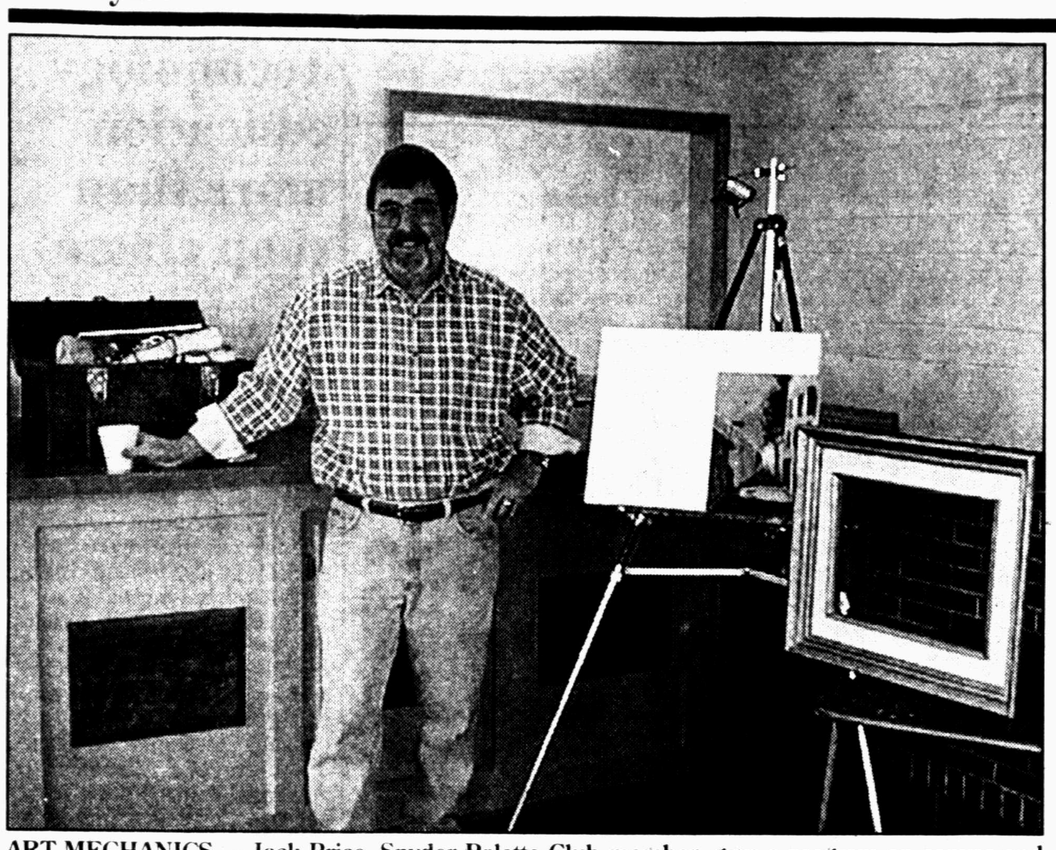
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ART MECHANICS — Jack Price, Snyder Palette Club member, gave a program on canvas and frames to fellow members of the club Thursday. A government instructor at Western Texas College, Price is associate professor and has a BBA from Texas A&M, MA from the University of Houston, and M. Ed from Texas Tech University. The Palette Club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the airport terminal at Winston Field. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Incident is slated for 'Real TV' show in spring

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — The rolling patrol car has 'em rolling in the aisles.

The higher-ups in the Hobbs Police Department didn't think it was funny back in September 1999 when Officer Orin Tubbs forgot to put his patrol car in park, and the car rolled away and nearly hit a mobile home.

Now the incident — captured by a video camera mounted on the patrol car's dashboard — is slated for an episode of "Real TV" airing this spring.

Police Department employees gathered Wednesday to view the tape.

"Just watch, you'll be howling," evidence clerk Cindy Ragland told an officer who hadn't seen the tape.

The video shows Tubbs getting out of his police car at a trailer park and approaching a stopped car. Moments later, the stopped car goes out of view and is replaced by a rapidly approaching mobile home. Tubbs is then seen jumping into the patrol car and hitting the brakes.

Capt. Donnie Graham offered the tape to a "Real TV" producer.

"It goes back to the fact we have no problems with showing people the lighter side of police work and that things happen," Graham said.

## U.S. has no official national tree named

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Redwoods hold the distinction in California. The buckeye does in Ohio. In Nebraska, it's the cottonwood.

All 50 states have designated an official tree over the years, and the best trivia buffs can rattle off their names.

But what's the official national tree? Stumped?

While the United States has a national anthem, national flag and national flower, this land of 50 state trees does not have its own official tree — at least not yet.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, the group behind the tree-planting holiday, is asking people to vote for the tree that should hold the national distinction.

"As people, our symbols matter," said John Rosenow, foundation president. "Having a national tree will call everyone's attention to the importance of our trees and our natural resources that are ours to care for."

The foundation is accepting votes by mail or on its Web site, http://www.arborday.org, through April 26, with the winning tree announced the next day, Arbor Day.

### Company offers Barbie glasses

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California company is hoping Barbie's Midas touch with young girls will translate into major profits in the prescription eyeglass market.

Rem Eyewear has struck a deal with toy maker Mattel Inc. to develop a signature line targeting 4- to 9-year-old girls.

"In this market segment, there's no better name in the world," said Rem chief Mike Hundert.

# Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 2 NT | Pass | 3 ♣ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | All pass |

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Friday, Jan. 12, 2001

## What would you bid with that?

By Phillip Alder

After the class in Napier, Ian Clayton asked me about this deal. Look only at the North hand. Your partner opens one weak no-trump, promising 12-14 high-card points. How would you plan the auction?

The deal had occurred during the Hastings Open Pairs Championship on August 19. Yes, I realize that South doesn't have 12 points. But Ian correctly judged that his ace-king-ace were worth 12 points.

His partner, wife Cynthia, had responded two hearts, a transfer bid showing five (or more) spades. Then, she had jumped to three no-trump, offering a choice of games. After some thought, Ian had passed. I think he was hoping I would agree with him — but I didn't! Ace-king-ace suggest suit play, not no-trump. The opponents might have run the diamond suit if partner had had a weaker doubleton. My opinion was that North should have responded three no-trump, not shown her spades. That hand has no-trump written all over it, especially with all those "soft" values on the side. It is quite likely that nine tricks would be the limit in either spades or no-trump.

I felt so confident that I ran a computer simulation using the late John Lowenthal's "Borel" program. Opposite that North hand, Borel randomly dealt 34 weak no-trumps with three or four spades. On eight deals, three no-trump made whereas four spades failed. (Once, South even had four spades.) Four spades was the only game just twice. (Once, South had four spades.)

Here, three no-trump is defeated by an unlikely heart lead, but four spades can fail on any lead.

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## Bridge Scores

Games were played at Snyder Country Club. Directing were Monte West, Friday; Jane Hinton, Sunday; and Dot Casey, Tuesday.

**Friday, Jan. 5**

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. Monte West, Charlie Blakey.
4. LaVerne Hood, Christine Stuard.
5. Anita Talbott, Ann Davis.

**Sunday, Jan. 7**

1. Jane Hinton, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Martha Fagin, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

1. Peggy Hardin, Nona Morrison.
2. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.
3. Nina Nesbit, Shirley Stewart.

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As wool absorbs moisture from the air, the fibers liberate heat. A gram of wool gives off 27 calories of heat when it goes from dry to wet.

## Pine beetles devouring trees in South

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Pine beetles are devouring trees throughout the South, prompting a bug war that agriculture officials hope will halt the invasion.

The bugs have destroyed about half the pines in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. Agriculture officials say a ground force of checkered beetles coupled with aerial assaults by tiny wasps may fend off the infestation.

The insects chew their way into loblolly, yellow and Virginia pine trees to lay their eggs. As those eggs hatch, the larvae chew their way along in the trunk, killing the tree. When the larvae reach insect stage, they fly to another tree and repeat the damage.

Foresters say pine seedlings will grow back in place of larger trees that are damaged, but that does little to satisfy Judy Brimm, who has lost about 300 trees around her home near London, Ky.

"This spring, I didn't see anything wrong with the trees," Brimm said. "Now they're turning brown and the bark is falling off because of the southern pine beetles. You don't know they're there until it's too late."

The U.S. Forest Service spent $750,000 to combat the beetles last year with little success. That amount is expected to be higher this year.

## Births

George and Janis Page announce the birth of their granddaughter, Rilee Christine Page, on Jan. 11 in Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos. Her parents are Kim and Mitch Page. She was delivered by her aunt, Diane Gay, OB nurse. Rilee weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Milton Adcock of San Marcos and Ruth Adcock of Austin.



FULTON-DISMORE MARRIED — LaRae Fulton and Mike Dismore were married on Dec. 16 at Moon Palace Resort in Cancun. Her son, Landry Fulton, who also served as best man, gave the bride in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Jerva Herendeen of Arlington and Larry and Susan Farr of Colorado City. She is the granddaughter of Vera Farr of Hermleigh. The groom is the son of Dorothy Wadsworth of Ballinger and the late Cotton Dismore. The bride is a major-marketing representative for Sprint PCS, and the groom is sales manager for Ener-Tel Services. The family will reside in Christoval. (Contributed Photo)

## Roman Catholics top list in Congress

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A survey of the religious affiliations listed by members of the new U.S. Congress shows Roman Catholics in first place with 150 representatives and senators, a drop of one from the outgoing Congress. Sixty-one percent are Democrats.

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# Public Records

**Marriage License**

John Calvin Rawls and Terri Lynn Kincaid, both of Snyder.

Victor Allen Isham and Amy Jewell Reynolds, both of Snyder.

**Fled in District Court**

Scurry County vs. Fairy Myers Looney, et al, delinquent tax suit.

**Action in District Court**

Devon Energy Production vs. Sparta Energy, Isabel R. Sanditen Trust, Carol C. Elliott, Weston H. Hausman Jr., Beverly P. Horton, Deborah Heaton, Bridget O'Toole Purdine, Melissa O'Toole Smith, John B. Cowden III, Jean Matin Revocable Trust, Otasco Oil Company, Nancy Jane Niedringhaus and Duane McDaniel, order non-suiting John B. Cowden III.

Scurry County vs. Edgar Williams, et al, plaintiff's release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. Martha L. Hammonds, fka Martha Nutt, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. Edgar L. Williams, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. Andrade Rodriguez, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. Rabul B. Maldonado, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry Count vs. J.M. Odom, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. ARTJ Farm Common Law Trust, Lavelle Eicke Trustee, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. The Mumse Truste, Lavelle Eicke Trustee, et al, release of judgment.

Scurry County vs. West Texas Machine Inc., et al, release of judgment.

In the marriage of Cory Bert Chester and Amanda Kay Chester, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Michael Robert Kirby and Rebecca Darline Kirby, divorce granted.

**Deed Records**

Shirley K. Jones, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of William A. Jones, to Dean Wemken, Lot 13 in Block 105 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Robert Erwin to Robert B. and Anita K. Erwin, the east one-half of the west two-thirds of Section 91, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Robert B. and Anita K. Erwin to the Robert B. and Anita K. Erwin Revocable Living Trust, 1.6 acres in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Robert B. and Anita K. Erwin to the Robert B. and Anita K. Erwin Revocable Living Trust, the east one-half of Survey 108, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Cliff and Katie Necessary to Kevin L. and Camilla L. Bollinger, Lot 1 of the Replat of Block 12 of the Highland Addition.

Theodore Martin Olsen to Nova Inez Olsen, Lot 1 in Block 72 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

John Michael Duddleston to Wesley E. Shook, tract one being 3.92 acres in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 5.5 acres in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Michael Shane Carroll to Krystal Dawn Valentine, Lots 10-12 and the south 122 feet of Lots 13 and 14, all in Block 20 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Harley Fred Bynum to Richard A. Dupree, the east 15 feet of the south one-half of Lot 9 and all of the south one-half of Lots 10-12 in Block 49 of the W.H. Wilson Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Rebecca D. Kirby to Michael Robert Kirby, the south one-half of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 35 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

# Scientific panel studies impact of Arctic drilling

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A panel of independent scientists has launched a study of the impact of oil and gas drilling in Alaska, a research effort that could provide ammunition for the debate over whether drilling should be increased in the Bush administration.

The 16-member panel, which met for the first time this week, was convened by the National Research Council to begin an 18-month, $1.5 million study on the impact of 30 years of oil drilling in Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope. The council, and arm of the National Academy of Sciences, is an independent organization that advises the government.

Biological consultant Mike Joyce, retired from Phillips Alaska Inc., where he managed biological studies on the North Slope, said Wednesday that the panel will look at different effects of oil development, including biological, physical, social and economic effects.

Debate intensified on Arctic oil development after President-elect Bush made it clear that he favors opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain, to the east of Prudhoe Bay, to oil drilling. Environmental groups strongly oppose the move. The White House announced Wednesday that President Clinton would not designate ANWR a national monument.

Convening the panel is not an effort by the oil companies to get an easier foothold in ANWR, said Ronnie Chappell, spokesman for BP. Plans for the panel were under way well before the election, he said.

Two months ago, the oil industry gave the panel a bibliography containing thousands of items, said Steven D. Taylor, director of environmental policy for BP Exploration Inc., a division of BP. The oil industry already has spent $100 million on biological studies, he said.

After nearly 50 years of doing business in Alaska, Phillips Alaska has proven that oil development can be done with very little impact, said company spokeswoman Dawn Patience.

"We think the committee ultimately will come to a similar conclusion," she said.

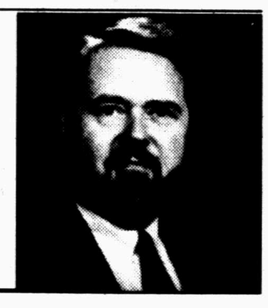
But Peter H. Van Tuyn, a lawyer for Trustees for Alaska, urged the panel to look beyond the studies offered by the oil companies.

"We think there are huge data gaps," he said.Van Tuyn said he hopes the panel will look closely at certain industry practices, such as reinjecting waste from drilling projects into abandoned wells.

George M. Ahmaogak, an Inupiat Eskimo and mayor of the North Slope Borough, said previous studies have been done poorly, such as evidence that drilling has driven whales farther offshore, making them harder for Eskimos to hunt.

# Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



**Promises, Promises, That's All I Ever Get**

"We can deliver that Tuesday morning." "I'll be here all afternoon, come by anytime." "We'll get more in on Friday's truck."

These three promises were made to one customer during one business week. All three promises were broken. The truck did not deliver on Tuesday morning; nor did it deliver Tuesday afternoon. The business owner who promised to "be here all afternoon" was not. It took three trips to pick up the customer's merchandise. "More" did not come on Friday's truck. The customer quoted the old country song, "Promises, Promises, That's All I Ever Get."

Every day business owners and employees make promises. Some are kept, some are not. Often, the success of the business depends on how well the promises are kept. Your reputation as a business is on the line with every promise — kept or broken.

An old farmer friend of mine used to say, "Don't put it in my ear, son, lay it in my hand." This, I believe, is excellent practice for business owners who want to build lasting customer relationships. Don't just tell your customers what you're going to do, do it.

Long-term loyalty in business is based on trust. Trust is the result of previous experience. Previous experience may be our own or that of another person who is credible. For example, if an associate at work who is always honest tells you about a bad experience with a business, you will likely avoid doing business there even though you've had no personal experience with the firm.

**Four Types of Promises**

Promises can be divided into four categories: direct promises, implied promises, accuracy promises and completeness promises.

Direct promises include "We'll deliver it today." "I'll call you by 5 p.m." and "All parts are covered by warranty for one full year." These promises are explicit. Direct promises are clearly stated and easily understood. However, this does not always mean they are kept.

Implied promises are those where an outcome is normally assumed even if no actual promise is made. Examples of implied promises include "The food at the restaurant will be free of contamination," "Only you will have the key to your hotel room" and "When you take your car to the repair shop, it will be repaired." Some businesses will disappoint customers in this area as well.

Accuracy promises are perhaps the most common of broken promises. Have you even driven through a fast-food restaurant and had your order messed up? Ever flown to Boston and had your bags go to Boise? Ever ordered a blue sweater and received a brown one? Broken promises occur in this area, too.

Completeness promises are also a common problem for businesses. Some contractors develop a reputation for never quite finishing the job. Most software programs are sold with a little something missing. Those missing lines of code are referred to as bugs. Deadlines often pass with only a partial book manuscript in the publisher's hands. Too many folks are willing to quit before they're finished.

**An Opportunity**

Businesses who can't or won't keep their promises, open the door to their competition. Their shortcomings become your opportunities.

If you want to exploit these opportunities, the solution is simple: Under-promise, over-deliver. Get it right, get it done. The solution begins with a commitment to keep all promises. I like the old saying, "A promise made is a debt unpaid."

Occasionally, the best way to keep your promises is not to make any. There are times when you simply cannot do what the customer desires. Don't promise what you can't deliver. A quick promise may gain a customer, but only performance will keep them.

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# Technology education more than shop classes

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be as technical as the students want it to be. For instance, they can add details like furniture and electric outlets. Once completed, the map can be printed by a ink plotter. Before the semester ends, he said he would like the boys to be able to draw house plans.

Originally, there were three students involved with the project but one has moved.

Duzan's engineering graphics classes teach the basics of drafting such as orthographic drawings in which three parts in three views and pictoral drawings including isometric drawings and perspective drawings. Students also learn about sectional views in which something is "sliced" away to reveal what it looks like inside, and dimensioning.

The study of drafting never changes, Duzan said, but the tools do. Someday he hopes to replace the drafting desks in the classroom with computers similar to the one Guzman and Leatherwood are using to map the high school campus.

Duzan said they are working with YZ Systems to update the high school's Technology Education Department. "They are letting us know what skills they need the students to learn," Duzan explained

"In recent years, technology funds have been channeled to computer labs," Duzan said. "There hasn't been any money for shop equipment. We are trying to build our program."

SHS also recently hosted the monthly general meeting of the West Texas Technology Education Association. The meeting was attended by Technology Education teachers in the Midland area.

YZ Systems provided a meal at The Shack for those attending and after the meeting, Troy Hall led everyone on a tour of the facility.

The meeting was for the Midland region of WTTEA, which the high school is now a member of. Previously, they were part of the Abilene region.

Duzan said they changed because the Midland region offers more projects and more opportunities for student participation.

At the next meeting, teachers will discuss the Technology Education contest to be held the later part of April. The state contest will be held in Waco the first week in May.

## Singer settles lawsuit

TORONTO (AP) — Rock singer Alannah Myles reached an out-of-court settlement in a libel suit against the National Post newspaper.

Her lawyer, Kevin Kemp, refused to provide details.

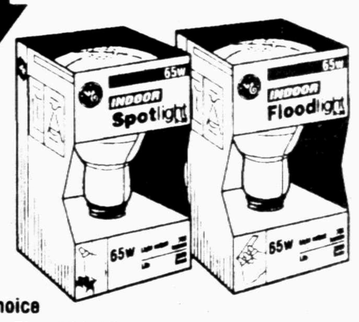

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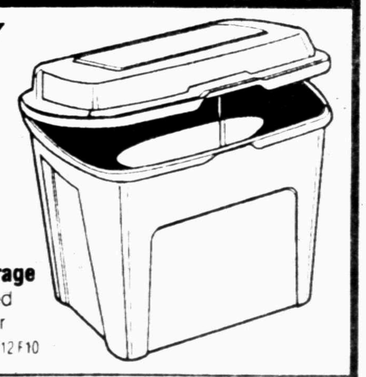

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# Study disputes theory of human migration

By the Associated Press

Anthropologists analyzing ancient skulls from around the world say modern humans did not arise from a single migration from Africa, but from small groups that journeyed to every continent and intermingled with archaic humans such as the Neanderthal.

In a study appearing Friday in the journal Science, the researchers say that distinctive features in ancient skulls, some dating to more than 200,000 years, suggest that modern humans descended independently from common ancestors that lived on nearly every continent and mingled with earlier human types.

"There was no single wave of modern humans out of Africa," said Milford H. Wolpoff, a University of Michigan anthropologist and co-author of the study. Modern humans did originate in Africa, but they migrated in small groups over thousands of years and journeyed to Asia, Europe and even as far as Australia, he said.

"It was not a single wave," Wolpoff said. "It was more like a leaky faucet. They moved out in dribbles."

This is contrary to the Eve theory, which holds that modern humans evolved in Africa and moved into the rest of the world in a singular movement of perhaps 10,000 people. Once on the other continents, the theory holds, the moderns supplanted the existing more ancient humans, such as the Neanderthal.

But Wolpoff and his co-authors said that skulls dated 25,000 to 30,000 years from Europe and from Australia share strong characteristics of 40,000 to 200,000-year-old archaic human skulls found in Europe, Indonesia, and Africa.

The more recent skulls from Europe, for instance, showed clear evidence of a Neanderthal influence, along with features of the early modern humans that evolved in Africa. Early modern human skulls from Australia had similarities to the more ancient skulls from Indonesia.

Wolpoff said this suggests modern humans dribbled out of Africa in small numbers and migrated to distant lands where they mingled with a more ancient human type that already lived in those places.

Eventually, he said, the superior genes of modern humans dominated the species through natural selection and the clearly identifiable archaic humans, such as the Neanderthal, disappeared.

"The Neanderthal disappeared as a result of interbreeding," Wolpoff said.

Traces of those archaic humans survive still, in the genes of modern humans, said John Hawks, University of Utah anthropologist and co-author of the study. And these genes produce distinctive markings on modern human skulls.

"There are still Neanderthals today and they are us," Hawks said in a statement released by the University of Utah. "People of European descent are also people of Neanderthal descent."

The conclusion is controversial, and another University of Utah anthropologist, Henry Harpending, said he is unconvinced.

"The genetic evidence is unequivocal in support of the idea that we are all descended from a small group of Africans within the last 100,000 years," Harpending said in a statement. "There is no Neanderthal in us."

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# Q & A

## How to protect children

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devote this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

**HOW CAN WE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN?**

All children are at risk of developing substance abuse problems if they are exposed to addicting substances and use them repeatedly. But a number of risk factors increase the chances that they will become drug-involved, including:

**Family history**
Alcoholism or addiction in the family
**Family environment**
Domestic violence or child abuse
Lack of adult supervision
**Psychology**
Childhood aggression
Lack of problem-solving skills
Depression
Compulsiveness
**School**
Rejection by peers
Lack of commitment to school

*If your child has some of these risk factors, he or she is* not *doomed to become a substance abuser.* Even kids at high risk may never develop an addiction. By taking steps now, you can help your child avoid—or *delay*—any drug experimentation. And delay is key: kids who start experimenting at an early age are at considerably higher risk for developing addictions. Someone who makes it to age 20 without abusing drugs/alcohol is less likely to develop a substance abuse problem. Here are just a few of the things you can do:

**Do a family history to determine whether your family has shown signs of alcoholism or other addiction.** If so, your children are especially vulnerable. Let them know they can take steps such as abstaining from substances that cause addiction.

**Evaluate your own use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.** If you walk in the door at night and grab a beer, or light up a cigarette every time you get tense, what are you conveying to your child about how to cope with life and its stresses?

**Foster strong family bonds to help counter powerful peer influences.** If kids have a sense of belonging within their own families, they will be less likely to seek it elsewhere.

**Set clear expectations for behavior.** In a major survey, thousands of teens reported that their biggest reason for choosing not to drink—or drinking less than they would have — is that their parents would be upset by it.

**Let your kids know they can talk to you about anything, without harsh judgment or lectures.** And be on the lookout for "teachable moments," like when your child raises the subject of drugs, or when an anti-drug commercial comes on TV.

**Expose your children to activities like sports, art, music, reading, or drama, so that they develop avid interests.** When kids are bored, they are more likely to experiment.

**Help your child feel a part of her school.** Go to school functions with your child whenever you can. Research shows that children who feel bonded with their school are less likely to use substances.

**Teach your child to make independent decisions.** Allow your kids to make some of their own decisions, so that when faced with offers of drugs or alcohol, they can resist pressure.

**Teach your child to cope with frustration and stress.** When your child is upset, help him or her to learn ways to feel better—like talking about it, taking a walk, or relaxation techniques.

**Teach your child to be skeptical of sales pitches.** Whether watching commercials or passing a billboard advertising cigarettes or alcohol, help your child discern between the salesman's interest and his own.

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

Suggested reading: National Institute on Drug Abuse. *Preventing Drug Use Among Children and Adolescents.* Washington, D.C.: National Institutes of Health, 1997.

# Four from Snyder earn ASU degrees

SAN ANGELO — Four Snyder students at Angelo State University were among 321 students to receive degrees during fall commencement at the university.

Robert Frank Bailey received a master of education, with a major in reading specialist.

Christopher Kemp received a bachelor of business administration, with a major in management.

Lacey Elaine Parker received a bachelor's of science, cum laude, with a major in early childhood.

Stacey Marie Parker received a bachelor's of science, with a major in early childhood.

# Actor says police work not for him

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don Cheadle learned something while researching his role as a Drug Enforcement Administration agent in "Traffic," Steven Soderbergh's new drug-war drama: Police work isn't the job for him.

Cheadle told AP Radio he went on ride-arounds with the Los Angeles Police Department and spent a lot of time picking the brain of a former DEA agent who was a consultant on the film.

"You kinda have to have that makeup in you to want to go out there and put it down. That's not me. I can play it all day long but I'm not trying to get in front of anybody's bullets," the 36-year-old actor said.

## Hermleigh Awards

Hermleigh School students who were named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester include:

**Second grade:** Jacob Nachlinger, Gloria Ramirez, Duncan Sorrells, Matt Williams, Jordan Williamson, Jacob Tollison, Blake Thompson.

**Third grade:** Dustin Dacus, Melanie Kariainen, Shaye Williams.

**Fourth grade:** Marissa Davis.

**Sixth grade:** Alicia Culp.

**Seventh grade:** Alana Culp.

**Ninth grade:** Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson.

**Tenth grade:** Terrel Culp.

**Eleventh grade:** Sabrina Terry, Mary Spruill.

**Twelfth grade:** Janet Eckert, Lori Eckert, Billy Lambaren.

Students named to the A-B Honor Roll include:

**Second grade:** Timothy Arellano, Kendra Peterson.

**Third grade:** Naomi Arellano, Caroline Granados, Anthony Jones, Vincent Mireles, Shawn Shankles, JP Smith.

**Fourth grade:** Daniel Peterson, Lelan Shankles, Casey Williamson.

**Fifth grade:** Willie Berkley, Jonathan Mireles.

**Sixth grade:** Michael Barrera, Brittany Kelley.

**Seventh grade:** Samantha Berry, Danni Webb.

**Eighth grade:** Shae Rinehart.

**Ninth grade:** Valerie West, Krystal Beasley.

**Eleventh grade:** Rocky Glover, Jeremy Roemisch.

**Twelfth grade:** Sheena Callaway, David Digby, Amber Harbin, Toni Martinez, Chris McClure, Samantha Smith.

## East Awards

East Elementary students named to the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester include K'Ana Garcia, Cody Presley, DaNorris Smith, Katy Spradlin, Lareshia Carey, Taylor Davidson, Jessica Garza, Bailey Richardson, Megan Villegas, Douglas Brunson, Richard Grice, Gina Hermosillo, Lashondrick Richardson, Shaquita Sneed, Shelbie Talavera, Heather Vasquez, Yoci Arellano, Dominic Cabrera, Rubi Jaimes, Erica Maldonado, Carson Matthies, Chassidy Sterling, Wes von Roeder, Britney Webb, Kasey Young.

Others are Charley Stewart, Lauren Zamora, Jessica Bilderback, Jaclyn DeLeon, Caleb Harrison, Roxann Renteria, Brenna Fletcher, Eric Lindsey, Chantell McGaha, Kayla Liccardi, Rebecca Morin, Tony Perales, Erma Rodriguez, Cole Russell, Jessica Timora, Lindsey Cox, Chase Guynes, Kendra McGuire, Teryn Sullenger.

East Elementary students who received perfect attendance for the fall semester include Jesse Conner, K'Ana Garcia, Bryan Guerra, Maxine Jaramillo, Jonathan Burns, Lareshia Carey, Laura Hernandez, Ryanna Alexander, Douglas Brunson, Chelsea Castillo, Jared Cave, Amy Fogleman, Gina Hermosillo, Shelbie Talavera, Heather Vasquez, Dominic Cabrera, Kari Lord, Carson Matthies, Kailea Shaw, Wes von Roeder, Jordan Wright, Kasey Young.

Others include Kira Bilano, Lesa Jones, Jeramy Lindsey, Charley Stewart, Lauren Zamora, Leticia Aguilar, Jessica Bilderback, Daniel Chacon, A'Lex Koonce, Stephrn Luna, Jaime Martinez, Roxann Renteria, Ashley Swigert, Kaycee Westlund, Brenna Fletcher, Benjamin Gutierrez, Ashley Hagins, Chantell McGaha, Lolita Ramos, Jonathan Wallace.

Others are Consuelo Acosta, Kayla Liccardi, Tony Perales, Erma Rodriguez, Jessie Deavers.

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# No major tax breaks in sight for budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The beans have been counted and Texas lawmakers already have issued their warning: Expect no major tax cuts to come out of this legislative session.

Unlike previous years of surging state budget surpluses, Gov. Rick Perry and state lawmakers say there's just no room to give Texas taxpayers much of a break in the 2002-03 budget cycle.

"We don't really know what's happening in this economy," said Perry, who in the same breath also predicts no tax increases. "A prudent person will be cautious. Let's be cautious with the budget."

Four years ago, then Gov. George W. Bush fought for $3 billion in tax relief. He got $1 billion.

Two years later, with Bush eyeing the presidency, lawmakers again approved a tax cut, this time for about $1.8 billion. But the red-hot economy was churning and the state was flush with cash.

Perry, a Republican who replaced Bush and wants to run for governor in two years, won't enjoy the luxury of having the extra money. The $108.2 billion two-year budget proposal allows little wiggle room and leaves Perry unable to afford something as politically popular as a major tax cut.

Times aren't exactly bad, said state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. Her office has predicted that half of a $2.9 billion surplus over the next two years will be eaten by cost overruns in the current budget. That's only half the surplus lawmakers enjoyed in 1999.

The state economy is still growing at a rate slightly faster than the national average, Rylander said.

"We're gliding into the soft landing that my office predicted," she said. "There's growth, but it has slowed down."

Lawmakers also are feeling the pinch of the 1997 and 1999 cuts that trimmed school property taxes and created some consumer and business tax breaks. The tax cuts meant less money in general revenue.

Some lawmakers have questioned whether the surpluses in those years would have been better spent elsewhere, such as to raise state workers' salaries.

House Finance Committee Chairman Rob Junell, however, defended the cuts.

"Rich people can pay the sales tax on aspirin. They can pay the sales tax on clothes so their kids can go to school," said Junell, a Democrat from San Angelo. "But I think those who are really middle class and working class are the people who benefit from those."

Junell's counterpart in the Senate, Rodney Ellis, said that although major cuts are out of the question this session, some smaller tax cuts are possible.

Some regulatory or licensing fees could be reduced, and lawmakers also will consider expanding the annual sales tax holiday to include school supplies in addition to clothes.

"It was an oversight on our part not to include school supplies," said Ellis, D-Houston.

The newly appointed finance chairman said he's learning quickly that not all spending requests or tax cuts can be met.

"Before, I just asked for everything I wanted," Ellis said. "It's a little different now that I'm finance chair."

Bush touted his tax cuts on the presidential campaign trail. In 1999, lawmakers approved about $1.3 billion in property tax cuts, and another $500 million in business and consumer tax breaks, including the sales-tax holiday for school clothes.

Ellis said those cuts were driven as much by the generous mood of the Legislature as they were by Bush's presidential desires.

"I was as much a part of that as anyone," Ellis said. "And I'm a Democrat."

But those tax cuts did little to line the average Texan's pockets, Austin political consultant Bill Miller said.

Perry doesn't need tax cuts to do well politically if he can get behind a popular policy initiative, Miller said.

# Supreme Court to review policy of deporting criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to clarify new federal laws that aim to speed up the deportation of aliens convicted of committing crimes in this country.

The court said it will hear a pair of appeals by the government and by three aliens facing deportation, to decide how much judicial review is allowed for aliens ordered deported after a criminal conviction.

At issue are two 1996 laws, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. They dramatically altered the government's treatment of aliens who commit crimes or face deportation for other reasons.

Previously, some aliens facing deportation for committing a crime could seek a waiver from the attorney general. The new laws barred such waivers for aliens convicted of aggravated felonies.

The new laws said deportation orders must be reviewed in federal appeals courts rather than in "habeas corpus" proceedings in federal trial courts. And, the new laws said aliens convicted of aggravated felonies and drug crimes generally were not entitled to court review at all.

The cases granted review Friday included a government appeal seeking to deport a man from Haiti who pleaded guilty to a drug crime in Connecticut, and a separate appeal by three natives of the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Guyana who were ordered deported for drug crimes in New York state.

Immigration officials ordered all four aliens deported and said the new law barred them from seeking a waiver.

The Haitian man, Enrico St. Cyr, won rulings by a federal trial judge and the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals allowing him to seek a waiver because his crime occurred before the new law took effect. The other three aliens took similar arguments directly to the appeals court.

In each case, the 2nd Circuit court said that because the new law barred appeals court review of such issues, the alien could file a habeas corpus petition in federal trial court.

# McVeigh lets appeals deadline expire

DENVER (AP) — Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh moved a step closer to being executed when he let a deadline expire for resuming his appeals.

His attorneys said he wants a date set for his execution.

McVeigh had until 5 p.m. Thursday to file a notice with U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who presided over his trial. District Court Clerk Jim Manspeaker said he would take the notice until midnight. McVeigh didn't act before either deadline.

The decision is now in the hands of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, which could set a date as early as May for him to die by lethal injection. McVeigh has reserved the right to seek executive clemency.

Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said an execution date will be set once the Department of Justice notifies the bureau that McVeigh has ended his appeals. It could be days or months before a date is set.

Generally, condemned inmates are given four months' notice of an execution.

McVeigh's attorneys had been counting on an order from the judge to set an execution date, but Matsch made it clear in his ruling that if McVeigh did not act, there would be no further court action in the case.

Nathan Chambers, McVeigh's attorney, said that during a meeting at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., McVeigh ordered there be no more appeals on his behalf.

"He made it clear this was his decision. I tried to talk him out of it and get him to resume his appeal, but it was his decision not to file," Chambers said.

Matsch agreed to McVeigh's request last month, giving him until Thursday to change his mind.

At a Dec. 28 hearing, McVeigh reserved the right to seek clemency from the White House, telling the judge: "The president, as I understand it, has almost unlimited power in this respect."

The government has not executed a federal prisoner in 37 years.

# TxDOT issuing 2001 call for enhancement projects

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced the 2001 call for project nominations under the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

The Transportation Enhancement Program is a statewide competitive program and is administered by TxDOT in accordance with applicable federal and state rules and regulations. Approximately $1,325 million will be available for the selection of eligible candidate projects under this call.

Bill Leach, Abilene district enhancement coordinator, said that transportation enhancement are provided under the federal transportation legislation Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century (TEA-21)

"The program includes transportation-related activities that contribute to the livelihood of communities, promote the quality of our environment and enhance the aesthetics of our roadways. Transportation-related activities include landscape and scenic beautification, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historical preservation and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities such as historic railroad facilities and canals," Lewis said.

Currently, transportation enhancement projects in the Abilene district include a visitors center at Fort Phantom Hill, historic walk trail to Albany, Fort Trail museum in Abilene and phase two of the preservation of a World War II hangar in Big Spring. Past transportation enhancement projects in the Abilene district include historic preservation work at the Jones and Shackelford County courthouses.

Leach also stated that the funds provided by this program is on a cost reimbursement basis and is not a grant. Projects undertaken with enhancement funds are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs. The governmental entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including all cost overruns.

Completed nomination forms are due at the Abilene district office located at 4250 N. Clack in Abilene no later than 5 p.m. on June 18, 2001. Project selection will be made by the Texas Transportation Commission in November 2001.

Program guidelines, eligible requirement and nomination forms are available at the Abilene district office or by calling Leach at 915-676-6831.

## Date Book

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001**

Today is the 13th day of 2001 and the 24th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1928, General Electric and RCA installed experimental television sets in three homes in Schenectady, N.Y.

On this day in 1976, Sarah Caldwell became the first woman to conduct the orchestra of New York City's Metropolitan Opera.

On this day in 1982, an Air Florida jet crashed into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., killing 80 people.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Salmon P. Chase (1808-1873), Supreme Court chief justice; Sophie Tucker (1884-1966), singer; Robert Stack (1919-), actor, is 82; Gwen Verdon (1925-2000), dancer-actress; Charles Nelson Reilly (1931-), actor-director, is 70; Frank Gallo (1932-), artist, is 68 Jay McInerny (1955-), writer, is 46; Julia Louis Dreyfus (1960-), actress, is 40.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 73 points in a single game, an NBA record.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "It is right that what is just should be obeyed; it is necessary that what is strongest should be obeyed." — Pascal

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (Jan. 9) and last quarter (Jan. 16).

**Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001**

Today is the 14th day of 2001 and the 25th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1639, in Hartford, Conn., the first constitution of the colony of Connecticut was approved. It declared, among other things, that "the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people."

On this day in 1881, a telephone system was installed in the United States Senate for the first time.

On this day in 1922, the Irish Free State was founded.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general-turncoat; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), missionary; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-commentator, is 82; Yukio Mishima (1925-1970), writer; Julian Bond (1940-), U.S. politician, is 61; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 60; Lawrence Kasdan (1949-), director-screenwriter, is 52.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1973, the Miami Dolphins won Superbowl VII by defeating the Washington Redskins 14-7. In that year, the Dolphins became the first NFL team to finish a season without having lost a single game.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Example is leadership." — Albert Schweitzer

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (Jan. 9) and last quarter (Jan. 16).

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# 'Ally McBeal' adopts boy

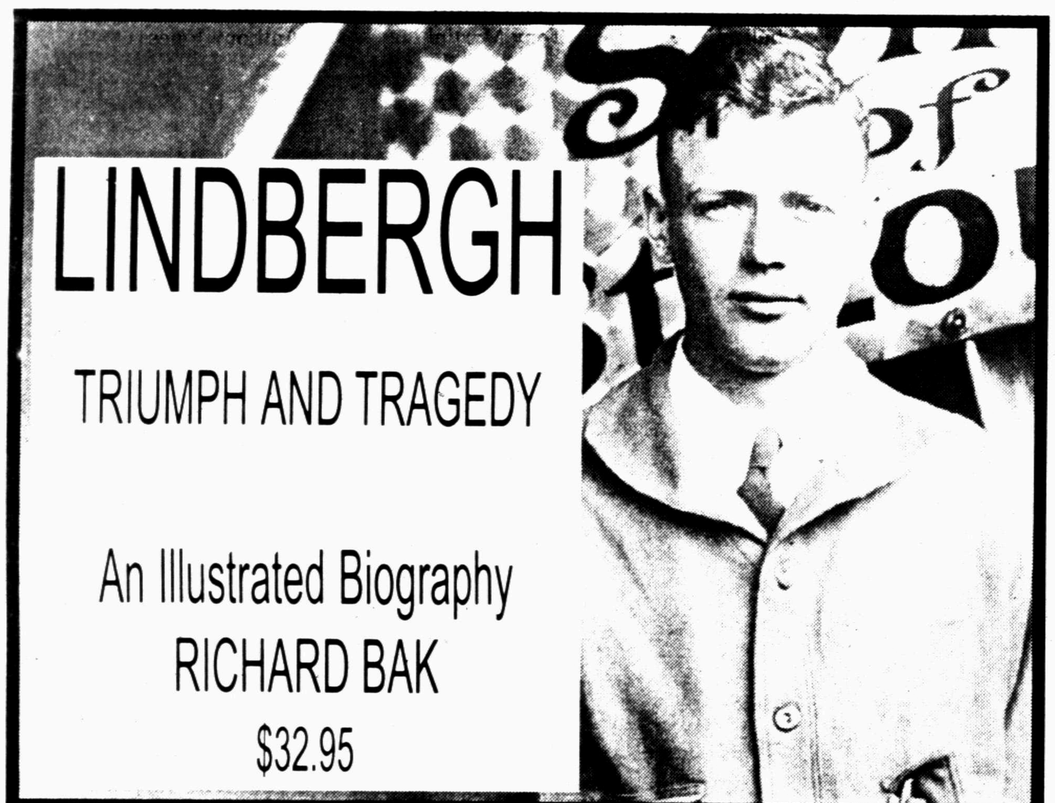
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Calista Flockhart says she's settling down with a much, much younger man.

The "Ally McBeal" actress announced Thursday that she has adopted a baby boy. The name of the baby was not released.

"I have always wanted to adopt a child and I am overjoyed that I have been blessed with a beautiful and healthy son," Flockhart said. "I'm completely enchanted and awe-struck."

The 36-year-old actress added that she still hopes to give birth someday and may adopt another child.

Because of her hectic schedule, the new single mom said her son will spend a lot of time on the set of her Emmy-winning Fox comedy.

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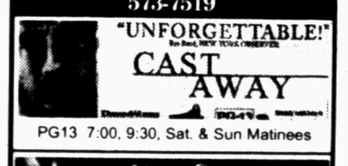

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Downing, Mea
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Johnson, Jacob
Juarez, Humbe
Kerr, Jonathan
Kincaid, Kenny
Lara, Kyra
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May, Aryn
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Ortega, Laura
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Rios, Alexandr
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Wesson, Tayla
West, Jessica
Williams, Jatha
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Benitez, Cassie
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Emerson, Brad
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Floyd, Jessica
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Garcia, Daisy
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Garcia, Ricky
Garza, Shelby
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Hale, Garrett
Hamilton, Jodi
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Jackson, Maris
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Jaramillo, Lore
Kemp, Jacob
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Lopez, Angelica
Lopez, Toby
Manley, Nathar
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Moran, Wendy
Naizer, Seth
Newton, Heath
Olvera, Evian
Ornelas, Janie
Ornelas, Josie
Redman, Micay
Rios, Matthew
Rodarte, Jose
Roemisch, Chel
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Silva, Ashley
Sosa, David
Swigert, Allison
Tarter, Johnath
Trammel, Eric
Tyrrell, Taylor
Valadez, Kristie
Velasquez, Matt
Wall, Clint
Wolfenbarger, J

Fourth Grade

# Honor Roll - Third Six Weeks

**Snyder I.S.D.**
**Third Six Weeks**

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Aguilar, Marcos
Arizmendi, Samana
Ashley, Eleanor
Barrera, Sami Dee
Bass, Quintin
Bloom, Remington
Calley, Brodie
Castillo, Autumn
Chaidez, Alicia
Clifton, Stacey
Cooley, Meghan
Crenwelge, Jake
Curry, Colton
Downing, Meagan
Dupree, Rachael
Esparza, Javiel
Gafford, Kenyon
Garcia, Natasha
Guardado, Michael
Guerrero, Gina
Guzman, Valeri
Hernandez, Alex
Hicks, Shane
Johnson, Jacob
Juarez, Humberto
Kerr, Jonathan
Kincaid, Kenny
Lara, Kyra
Luna, Raven
Martinez, Krystal
May, Aryn
McGlouthin, Tosha
Moreland, Kylie
Ortega, Laura
Parmer, Sarah
Rios, Alexandra
Sanchez, Brailee
Stribling, Annie
Strickland, Jake
Thompson, Megan
Urias, Lindsey
Villarreal, Hilary
Wesson, Tayla
West, Jessica
Williams, Jathan
Zajicek, Nick
**A-B Honor Roll**
Benitez, Cassie
Bragg, Tanner
Brewster, Kayli
Browning, Amanda
Buchanan, John
Burton, Ty
Cabrera, Bianca
Cabrera, Martha
Carey, Steven
Cockran, Cassie
Cole, Brent
Cooper, Jessica
Delce, Jerard
DeLeora, Devyn
Emerson, Bradley
Escobedo, Daniel
Eveland, Jacie
Ferrusca, Jose Antonio
Floyd, Jessica
Fulford, Kelsi
Garcia, Daisy
Garcia, Dana
Garcia, Ricky
Garza, Shelby
Gonzales, Gus
Guerrero, Kristi
Gutierrez, Amber
Hale, Garrett
Hamilton, Jodi
Hibbitt, Jessie
Holley, Tye
Jackson, Marissa
Jaramillo, L.A.
Jaramillo, Loretta
Kemp, Jacob
Kuben, Kobly
Lopez, Angelica
Lopez, Toby
Manley, Nathan
Medrano, Samatha
Merhafshan, Allen
Midwell, Amanda
Mitchell, Coleton
Moran, Wendy
Naizer, Seth
Newton, Heather
Olvera, Evian
Ornelas, Janie
Ornelas, Josie
Redman, Micayla
Rios, Matthew
Rodarte, Jose
Roemisch, Chelcea
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Silva, Ashley
Sosa, David
Swigert, Allison
Tarter, Johnathan
Trammel, Eric
Tyrrell, Taylor
Valadez, Kristie
Velasquez, Matthew
Wall, Clint
Wolfenbarger, Joni

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Ryanna Alexander
Brian Allred
Kira Bilano
Larissa Blackard
Jared Cave
Riley Davis
Jessie Deavers
Amy Fogleman
Sierra Foreman
Taylor Gibbs
Ashley Hagins
Gina Hermosillo
Clay Hirt
Rubi Jaimes
Leslie Johnston
Lesa Jones
Kari Lord
Erica Maldonado
Clint McFatridge
Maria Murillo
Tyler Porter
Alix Rieser
Brittney Rivera
Brittany Scott
Kailea Shaw
Josh Sorrells
Will Stewart
David Strayhorn
Wes von Roeder
Britney Webb
Jordan Wright
**A-B Honor Roll**
Consuelo Acosta
Tanya Adams
Veronica Alvarado
Adrian Alvarez
Yoci Arellano
Jessica Bilderback
Douglas Brunson
Briana Bryant
Dominic Cabrera
Lareshia Carey
Chelsea Castillo
Jesse Conner
Lindsey Cox
Taylor Davidson
Jaclyn DeLeon
Alex Escobedo
Brenna Fletcher
K'Ana Garcia
Jessica Garza
Richard Grice
Bryan Guerra
Fabian Gutierrez
Chase Guynes
David Guzman
Caleb Harrison
Melanie Hernandez
Keagan Herrley
Kayla Liccardi
Eric Lindsey
Randy Loveall
Carson Matthies
Chantell McGaha
Kendra McGuire
Patrick Meighen
Brittany Mitchell
Ruben Molinar
Rebecca Morin
Tony Perales
Lolita Ramos
Roxann Renteria
Bailey Richardson
Lashondrick Richardson
Erma Rodriguez
Cole Russell
DaNorris Smith
Shaquita Sneed
Katy Spradlin
Devon Stansell
Chassidy Sterling
Charley Stewart
Teryn Sullenger
Shelbie Talavera
Jessica Timora
Michael Varela
Heather Vasquez
Megan Villegas
Kasey Young
Lauren Zamora

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alayna Alexander
Angela Almanza
Angie Amarillas
Ernesto Arellano
Brent Bollinger
Tonya Breedlove
Colton Brewster
Dylan Bunch
Ryan Claxton
Alison Cox
Samantha Daves
Devin Davidson
Jessica DeLeon
Brooks Gafford
Kimberly Harlan
Cassie Hernandez
Corey Jaramillo
Blane Knipe
Nicole Means
Kristen Miller
Junior Ozuna
Greg Resendiz
Cayelea Rhodes
Jessica Rivera
Craig Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Jacob Scifres
J.W. Wesson
Brittany West
Nathan Wittie
Michelle Yruegas
**A-B Honor Roll**
Mark Aguilar
Brad Ashworth
Kaden Billingsley
Daniel Burk
Tanner Butler
Miguel Cabrera
Marcy Carrillo
Cassie Cazarez
Kristina Chandler
Lanxton Cole
Derek Compton
Kirstie Davis
Lance Day
Jordan Derryberry
Ashley Farquhar
Houston Flores
Vallie Foreman
Chad Franks
Paul Garcia
Heather Garza
Joe Garza
Ryan Gonzales
Zane Green
Jodi Guerrero
Laura Gutierrez
BranDee Harbin
Travis Hatfield
Joseph Hefner
James Hendricks
Jacob Hinson
Erin Hogan
Kelly Holdren
Allen Jones
Audrey Jones
Brandon Jones
Zackary Key
Laura Landa
Ashlei Lopez
Anthony Martinez
Levi Mayfield
Tyler McCormack
Chassie McDonald
Jacob McFatridge
Morgan Moffett
Joshua Morrell
Dustin Murdock
Preston Munson
Tatum Norwood
Josh Ornelas
William Ornelas
Marci Pinkerton
Kayla Pittman
Chris Richards
Wes Richardson
Roy Rivera
Luke Robertson
Raquel Ruiz
Destiny Rylant
Cecelie Slaughter
Kendra Tidwell
Christian Tippens
Loren Toombs
Josie Torres
Alex Urias
Megan Velasquez
Christina Villa
Samantha Villarreal
Aaren Walker
Layton Westmoreland
Zachary White

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Arellano, Cinthia
Berryhill, Hollie
Bilano, Jada
Bowlin, Brett
Courtney, Taylor
Covington, Sarah
Drummond, Chelsey
Early, Starla
Fitzgerale, Joseph
Garvin, Andrew
Greenwood, William
Guzman, Felicia
Herrera, Ramsey
Kruger, Kade
Luecke, Ashley
Mangis, Shannon
Mann, Michael
Moore, Kazual
Perez, Brandee
Proffitt, Ember
Ragland, Terann
Rivera, Amanda
Rodriguez, Jeremy
Schoolcraft, Matthew
Stansell, Jordan
Wright, Sydney
**A-B Honor Roll**
Aguilar, Gabriel
Arnold, Casey
Arnold, Jamie
Arredondo, Ryan
Baldwin, Joshua
Ball, Tasha
Baze, Jaedi
Benavidez, Monica
Bernal, Brianna
Bhakta, Kunal
Block, Zackary
Block, Zane
Borrego, Mayela
Boyd, April Beth
Brasher, William
Campbell, Amy
Capps, Jaclyn
Chandler, Candace
Cole, Dalton
Courtney, Danny
Courtney, Tylor
Crenwelge, Katie
Culwell, Laura
Davis, Alyssa
De La Cruz, Linda
Deavers, Malcolm
Dorsett, Krista
Driggers, Tyler
Dubois, Monica
Dupree, Andrew
Early, Trent
Espinosa, Christina
Estrada, Sonia
Farmer, Dwayne
Flores, Laura
Foreman, Ami
Fulford, Whitley
Grady, Nolan
Greene, William
Greenlee, Kaitlyn
Griffin, Megan
Grerrero, Priscilla
Guynes, Kinsey
Hackfeld, Chelsea
Hagins, Brandon
Hermosillo, Victoria
Hopper, Jessica
Kincheloe, Stetson
Kuliga, Christopher
Lacik, Kaylee
Lester, Jordan
Long, Casey
Mann, Aspen
Martinez, Joshua
McGlouthin, Teisha
Mhoon, Cassie
Mills, Jeremy
Morris, Claire
Munoz, Erica
Munoz, Lucas
Pena, Louisa
Presley, Nicole
Price, Wesley
Ramirez, Juan
Ramos, Henry
Reed, Cody
Rice, Candace
Rios, Amanda
Robbins, Brandon
Robertson, Tara
Rodriguez, Ashly
Roemisch, Cheyene
Romero, Roman
Rosas, Joey
Sanchez, Ricky
Sauceda, Amy
Small, Lindsey
Smith, Corbin
Sosa, Adrian
Stahl, Levi
Tandy, Patrick
Traylor, Sarah
Tyrrell, Courtney
Westmoreland, Bryce
Whitworth, John
Wiggins, Sydney
Yanez, Jessica
Zamora, Sebastian

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Yuliana Arellano
Chase Ashworth
Morgan Bilderback
Barrett Bowlin
Dondi Brock
Jessica Calvert
Jason Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Katie Curry
William Floyd
Kayla Hartzog
Racheal Herrera
Tyler Hogan
Emily Jones
Tara Kubena
Ciara Latta
Amber Luecke
Austin Lyle
Justin Martinez
Johnathon McClure
Megan McCormick
Amanda Murray
Andria Nussey
Ashly Pavlovsky
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Tressa Pollard
Wendy Reed
Amber Reston
Blake Scott
Cade Simpson
Breanna Talavera
Jessica Taylor
Temi Thompson
Shaela Vineyard
Ashton Wall
Jay Weaver
Dustyn Williams
Kiki Wofford
Leslie Wright
**A-B Honor Roll**
Kim Bell
Laura Boyd
Teddi Crenwelge
Megan Crisp
Gena Dooley
Stanley Forbes
Bianca Gonzales
Kim Henkell
Tino Hermosillo
Camry Hill
Tanner Hunter
Ashley Hyer
Whitney Kinney
Cale Lancaster
Jana Lewis
Erica Little
Chris Lopez
Valerie Lopez
Eric Martinez
Curtis Mason
Sirena Medrano
Lindsey Morin
Calvin Nobles
Sequoya Powell
Jamie Putnam
Samuel Ramirez
Troy Reigh
Jessica Robbins
Noe Ruiz
Blake Scott
Blake Seale
Dalesa Traylor
Christi Williams
Tyler Zalman
Laura Zamora
Ofelia Zamora

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Paige Anderson
Kassey Burney
Courtney Cox
Jessica Davis
Erin Hackfeld
Heather Holmes
Patrick Jones
Traci Jordan
Lacey Kincaid
Meggan Minor
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
**A-B Honor Roll**
Elizabeth Arellano
Jacy Beccue
Lee Ann Benitez
Adrian Brooks
Briana Burk
Daniel Burton
Sara Carpenter
Krista Chaidez
Nathaniel Clarady
Kim Cooper
David Delce
Lacey Early
Sharonda Emerson
Esme Estrada
J J Farmer
Jarrod Fletcher
Amanda Flores
Abby Foree
Alan Gray
Eric Guadaramma
Kayla Guerrero
Austin Hatfield
Thomas Hefner
Corie Hernandez
Hadley Hirt
Jason Hook
Brooke Jackson
Paul Jackson
Matthew Kerr
Taren Knipe
Annie Martinez
Ashlee McGinty
Michelle Miller
Kelly Moore
Matthew Morris
Marisa Munoz
Codi Nichols
Raul Olvera
Cade Owen
Stephanie Parmer
Michael Parsley
Heather Polk
Mechelle Renfro
Phillip Rice
Cole Robertson
Albert Rocha
Adam Sauceda
Chris Smauley
Jeffrey Stanfield
Carol Tavarez
Nikki Timora
Ashley Villegas
Stacey Williamson
Heather Zajicek

**Ira I.S.D.**
**Third Six Weeks**

**First Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Taylor Autry
Michael Bennett
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Cristian Ornelas
Gabriel Patterson
Brandee Pinkerton
Conner Smith
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jacob Elam

**Second Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Amber Baker
Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Sarah Gunset
Isaac Martin
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
Kellie Pilcher
Kolton Stokes
J. P. Wilson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Seth Cotton
Steven Juarez
Paul Martinez
Alex Rivera

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
**A-B Honor Roll**
B. J. Botts
Rosemary Rivera
Kaden Seale
Cheyann Taylor
Daniel Wooldridge

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Austin Calley
Shandy McMullen
Ashley Trotter
**A-B Honor Roll**
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Andy Rivera
Seth Sanchez

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Josi Presley
Kaci Waller

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
**A-B Honor Roll**
Corbin Clements
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kelbi Pitner

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Terryn Autry
**A-B Honor Roll**
Brittany Dickerhoff
Joel Lollar
Whitney Parks
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Brandon Crane
Sarah McCown
**A-B Honor Roll**
Shea Allen
Bryson Higgins
Wesley Kellner
Cody Lomax
Justin Taylor

**Ninth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Amanda Calley
Lacie Thompson
Nathan Wilkins
**A-B Honor Roll**
April Lollar
Suzie Pendergrass
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson

**Tenth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Bea Aguinaga
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Kali Clements
Tyler Frey
Casey Kellner
Michelle Nettles
Geoffrey Pinkerton
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
**A-B Honor Roll**
Eric Dickerhoff
Joshua Gutierrez
Timothy Huddleston
Kayla Krop
Cole Shafer
Amy Strong

**Eleventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Lecia Knight
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Cade Tucker
Todd Wall
**A-B Honor Roll**
Case Hardy

**Twelfth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Tara Allen
Davi Barnes
Jeremy Bowden
Morgan Clements
Kristen Harless
Mikanna Herring
Tosha Walker
Blake White
Bryce Wilkins
**A-B Honor Roll**
Terry Jamison
Seth Sterling

**Hermleigh I.S.D.**
**Third Six Weeks**

**2nd Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Blake Thompson
Jacob Nachlinger
Matt Williams
Jordan Williamson
Kendra Peterson
Jacob Tollison
**A-B Honor Roll**
Gloria Ramirez
Duncan Sorrells

**3rd Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Dustin Dacus
Caroline Granados
Melanie Kariainen
Shaye Williams
**A-B Honor Roll**
Naomi Arellano
Anthony Jones
Vincent Mireles
Shawn Shankles
J.P. Smith

**4th Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Marissa Davis
Casey Williamson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Lelan Shankles

**5th Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Willie Berkley
Jonathan Mireles

**6th Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
**A-B Honor Roll**
Hank Berkley
Steven Hembree
Brittany Kelley

**7th Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alana Culp
**A -B Honor Roll**
Samantha Berry
Danni Webb

**9th Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Justin Williamson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Dustin Williamson
Krystal Beasley

**10th Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Terrel Culp

**11th Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Mary Spruill
Julie Mireles
Sabrina Terry

**12th Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Janet Eckert
Lori Eckert
Billy Lambaren
Toni Martinez
**A-B Honor Roll**
Amber Harbin
Sheena Callaway
David Digby
Chris McClure

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# Letters to the editor

## School board recognition

**Dear Editor:**

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know — people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

January is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide leadership for our schools.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs.

The school board is also a strong advocate for public school and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

They play such an important role in the uniquely American school government system that guarantees you local control of your schools. Show your appreciation to your local trustees during School Board Recognition Month in January. Say thanks to the dedicated board members in Ira ISD for guiding your public school system and helping shape a better tomorrow. Without them, you would lose a vital link to your schools. Join me and the staff of Ira ISD in saying thank you to the following board members: Sid Wall, Bo Robinson, Lance Autry, Doug White, Keith Clements, Dennis Taylor and Shane Smith.

**Jim Rumage,**
**Superintendent of Ira ISD**

# Conservative Advocate By William Rusher

## Harry Hopkins, Soviet agent

As a law student in the late 1940s, I became fascinated with the revelations of Communist penetration of American society, including Soviet espionage against the U.S. government. The sworn testimony of former spy couriers Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley made it plain — at least to me — that hundreds of highly placed American citizens had betrayed their country to advance the cause and ultimate victory of the Soviet Union.

That conviction, which was shared by millions of my fellow Americans, resulted in the ferocious controversy that divided the country for more than a decade after the end of World War II, as the Cold War began. As the situation escalated with the conviction of Alger Hiss, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, for perjury in denying that he had been a Soviet spy, the battle seemed to sway in our favor. But the liberals, dreading the charge that they had ignored the peril, counterattacked, turning Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy into an all-purpose villain who allegedly smeared innocent victims with groundless charges of Communism or pro-Communism, and gradually the tide turned. By the end of the 1950s the battle was over, and it seemed clear that the "anti-anti-Communists" had won.

What no one but a few intelligence professionals knew was that in the early 1940s our government had recorded thousands of coded messages from Soviet agents in Washington and New York to their Moscow superiors, and in the ensuing years they had managed to decode many of them. These messages clearly demonstrated that our side in the great controversy was right. Alger Hiss had indeed been a Soviet spy, as charged. So had Julius Rosenberg and scores of others.

Yet for reasons still not explained, this enormously important information was withheld from the American public until a few short years ago, when Sen. Daniel Moynihan insisted that the damning documents be declassified. Under their code name, "The Venona Papers" are now available to everyone through the Library of Congress.

To read these dispatches from Moscow's top spies is to glimpse the scope and success of their efforts, and the priceless help they received from hundreds of American traitors. As a guide to them, one cannot do better than to read "The Venona Secrets" (Regnery 2000), a new book by Herbert Romerstein and the late Eric Breindel.

Nearly 50 years have passed since this controversy was at a boil, and at least 60 since Soviet espionage was at its peak, so it is hardly surprising that there are many millions of Americans to whom even the name Alger Hiss is utterly meaningless. But there are still many people alive who can remember when the chief confidant of President Franklin Roosevelt was a man named Harry Hopkins. And they will be understandably astonished to learn that in a message dated May 29, 1943, Iskhak Akhmerov, the chief Soviet "illegal" agent in the United States at the time, referred to an Agent 19 who had reported on discussions between Roosevelt and Churchill in Washington at which the agent had been present. Only Harry Hopkins meets the requirements for this agent's identity. Small wonder that Akhmerov, in a lecture in Moscow in the early 1960s, identified Hopkins by name as "the most important of all Soviet wartime agents in the United States."

It took 50 years to bludgeon Alger Hiss's defenders into admitting that this suave bureaucrat, who rose to be chief of the State Department's Office of Special Political Affairs, had actually been a Soviet agent all along. And it will probably take another 50 to force FDR's admirers to concede that their hero's closest confidant and advisor was yet another Soviet agent.

But the documents and the testimony are now on the public record, and they make it plain that those of us who sounded the warning about Soviet espionage and policy subversion 50 years ago didn't know the half of it.

"The Venona Secrets" contains much else that will shock those too young to remember these ancient battles. And for those of us who do remember, it is comforting evidence that the truth, however belatedly, has a way of coming out.

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# North of Forty By Red Green



## The age of wisdom

I remember when I was 19 the legal drinking age was 21, so my friends and I had to get fake IDs from wherever, just so we could get into the bars. I never had any success with that approach, since my fake ID said I was a 27-year-old Asian woman.

Next week I'll be having my 55th birthday. It's nothing special, and when I look at my life, I'm a pretty average 55-year-old. I look my age. I have about as many of my faculties left as an average guy my age. And I know a lot of 55-year-old guys, so I'm aware of just how depressing those statements are.

So I'm thinking about using a fake ID again. You may look at me and not be impressed that I'm 55, but what if I could prove to you that I'm 73? You'd think that was pretty special — all the energy, the not completely addled brain, the significant hair retention. I'd be the most amazing 73-year-old you'd ever seen, other than Tina Turner. I'd feel good about your compliments, and you'd feel good thinking you have headroom.

**JOB SHARING**

Yesterday, I saw a middle-aged couple step up to an information booth to ask for directions. The wife asked all the questions. The husband stood quietly staring at the person behind the counter. When they were done, the wife turned around and stared blankly at the husband. He then told her what the information person had said, and they left.

It struck me that they were acting as a team. She focused on the questions and paid no attention to the answers. He did just the opposite. That's because marriage is the ultimate in job sharing. Yes, you could feed, shelter and clothe yourself all on your own, but isn't it better to share those responsibilities with another person, bringing us closer to zero unemployment and giving you someone else to blame?

Marriage as job sharing is a perfectly natural phenomenon. It starts with conception. That's job sharing at its best — pleasant working conditions and extremely short shifts.

**AM I GETTING OLD?**

If you're the kind of person who tends to live in a fantasy world, you may not be aware that you are old. This can lead to a great deal of embarrassment for you and all the other members of your motorcycle club. So here is a brief list of ways to tell that you are old:

— The oldies radio station is playing songs from your children's era.

— When you're at a nude beach, people think you still have your clothes on.

— You comb your hair with the palm of your hand.

— If anybody wants you to stand for the national anthem, they have to give you 10 minutes' notice.

— Everybody passes you on the highway, and most of them honk and wave their fists.

— Your life insurance salesman stopped calling 10 years ago.

**TIP OF THE ICEBERG**

I know you're expected to tip every time you go to a restaurant or any time somebody carries your suitcase, but I have a few problems with that.

Now I don't want you to think I'm just cheap. (I am, but I don't want you to think it.) No, this has more to do with unfair business practices than parsimony. I don't like to tip when I have no choice. It reminds me of when I was a kid being forced to kiss my aunt. Tipping at a restaurant when you got poor service is like taking your worst employee and giving him a raise instead of a pink slip. And the bellman who wrestles the suitcase out of your hand doesn't deserve a tip; he should be charged with theft.

And this standard 15 percent thing is hurting everybody. I'd rather not tip at all when I get bad service, and then tip like the Sultan of Brunei when I get looked after properly.

**Quote of the Day:** "I wish someone would invent a better mirror. The ones they have now seem to get worse every year." **— Red Green**

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**The Galveston County Daily News**

### HUD shortchanges Texas

Maybe people in Washington don't know how serious this is. But the way the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated funds for homeless programs smells like ripe fish.

The Daily News has been following the funding closely. We've been publishing a series of stories on the homeless people of Galveston County.

What surprised us was that Texas, which recently became the second most populous state in the nation, sustained a drastic cut in funding. Many other states saw dramatic increases.

When the newspaper contacted HUD, we got Story No. 1, which was that the numbers were straightforward and that the money had been allocated properly. Story No. 1 makes no sense to anyone with a pocket calculator and an understanding of arithmetic.

Why, for example, should Texas, which has 20 million people, get less money than Maryland, which has 5 million?

Why should states with growing populations get less money and states that are losing population get more?

When we pointed that out, we were given story No. 2. Story No. 2 was that, all across Texas, local coalitions that serve the homeless just did a poor job of applying for funds. What a coincidence.

The problem with story No. 2 is that HUD recently gave a national award for its programs for the homeless. The award went to folks in Beaumont.

Surely, the folks who are leading the way nationally got an increase in funding. Well, no. That program received less than 10 percent of the funding requested.

After hearing about the problem with Story No. 2, HUD came up with Story No. 3. That's the story about how the allocations had nothing at all to do with politics.

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**

### Let's put kibosh on PE classes

State Sen. Jane Nelson is absolutely right: Many children today are not getting enough exercise, and it would be nice if they could get it as an integrated part of their school day.

Unfortunately, Nelson is also absolutely wrong: The Legislature should not approve her bill to mandate daily physical education classes in public schools through the eighth grade.

Nelson filed her bill in advance of Tuesday's opening of this year's legislative session. Its biggest flaw: no money to pay for the PE classes or the staff or equipment for them. Our school districts need no more unfunded mandates from Austin.

Beyond that, schools can't be held responsible for fixing every ill that befalls our young people. Teachers can't brush kids' teeth if they're getting more cavities, comb their hair if it gets messed up, or mend their clothes if they get torn.

There's danger in expecting educators to act 'in loco parentis.'

That's not to say that all things are going well at school. Nationwide, school districts are low on money. Unfortunately, one of the side effects is that some must concentrate their resources on their primary responsibility — academics — and put less into physical education classes.

Ironically, some solutions to these money problems may even contribute to the problem of overweight kids that Nelson says is a primary reason for her bill.

School districts take millions of dollars from soft drink companies, whose goal is to make sure that kids have plenty of opportunity to get a sugar-filled drink from a handy vending machine. Can that really be the solution?

No. Our state faces a severe problem in public financing of education. Until they can find more state dollars for schools, legislators should leave local educators as free as possible to determine how best to bring students up to academic speed.

Parents should worry about whether those kids are getting enough exercise.

**Corpus Christi Caller-Times**

### Perry's scholarship plan

Like any other politician settling into an unfamiliar job, Texas' new governor, Rick Perry, is still learning the ropes. At this, the term "learning curve" is very much in play.

On one point, however, there's no question: In picking the theme for his first days in office, Perry came up with a winner. His plan, "Higher Education: Moving Every Texan Forward," addresses one of the most critical issues on Texas' agenda.

The idea at the heart of Perry's vision: Ensure that every young Texan has the opportunity to pursue a college education, should he or she wish to do so.

The plan he presented Wednesday included an array of initiatives: boosting academic standards for graduation from high school; marketing higher education to Texans who might otherwise not even consider it; funneling supplemental funds to Texas colleges and universities to encourage them to lower student-teacher ratios and pursue academic excellence; adopting a carrot-and-stick approach that would impose accountability on higher education but ease regulations on institutions that successfully address the student-teacher ratio problem; and — an issue close to the hearts of South Texans — craft a master plan to promote facility construction and distance learning in regions previously short-changed.

Perry also proposes a doubling of funds for the TEXAS Grant program, targeting students from families with an annual household income of less than $50,000.

"It essentially means," he said, "that the state of Texas will guarantee a scholarship to every Texan who qualifies" — a scholarship sufficient, moreover, to cover average tuition, fees and books at a public university or college.

Extravagant? Some will say it is. But Texans have always dreamed large dreams — and the attainment of this vision would translate into a better, brighter future for all Texans.

**Amarillo Globe-News**

### Sen. Clinton's PR dilemma:

The U.S. Senate is a unique culture, one that has its front-runners and its backbenchers.

Backbenchers are the lawmakers who remain in the background, rarely heard from in public. They speak only when spoken to and rarely make headlines outside their state. Front-runners are those who aren't bashful at all about their role as a member of the "World's Greatest Deliberative Body." They speak whenever possible.

The Senate has more of those than backbenchers. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, for instance, is one of those more notable front-runners. Gramm, in, common news parlance, always is "good copy."

Many front runners waste no time finding their way to the nearest reporter or television camera. They become instant media stars. Take New York's senior senator, Democrat Chuck Schumer. In virtually no time after being elected in 1998, Schumer became a darling of the media. He was everywhere.

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## Widow's kids fear remarriage will threaten what is theirs

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married to my soul mate for more than 31 years. He passed away three years ago. I stayed by his side 24 hours a day for 21 months while he fought for his life against a malignant brain tumor. We had a great marriage, and I'm thankful I was able to be there for him. I'll never get over missing or loving him.

I'm 54 and healthy, and decided not to wear black and mourn for the rest of my life. Three months ago, I married a man with whom I had become good friends at church during the last year and a half. We actually dated for only a month, but we knew each other well enough to know that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together.

The problem is my two adult children. They have become greedy and demanding. They're afraid I'm going to leave all of "Dad's" retirement to my new husband. They refer to my house as "Dad's" house. I have explained to them that it is mine. I gave them what he specified in his will, and then some. My daughter even demanded to see my will — which I told her she could see after I die.

My daughter has asked me not to call her house anymore. Was it wrong of me to go on with my life? **— NO NAME OR TOWN, PLEASE**

**DEAR NO NAME:** Not at all. While your daughter may justify her behavior as trying to "protect" her mother, in reality the name for what she's doing is emotional blackmail. Keep your distance and concentrate on being the happy newlywed you deserve to be. How sad for your children that because of their attitude they have driven a wedge between themselves and the only parent they have left.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I just read a column of yours containing a letter from a girl who had been raped. She was upset about not being a virgin at her wedding.

I was sexually abused as a child, and this is what I was told in my counseling group: "If I hit you on the head with a rolling pin, would you consider that your first experience with cooking?" Abby, that girl is still a virgin. She has not had sex or made love; she was attacked, and the weapon was a penis. Technical terms do not apply to this situation.

Knowing that you are still a virgin can be very important in the healing process. I am mostly recovered; however, some wounds never fully heal. **— "J" IN WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y.**

**DEAR "J":** Never say "never." I hope you continue to progress. Your counselor is a wise person. It's troubling that when people hear about a sexual assault, one of the first reactions is to ask what the victim might have done to have brought it on. The truth is, a victim of rape and the victim of a mugger or robber have two things in common. They were both in the wrong place at the wrong time — and vulnerable.

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**Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)**

**DEAR ABBY:** Last weekend, I flew to see my youngest daughter, "Katharine," who is 23. The point of the visit was to plan her wedding with a young man I'll call "Howard," whom she has known for less than a year. Although I approved of the wedding, I had met Howard only twice and was not overjoyed with Katharine's decision.

On the second night we went out for dinner, and Katharine announced that she and Howard are already married and she is pregnant.

How can I tactfully announce this marriage to our friends and family? **— BAFFLED IN BOSTON**

**DEAR BAFFLED:** Announcing the marriage will be a cinch. Visit your local printer and order some lovely announcements that say something like this: "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So announce with pleasure the marriage of their daughter, Katharine, to Howard Such-and-Such on ( )." There is no need to mention the baby that's on the way — save that fact for a separate announcement.

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DEAR ABBY: We recently moved to a new house. Within one week, we received a letter from one of our next-door neighbors. In her letter she proceeded to tell us about her last neighborhood, where one couple were "pests," the other couple had a pool (which they hated), and a third lady always wore her bikini in her yard. This woman then went on to tell us that no one in our new neighborhood (which is only four houses) wears bathing suits in their yards, but that everyone wears "decent length" shorts, and that "everyone" is opposed to swimming pools.

We are a young couple with three sons, and we plan to put a pool in next spring. I can't believe the nerve of this woman. I will not allow these neighbors' preferences to influence our decisions. Our yard is almost one acre, and she shouldn't be watching us.

That letter was so upsetting to my husband and me, I think we're just going to ignore it, but what would you do? **— STUNNED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR STUNNED:** I would start making friends with the other neighbors, put in my swimming pool as planned — and install a safety fence and a tall hedge on the side of my property that adjoins that of the nosy and presumptuous letter writer.

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**DEAR ABBY:** It's amazing how younger people judge those already well into their later years. The following incident happened when I was 91. I'm now 92, and I still go to a local gym three times a week, lifting weights to keep my body in fairly good shape.

One day last year, I noticed a young man of about 30 lifting a bar with weights on the ends. I approached him and asked, "How much are you lifting?"

"Seventy pounds," he replied.

"Mind if I try?"

"Sure," he said, "go ahead."

When I lifted the weights as he did, he asked, "How old are you?"

"I'm 91," I replied.

Staring incredulously, he croaked, "And you're still standing?"

This gives you some idea how we in our later years are stereotyped, and how wrong some people can be. Don't sell us short. Not all of us are over the hill. **— MURRAY SHAW, PHOENIX**

**DEAR MURRAY:** Your lesson is well taken. As any qualified butcher will tell you, prime beef only gets better when it is aged.

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# School board member puts spotlight on reading, writing

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — First, she proposed school uniforms. Then she pushed adopting a cleanup bell, giving students a few minutes between classes to pick up after themselves.

Now, school board member Katherine Smith has proposed requiring students in the Anaheim Union High School District to stand when adults enter a classroom and address them as "sir" or "ma'am." Board members also are considering having teachers call students by Mr. and Miss.

"What's wrong with being respectful?" Smith asks.

The board is set next week to discuss the proposal. Smith is still working on some details, but the board could implement the policy next fall at one test school or apply it to all entering seventh-graders in the 25-school district.

While some applaud the proposal, calling it a way to return to civility and formality in the classroom, others say the idea is disruptive, old-fashioned and restricts free speech.

Several of Smith's fellow board members said it could pose problems because teachers can't even force students to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

"It sounds great. But it's not realistic," said board member Benny Hernandez, a sixth-grade teacher.

Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said the proposal appears legal.

"But not everything that is legal is a good idea. It doesn't sound like freedom and individuality," she said.

Student reaction has been mixed.

Anaheim High School senior Ryan Paterson, 17, said some students are too casual, calling teachers "dude."

"I think that would keep students more respectful and on their toes to do what's right," he said.

But Nicole Venturelli, 16, thinks such a policy would cause division between students and teachers.

"It would only cause more defiance against them," said the Katella High School junior. "It wouldn't gain our respect, but our contempt."

Although teachers would like to see more civility in the classroom, many say they already have the respect of their students.

"It's not a blackboard jungle, being fearful of hideous comments being made," said Carol Comparsi, a high school teacher and president of the Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association. "Of course teachers want to be respected. But how does standing designate respect?"

During a recent teachers' union meeting, Comparsi said many were concerned that such a policy would interfere with classroom instruction.

"What happens when there are lectures going on or students are working on group tasks? Do you just stop?" she asked.

Smith, who says she came up with the idea after visiting a private school, said she does not plan to attach any punishment to the policy.

"If there's a couple of people who don't want to stand, it's their loss," she said.

Anaheim's respect proposal appears to be the first on the West Coast, but it has already taken hold in the South. Last year, Louisiana passed a "respect" law, followed by South Carolina in November.

Anaheim's proposal is the latest in a string of policies either considered or adopted by the 30,000-student district to make schools safer, more civil and financially stable.

"I see the way children are raised today. There needs to be a respect for themselves and others," Smith said. "For many of the students, this is their last stop before entering the real world. I just want them to be prepared."

In the past decade, the district has adopted a dress code, a police implemented at five of the schools, and a moment of silence, which is being challenged in court.

# Children's cancer research center created

HOUSTON (AP) — A new center to research the causes of childhood cancer and ways to prevent it has been started by three Texas Medical Center institutions.

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center said Friday they are joining forces to launch the Childhood Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Center.

The new center will be housed in the Texas Children's Cancer Center.

"Although significant strides in cancer prevention, treatment and survival have been made over the past two decades, more research is needed in the area of childhood cancer," said Dr. Melissa L. Bondy, the center's director. "We want to improve our understanding of the causes of childhood cancer, identify the best strategies for prevention and share this information with health care professionals nationally and internationally."

The center will include joint epidemiological research studies, cooperative laboratory projects and development of a training center in childhood cancer epidemiology and prevention.

Researchers will focus on molecular epidemiology, prevention, long-term survivorship, quality of life and treatment outcomes.

Last year, about 12,400 children were expected to have been diagnosed with cancer and 2,300 were to have died, according to American Cancer Society figures. In Texas from 1990 to 1995, about 800 children each year were diagnosed with cancer and about 120 of them died annually.

# Religious, private groups should replace foreign aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms proposed Thursday that religious and other private groups replace the "bloated" U.S. foreign aid agency in delivering humanitarian assistance abroad.

Helms, who resumes his post as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee when President-elect Bush takes office Jan. 20, called for ending the "cold, heartless bureaucratic thinking" of U.S. Agency for International Development.

A longtime critic of U.S. foreign aid, Helms, R-N.C., said he would favor spending more — if the money were to go to groups that will use it effectively.

"The time has, I think, come to reject what (President-elect) Bush correctly labels the 'failed compassion of towering, distant bureaucracies' and instead empower private and faith-based groups who care most about those in need," he said.

Among groups worthy of support, he mentioned Catholic Relief Services, World Vision and Samaritan's Purse, based in Helms' home state of North Carolina.

Replacing AID was among the foreign policy priorities set out by Helms in a speech to the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

His top priority, he said, is reversing President Clinton's "outrageous and unconscionable decision" to sign a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal.

Helms and other opponents fear the treaty could result in U.S. soldiers and other citizens being tried for war crimes.

"This is a brazen assault on the sovereignty of the American government and as far as I'm concerned it is without precedent in the annals of international treaty law," he said.

Other priorities were having Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania admitted to NATO — a move opposed by Russia — and stepping up pressure on Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Helms said he looks forward to working with Bush "on whom we can rely to work with us — not against us" after eight years of tense relations with the Democratic administration.

But with the Senate now divided 50-50 between Democrats and Republicans, he said little can be accomplished without bipartisan support.

How Democratic senators will respond to Helms' proposals in uncertain. The top-ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, was traveling in the Balkans on Thursday and his office had no comment on Helms' speech.

J. Brady Anderson, the administrator of AID, issued a statement saying he agreed with Helms that religious organizations can play — and have played — a role in foreign assistance programs.

On the Net: U.S. Agency for International Development: http://www.usaid.gov

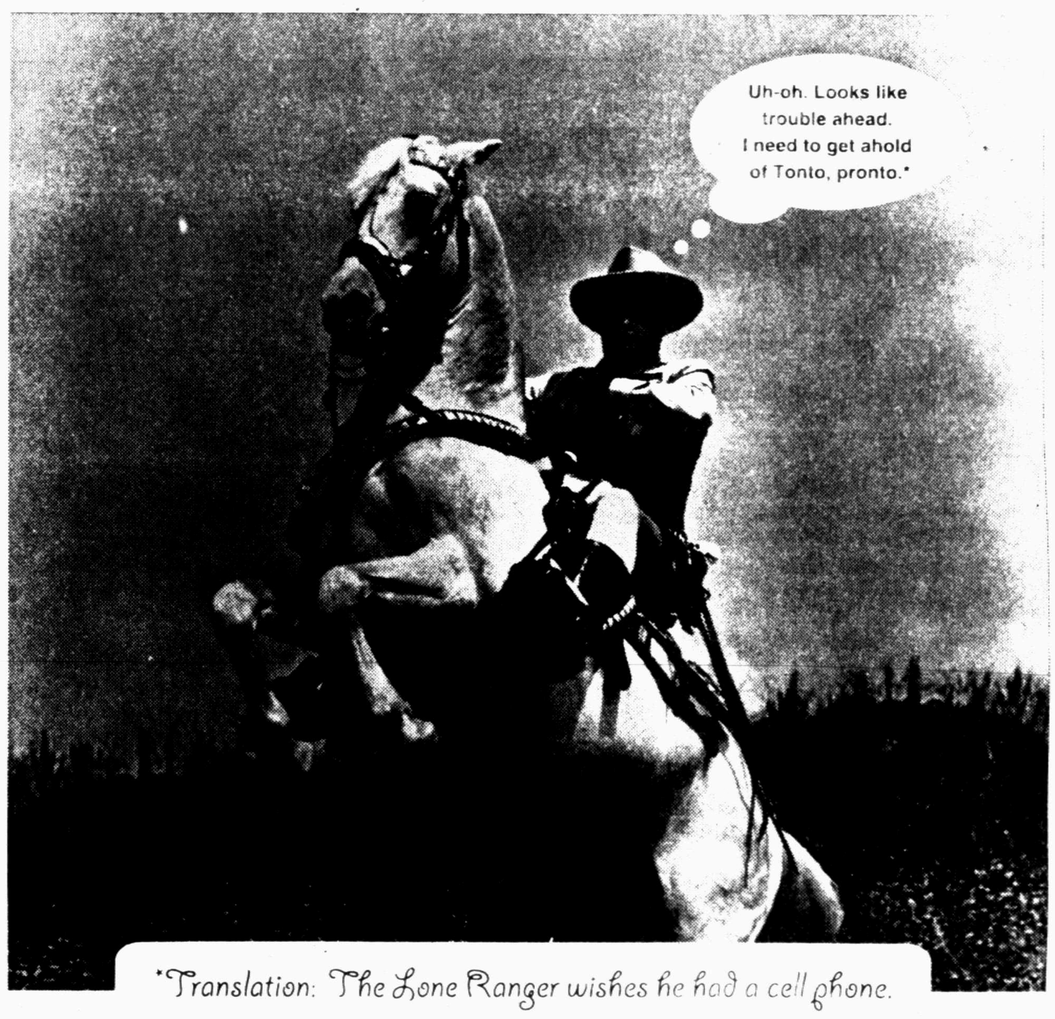
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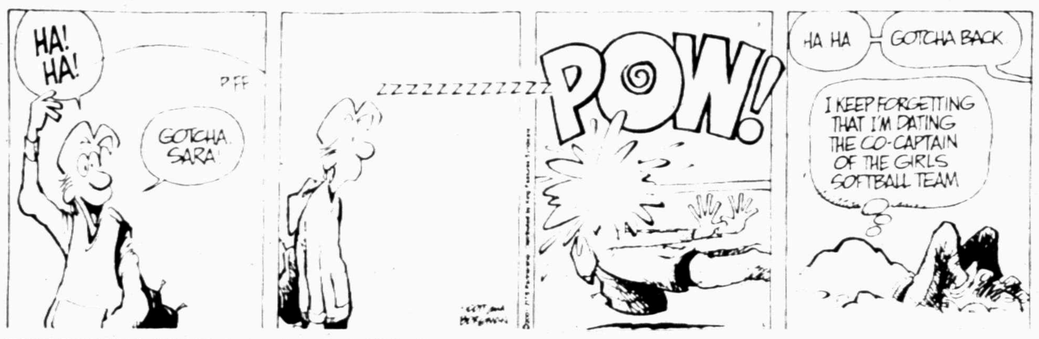
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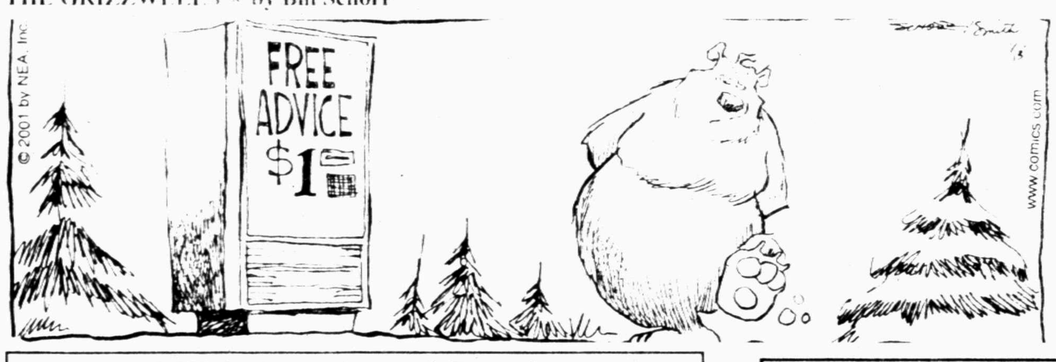

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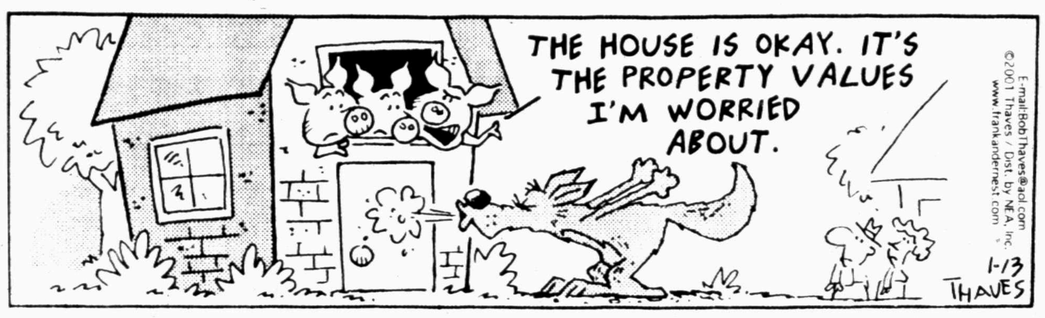

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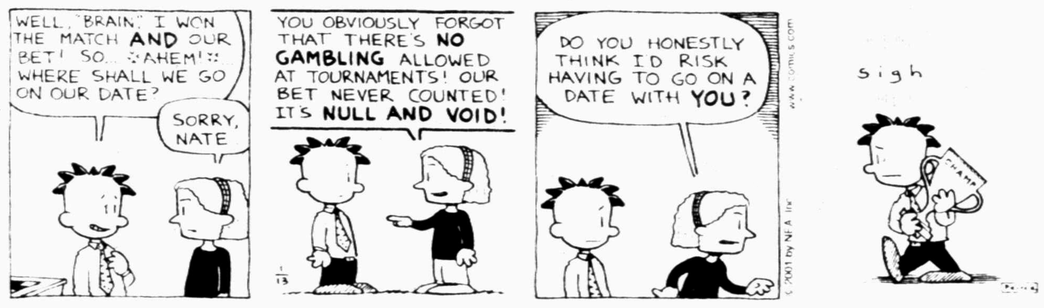

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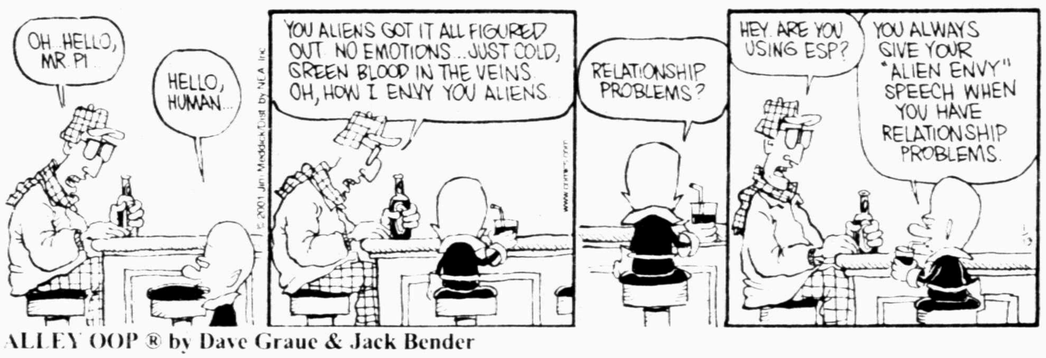

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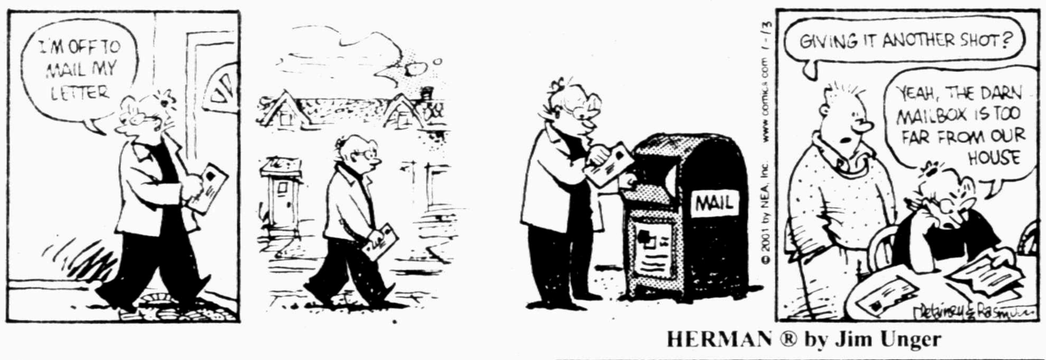

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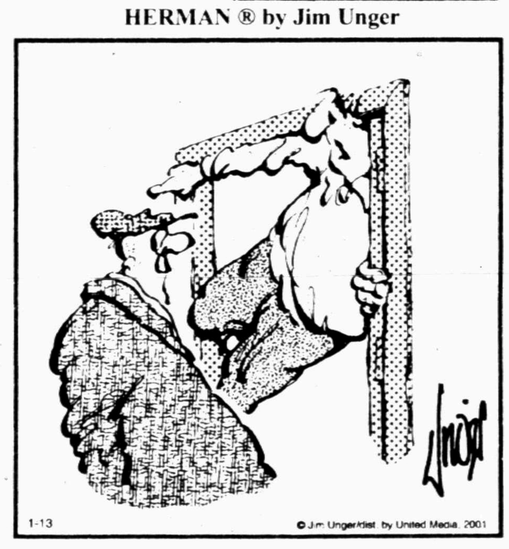

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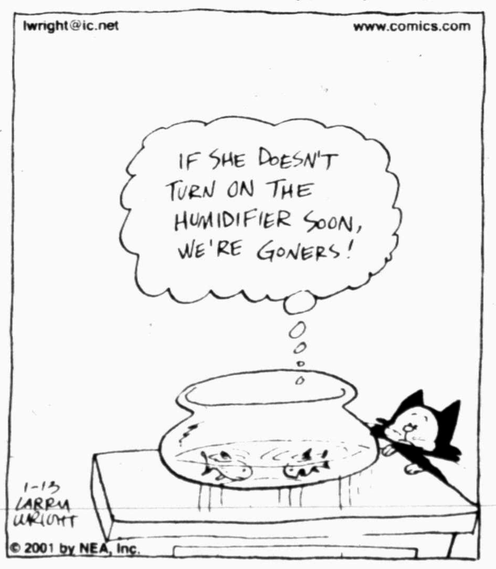



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"She just waxed the floor."

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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14 Tighter
15 Mrs. Marcos
16 Most competent
17 Coarse hair
18 Part of RSVP
20 Tardy
21 Spirit from Aladdin's lamp
23 Publish
27 Accumulated, like interest
32 "Tosca" or "Aida"
33 Hair dye
34 Turkic tribesman
35 Walking — — (ecstatic)
36 Stag features
39 Musical study
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53 Tropical lizard
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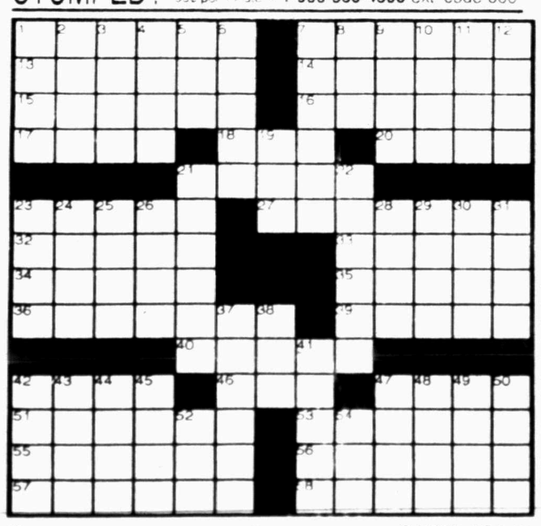
**DOWN**

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11 Exam
12 Art deco name
19 Two peas — — pod
21 Equipped
22 Reverberations
23 Tiniest bit
24 Bridge
25 Paving stone
26 — Mountains of Europe
28 Become a tenant
29 Sloth
30 Novelist Bagnold
31 Take a chance
37 Maris and Bacon
38 Foxy
41 Gives off (heat)
42 Pocket bread
43 — d'oeuvre
44 — of March
45 Bar fruit
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50 Paving materials
52 Negatives
54 Hood's pistol

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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# President thanks N. H. for standing by him

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — Like the scrappy politician of a decade ago, President Clinton returned to New Hampshire on Thursday to promise anew that after he leaves the White House he will still stand by the people "until the last dog dies."

"After eight years, and with almost exactly nine days to go, the last dog is still barking," Clinton proclaimed to a crowd of about 2,000 in the Dover High School gymnasium.

Clinton's visit was the latest round of his farewell tour, allowing him a chance to talk about what he did for the country during his eight years in office.

He plans to visit Arkansas, his home state, before turning the presidency over to George W. Bush — son of the incumbent president he defeated — on Jan. 20.

"It was a tough time, eight years ago, for our country when I came here," Clinton said. "It was also a fairly tough time for me. I was taking a whipping in the press and I was dropping in the polls. But I said then, and I would like to say again, that was nothing compared to the punishment that the people of this state and this nation were enduring."

It was in Dover in 1992 that Clinton, dogged by criticism of his deferred Vietnam draft status, his purported affair with Gennifer Flowers and his Whitewater real estate dealings, delivered one of his best-known campaign speeches. He argued that the elder Bush had ignored social decay in America and pledged that, if given the White House, "I won't be like George Bush."

"I'll never forget who gave me a second chance, and I'll be there for you 'til the last dog dies," Clinton said then. He used a strong second-place finish in New Hampshire's primary — 6 percentage points behind Paul Tsongas' 34 percent — to reinvigorate his campaign. He declared himself "the Comeback Kid" and went on to defeat Bush in the general election.

On Thursday, Clinton was awash in the memories of that speech. "The place was packed. And I didn't have any notes, and all the experts said I was dead," he recalled. "But I said what we really needed was to think about what we were going to do as a people."

He said after that speech, he told his wife Hillary — who now serves in the Senate — that he believed he had a chance. "By the way, my wife said to tell you hello and thank you and, when you really need it, you might have a third United States senator now," Clinton said.

Under his watch, Clinton said, more than 22 million new jobs have been created, American homeownership is at an all-time high, unemployment is at its lowest level in 30 years, welfare rolls are shrinking, poverty is at a 20-year low, the crime rate is at a 26-year low, and infant mortality and teen-age births are down considerably.

"I came here ... to thank you for making me the Comeback Kid, and far more important, to thank you for making America the Comeback Country," Clinton said. "Through all the ups and downs of the last eight years, I never forgot the lesson I learned from you here."

"Thank you for lifting me up in 1992," Clinton said. "Thank you for voting for me and Al Gore in 1992 and in 1996. And don't forget, even though I won't be president, I'll always be with you until the last dog dies."

# Farmers considering merger

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — More than 1,000 farmers in central Montana must decide by Jan. 18 whether to merge their local cooperatives with giant Cenex-Harvest States.

Supporters of the merger say it will help the cooperatives gain financial stability and protect members' investments. But critics fear the merger will lead to a loss of control of the local co-ops that have successfully served their small communities for decades.

"The way I look at it, you're dealing with small business versus big business, and I think small business generally pays attention to the needs of the area more," said Bing Von Bergen, who farms north of Moccasin and is a member of Moore Farmer's Oil.

Co-op members will mail their ballots or cast their votes at meetings in the towns involved Jan. 18.

A yes vote would combine the three local cooperatives — the Winifred Farmer's Oil Co., Moore Farmer's Oil Cooperative and the Central Montana Cooperative in Denton and Geraldine — with Cenex-Harvest States.

The result would be a locally controlled division of Cenex-Harvest States stretching from the Yellowstone River to the Missouri River.

If farmers approve the merger, a local board will govern the new division, making day-to-day and long-term business decisions.

Two board members from each cooperative would serve on the regional board.

Richard Owen, a Geraldine farmer and longtime member of the Central Montana Co-op, insists the local board would control the co-op, and no employees would lose their jobs.

Owen, who also serves as a Cenex-Harvest States board member for Montana and Wyoming, noted however that under the merger proposed, Cenex-Harvest States is offering less than what his cooperative is worth.

Farmers established many of Montana's co-ops in the homestead days to operate their own grain elevators, supply stores, repair garages and other services. They own shares in the cooperatives, receiving dividends from any profits each year and a payout when they reach retirement age.

But as the family farm struggles to make ends meet, small country cooperatives have suffered.

"For Winifred farmers, it's going to be a good move," said Shirley Benes, manager of the Winifred Farmers Oil Co. "Just like all other things, you have to get bigger or you don't survive."

Winifred Farmers Oil lost money for the first time this year, after several years of breaking even.

Even for the Central Montana Co-op, which made nearly $500,000 in fiscal year 2000, the merger is appealing.

"Especially when you start looking at the amount of (Conservation Reserve Program) acres that are going in. Especially in the Geraldine community," said General Manager Paul Clark. Less land in production means less business for cooperatives.

Cenex-Harvest States was formed in 1998 through a merger of Cenex Inc. and Harvest States Cooperatives. It has more than 44,000 farmer members and reaches from the Upper Midwest, across the Northern, Central and Southern Plains states and into the Pacific Northwest.

Of Montana's 85 farm co-ops, some 52 are co-op members, or "affiliates" of Cenex-Harvest States.

# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



## Your Birthday

**Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001**

Bonuses and/or promotions could be in the offing for you in the year ahead from several productive ideas or suggestions you'll contribute to your work. You'll deserve the rewards.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** When it comes to issues that are meaningful to your cause, you have the ability to sway others to your way of thinking. Let your voice be heard. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Perk up your ears and strive to be totally attentive today when in the company of someone who is talking about ways to open up secondary sources of income. One avenue will be perfect for you.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Due to your gift of making everyone feel important, you may find yourself the center of attention wherever you go and with whomever you encounter.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Having total faith in your abilities enables you to be able to successfully achieve whatever you set your mind to today. Use positive thinking to climb to the top.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Participating in some type of vigorous activity today that challenges you mentally will revitalize your zest for life. Leave the strictly physical projects for another day.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** One of the things you'll do best today is improve upon endeavors others have already begun and are operative. Don't hold back your contributions when asked.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Best results can be achieved with one-on-one encounters today on whatever requires decision making where another is involved. Keep kibitzers out of the picture.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It'll be the little, forgotten peripheral residuals that could turn out to be the biggest moneymakers for you today. Don't discount anything because of its size.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Take the reigns if involved in a social activity or program that calls for leadership today. Your organizational abilities are exceptionally keen and you can get things rolling pronto.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** After carefully reviewing what is initially at hand today, your insights and perceptions concerning the matter will be increased substantially. In-depth study pays off handsomely.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Compliments from you today will make a big impact on your friends and associates. Be lavish in your praises of those who deserve the accolades.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** The bright ideas you get today can enhance your reputation, status and even your finances when put into practice. Focus your attention on that which can do so.

**Monday, Jan. 15, 2001**

A definite upsurge in your career and/or ambitions is in the making for the year ahead. Important advantages can be gained from persons or corporations with whom you'll be associating.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Provided you're able to discern when to take action and when to stand pat, you have excellent possibilities for improving your material position. Rely upon your judgment. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Numbered among your more dominant qualities today are leadership, desire and initiative. With these abilities working on your behalf, success with your endeavors is more than likely.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Keep your intentions and plans of action to yourself today for better results. Should you feel a need to discuss something with another, be sure it's a contributor who is directly involved.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It won't take much on your part today to arouse others out of lethargy and get them interested in issues or causes you support. Your enthusiasm is contagious.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Anything that pertains to your ambitions or material interests will receive top priority today. When it comes to your personal objectives or financial desires, you'll play to win.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** What makes it possible today for you to influence someone who is in a position to convince others they should support your interests is your keen perception and persuasiveness.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You love people and enjoy linking up with them when you feel you can do better collectively than you can independently. Today is one of those days when teamwork pays off.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** There are strong indications today that you could find yourself in a position of making a critical decision for you and for others. Your excellent judgment will benefit all.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It's likely you'll finish what you start today. You'll have a focus on stick-to-itiveness and seeing things through to completion. It'll please you as well as your bosses.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Don't be surprised today if you find yourself more in demand than usual. Persons with whom you'll be involved will find you stimulating and fun to be around.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Do everything you can today to derive benefits from either making or saving money. In each case, you can soar once you put your mind and efforts toward these ends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Ways can be found today to make your wishes realities. It doesn't matter if that for which you're presently hoping appears to be a bit outlandish to others. Stay the course.

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# Autopsy finds death a suicide

EL PASO (AP) — An overdose of prescription drugs killed an Army warrant officer who had disappeared on the eve of his conviction for being part of a drug-trafficking ring, according to Fort Bliss officers.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Luis R. Rodriguez-Martinez, 45, took an overdose of anti-depressant medicine, Fort Bliss spokeswoman Jean Offutt said two separate autopsies show.

A family doctor who was hiking in Franklin Mountains State Park found the body of Rodriguez-Martinez in November.

Rodriguez-Martinez, 45, failed to show up for the conclusion of his court martial. He was convicted of drug smuggling in 1997 and 1998, giving about $70,000 in bribes to a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service inspector, and trying to solicit other INS and U.S. Customs inspectors to allow vehicles loaded with marijuana into the United States.

"In the opinion of the El Paso County coroner, the cause of death likely was suicide," said Offutt.

Officials said an Army laboratory found the same results.

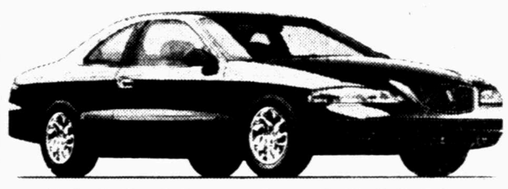

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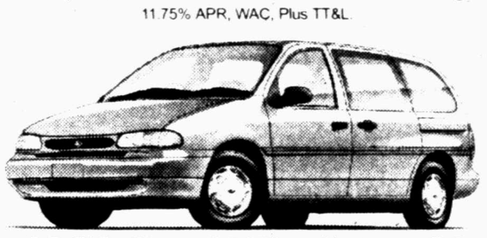
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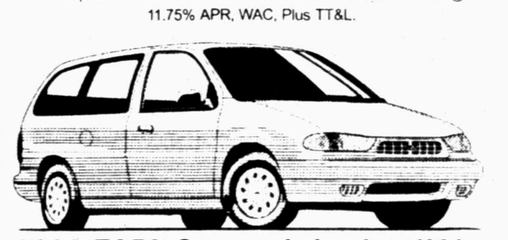
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# Texas A&M facing budget shortfall due to higher gas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Rising natural gas prices are forcing Texas A&M University to ask the Legislature for help to deal with a projected $18 million budget shortfall.

A&M President Ray Bowen this week asked faculty and staff to help lower ballooning fuel costs by conserving electricity. The university burns natural gas to generate just over 60 percent of the electricity used on campus, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported in its Friday editions.

"Every person on campus can help now and in the foreseeable future," Bowen wrote in a Jan. 9 memo, "by continuing to turn off unnecessary lighting, computers, printers and other equipment at the end of the day, lowering thermostats during winter months and eliminating the use of space heaters."

The university budgeted $15.5 million in fiscal year 2001 to buy natural gas. But officials are expecting that by the end of the fiscal year on Aug. 31 they will need an additional $18 million because gas prices now are about double what they anticipated.

"No one that I know of predicted this gas situation," said Chuck Sippial, vice president for administration. "Were hoping we get some relief from the Legislature."

The shortfall started toward the end of fiscal year 2000, when costs rose about $1 million over budget.

If state officials don't come through with help, everyone on campus will pitch in to cover the extra costs, said Bill Krumm, vice president for finance and controller.

"Were taking a little bit of money from everybody in order to keep the lights on," he said. "Everybody's going to help pay for this."

That includes academic and athletic programs, as well as state agencies housed on the A&M campus.

A&M historically has produced most of its own utilities. Sippial said a renovation of the utilities distribution system on campus is expected to be finished by September. The changes will allow the university to purchase all its electricity — potentially cheaper than producing it — if deemed necessary.

# Pollution charges against petroleum giant reduced

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Federal prosecutors dropped two more counts Thursday of an indictment of Koch Industries Inc., that accuses the petroleum giant of polluting the environment with benzene, a known carcinogen.

Last week, the indictment was pared from 97 counts to 11 after U.S. District Judge Janis Jack of Corpus Christi asked prosecutors to clarify the counts, which seemed to charge Koch in two separate ways for the same alleged offense.

Koch is accused of knowingly releasing too much benzene into the air and water from its Corpus Christi refinery in the early 1990s. Benzene is a colorless oil byproduct known to cause cancer.

Koch Industries Inc. and Koch Petroleum Group, L.P. were named in all nine counts of the indictment. Koch executives Vincent A. Mietlicki, John C. Wadsworth and former plant manager David L. Lamp were named in seven of the counts, and employee James W. Weathers Jr., was listed in four.

But company attorneys said neither this week's nor last week's reduction simplify the confusing case much.

"It's basically shorter, but it doesn't make any more sense," said Dick DeGuerin, an attorney who represents Lamp, the former plant manager from The Woodlands.

"The bottom line is the facts haven't changed," DeGuerin said. "It's just what the government seems to be saying. You'd think after four years they'd try to get it right."

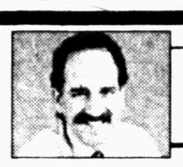
DeGuerin said he isn't sure what the change means, and whether it's good news or bad news.

The standing counts accuse Koch and four company managers of conspiring to keep government investigators from learning about releases of tons of benzene.

Christine Romano, a U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman, said last week that dropping some of the charges has no effect on the scope of the existing charges or the potential punishment.

Justice Department officials could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Koch could face $48.5 million to $352 million in fines, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. The individual employees could face both fines and prison time. Attorneys for both the company and the employees said their clients are innocent.



## Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

# Are iced and hot tea the same?

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** I have read of the many health benefits of drinking tea. I am wondering if the same benefits are derived from drinking iced tea. Also, does the decaffeination process change the beneficial characteristics of the tea? — **D.S., San Diego, Calif.**

**Dear D.S.:** In regards to the health benefits, there is no difference between iced tea and hot tea. The decaffeination process, however, is a mixed bag. Some companies use a steam process, while others remove the caffeine through the use of solvents. One factor to consider is the potential loss of the tea's beneficial phytochemicals, and I would expect there to be a greater loss with the solvent extraction.

One study checked the effects of black and green teas — both regular and decaffeinated — against the development of skin cancer. This was an animal study, and it found that regular black tea was most effective in preventing skin cancer, followed by the green tea, decaffeinated black tea and decaffeinated green tea. They all had beneficial effects; it was just a matter of degree.

Of interest here is the fact that the caffeine itself might have some anti-cancer properties. Some studies have found that adding caffeine back to the decaffeinated tea "restored" much of its anti-cancer abilities. Indeed, even caffeine was found to have the ability to prevent certain cancers on its own.

Please understand that these are specialized research studies in which relatively large amounts of tea extracts or solids were given for short periods of time. It is unclear how much we can generalize on how regular and decaffeinated tea work.

The bottom line here is that tea is a beverage to be enjoyed, so enjoy your tea however you like it.

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** I am a registered dietitian, and I wanted to know what your position is on the use of flaxseed and soy products in breast cancer patients. Thank you for your help. — **T.S., Syracuse, N.Y.**

**Dear T.S.:** Both flaxseed and soy contain substances that are similar in structure to the human hormone estrogen. These plant estrogens, also referred to as phytoestrogens, cannot take the place of our own estrogen, but they can fool some of the estrogen receptors in our body into thinking they are the real thing.

Your question relates to the use of flax and soy with breast cancer patients. It is known that certain types of breast cancer grow faster when estrogen is around. Research has found that phytoestrogens can block estrogen's ability to stimulate the growth of these estrogen-sensitive cancers. The cancer-fighting drug Tamoxifen is designed on this very principle.

Aside from being sources of phytoestrogens, flaxseed contains fiber and the omega-3 fats and soy contains the essential omega-6 fats. A regular intake of soy protein has been shown to help decrease the risk of heart disease.

When considering the use of flax and soy with a breast cancer patient, it's important to know if the cancer is estrogen sensitive and if Tamixofen treatment is currently being used. (The latter usually follows when the former is the case.)

In these instances, it is unclear whether the presence of additional phytoestrogens from flax or soy would help, or whether they might actually work at cross-purposes to the Tamoxifen. In these cases, it seems wise to refrain from high intakes of these phytoestrogen-containing foods. As this is a new area and there is little research evidence to go on, it is important to discuss the matter with an oncologist.

If the breast cancer is not estrogen receptive and there is no history of these types of cancers in the family, there is no reason I am aware of to avoid these foods.

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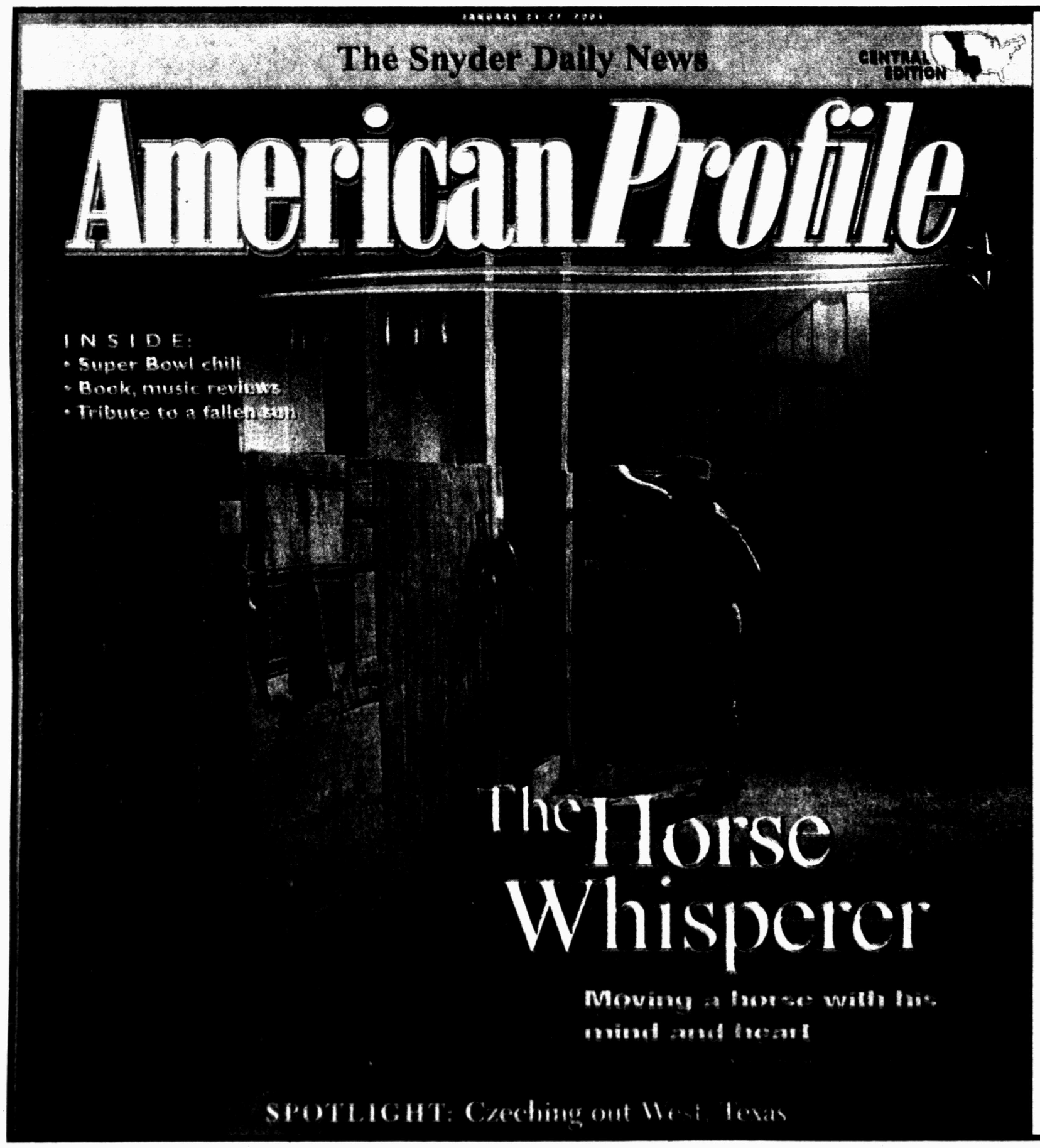
# Dallas based company to build power plant

DALLAS (AP) — Panda Energy International Inc. of Dallas said Thursday it will build a $400 million electric power plant in West Point, Miss.

Construction on the 1,300-megawatt plant is scheduled to begin in spring 2002 and last 18 months, the company said. Completion is planned for 2004.

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