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Home of Bill Love

ROAD WORK AHEAD — Manuel Deloera operated the road grader Friday afternoon at the U.S. 84 access near Huffman Ave. At left, workers braved the cold weather forming gutters. (SDN Staff Photos)

TxDOT projects spread across Scurry County

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Jerry Beard, an engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), gave a detailed presentation to Snyder Rotary Club about several high-profile road projects upcoming in the county — including the renovation of College Avenue.

Beard, who has been with the department for 29 years, said several projects are due to begin shortly, although start dates for projects are subject to change.

Beard said the Huffman Avenue overpass, already underway, will cost an estimated $5.1 million.

The plans call for an overpass and frontage roads.

"This would not have come about without so many fatalities," he said. "It is so wide open. We also considered property damage and injuries along with the fatalities."

The construction is expected to take roughly 16 months. The department uses working days to determine the length of a project, Beard said, adding that Huffman Avenue is slated for 320 working days, with 20 working days per month.

The College Avenue upgrade, to get underway April 1, will start with the rebuilding of the Deep Creek bridge.

He said the left side of the bridge will be completed first to keep the road open and increase the work days.

As work progresses, the old bridge will be demolished and a new one will take its place, with the new bridge being three feet taller and 15 feet wider than the current bridge.

The new bridge will be two-lanes, with wide shoulders on each side and a pedestrian walkway.

The College Avenue construction also calls for a sidewalk on the west side of the street to run from Cogdell Blvd. to the square, and a sidewalk on the east side from about where Whataburger is located to the square.

"We spent about $350,000 to $400,000 on pedestrian elements," Beard said. He said the sidewalks all would meet standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

He said College Avenue also will be less hazardous during heavy rains, as $1.5 million is earmarked for three storm drains aimed at stopping large runoffs.

Storm drains will be placed between 40th St. and 42nd St., with another to be located at 35th St. in front of McDonald's. The third drain will be located at the bridge.

Seven new traffic lights are scheduled to be placed along the street, including one at Cogdell Blvd., and a continuous left turn lane will run from 25th St. to Cogdell.

Beard said TxDOT considered many variables and scenarios when completing a traffic control plan.

"There is an average of 15,000 vehicles per day on that road," he said. "Most traffic control plans are four to five pages. For College Avenue, it is almost 100 pages."

Beard said the department will use a more accelerated method of laying the base on College, whereby the old base will be removed and replaced by one that is strengthened with asphalt.

He said the department has looked at contractors who will do timely work, and has offered incentives for early completion of projects.

Two county road bridges are slated to be rebuilt soon, including one in Precinct 4 that sustained flood damage.

In 2004, U.S. 84 is to be rebuilt from Inadale to Hermleigh at a cost of $6.5 million, but he warned the cost would likely rise.

"By 2004, construction costs are going to go up," he said.

He said a railroad overpass, located south of Rip Griffin's is penciled in for 2007, and several other projects are "backlogged" for the coming decade.

"We get the plans out and if there is a budget surplus, we can do it," he said. "There is no timetable (for backlogged projects), and many projects won't be let."

Scurry County's 2002-2012 road construction budget is $31.148 million.

Beard said one problem with the road repairs locally is that the area is considered a small district, which reduces the funds available.

"On average, our budget for one mile on U.S. 84 is $1.8 million per mile," he said. "That same mile in Houston might be $3.5 million."

Beard added, "Public input on any project is very important." Beard said if enough input comes in about a particular highway concern, it can go into the TxDOT Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs).

"I'm here to work with you any way I can," he said. "I believe in Snyder and I'll do everything I can to help Snyder."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It seems strange, some people would kill for a Nobel Peace Prize."

There's an ole joke about how to tell when a politician is lying. "His mouth is moving.'

With Democrats and Republicans constantly projecting the opposite side as big fibbers and with the state legislature in session, the current edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac may come in useful.

It contains an article on how to tell when some is lying.

The author, Tim Clark, contends there are a number of telltale signs that indicate when a person is playing fast and loose with the facts.

He consulted a number of experts in the field and came up with a list of "lie detectors."

—Sworn oaths: Psychologists say fibbers often begin their stories by swearing that they are telling the truth. And the more exaggerated the oath, the more likely it is that what follows is less than accurate.

—Peculiar body language: Experts agree there is one particular movement that exposes an untruth. It's when the speaker touches the area between the nose and upper lip. It may be that the person is subconsciously trying to cover the mouth to prevent the lie. Other body language indicators include defensive things like crossing the arms, sitting straighter in a chair or tightening muscles.

—Unverifiable facts: When a person gives information that's impossible to check out, watch out. Percentages and other data off the top of the head should be considered with caution.

—Shifty eyes: Eye contact is an indicator of truthfulness. If it's not there, beware. Some experts suggest that the direction in which a person rolls his eyes is a tell-tale sign. Eyes go to the right for facts and to the left for imagination.

—Verbal stumbling: Talking too fast, answering questions with a question or making inappropriate comments are things to watch for.

—Absurd claims: Although this sometimes persists into adulthood, it's more likely a childhood behavior. Perhaps that's why mothers (and wives) are so good at digging down to the truth.

Rear Admiral John Poindexter, in testimony given to a congressional hearing, said something, but it might have been the truth:

"It is not fair to say that I have misinformed Congress or Cabinet officers. I haven't testified to that. I've testified that I withheld information from Congress. And with regard to the Cabinet officers, I didn't withhold anything from them that they didn't want withheld from them."

UCO plant almost ready to spin yarn

UCO Textiles is hoping to begin producing yarn next week as the process to get the Snyder cotton spinning plant on line continues.

Plant manager Jack Whitworth said 21 employees are now on the payroll with more to be added down the line.

"We could be up to 25 sometime next week," said Whitworth who noted that few problems have been encountered as the start-up plans have been put in gear.

"It's been better than expected so far," said Whitworth.

Peak production for the plant is several months down the road, but at that time, 280,000 to 300,000 pounds of yarn weekly will be shipped to UCO fabric's plant in Rockingham, N. C.

This translates to around 600 bales of cotton.

In Rockingham, the yarn will be woven into specialty denim.

"Rockingham weaves a specialized, high-end denim for retail stores such a Gap and Lucky Brand," said Whitworth.

The plant has been closed since October 2001 when the original owners, Lorber Industries of Texas, closed its doors.

The firm later filed for bankruptcy and Belguim-based UCO Textiles purchased the facility in December through the federal bankruptcy court in Lubbock.

'Meet Mark Twain'

"Meet Mark Twain" is the theme of Saturday's 6:30 p.m. chamber banquet at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Donald King Cowan's characterization of Mark Twain brings his timeless humor to town.

Chamber executive director Donna Fowler will present the Chamber's Choice Award, while Ann Smartt will give out the Sizemore Award.

Mayor Francene Noah will be the presenter for the Vestal Award, while WTC rodeo coach Greg Rhodes is scheduled to hand out the Winston Award.

New SISD Supt. Dr. Ronny Collins will present the Education Excellence Award, while Troy Botts will present the McLaughlin Award.

A BIG JOB — Rachel Barrera worked Friday to clean rotors on one of several spinning machines at the UCO spinning mill in Snyder's industrial park. Employees at the plant are gearing up for production to begin this week. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chamber to meet Monday

Snyder's chamber of commerce board of directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday on the campus of Western Texas College.

Board members will review hotel-motel fund requests from the NIRA Rodeo set for March 27-29 and the Snyder Wheels Car Show and Cruise May 2-3.

A request also will be heard from the chamber itself for funds to assist in paying for the annual banquet.

An orientation for new board members will be held.

ASK US

Q—What do you call 47 men sitting around a TV watching the Super Bowl?
A—The Dallas Cowboys.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Terrisu Mann...

... has served as the computer proctor at Stanfield Elementary for seven years. Husband, Richard, works in the SISD maintenance and transportation department. They have one son, Michael, an 8th grader at Snyder junior high. She has lived all but 10 years of her life in Snyder. Terrisu enjoys decorating, sewing and fund-raising for the American Cancer Society.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success in marriage is more than finding the right person. Being the right person is even more important.

—Elof G. Nelson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Salvador Luna family fund

A special account, #1621181, has been set up at Snyder National Bank for the Salvador Luna family who lost loved ones and all their possession in a fire Thursday morning. Any donations to help the family with expenses will be appreciated.

Stanfield Winter Wonderland

Stanfield Elementary's Winter Wonderland will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday in the gym and cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale at the door at four for $1. Winter Wonderland is for Stanfield students and families only.

Tailgate party

Residents and staff of Snyder Healthcare Center will have a Super Bowl tailgate supper from 5-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services, 2800 2nd St., will hold its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Shattered dreams program

Parents of SHS junior and seniors who are interested in their children participating in the Shattered Dreams Program are invited to attend a committee meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Snyder Junior High auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Miracles of the Holy Spirit," followed by "Walking with Jesus."

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing date for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Genealogy Society to meet

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. The topic will be the Sultana disaster of 1865.

Cancer board to meet

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting of the board of directors at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Stanfield Elementary teachers' lounge.

Wednesday night Bible study

Beloved Disciple, a small group study by Beth Moore led by Janeen Patterson, will be starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. If interested, call Andra at 573-5416.

South Pacific set at SHS

Snyder High School's Fire Arts division will present *South Pacific* Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Worsham Auditorium There also will be a 2 .m. performance on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For reserve seats call, 573-6301. Tickets are $8 for reserved seats, $5 for students and $6 for adults.

Ira picture day

Spring portraits, class group pictures and friendship pictures for be taken at Ira Thursday. Each student will be photographed at no charge, and then orders may be placed from proofs that will be sent within two weeks. There is a required $2 fee per person for the friendship pictures.

Scout food drive

A Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts food drive will benefit the Food Cupboard next Saturday. Bags donated by United will be handed out around town. If you don't get a bag you may substitute another bag. Place bags so they can be seen before 9 a.m. next Saturday. No glass containers or perishable can be accepted. If your donation isn't picked up, call 338-1865.

Senior class parents meeting

Parents of SHS seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the student center. Discussion will be on upcoming senior class events.

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Friday. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Senior FFA student reception

Wilson Motors will host a reception for senior FFA students from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the dealership for the signing of scholarship applications. Parents are invited to attend.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

SHS booster club fundraiser

The SHS drama booster club is collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for recycling. Drop off at the sheriff's office. For more information, call Jan Scott at 573-8027.

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

The deadline for orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Feb. 3. Balances will have to be paid in full at that time and orders are taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

Missing woman's family publicly withdraws support for husband

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — On an emotional day for the family of missing Laci Peterson, her relatives publicly withdrew support for her husband and urged him to tell police everything he might know about her disappearance.

The Rocha family announcement came Friday, just hours before another woman stepped forward to claim she had been duped into a romantic relationship in November with Laci's husband, Scott Peterson, under the mistaken belief he was single. He had previously denied an affair.

"I was introduced to him. I was told he was unmarried," Amber Frey nervously said at a news conference.

Frey, 28, said she came forward on her own because she was being repeatedly contacted by members of the press for details about the extramarital relationship.

"I'm very sorry for Laci's family and the pain that this has caused them and I pray for her safe return as well," Frey said.

Modesto Police Detective Doug Ridenour said Frey has been eliminated as a suspect in the disappearance of the pregnant Laci Peterson, who was reported missing by her husband Christmas Eve.

Her husband said he last saw her Christmas Eve morning as he left to go fishing at the Berkeley Marina. Repeated police searches of marina waters have produced no sign of the missing woman.

Neither Peterson nor his attorney immediately returned telephone calls Friday seeking comment. But his sister-in-law, Janey Peterson, defended him in an interview with CNN's Connie Chung.

Janey Peterson said she was unaware of any affair, "and frankly, it wouldn't matter. It's a distraction from what our primary focus needs to be, and that's to bring Laci home."

Frey did not take questions after her comments to reporters. The news conference wrapped up quickly after her brief comments and investigators refused to discuss little else about the case.

Police called Frey's frank admission courageous.

Detective Ridenour also refused to confirm or deny any knowledge of a $250,000 life insurance policy Peterson may have taken out on his wife, as reported recently by The Modesto Bee which quoted an unnamed family member.

Scott Peterson, 30, was absent from the news conference held by his wife's family earlier in the day in Modesto. He had repeatedly denied involvement with another woman.

Sharon Rocha, Laci Peterson's mother, begged for information or for an anonymous tip to police that could lead to her daughter's return.

"There are no words that can possibly describe the ache in my heart or the emptiness in my life," she said. "I know someone knows where Laci is. I am pleading with you to please, please let her come home."

Laci Peterson's 21-year-old sister, Amy, managed only one sentence before breaking into tears at the news conference. "This month has been the most painful I've ever experienced," she said.

Modesto Police have searched hundreds of square miles of Stanislaus County creeks, rivers, irrigation canals and reservoirs, and expanded the search to neighboring counties without success. Police told the Peterson family within a week of her disappearance that they suspected foul play.

Police have not labeled Peterson a suspect but say they haven't ruled him out. He has reportedly declined to take lie detector tests and has retained a criminal defense attorney in Modesto.

Laci Peterson is due to deliver a baby boy Feb. 10.

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After hatching in the Sargasso Sea near Bermuda, young freshwater eels swim as far as 3,000 miles to reach European rivers and may even wriggle across land for brief periods.

Lollar's goat places at show

Roger and Doris Lollar's 11-month-old full-blood boer goat buck, "Matt Dillon," placed third at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, Colo. this past weekend.

Their sons, Jordan and Joel Lollar, who raise and show meat goats, have had four first in class placings between them in the last three shows entered. Two of these came at the County Jr. Livestock Show.

Joel and Jordan are members of the Ira FFA.

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Kate Wright on UNT's Dean List

Kate Wright, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named to the Dean's List of Scholars for the fall semester at the University of North Texas

She is the daughter of Tommy and Linda Wright of Snyder.

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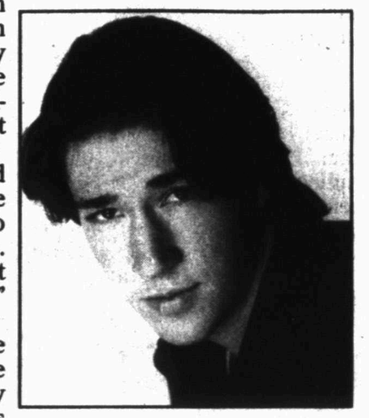
United lays off flight attendants

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines is laying off an additional 704 flight attendants in light of recent flight reductions and service changes, a spokesman for the carrier said Friday.

The latest cuts, about 3 percent of United's 20,000 flight attendants, boost the number of attendants who have been furloughed to 4,210, spokesman Joe Hopkins said. The cuts take effect Feb. 22.

The previous furloughs were voluntary, and the flight attendants' union also is seeking volunteers for the latest round.



Tanner Beard

Tanner Beard in Who's Who

Tanner Beard, a senior at Snyder High School, will be recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Beard is the son of Ricky and Janice Beard of Snyder. A member of the SHS Drama Club, he participates in school plays and has received recognition in one-act play competition. Beard also participates in basketball and golf, and is listed on the honor roll.

He received honorable mention at the Auburn Film Society's Jay Sanders Film Festival. Beard plans to major in film after graduation in May.

He is the grandson of Geral and Doris Beard of Snyder and Frank and Lois Posey of Hobbs, N.M.

Landes is on President's List

KERRVILLE — Nicholas Landes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Landes of Snyder, was named to the President's List for the fall 2002 semester at Schreiner University.

To qualify for this recognition, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes, must earn at least a 3.7 grade point average, and have at least 12 hours' credit for the term.

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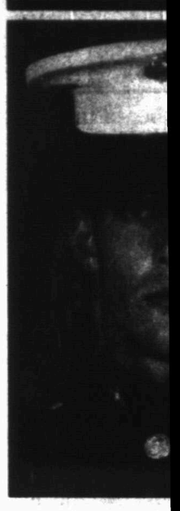

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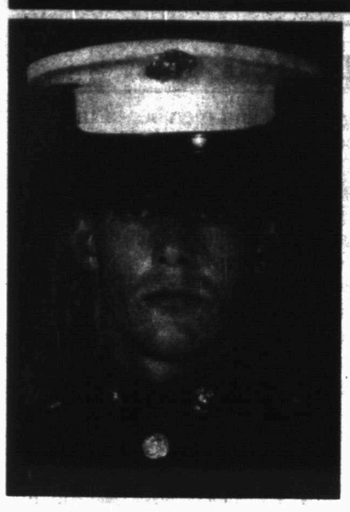

L. Cpl. David Hicks

Hicks serves in Okinawa

L. Cpl. David Allen Hicks is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he is running heavy equipment.

Hicks graduated from Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego, Calif. last April as a PFC, squad leader and expert marksman. He next attended combat engineering training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and then engineering school at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. where he graduated Lance Corporal with a GPA of 98.11.

In December 2002, Hick was also one of 70 Marines chosen to attend advanced weapons training.

Hicks is the son of Sharron Hicks of Lubbock and the late Gary Hicks. He is the grandson of Robert and Wyvonne Hicks of Snyder and Cecil and Billie Garrison of Kingsland and the brother

Lisa Gray

Lisa Gray now heads Discovery School at FUMC

Lisa Gray has served as the director of Discovery School at First United Methodist Church since Jan. 1 Previously she was the interim director.

A 1983 graduate of Snyder High School, Gray earned her bachelor's degree in education from San Angelo State University. She taught school for one year in Borden County and six years at Snyder. She has also worked in day care.

Her husband Glen, is vice president at Lamesa National Bank.

They have two daughters. Hayley is four years old and Katie is two.

Gray enjoys spending time with her family.

Discovery School is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Senior Center News

Senior citizen swimnastics offered by Western Texas College is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday 10-11 a.m.. The class is for citizens 60 and over. The class and parking are free. For more information call the center at 573-4035.

The schedules for the computer classes will be published as soon as possible; however, senior citizens are welcome to use the computer lab anytime until the classes begin.

We have new participants each month, but there is always room for everyone. Join us anytime. All activities are open for newcomers throughout the year. There is no fee for participating in activities. We do ask that seniors make a donation for their noon meal. We suggest $2.50 per person. Our operating hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. We are located at 2603 Avenue M and may be reached by calling 573-4035. Whether you are in need of a service or would like to volunteer in helping us serve our community, call the center for more information. Volunteers are extremely instrumental in the success of the center. On a daily basis we have 25-30 volunteers working in the center. They donate 2-4 hours daily. Although most of our volunteers are senior citizens, we do encourage citizens under the age of sixty to volunteer.

Senior citizens in need of transportation within the city are asked to call the center a day in advance of the needed service. We do have a daily route that brings seniors to the center and returns them to their homes after lunch. Phone the center for assistance.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors can participate in daily exercise at 11 a.m. The exercise program is a 20-30 minute mild program of flexing and stretching.

TUESDAY

Volunteers are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. to make crafts for May Day. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight beginning at 10 a.m. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. Beth Dannheim, the county extension agent, will present a nutrition program at 11:45 a.m. Senior citizens are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis at noon in the conference room. The advanced bridge class will meet at 1 p.m. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for game and the dance at 7. Bobby Arista and Country Gold will provide the music. The cost for the dance is $4 per senior citizen.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies may join us anytime for pool; but, we have scheduled a special time beginning at 9 a.m. At this time a volunteer is available to help newcomers learn the game. Pool provides some exercise and lots of fun. Join Juanita for daily exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities include pinochle, line dancing and clogging. Pinochle and line dancing begin at 1 p.m. Clogging immediately follows line dancing.

THURSDAY

Join us in the dining room for bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break for exercise at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and party bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Join us for exercise at 11 a.m. Beginner bridge lessons begin at 1 p.m.

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The loss of a British fleet through the sinking of at least 50 ships off Yorktown, Va, in 1781 some sunk by cannon fire, others intentionally scuttled to block a French landing or prevent capture helped change the world and secure a new nation, the United States.

Senior Menu

Monday

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tater tots, chilled pears, peanut butter cookie

Tuesday

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, whole kernel corn, spinach, tomato wedges, apricot cobbler, garlic toast

Wednesday

Chicken friend steak w/cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday

Chicken filet w/gravy, cottage fries, steamed broccoli, pineapple slices w/cheese, brownie

Friday

Fried fish, golden hominy, fried okra, creamy coleslaw, yellow cake w/chocolate frosting

FINAL PERFORMANCES — The final performances for Western Texas College's *The Nerd* will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. Students in this scene are from left, Holly Gwyn, Michael Gonzales, Jacob Brumley, Corey Knipe, Monica Rose and Mandy Mitchell. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Victory lap to kick off Relay for Life fundraiser in April

The first lap of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Scurry County will be a victory lap, and all local cancer survivors are invited to walk in that celebratory lap. This year's event, with the theme *Americana 2003,* will be held April 25 and 26 at Tiger Stadium.

The message of the relay is that cancer can be conquered, therefore, cancer survivors are the special guests at the event. The emotional survivors' lap honors the courage of all those who have fought and are fighting cancer. It will be held directly after opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. Each survivor will be introduced, then all will walk unified in victory and hope.

The atmosphere of Relay For Life is one of camaraderie and celebration, providing an opportunity for cancer survivors to pass the torch of hope on to those still battling cancer or those that might be touched by cancer in the future.

Those interested in participating in the survivors' lap at the Relay For Life should call Janet Wesson at 573-9914 or Bonnie Hodge at 573-8285.

They will be in charge of all the survivor festivities, including a reception after the first lap. Because all survivors will receive a free Relay For Life T-shirt, they are encouraged to call and sign up, giving their shirt size, as soon as possible.

There is a new privacy law this year that does not allow organizations to contact people unless they have been invited to do so. Local ACS president, Terrisu Mann said, "This affects the American Cancer Society because they normally would have a list of cancer survivors and patients in the county. Without this list, the ACS will have to depend upon people taking the initiative to call in and say they will participate."

More information on cancer can be found at www.cancer.org, or at 1-800-ACS-2645, which is a 24-hour hotline.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Nation's librarians see 'Big Brother' in monitoring of library's patrons

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal law aimed at catching terrorists has raised the hackles of many of the nation's librarians, who say it goes too far by allowing law enforcement agencies to watch what some people are reading.

The USA Patriot Act, passed after the Sept. 11 attacks, gave the FBI new powers to investigate terrorism, including the ability to look at library records and computer hard drives to see what books patrons have checked out, what Web pages they've visited, and where they've sent e-mails.

The Department of Justice says the new powers are needed to identify terrorist cells.

But some librarians, who were meeting in Philadelphia for an American Library Association convention, worry that the FBI has returned to routinely checking on the reading habits of intellectuals, civil rights leaders and other Americans.

Those tactics, common in the 1950s and 1960s, were occasionally used to brand people as Communists.

"Some of this stuff is pretty scary, and we are very concerned that people's privacy is being violated," American Library Association President Maurice J. Freedman said.

Some 10,000 librarians from around the world were expected in Philadelphia for the association's midwinter meeting, which began Friday. The group will discuss the Patriot Act at a forum Sunday and is likely to draft a resolution condemning sections of the law that open library records to police inspection, Freedman said.

Judith Krug, director of the group's Office of Intellectual Freedom, said routine government inquiries into library records could have a chilling effect on patrons. For example, she said, some might be afraid to take out books on Islam out of fear that they might wind up on an FBI watch list.

Whatever happened to...

Stan Warren, 1979 Hermleigh graduate and member of the '78 district champs football team, is now Master Sgt. at NSA Bahrain serving as communication chief.

The son of Mack and Vinita Warren of Hermleigh, Master Sgt. Warren joined U.S. Marine Corps in August 1980 and has traveled to Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Kuwait and Africa.

Stan Warren 1979

He and his wife, Teresa, have two children, Justin Ross, 14, and Ciara Kristina, 11, and now reside in Hawaii.

Master Sgt. Warren has been instrumental in establishing communication sites in SW Asia for the current build-up there. He facilitates unit turnovers and supervises the installation, operation and maintenance of Marine communications for the Marine Central Command.

Stan Warren 2003

Deployed from Command Marine Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii, he has been in Bahrain since June and is due to return to Hawaii in April and back to Bahrain in June.

Master Sgt. Warren has also been selected as the unit's martial arts instructor.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550)

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh grads... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Twain to entertain

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Super Bowl halftime show will be a little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll.

Country singer Shania Twain and Southern California band No Doubt are headlining the entertainment for Sunday's game between the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Sting also will appear.

"It's such a big event that there are no limits," Twain said Thursday. "The sky is the limit."

Twain plans to perform two songs: "Man! I Feel Like a Woman" from her blockbuster album "Come on Over," and the title song from her latest album, "Up!"

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Financial Focus

Take Steps Now to Avoid Heavy Debt Load in Retirement

During your working years, you might, on occasion, accumulate more debt than you'd like, but you can usually deal with it. After all, you're still working, you'll probably make more money as time goes on, and you'll have a chance to tackle your debt. But once you retire, the last thing you want to see is a heavy debt load. And that's why you want to take action well before you retire. Unfortunately, for many seniors right now, debt is a big problem. How big? Consider this: Seniors filing for bankruptcy carry twice as much credit card debt as filers in their forties, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute. And before they reach bankruptcy, more and more seniors are visiting credit counselors. Money Management International, a network of counseling agencies, reports that its 75-and-over client base rose 28 percent in 2002 over 2001.

What's behind these daunting figures? Two of the chief culprits are the long bear market ¾ which reduced seniors' retirement savings ¾ and rising medical costs, particularly the escalating prices of prescription drugs.

Will conditions be different when you're retired? No one can predict the future, of course, but one thing is certain: The more you do now to prepare yourself financially for retirement, the less you'll have to worry about debt when you get there.

So, what steps should you take? Here are a few to consider:

- **Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle** - What do you plan on doing during retirement? Will you travel the world? Open a small business? Play golf and spend time with your family? Once you've articulated a retirement lifestyle, you can begin to estimate how much it will cost. And by knowing about how much you'll need when you retire, you can start making plans so that you won't get caught short.
- **Get the most out of your tax-advantaged retirement plans** — To build the resources you need when you retire, you'll want to take full advantage of your tax-favored retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Contribute as much as you can afford to these plans — and keep in mind that you need your money to grow. Consequently, you'll want to have some exposure to stocks. While it's true that stock prices will always fluctuate, it's also a fact that, over the long term, stocks are the only asset class to significantly outpace inflation. As you get nearer to retirement, you may want to shift some — but certainly not all - of your investment dollars into income-producing vehicles.
- **Avoid overusing credit cards** — Sometimes, you may need to use credit cards because you have no alternative. However, in many instances, paying with a credit card is just a habit — and it can be a hard one to break. So, if you don't want to use credit cards extensively wher you're retired, don't get too comfortable with them now.
- **Establish an "emergency fund"** - To avoid tapping into your investments or relying on credit cards, establish an emergency fund containing between six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Keep the money in a liquid account, such as a money market account. And when you retire, you may want to build an even bigger cash cushion. By following these suggestions, you can reduce the possibility of descending into debt during your retirement years. And that's a tumble you never want to take.

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N.Y. honors student charged with threatening school attack

NEW YORK (AP) — A high school honors student was arrested Friday after threatening in an Internet chat room to carry out an attack similar to the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, authorities said.

Gov. George Pataki, who announced the arrest, identified the student as 17-year-old Lukasz Lagucik. He was charged with making a terror threat, a felony that carries a sentence of up to seven years in prison.

Lagucik allegedly told 17-year-old Lauren Hess of Wynne, Ark., in an online chat room Wednesday that he planned a "Columbine-type attack" at a New York state high school.

"He started talking about how it was going to be so much fun to go in the school Thursday and shoot all those innocent people," Hess said. "I was getting really concerned when he mentioned homemade bombs."

Pataki said the Arkansas girl notified local police, who called New York authorities.

A search of Lagucik's home turned up no weapons, authorities said.

Lagucik, a student at Forest Hills High School in Queens, was arraigned Friday night in Queens criminal court before Judge Suzanne Melendez, who set bail at $15,000. He is due back in court on Feb. 7.

In the Columbine attack, student gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold shot to death 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

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Hey Snyder...

I have so much to tell you about that I may have to buy another page just to get it all in, because I don't want you to be left out of anything!

First of all let me go back to last month's letter. In case you missed it, it was about how I was tossing out all the old yearly guilt ridden resolutions and resolving to take care of Donna for a change. (Yeah, right with my life.) Anyway, I told you we all needed to strive to be happier, get more rest, read more good books, see more movies, spend more time with good friends and do the things that we enjoy and most importantly make us laugh for a change. Well, I have gotten so much response to that article.

One lady I don't even know stopped me in the grocery store and told me she agreed and had cut it out and put it on her icebox! The irony of this is two folds. #1: I was so grateful someone read it, #2: I was on my way to see "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" at the movies when she told me! Now I haven't been to a movie in ages, but knowing that Tom and Rita Hanks had directed it I figured it would be at least interesting, and after all I had resolved to go out more. I have never seen a movie that funny in my whole life! I screamed with laughter! Not at slapstick, or one liners, but at real life. How we see and judge each other out of ignorance, or misunderstanding and what we do to make others accept and love us. (I also saw where it got the People Choice Award for the funniest movie of the year. I'm glad others are enjoying laughing too!) I think laughter is catching! Our country needs something to laugh about other than our President from Texas who is human and far from a polished politician. In the meantime, since I am not dieting, I have lost 17 lbs, and since I'm not trying to save money-I didn't! I'm still dodging all those Christmas checks.

Meanwhile, back here at the chamber, it's wonderful! Everyday, we have a steady stream of Snyder folks and tourists stopping by for the new phone books, chamber directories, maps, buffalo history, etc, and more folks are paying their dues and joining the chamber. This month, so far, we have had Sara and Robby Jamison join from the Auto Clinic. They have bought Davenport Auto (behind Skinny's on 25th) and Sara even joined our wonderful Goldcoats. Jim Edmonds stopped by to talk about the car club's upcoming cruise, show and swap meet in May and he joined for the Scurry County East Gin and he also wants to be a Goldcoat. The La Roca restaurant (formerly Melly's) is waiting for me to bring the applications by and Janie Yanez and her mom and dad, Pedro and Isabel Martinez, are the owners.

It is so exciting that even in a small town like ours, our chamber is still healthy and growing. That says a lot about our community and its "pull together" spirit.

I also want to also express my gratitude as well as my sorrow concerning Mr. Henry Clark. Henry (Mr. Clark as I've called him since I was a child) was a giver. His life counted. He was special and accomplished many things. He was loved by all that knew him and I am grateful for his life, he made all our lives better just by the way he lived. He will be missed in Snyder, Texas. May you rest in peace sweet friend.

By the time you read this, it will be banquet time, depending if you read it on Saturday or Sunday. Nevertheless, we changed the banquet format this year, because times are changing. I'll just go ahead and say it "nobody likes to go to banquets"! We often do it out of a sense of obligation or choose to by pass the boring thing altogether just because we don't want to get dressed and go. Well, I'm back to the laughter thing again. If you were lucky enough to get a ticket to this year's annual awards banquet, you laughed! You ate great food, you saw your friends honored and most importantly, you were entertained, you spent time with old friends, you got out of the house and you enjoyed yourself! (See my resolution is having an umbrella effect on my job as well.) I can promise you this year, anything you attend at this chamber or is produced by this chamber-won't be boring!

Our committee has even had a blast painting the sets and decorating for you. Talk about everybody laughing and talking at once!

I finally mailed off our grant (that's where I lost the weight) now we hold our breath to see if we get it. We're getting the banquet finalized and taking in Western Swing reservations daily. We're also helping Greg Gafford with his national Taekwondo tournament on February 1st. We're busy! We love it! We love Snyder! Our Chamber is at work for you all the time, as it should be.

Love Donna

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLANNED

We have been approached by several folks in town to have a calendar of events here for every entity in Snyder. The reason being is that no one can plan any event without calling the schools, the churches, the coliseum, the civic groups, the chamber, etc. to see when to book their events without stepping on one another.

We are compiling that list now. If you have any sort of event planned for 2003, will you please call us, bring your list by, e-mail, or fax us. We hope to have it finished by mid-February so please hurry! I think it will save all of us a lot of time and money in the long run. Our phone number: 573-3558, e-mail address: snychcom@snydertex.com and fax: 915-573-9721.

February 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 West Texas Taekwondo Tournament
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 President's Day Chamber Closed in Observance	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Chamber Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	

WHITE BUFFALO FESTIVAL SET FOR OCTOBER

Can you believe the Snyder High School building will be 50 years old in October?

Towle Memorial Park will also be marking its Golden Anniversary this year. So what more appropriate theme for this year's White Buffalo Festival then the golden fifties!

The Festival is being planned for the second week end in October at the Scurry County Coliseum. There will be entertainment and booths and family fun, so mark these dates on your calendar.

1953 was an exciting year in Snyder. The oil boom which began late in 1948 with the discovery of the Canyon Reef field had supplied the money for growth throughout Scurry County. Open house for the new Snyder High School building was held that October, with refreshments served to large crowds of visitors.

It is hoped that high school class reunions planned in 2003 will be scheduled during the White Buffalo Festival along with other activities. More information about the Festival will be announced as plans are made.

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SPORTS

OPEN LOOK — Lady Cardinal Reecie Sauceda launches a shot in the final quarter against Trent Friday as teammate Misty McClure looks on. Hermleigh fell, 55-34. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Cards doomed by foul trouble; boys suffer slow start

HERMLEIGH — The Lady Cardinals jumped on top of the Lady Gorillas Friday, but early foul trouble cost the team a chance at its first district win.

Hermleigh fell to Trent, 55-34, after starters Alana Culp, Brittainy Jones and Reecie Sauceda committed three fouls each in the opening quarter.

"I had to pull the starters in the first quarter and that killed us," head coach Rebecca Ponder said.

Culp's nine points paced Hermleigh, who got contributions from six players in defeat.

"We had some good shots, but nothing would fall," Ponder said. "We put forth the effort, and the girls kept playing."

Jones pumped in seven, and Misty McClure scored six.

Sauceda posted five points, Danni Webb hit a three-pointer and Amy Botts notched two for Hermleigh, who will travel to Blackwell Tuesday to take on the Lady Hornets at 6:30 p.m.

The Hermleigh boys were once again hurt by a slow start in a 72-44 loss at the hands of the Gorillas Friday, but head coach Don Jones said the team picked up the pace in the second quarter.

Trent jumped out to a 22-7 lead after one quarter, and went into the locker room at halftime with a 42-14 lead.

The Cardinals matched the Gorillas shot-for-shot in the second half, as both teams scored 11 points in the third quarter and 19 in the fourth.

"I was really pleased," Jones said. "The second half was the first time all year we've played good defense. That last half was really positive."

Justin Williamson banked in 13 points to lead the way for Hermleigh.

Terrell Culp added 12, and Dustin Williamson and Joseph Yruegas each netted six.

Jonathan McClure posted five and Justin Kelly added two to round out the scoring for Hermleigh, who will take on the Hornets at Blackwell Tuesday night at 8.

Pistons trounce Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Ben Wallace got a good tuneup for the All-Star game. Yao Ming did not.

Wallace, the starting center for the Eastern Conference All-Stars, had nine points and 18 rebounds in leading the Detroit Pistons to a 98-74 victory over Yao and the Houston Rockets on Friday night.

It was a game in which everything went right for the Pistons and the Rockets couldn't get anything going.

"That's one of the games where we played well from start to finish," Wallace said. "I thought we wore Houston out down the stretch."

The Pistons held an opponent under 100 points for the 15th straight game and snapped a nine-game losing streak at Compaq Center.

"I tried to make him take tough shots, and make decisions," Wallace said. "I just wanted to play hard. I didn't want to make a deal about who's starting in the All-Star game and about me and Yao.

"Just to have a chance to go to the All-Star game is something I'll remember the rest of my life."

Corliss Williamson and Richard Hamilton scored 18 points apiece for Detroit.

Snyder girls drop close one at Sweetwater; Tigers upended

SWEETWATER — One quarter did in the Lady Tigers Friday.

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs got 22 points from Sara Rainbolt and outscored Snyder 16-2 in the third period to edge the Lady Tigers, 30-29.

The loss deals a blow to the Lady Tigers' postseason hopes, as they fell to 2-5 in district play.

"In the third quarter they pulled the ball out and started working the clock," assistant coach Stephanie McKnight said. "Rainbolt had a good quarter. We weren't looking at the basket (in the third period)."

Snyder jumped out to a 14-5 first half advantage before the disastrous third period.

The third quarter started with the Lady Mustangs holding a 21-16 lead and with only two minutes left in the tilt, the ladies in red led by six points, 26-20.

Both teams made a free throw to put the score at 27-21 with 100 seconds left on the clock.

Zipporah Peoples laid in two points under the bucket to bring the score to 27-23, and then Erin Burleson hit a two-pointer to narrow the gap to two.

Sweetwater hit both ends of a one-and-one to stretch their lead to 29-25 with 40 seconds left on the clock.

Peoples added two more under the basket to make it 29-27 with 28 seconds left.

The Lady Mustangs were looking to run down the clock but a good defensive play by Dara Chambers put the ball back into the hands of the Lady Tigers.

Chambers took possession of the ball and zipped a pass to Burleson whose lay-up knotted the score at 29-all with only seconds remaining.

The Lady Mustangs then converted on a free shot to nail the victory at 30-29 as time ran out.

Burleson led the team with 10 points, and Hailey Putnam drilled eight for the Lady Tigers, who gave an aggressive, intense defensive effort.

"Defensively, we are very sound," McKnight said. "The girls played hard, hustled and gave a very good effort. The work ethic was there, we just didn't score."

April Lollar and Peoples canned four each for Snyder.

The JV girls dropped a close contest at Sweetwater, 46-44.

The Lady Tigers will play host to Seminole, which fell to Lamesa Friday, Tuesday evening at 6:30.

The Snyder Tigers gave it all they had Friday night, but it was not enough to stop Sweetwater.

The Mustangs stayed undefeated in district play with a 50-39 win over Snyder (10-16, 1-4).

"We played extremely hard, the best we've played," head coach Bud Birks said. "The ball just wouldn't go down. I was proud of they way we played."

The team trailed 9-2 early in the contest, and Birks said the contest developed a pattern where the Tigers would close the gap to two or three points, then fall behind by seven or eight.

"It was one of those games," he said. "We gave it all we had."

T.J. Jones had a monster game, scoring a season-high 15 points and playing smothering defense all evening.

"T.J. had a great game," Birks said. "He played great defense and didn't turn the ball over."

Lee Scott drained 14 for the Tigers, and Josh Mendoza put in seven from inside.

Sweetwater (13-9, 5-0) got 14 points from guard Mychal Carrillo and 13 from Reed Bishop to keep pace with district powerhouse Merkel atop the District 3-3A standings.

Merkel trounced Denver City, 75-43, to improve to a sterling 24-2 on the season.

"We got after it on defense," Birks said. "They have good offensive players. We did a good job overall."

The JV Tigers knocked off their Sweetwater counterparts, 48-43.

The Tigers return home Tuesday for a showdown with Seminole, who crushed Lamesa 72-48.

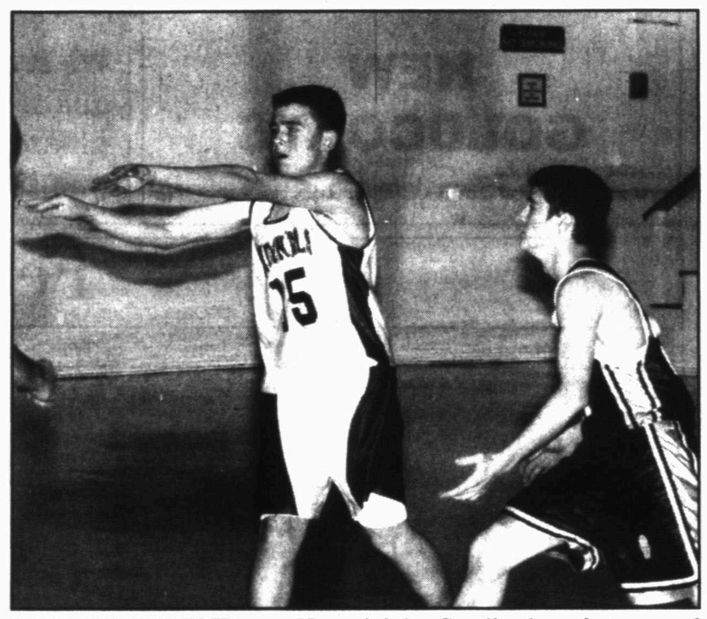
Tip off will be at 8 p.m.

Allen tops list of Hall candidates

SAN DIEGO (AP) — On the very weekend that the Raiders return to the Super Bowl for the first time in 19 years, the player who led them to victory the last time is eligible for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Marcus Allen achieved most of his Hall of Fame credentials in 11 seasons with the Raiders, but he was dismissed after the 1992 season following an ugly contract fight.

A six-time Pro Bowl selection, Allen was the first player in NFL history to rush for over 10,000 yards and catch passes for 5,000 more. He finished his career with 12,243 yards rushing and 5,411 receiving and scored 145 touchdowns.



BALL MOVEMENT — Hermleigh Cardinal point guard Jonathon McClure dishes the ball off during the first quarter of Friday's contest against Trent. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Orlando	23	22	.511	7
Washington	21	22	.488	8
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Miami	15	27	.357	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	31	12	.721	—
Detroit	28	14	.667	2½
New Orleans	23	21	.523	8½
Milwaukee	20	21	.488	10
Chicago	16	27	.372	15
Atlanta	15	28	.349	16
Toronto	10	33	.233	21
Cleveland	8	35	.186	23

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	34	8	.810	—
San Antonio	27	15	.643	7
Utah	25	17	.595	9
Minnesota	25	18	.581	9½
Houston	23	18	.561	10½
Memphis	13	29	.310	21
Denver	10	32	.238	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	32	12	.727	—
Portland	26	15	.634	4½
Phoenix	26	18	.591	6
Golden State	19	23	.452	12
L.A. Lakers	19	23	.452	12
Seattle	18	23	.439	12½
L.A. Clippers	16	26	.381	15

Friday's Games

Phoenix 110, Orlando 107
Indiana 93, Seattle 80
Boston 77, Denver 58
Atlanta 115, Sacramento 104
Dallas 101, New York 90
Chicago 104, Washington 97
Minnesota 88, L.A. Clippers 85
Detroit 98, Houston 74
Portland 97, New Orleans 96, OT
San Antonio 91, Utah 90
New Jersey 89, L.A. Lakers 83

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Miami, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 1 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 2 p.m.

Little Dribblers

Major

Mavericks 34, Wizards 28
Mavericks: Alex Hernandez 10; Lashondrick Richardson 8; Gregory Williams 7; Gage West 7; Brandon Lunsford 2. **Wizards:** Rey Juarez 14; Seth Sanchez 8; Gabriel Acosta 2; Toby Lopez 2; Clint McFatridge 2.

T-Wolves 39, Rockets 21
T-Wolves: Jared Cave 21; Kasey Young 6; Dominic Cabrera 6; Douglass Brunson 4; Tye Burton 2. **Rockets:** Jordan Gafford 10; Brandon Ramirez 9; Quintin Bass 2.

Blue Devils 32, Celtics 23
Blue Devils: Jake Crenwelge 10; Riley Davis 10; Eric Trammell 10; Tanner Bragg 2. **Celtics:** Garrett Hale 12; Kaden Seale 7; Taylor Davidson 2; Tye Holley 2.

Rockets 20, Raptors 18
Rockets: Brandon Ramirez 7; Matthew Rios 5; Jordon Gafford 4; Quintin Bass 2; Ryan Anderson 2. **Raptors:** Emanuel Hernandez 7; Jonathon Kerr 6; Bubba Perales 3; Kenyon Gafford 2.

Mavericks 51, Blue Devils 35
Mavericks: Lashondrick Richardson 13; Gage West 10; Brandon Lunsford 9; Alex Hernandez 3; Gregory Williams 2. **Blue Devils:** Riley Davis 21; Jake Crenwelge 8; Eric Trammell 4; Tanner Bragg 2.

T-Wolves 45, Celtics 19
T-Wolves: Dominic Cabrera 16; Jared Cave 14; Douglass Brunson 9; Kasey Young 4; Will Stewart 2. **Celtics:** Kaden Seale 13; Garrett Hale 4; Josh Sorrells 2.

Wizards 36, Blue Devils 26
Wizards: Rey Juarez 18; Seth Sanchez 16; Jake Lincbarger 2. **Blue Devils:** Riley Davis 21; Jake Crenwelge 4; Tanner Bragg1.

Raptors 32, Celtics 8
Raptors: Emanuel Hernandez 13; Bubba Perales 11; Kenyon Gafford 4; Jonathon Kerr 4. **Celtics:** Garrett Hale 6; Kaden Seale 2.

T-Wolves 37, Magic 37
T-Wolves: Jared Cave 21; Dominic Cabrera 10, Kasey Young 2; Will Stewart 2; Douglass Brunson 2. **Magic:** Rey Juarez 14; Gabriel Acosta 7; Seth Sanchez 5; Jake Lincbarger 4; Toby Lopez 2; Clint McFatridge 1.

Mavericks 38, T-Wolves
Mavericks: Gage West 16; Lashondrick Richardson 12; Gregory Williams 4; Brandon Lunsford 4. **T-Wolves:** Jared Cave 20; Dominic Cabrera 6; Kasey Young 4; Douglass Brunson 4; Tye Burton 2.

Celtics 22, Rockets 21
Celtics: Kaden Seale 8; Tye Holley 8; Taylor Davidson 2. **Rockets:** Jordon Gafford 9; Brandon Ramirez 4; Quintin Bass 4; Matthew Rios 2; Colby Barrera 2.

Mavericks 36, Raptors 27
Mavericks: Gage West 14; Gregory Williams 8; Brandon Lunsford 8; Lashondrick Richardson 3; Alex Hernandez 3. **Raptors:** Bubba Perales 18; Kenyon Gafford 5; Emanuel Hernandez 4.

T-Wolves 39, Blue Devils 32
T-Wolves: Jared Cave 26; Kasey Young 6; Dominic Cabrera 4; Douglass Brunson 3. **Blue Devils:** Jake Crenwelge 20; Riley Davis 10; Haydon Chandler 2.

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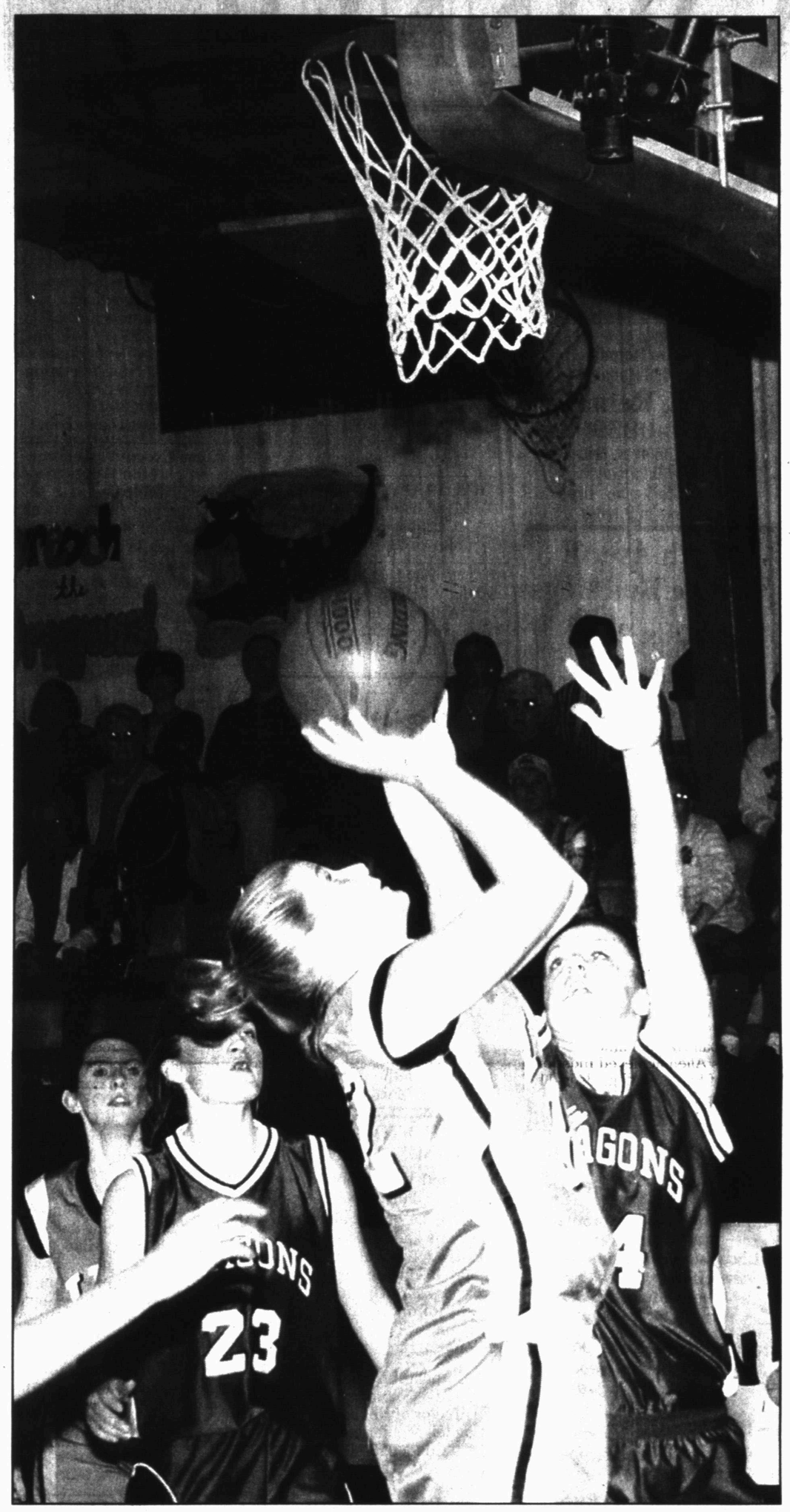

EYE ON THE PRIZE — Ira's Celeigh Sterling puts in a lay-up during the second quarter of Friday's 48-34 victory over Dawson. Sterling posted 20 points in the contest, and the win sets up a showdown with Klondike Tuesday. (SDN Photo)

Lady Bulldogs edge closer to postseason; boys nearly done

IRA — The Lady Bulldogs are doing everything possible to extend their season.

Using swarming defensive pressure and sound offense execution, Ira (21-6, 5-2) shut down Dawson in the first half en route to a 48-34 pounding of the Lady Dragons.

"We executed really well in the first half," head coach Brent Parr said. "Offensively we were able to do what we wanted and defensively we made them take tough shots. Anytime you hold a team to 11 points in a half, you are playing solid defense."

Ira led the entire contest, and turned the 27-11 halftime advantage into a 39-27 edge after three quarters.

Celeigh Sterling continued scoring at a blistering clip, notching 20 on the night to up her season average to 15 points per game.

"She is so good at knowing what to do with the ball," Parr said. "She will either hit the shot, or draw the foul and hit her free throws."

The Lady Bulldogs also got another solid contribution from post player Lindsey Wilson, who canned 12 points.

Amanda Calley and Kali Clements both drilled a three-point shot late in the game, as Ira hit for 60 percent from behind the arc.

Calley finished with eight points, and Clements posted three.

The win sets up a showdown with Klondike Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Ira dropped the first meeting between the rivals Jan. 10, 47-44, after leading for three quarters.

The teams are tied in second place, a game behind Borden County, and Parr said the winner will have the inside track to the playoffs.

"We need to win the last two out of three to make the playoffs," he said.

The Bulldogs saw their playoff hopes all but extinguished Friday in a 52-40 loss to the Dragons.

Ira was without freshman standout Wes Kellner, who tore ligaments in his thumb in practice.

The loss means that Ira must win out and have Borden County lose the remainder of its games to be eligible for the postseason.

Jake Barnes scored 17 points to pace the Bulldogs and Eric Dickerhoff contributed 14 in defeat.

The Bulldogs (11-11, 2-5) will travel to Klondike Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Mavericks top Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — An 0-fer from Steve Nash — as in 0-for-9 from the field — didn't prevent the Dallas Mavericks from improving the NBA's best record to 34-8.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 30 points for the second straight night and Nick Van Exel made five 3-pointers to lead Dallas to a 101-90 victory over the New York Knicks on Friday night.

The game was tied at 74 after three quarters, but Dallas went to a zone defense in the fourth and outscored the Knicks 27-16.

"We didn't have a great performance. It was somewhat typical of the second night of a back-to-back," Nash said. "But we had some guys step up, and overall we gutted it out in the second half and were able to match their intensity.

Michael Finley added 20 points and nine assists and Van Exel scored 17 for the Mavericks. Aside from his 0-for-9 shooting, Nash had his streak of 47 consecutive free throws snapped when he missed a technical foul shot in the first quarter.

Latrell Sprewell scored 21 and Kurt Thomas added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who were denied their first four-game winning streak of the season.

"I don't think it was a 100 percent effort. I was disappointed with how we finished the game," Sprewell said. "I give them all the credit. There's a reason why they have the best record in the league."

Dallas won at Madison Square Garden for the first time since Nov. 6, 1990 — a span that included 10 consecutive defeats.

The Mavericks improved to 10-1 on the road against teams from the Eastern Conference.

"Our zone defense really worked well in the fourth because our man-to-man was shaky all the way through," Nowitzki said.

Sports Briefs

Yankees keep collecting pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — The pitching-rich New York Yankees once again have eight starting pitchers.

Injured right-hander Jon Lieber's $3.5 million, two-year contract was announced by the team, which is counting on him to be part of its rotation for 2004.

Robinson out with back spasms

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs placed center David Robinson on the injured list because of lower back spasms.

Robinson, whose back tightened up Wednesday night after the Spurs' loss to Memphis, will miss at least two games.

Being placed on the injured list usually means a player must sit out for at least five games, but Spurs spokesman Tom James said the team was avoiding that rule by not replacing Robinson on the active roster.

INS arrests 70 workers at Super Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Nearly 70 foreign-born security guards and drivers working at or around the Super Bowl were arrested by immigration agents in a three-month operation designed to ensure the safety of fans, authorities said. Another 41 were being sought.

As part of Operation Game Day, the Immigration and Naturalization Service arrested 45 security guards and 24 cab drivers. Of those, 34 had criminal convictions.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Basketball:
Snyder frosh boys at Merkel, 6: 30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls vs. Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder jr. high boys at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Snyder jr. high girls vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
Ira jr. high at Dawson, 6 p.m.
Hermleigh jr. high vs. Westbrook, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity boys vs. Seminole, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls vs. Seminole, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys and girls vs. Seminole, 5 p.m.
Ira varsity boys at Klondike, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls at Klondike, 6:30 p.m.
Ira JV boys at Klondike, 5 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys at Blackwell, 8 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity girls at Blackwell, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity boys at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity boys at Sands, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls at Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys and girls at Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Ira JV boys at Sands, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh boys at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

Serena beats Venus to claim Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams jogged to the net, tears welling in her eyes, and hugged sister Venus.

Serena survived an error-filled match to beat Venus 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 on Saturday in the Australian Open for her fourth straight major championship — all at her big sister's expense.

"I wish I could have been the winner," Venus said. "But of course you have a great champion in Serena and she has won all four Grand Slams, which is something I'd love to do one day. ... So, yeah, I'd kind of like to be just like her."

Serena is the fifth woman to hold all four Grand Slam titles at once, adding the title to the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open crowns she won last year.

"I never get choked up, but I'm really emotional right now," Serena said. "I'm really, really, really happy."

Steffi Graf, Margaret Court, Maureen Connolly and Martina Navratilova are the only others to hold the four titles at once, with Graf, Court and Connolly winning all four in the same year.

"I just can't believe I can now be compared to these women," Serena said. "They're such greats and I don't known if I'll accomplish everything they have.

"To even be in the category of winning four in a row is, for me, really amazing. It's something I've always dreamed of."

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CASE NUMBER: 179920

Publication on Adoption
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ALLEN MICHAEL SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Allen Michael Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Allen Michael Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is June 11, 1996. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

Done this 10th day of January, 2003.

Alan L. King, Judge of Probate

John S. Somerset
Sudderth & Somerset
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CASE NUMBER: 179921

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

JONATHAN KEITH SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Jonathan Keith Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Jonathan Keith Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is November 21, 1997. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

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CASE NUMBER: 179922

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ASHLEY JO SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Ashley Jo Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Ashley Jo Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is May 30, 1999. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

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JOB VACANCY
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SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR SALARY: College Scale. **DUTIES:** Supervise work activities of Custodial Maintenance staff to insure clean, sanitary, orderly and attractive condition of all campus buildings. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time. Occasional shift and weekend duty may be required. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Must have a working knowledge of cleaning and janitorial materials, equipment, methods; chemicals and hazardous materials usage, exposure and disposal. Good supervisory and communication skills. Some clerical skills necessary to maintain departmental records. Current Texas Driver's License. Employment is contingent upon passing physical evaluation by the Work Assessment Center. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open until filled. Review of applications will begin Monday, February 3, 2003. **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** ASAP

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LEGAL NOTICE

SECTION 00020

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Patricia Claxton, Director of Fiscal Services – Western Texas College will be received for construction of Sitework and Grading Improvements. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and reviewed by the Director of Fiscal Services for award at a later date.

Closing date: February 10th, 2:00 p.m.
Business Office
Western Texas College
6200 College Ave.
Snyder, TX 79549

The project "Sitework and Grading Improvements" includes furnishing all necessary materials, equipment, superintendence and labor for the following:

Rough grading for the construction of a baseball and softball field near the intersection of Dorm Drive and College Avenue on the Western Texas College Campus. Rough grading and fine grading shall include:

- Approximately 600 cubic yards of cut and 6,500 cubic yards of fill at the baseball field.
- Approximately 200 cubic yards of cut and 2,500 cubic yards of fill at the softball field.
- Approximately 25,000 square yards of fine grading at the baseball field.
- Approximately 10,000 square yards of fine grading at the softball field.
- **The Owner will be responsible for providing all fill and topsoil material.**

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the Western Texas College, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than $25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the Director of Fiscal Services, Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the Business Office, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549, for a price of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, (of each set of documents), in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Phone inquiries may be addressed to Patricia Claxton, (915) 573-8511 or by fax (915) 573-9321.

Western Texas College reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by Western Texas College for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigation of the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Attention is called to the provisions of Article No. 5159A Construction of Public Works in State and Municipal or Political Subdivisions; Prevailing Wage Rate to be Maintained, concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing rates of wages as established by the Owner. Said scale of prevailing minimum rates of wages is set forth in the specifications.

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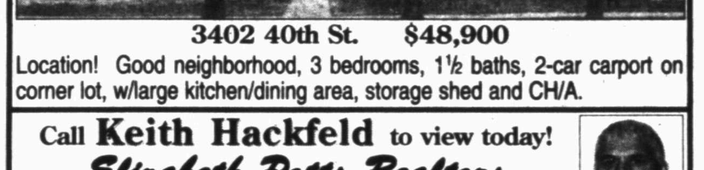

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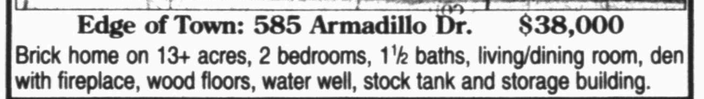

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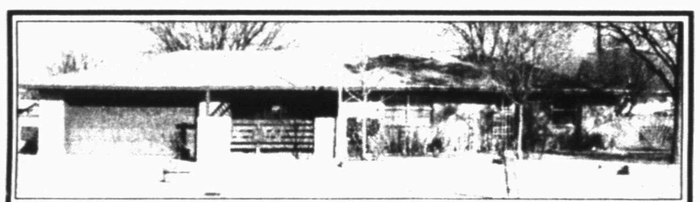

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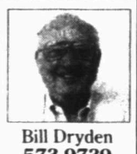

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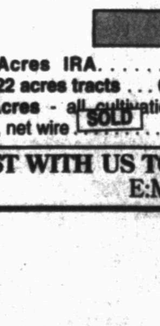

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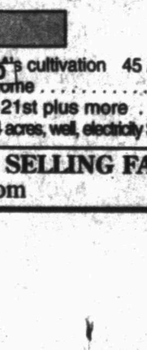

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Electronic attack affects Internet traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Traffic on the Internet slowed dramatically for hours early Saturday, the effects of a fast-spreading, virus-like infection that overwhelmed the world's digital pipelines and broadly interfered with Web browsing and delivery of e-mail.

Sites monitoring the health of the Internet reported significant slowdowns globally, although recovery efforts appeared to be succeeding.

Millions of Internet users in South Korea were stranded when computers at Korea Telecom Freetel and SK Telecom failed. Service was restored but remained slow, officials said. In Japan, NHK television reported heavy data traffic swamped some of the country's Internet connections, and Finnish phone operator TeliaSonera reported some problems.

"It's not debilitating," said Howard Schmidt, President Bush's No. 2 cybersecurity adviser. "Everybody seems to be getting it under control." Schmidt said the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center and experts at the CERT Coordination Center were monitoring the attack and offering technical advice to computer administrators on how to protect against it.

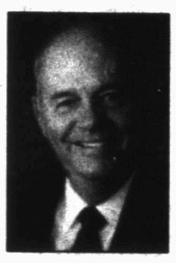
The FBI was searching for the possible origin of the latest attack, which experts variously dubbed "sapphire," "slammer" or "SQ hell." Some security researchers noted that the software unleashed in Saturday's attack bore striking resemblance to blueprints for computer code published weeks ago on a Chinese hacking Web site by a person who calls himself "Lion." An FBI spokesman said he couldn't confirm that.

Obituaries

J.D. Hinton

1929-2003

Funeral service for Joseph DeShane "J.D." Hinton, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, and the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



J.D. Hinton

Mr. Hinton, 73, died Thursday, Jan. 23, at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 18, 1929 in Okmulgee, Okla., he moved with his family to Abilene in 1942. He was a 1947 graduate of Abilene High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1952 with a bachelor of architecture degree and an officer's commission in the U.S. Army.

He served in the Korean War as a first lieutenant in the field artillery. He was a battery officer and forward observer and later became an air observer and received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

At the end of the war, he returned home and married Jane Ann Brightman on Oct. 24, 1953 in Fort Worth. He began work for Tucker and Lindberg, Architects and Engineers. After he became a registered architect, he was made a partner in the firm.

In 1958, he moved to Snyder to open an architectural office. During his 25 years of practice he designed many projects, including additions to the junior high, the library, field house and ag building at the high school, the fire station and police station, the Law Enforcement Center, the first renovation of Cogdell Memorial Hospital and renovation of the Scurry County Courthouse. He retired in 1980.

A past-president of the Snyder Quarterback Club and Scurry County Heart Association, Mr. Hinton served on the Snyder City Council from 1971-75 and served one year as mayor pro tem. He served on the board of the Snyder Independent School District from 1981-87 and was board president in 1984. Mr. Hinton was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Hinton of Snyder; three sons, Mike Hinton of Snyder, Mark Hinton of Portland, Ore., and Greg Hinton of Austin; a sister, Deidra Massey of Fort Worth; and 12 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Odyssey Healthcare, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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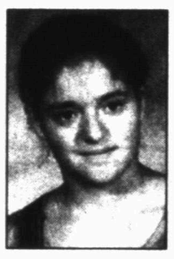
Desiree Flores

1984-2003

Rosary for Desiree Savannah Flores and her three children is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Funeral Mass is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Desiree Flores

Ms. Flores, 18, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in a house fire in Hermleigh.

Born Oct. 2, 1984 in Snyder, she had attended Snyder High School and was a senior at Hobbs Alternative School.

She was accompanied in death by three children, Jasmine Flores, Angela Flores and Jimmy Lee Luna Jr.

Survivors include her companion, Jimmy Lee Luna of Hermleigh; her mother and father, Connie and Ernest Flores of Snyder; five brothers, Isaac Elio Flores, Ernest Flores III, Matthew Flores, Noah Flores and Noel Flores, all of Snyder; three sisters, Ashley Marie Flores, Laura Ann Flores and Crystal Martina Flores, all of Snyder; her grandparents, Blasa Flores and Elio Garza; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jasmine Flores

2000-2003

Rosary for Jasmine Flores is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Mass is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Miss Flores, 2, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in a house fire in Hermleigh.

Born Nov. 20, 2000 in Snyder, she was accompanied in death by her mother, one sister and one brother.

Survivors include her grandparents, Connie and Ernest Flores of Snyder; her great-grandparents, Blasa Flores and Elio Garza, both of Snyder; and several aunts and uncles.

Angela Flores

2002-2003

Rosary for Angela Flores is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Miss Flores, 1, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in a house fire in Hermleigh.

Born Jan. 14, 2002, in Snyder, she was accompanied in death by her mother, one sister and one brother.

Survivors include her grandmother and grandfather, Connie and Ernest Flores of Snyder; her great-grandparents, Blasa Flores of Snyder and Elio Garza of Snyder; and several aunts and uncles.

Jimmy Luna

Infant

Rosary for Jimmy Lee Luna Jr. is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Mass is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Jimmy Lee died Thursday, Jan. 23, in a house fire in Hermleigh.

Born Nov. 25, 2002 in Snyder, he was accompanied in death by his mother and two sisters.

Survivors include his father, Jimmy Lee Luna of Hermleigh; his grandparents, Connie and Ernest Flores of Snyder and Maria and Salvador Luna of Hermleigh; his great-grandparents, Blasa Flores and Elio Garza of Snyder; and several aunts and uncles.

James Terry

1906-2003

James C. Terry, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, Jan. 24, in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. Terry, 96, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Childress. Clay Belcher of Snyder and Johnny Robertson of Childress were to officiate and burial was to follow in the Childress Cemetery.

James Terry

Born Nov. 7, 1906 in Montague County, he moved with his family to Cottle County in 1913. He graduated from Childress High School and married Annie Laurie Wright in 1936. He lived in Cottle County and farmed there for 71 years.

After his wife's death, he moved to Snyder and married Vada Burleson in 1989. For the past six years, he had lived with a daughter and son-in-law in Abilene.

A life-long Methodist, he was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Vada of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Marlene Terry of Borger and Mike and D'Lynn Terry of San Antonio; a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Joe Wilson of Abilene; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hendrick Hospice, Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp or to the Church of the Hills in Fluvanna.

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Selection of jury to begin Monday

Jury selection begins Monday in 132nd District Court in an aggravated assault case.

Terry Blaine Hildreth, 32, of 123 20th Place is charged with cutting Joanie Wemken with a knife last June 8.

A panel of 140 jurors have been called for 8:30 a.m. Monday in the court of District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case and defense attorney is Pete Greene of Snyder.

Two men arrested

Arrests

Snyder officers took a 43-year-old man into custody at 1:50 a.m. Saturday from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop on outstanding warrants for failure to maintain liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2100 block of Ave. T at 4:30 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Criminal mischief

A woman requested officers in the United parking lot at 1 p.m. Friday to report damage to her vehicle. The officers advised a shopping cart may have caused the damage and no report was taken.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, a man at a county residence reported a window on his vehicle was shot by a BB gun, but requested no report be made.

Criminal trespass

Officers contacted a 26-year-old man on East 37th Street and transported him to the police department where they served him with a criminal trespass warning to stay away from a residence in the 1500 block of 39th Street.

Close patrols

A woman in the 2600 block of 25th Street reported hearing voices on her back porch at 9:30 p.m. Friday She requested a close patrol.

At 10 p.m. Friday, a woman in the 1000 block of 24th Street requested a close patrol after seeing a strange vehicle across from her house and then finding her back door had been tampered with.

Officers responded to the 3800 block of Noble Dr. after a woman reported hearing tapping noises on her window. No one was located in the area, but a close patrol was initiated.

Juveniles

A man in the 3100 block of 41st Street reported at 12:06 a.m. Saturday that a brown pickup parked in his alley and four teenage girlsleft the vehicle.

Officers responded and contacted the girls who said they were playing a prank on one of their girlfriends.

Noise complaint

A woman reported loud music at the Kingswood Apartments early Saturday. Officers located the disturbance and advised a man to lower the volume.

Another noise complaint was received at 12:22 a.m. Saturday in the 200 block of 29th Street. A man contacted by the officers advised he would comply and turned his music off.

Four arrested in Valley slayings

EDINBURG (AP) — Four men were arrested Friday on murder warrants, accused of storming two small South Texas buildings and killing six men in a hail of gunfire.

Police said some of the suspects could have ties to the slaughter of four women in Donna in September.

"There seems to be some gang overtones in this but we don't believe yet that to be the specific motive," Edinburg Police Chief Quirino Munoz said.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tue 1/28
50/23	61/31	65/31
Except for a few passing clouds, generally sunny. High around 50F.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.
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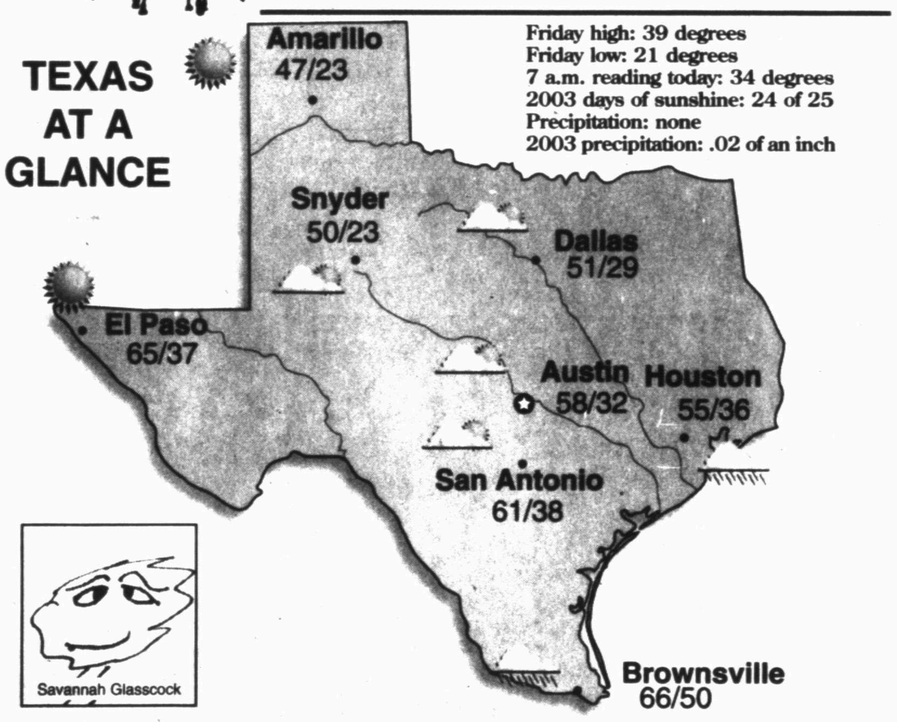

Friday high: 39 degrees
Friday low: 21 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 34 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 24 of 25
Precipitation: none
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	51	26	pt sunny	El Paso	65	37	sunny	Midland	55	31	mst sunny
Amarillo	47	23	sunny	Fort Stockton	59	33	mst sunny	Raymondville	63	44	cloudy
Austin	58	32	pt sunny	Gainesville	47	19	pt sunny	Rosenberg	55	35	rain
Beaumont	54	34	rain	Greenville	47	21	pt sunny	San Antonio	61	38	pt sunny
Brownsville	66	50	rain	Houston	55	36	rain	San Marcos	59	34	cloudy
Brownwood	55	27	pt sunny	Kingsville	63	41	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	49	23	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	60	41	cloudy	Livingston	54	30	rain	Sweetwater	52	23	pt sunny
Corsicana	52	27	pt sunny	Longview	51	25	pt sunny	Tyler	52	30	pt sunny
Dallas	51	29	pt sunny	Lubbock	53	26	sunny	Weatherford	49	21	pt sunny
Del Rio	65	40	pt sunny	Lufkin	54	32	rain	Wichita Falls	44	24	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	19	cloudy	Houston	55	36	rain	Phoenix	80	53	mst sunny
Boston	36	22	cloudy	Los Angeles	78	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	54	cloudy
Chicago	14	-3	pt sunny	Miami	72	53	pt sunny	Seattle	54	43	rain
Dallas	51	29	pt sunny	Minneapolis	5	-2	pt sunny	St. Louis	22	3	pt sunny
Denver	55	30	pt sunny	New York	38	19	cloudy	Washington, DC	42	22	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 9	Feb 16

UV Index

Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27	Tue 1/28
4	4	4
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These students had perfect attendance at Central Elementary during the fall semester. Front row from left are, Jose Medina Liliana Juarez, Diana Murillo, Daniela Miranda; row two, Mystery Thurman, Meghan Garza, Kaitlin Stewart, LaTasha Seale, Yesennia Cabrera, Beto Resendiz, Damian Medina, Michelle Martinez and Karina Rivas; row three, Tyler Ynguano, Aaron Garza, Justin Haggard, Carlos Landa, Timothy Hagins, Steven Seale, Anthony Sosa, Tyler Redman, Michael Seale, Dakota Owens, Adelberto Jaimes; row four, Chase Price, Kayla Scott, Taylor Garcia, Jentri Driggers, Benjamin Alfaro, Robby Luna, Donald McVey and Paul Benitez; back row, Staci Kenner, Samuel Ashley, Cole Etheredge, Damian Donaldson, Timothy Iglehart, Jessica Guardado, Harley Collins and Diego Hernandez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Troubled Kmart files plan to reorganize

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp. filed its reorganization plan in federal bankruptcy court on Friday, saying its turnaround will be bankrolled primarily by two investors.

The five-year plan calls for a return to profitability in fiscal 2004 and focuses on Kmart becoming "the store of the neighborhood."

ESL Investments Inc., a hedge fund owned by Connecticut millionaire Edward Lampert, and the New York-based Third Avenue Trust will invest at least $293.4 million in exchange for new stock, according to the plan filed Friday in Chicago.

In a separate filing Friday, the retailer said there is evidence of wrongdoing by some former executives. The company is investigating $28.8 million in retention loans given to 25 top executives and the use of the company's fleet of jets by executives.

Kmart is also under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI.

Kmart, which has struggled to compete with Wal-Mart's low prices and Target's hipper merchandise, filed for Chapter 11 a year ago. The Troy, Mich.-based retailer has said it wants to exit bankruptcy protection by April 30.

The company said in the filing it intends to cancel its current stock and will reissue 500 million shares of common stock at a penny each and 20 million shares of preferred stock. Creditors will get shares as payment for what they're owed.

ESL's Lampert, 40, drew headlines earlier this month when he was kidnapped from a parking garage in Greenwich, Conn. He was released unharmed two days later. Four suspects were arrested in the case.

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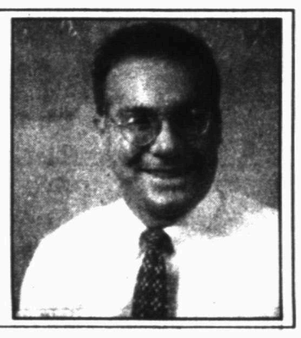

Jury sees video in murder trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A video taken by a private investigator in a hotel parking lot the night Clara Harris is accused of running down her orthodontist husband with her Mercedes-Benz doesn't show the car striking the Houston orthodontist.

Instead, the video shown to jurors Friday in the dentist's murder trial shows her Mercedes-Benz driving in circles then stopping behind a bush. People can be heard screaming and seen running toward the vehicle.

At one point as the car is in motion, its back wheels go up and over something, but it isn't clear whether it is a body.

After court was recessed for the weekend, defense attorney George Parnham said Friday that the video didn't depict anything jurors hadn't already heard about.

He said the video could help his client's case.

"It seems to me that it was descriptive of the chain of events that contradicted much of the eyewitness testimony," he said.

Throughout the week, various witnesses have testified about what they saw in the hotel's parking lot on July 24. Clara Harris was seen speeding toward a Lincoln Navigator her husband was standing next to while his alleged lover got inside.

Some witnesses said they didn't see Harris strike her husband while others said they saw the car hit him twice. One witness said he watched as the Mercedes hit David Harris and propelled him across the parking lot.

The car then circled, hitting David Harris three more times, before it was put in reverse and David Harris was struck again, hotel clerk Paul Garrett Clark testified.

When the videotape was played in court Friday, Clara Harris covered her face and cried. She has been tearful throughout much of trial's testimony.

"She is an emotional wreck," Parnham said.

Clara Harris, 44, is charged with murder for killing her 44-year-old husband.

Prosecutors say Harris ran over David Harris after he spurned her for a former employee with whom he was having an affair.

Clara Harris discovered her husband with the other woman on July 24 at the same hotel where the couple was married on Valentine's Day a decade earlier.

Defense attorneys say Harris "lost it" and didn't intend to kill her husband but only wanted to keep her marriage and family together.

A woman who rushed to aid David Harris after he was run over testified she heard Clara Harris blame him for the attack.

"'David, look what you made me do,'" Julie Creger said Clara Harris told her husband.

Creger said she used a towel to soak up blood from David Harris' head and put her finger in his mouth to try to clear his airway and ease his breathing. When she pulled out her finger, one of his teeth fell out.

"I removed it and set it on the concrete next to his head," she said. "I realized there was no more help I could give him... I told him that he needed to keep breathing, that I knew it hurt, that it was going to be OK."

BRRRRRR — Ottus Boyd who lives at Lake Thomas accidentally left his sprinklers on and the water froze creating this icy scene. (Contributed Photo)

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
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Perhaps you were not there at all,
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'Postcards' help chart AR progress ...

East murals depict Texas cities

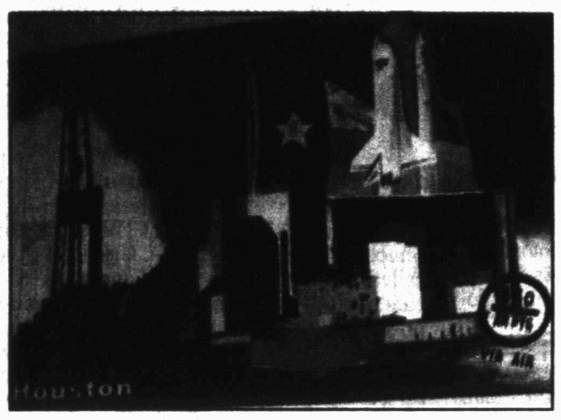
ARTISTS — Ben Sum, associate professor of art at Western Texas C ollege, and three students painted these "post card" murals at East Elementary. From left are, Joe Romero, Cycris Ho, Shane Blackwell and Sum. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Ben Sum, art professor at Western Texas College and three art students have transformed two walls at East Elementary School into a series of "post card" murals, each one representing a different city in Texas.

The students are Joe Romero of Hermleigh; Cycris Ho of Hong Kong; and Shane Blackwell of San Antonio, all sophomores.

Snyder's mural features a pump jack, the white buffalo on the square and a cotton field. The one for Austin includes a Texas flag, the Capitol and a longhorn steer.



Lubbock's mural features a statue of Buddy Holly.

Besides depicting Texas history, the murals also allow students to track their progress in the Accelerated Reader Program.

Students begin at Snyder. When they earn 25 points they travel to Colorado City. They reach Post after 50 points; Abilene after 75; Lubbock after 100; Midland-Odessa after 125; Brady after 175; Amarillo after 200; Dallas after 250; Austin after 300 and Houston after 350.

Students, represented by their school picture, will begin their journey in a Volkswagen Beetle, traveling to a different city as they earn more AR points.

When they reach the end of the first wall they will jet to the other side and fly home in an airplane.

Besides recognizing AR achievement, Jim Rosson, principal, said the murals will also help students and teachers visualize their study of Texas history.

He also noted that students who earn AR points are recognized in several other ways throughout the school year, including off-campus treats. They themselves decide how to spend their AR points.

Rosson said the AR program is important because students are also encouraged to read at their own level.

Rosson said he had long wanted some visual way to recognize students. An AR Bulletin Board had been created when he was principal at Central Elementary. One school year, students rode on a train as they accumulated points.

Rosson heard about Sum 'through the grapevine," but it was Brenda Davis, chairperson of the East Parent Council, who actually contacted the WTC professor.

Sum suggested making each mural a post card. The idea was well received. Sum was given 8-10 books and other material on Texas to study. He also took pictures at Colorado City.

Once they researched the project, Sum said they first composed each city on a computer. Then they projected the image on the wall, traced it and painted each with acrylic paints. Sum estimates they used between 12-15 pints.

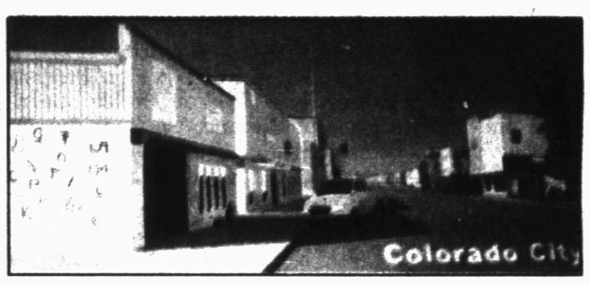
A sealer was also added to make it easier to keep the murals clean.

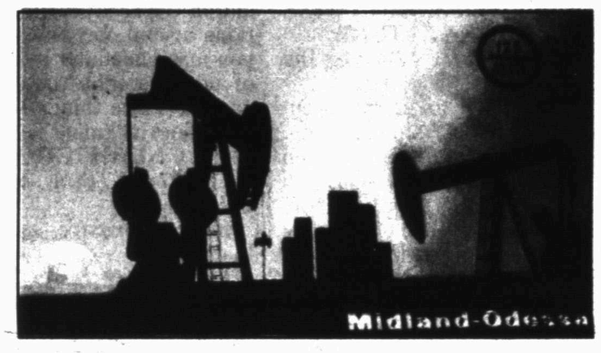
Some cities were easier to paint than others," Sum said they began working during the Christmas holidays and are finishing the last of the paintings this month. Each takes about three days to complete. When spring semester classes started, Sum said he painted at night and on weekends.

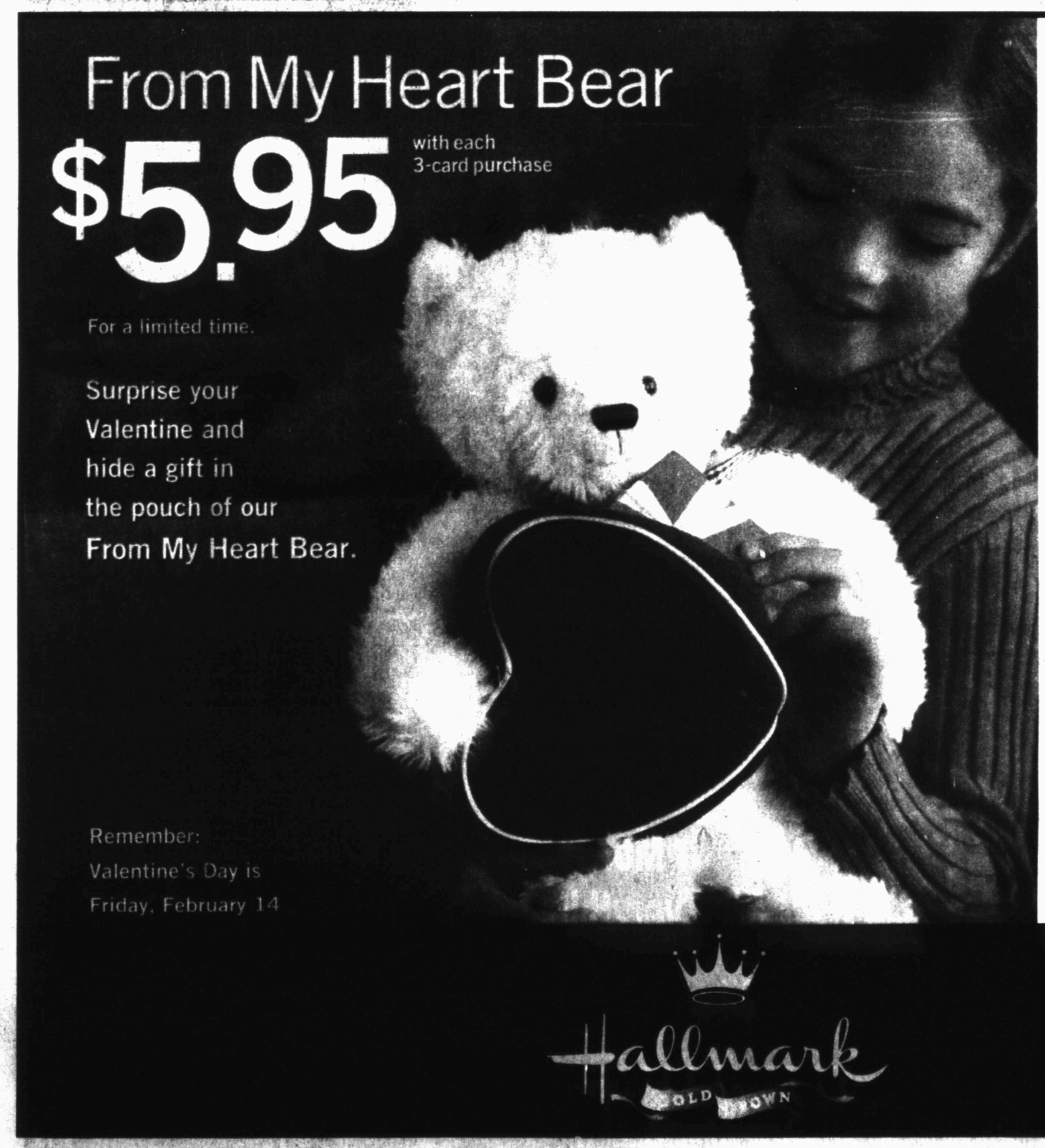
Sum said the murals are a great learning experience for his students. He said the project is also a good collaboration between the college and the elementary school. "We are both in the business of education."

Shane Blackwell said he likes doing something for the community.

EAST PARENT COUNCIL — Jim Rosson, principal, is pictured with Parent Council members who helped coordinate the murals project. Back row from left are, Audra von Roeder and Sue Tabor; front row, Brenda Davis, Elizabeth Gray and Jodi Hayley. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)







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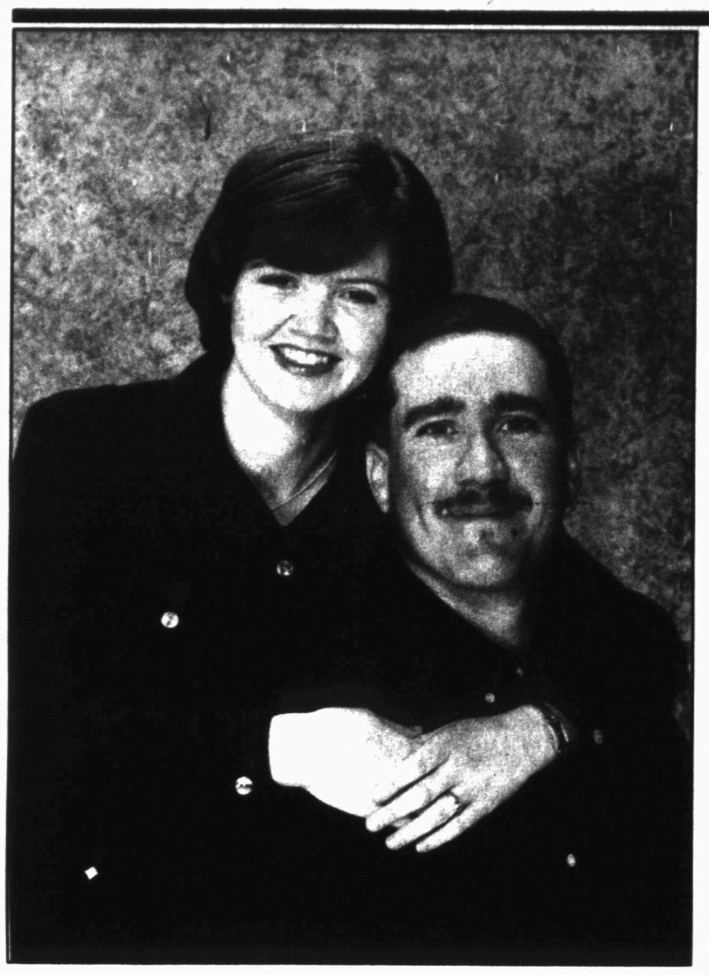

MARRIED IN UNION BAPTIST — Gabby Scott and Eric Pace of Snyder were married Jan. 4 in the Union Baptist Church. Eric is the son of Robert and Clydene Hinkle of Snyder, and Wayne and Marilyn Pace of Midland. Gabby is the daughter of Doyle and Nancy Scott of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld
Librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Are Your Parents Driving You Crazy? by Joseph A. Ilardo.

Do you have an aging parent who refuses to stop driving, refuses to see a doctor, or even ignores the doctor? Do you have a family member who never offers to help, resents the time you spend caring for your parent, or steals from your parents? These dilemmas and more are resolved in this practical and helpful book. The authors prescribe simple solutions useful for any dilemma you may encounter as the child of aging parents. You can learn ways to make things better for everyone, including yourself.

NEW FICTION

Christmas Train, by David Baldacci.

Janson Directive, by Robert Ludlum.

Child of My Heart, by Alice McDermott.

White Doves at Morning, by James Lee Burke.

Home Song: A Cape Light Novel, by Thomas Kincade.

The Getaway Special, by Jerry Oltion.

NEW NON-FICTION

To America: Personal Reflections of an Historian, by Stephen Ambrose.

New Life for Old Gardens: Designs for Reviving Your Garden, by Allan Seale.

Empty Arms Coping After Miscarriage, by Sherokee Isle.

Contemporary Cowboy Cookbook Recipes From the Wild West to Wall Street, by Dotty Griffith.

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President Abraham Lincoln died at 7:22 a.m. April 15, 1865, several hours after he was shot by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Jackson was sworn in as the nation's 17th president.

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The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing.

—Marcus Aurelius

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♠ 6 5 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ Q J 3 2

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

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

South
♠ A Q 10 8 2
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ K 2
♣ A 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

You can trust an opponent's pass

One wonderful aspect of bridge is that you can learn information from what an opponent does not do, as well as from what he does do.

Here is an excellent example, declared by Paul Chemla, a top French player, during the qualifying stage of the Rosenblum Cup at last year's world championships in Montreal.

What would be your basic approach in four spades after West leads the heart eight?

Pairs who use fourth-highest leads often start with the second-highest from a weak suit. This is normally one not headed by an honor. The 10 is an iffy honor. I tend to treat it as such at trick one, but not later in the play.

Chemla won with dummy's heart ace and immediately took the club finesse, which worked. Then came a low trump to the jack, queen and king. Back came a second heart, won with South's king. Now Chemla took his two top trumps, learning that he had a second spade loser, and crossed to dummy's heart jack.

At this point, the average player would play a diamond to his king and go down, losing two spades and two diamonds. But Chemla wondered about the East hand. He was known to have 10 minor-suit cards, yet he had passed twice without apparent thought. If he had the diamond ace, surely he would have either done something or contemplated doing it.

Backing his judgment, Chemla played a club to his ace, cashed the heart queen, and exited with a trump. West could take his diamond ace, but then had to lead around to South's king.

Perhaps East said, "Curse those revealing passes!"

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Births

Banyan and Vanessa Winkler of Cotton Center announce the birth of Victoria Danielle Winkler. Their daughter, weighing four pounds, 10 ounces, was born at 2:57 p.m. on Jan. 2 in Covenant Medical Center.

Paternal grandparents are Becky and Benny Polston of Lawn and Michael Winkler of Midland. Maternal grandparents are Danny Ray and Vicki Williams of Snyder.

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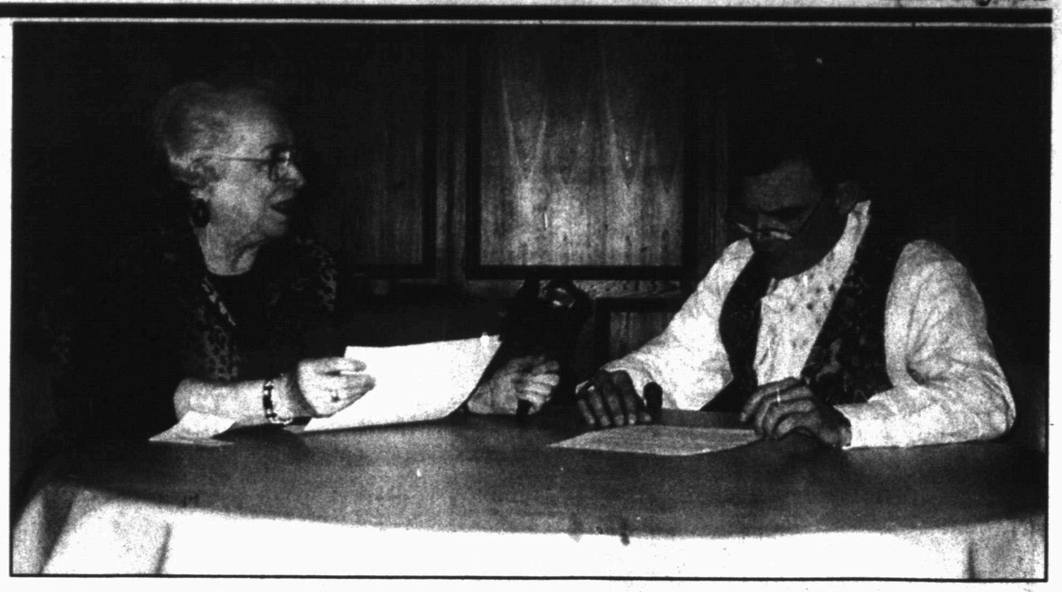
Cities, like cats, will reveal themselves at night.

—Rupert Brooke



DAR HAS PATRIOTIC PROGRAM — This year's Travelogue program continues for Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter. Ann Smartt played the part of a narrator of a TV talk show and Kent Wright was Benjamin Franklin. The meeting was held Jan. 8 at The Shack. (Contributed Photo)

DAR chapter meets at The Shack

The first meeting of the year for Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held Jan. 8 at The Shack. Regent Virginia Clark called the meeting to order and Helen Hatter led the group in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Continuing the year's Travelogue program theme, this month's trip was back through time to the era of the American Revolution. A skit entitled "An Interview With Benjamin Franklin — the Man, the Legend," was presented. Ann Smartt portrayed the part of a narrator of a TV talk show and Kent Wright played the part of Benjamin Franklin.

The 'interview' presented a quick glimpse at the long life (1706-1790) of a complex man, highlighting his many achievements and contributions to the United States as well as the rest of the world.

When asked about one of his most notable quotes, Mr. Franklin repeated the quote, "If you would not be forgotton as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." And he added that he had tried to live up to those words, which, indeed, he has. He has both written things worth reading, and has done things about which were worth writing.

Mr. Franklin highlighted his life, for his audience, from the time he began working at the age of 10 for his father as a tallow chandler and soap boiler until he became world reknown as a statesman, printer, inventor, scientist, philosopher, musician and economist.

When questioned as to a formula for his success, he stated that he had a very simple formula — he believed that successful people work just a little harder than other people, and he never gave less of himself to any idea or project than 100 percent.

"Some of Benjamin Franklin's contributions to mankind," said the TV narrator, "include his invention of bifocal eyeglasses, iron stoves, two-faced clocks, and his 'kite-flying' experiments that advanced the knowledge of electricity and brought about the lightning rod.

"He initiated such public services as police forces, street lamps, lending libraries, fire insurance and hospitals. As a statesman he represented his country in other parts of the world, negotiating treaties, and at home he signed all four of the great documents that stand as part of the main foundation of our great USA.

"Truly, Mr. Franklin was a gentleman Thomas Jefferson called 'the greatest man and ornament of the age and country in which he lived.'"

Lois Bartels gave the National Defense report. Reading from an article written by Daniel Henniger entitled "Time to Toss Those Hyphenated American Labels into the Melting Pot," it was noted that the current formula for citizenship — ethnic identity loud and proud in front of the hyphen, the American half just an afterthought — isn't working very well.

A need to return to the "first, last and always" American way of seeing things is a movement worth getting started. As Theodore Roosevelt put it, "There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism — the one absolutely certain way of bringing this nation to ruin, of preventing all possibility of its continuing to be a nation at all, would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities."

And Woodrow Wilson said, "Some Americans need hyphens in their names because only part of them has come over." Rather a sad statement of the immigrants who came to America to become Americans, but would not let go of their ethnic identification.

Other business included the report of the nominating committee and subsequent election of officers for the next two years to be installed at the May meeting.

A motion to make a donation in memory of Henry Clark, late husband of Regent Virginia Clark, to the U.S. Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., passed. The meeting adjourned in order for the various committee chairmen to work on their annual reports.

Attending were Sandra Graves, Joanne Sterling, Maggie Barnes, Lois Bartels, Lou Everett, Tizzy Hall, Helen Hatter, Smartt, Jean Everett, Clark and a new member, Kathy Nelson, transferring from another chapter.

Bridge Scores

Friday, Jan. 17

Monte West directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

A Group

1. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
4. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.

B Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.
3. J.O. Morrison, LaVerne Hood.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

A Group

1. Delores LeVier, Jerry Burchell.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
3. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
4. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.

B Group

1. Delores LeVier, Jerry Burchell.
2. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Big Spring veteran's home will expand Alzheimer's unit

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the General Land Office, will visit the Big Spring Texas State Veterans Home this month to announce an expansion of the Alzheimer's unit there to better serve veterans in the region.

All veterans, their families and interested persons are invited to attend.

Patterson will be joined by the Big Spring home's medical director, Dr. John Farquhar will be honored by the city at a 2 p.m. Wednesday open house at the facility. Farquhar has practiced in Big Spring since 1985 and hosts a popular radio call-in-show for medical advice.

Family members of some of the home's residents may also be available for interviews. Area legislators and local elected officials have also been invited.

A Vietnam veteran and Marine aviator, Commissioner Patterson authored the law creating Texas State Veterans Homes when he served as a state senator. This is his first visit to the Big Spring facility since being sworn in as Land Commissioner.

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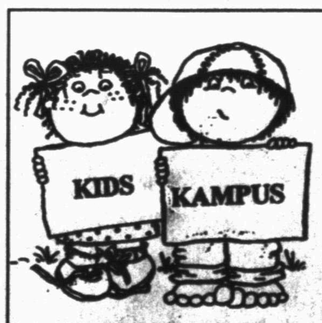

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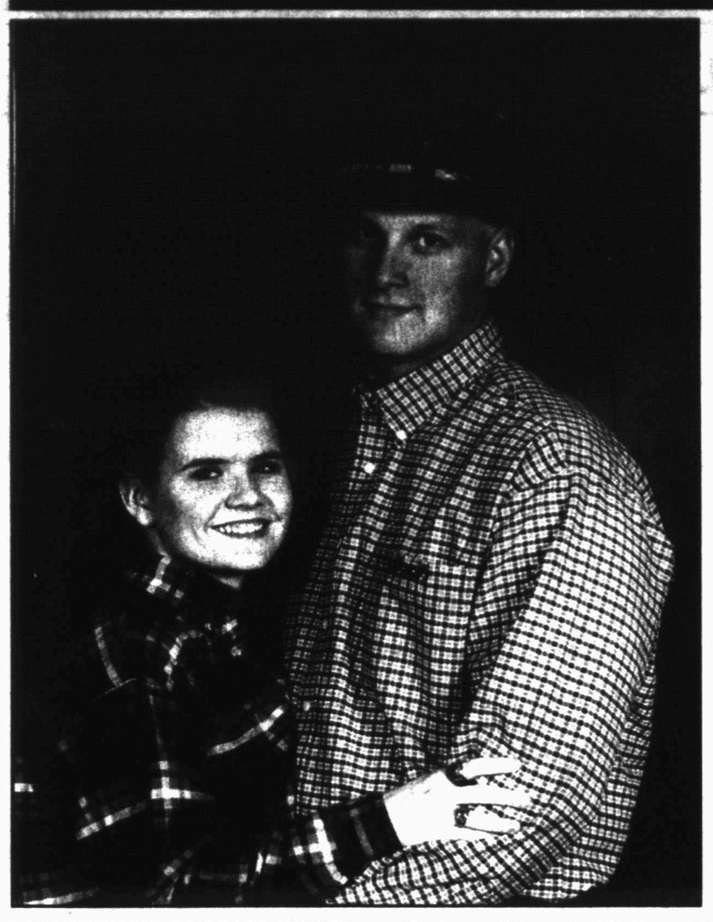


MARCH WEDDING PLANNED — Kevin and Laurie Walker of Ira announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tosha Nicole Walker, to Jay Milton Callaway, son of Jack and Lanette Callaway of Snyder. A 6 p.m. wedding ceremony is being planned for March 1 in Calvary Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Ira

All schools are served with choice of milk. Breakfasts include juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Pizza
Tuesday
Homemade Breakfast Burritos
Wednesday
French Toast Sticks
Thursday
Biscuit & Sausage
Friday
Cheese Toast
Assorted Cereal

LUNCH
Monday
Beef Tips & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Tuesday
Patty Melts
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Peach Cobbler
Wednesday
Sack Lunch
Thursday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Salad
Peas
Italian Bread
Pineapple Pudding
Friday
Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Apple Sauce
Bread

Hermleigh

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Sausage Toast
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Pork Rib Patties
Potato Salad
Ranch Style Beans
Corn Bread
Pineapple Cake
Tuesday
Turkey Slices/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Strawberries/Bananas
Wednesday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Chicken & Rice Casserole
Corn
English Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Friday
Hamburger
Burger Salad
French Fries
Rice Crispy Bars

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and the breakfast menu offers juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry
Tuesday
Sausage on a Muffin
Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday
Sausage Topped Muffin
Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit

(Other Schools)
Monday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Chocolate Chip Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Sausage Topped English Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Picnic Wrap or
Barbecued Rib on a Bun
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Chilled Peach Cup
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas or
Popcorn Chicken Nachos
Spicy Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Corn Bread
Wednesday
Baked Barbecued Chicken or
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dip
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Beef & Macaroni Casserole or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Broccoli & Cheese Sauce
Baked Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Turkey Pot Pie or
Cheese Pizza Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Fruit Cobbler

Former WTC student featured in art showroom

Portrait of a Caprock Cowboy by Pamela Gilbreth Watkins

Buffalo Gap artist Pamela Gilbreth Watkins, former Western Texas College student, announces the re-opening of the Rendezvous Fine Arts showroom adjoining Lola's Mexican Food Café in Buffalo Gap.

The artist will be in attendance at various times and Lola's staff helps with art purchases during regular business hours.

The current exhibit includes new one-of-a-kind mixed media sculptures from the "Skin and Bones" collection, emphasizing a Native American motif and feature assembelages from a variety of media. Media included are natural materials such as fur, bones, rocks and wood as well as unique sculptural castings in bronze, pewter and plaster. To complement these artworks, Watkins has included selections from the poular "Pictographs and Petroglyphs" collection of two- and three-dimensional designs based on authentic Paleolithic rock art from the Pecos River region of Texas and from, the Coso Mountains of California.

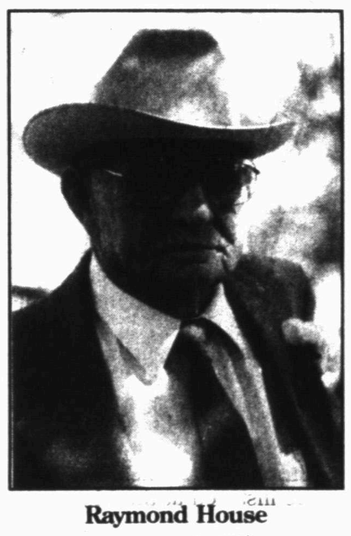
Crowning the exhibit are traditional bronze sculpture in both limited editions and one-of-a-kind formats accompanied by pencil portraits and a small sampling of original photographs documenting West Texas lifestyles.

She has repeatedly been nominated and named as finalist for the Texas State Artist Award and has completed monumental sculptural commissions for the Texas State Game Warden's Associaiton, the John Middleton Memorial Foundation and the Buffalo Gap Historic Village Museum.

In addition, she has been represented by galleries in Santa Fe, Ruidoso and Las Vegas and showings include the Loveland Invitational, Western Heritage Classic, Stamford Cowboy Reunion, Texas State Arts and Crafts Festival and hundreds of solo shows in public and private venues.

Watkins holds a bachelor of arts with art specialization from Thomas Edison State College and is authorized by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification to teach all-level art in grades K through 12.

Inquiries may be directed to the artist at P.O. Box 879, Buffalo Gap, 79508 or call 915-572-3478.



Raymond House

Raymond House will celebrate 90th birthday

Raymond House will celebrate his 90th birthday Sunday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Hosting will be his sons and their wives, Jerry and Rita House, Larry and Carolyn House and Milton and Pat House, all of Snyder.

House was born on Jan. 28, 1913 in Miami, Tex., and attended schools in Delwin and Ira. He married the late Irma Pauline Gatlin in October of 1934. A farmer and rancher, House has lived in Scurry County since 1923. He is a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church, United Way, and Masonic Lodge and is a 4-H sponsor.

In 1946, he conducted the first 4-H Club show in Scurry County in the corrals that were located where the library and city hall are now. He also was chairman of the first United Way organization in Scurry County.

House was recently recognized as the Outstanding Lay Person for 2002 for the Methodist in the Big Spring District.

House has 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

His children invite family and friends and ask that your presence and cards be the only gifts.

Freemans mark 55 years together

Charlie and Durelle Freeman met in 1947 in Wink where Durelle resided with her parents and Charlie was working for PasoTex (later Chevron).

They married in Wink on Jan. 23, 1948.

Charlie and Durelle plan to celebrate quietly by having dinner out.

Charlie, born Oct. 10, 1926 in Miami, Okla., moved to Snyder with Chevron in 1962 when PasoTex became Chevron, previously living in Iraan for 12 years. He retired in 1986. Durelle was born Feb. 2, 1927 in Ashdown, Ark. She owns and operates Durelle's House of Beauty.

They have three sons, Ricky who lives in Iowa, Mike who lives in San Angelo, and Kyle who coaches at Snyder High School and lives in Snyder. They have six grandchildren.

Charlie and Durelle are longtime members of the First Christian Church and Charlie is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

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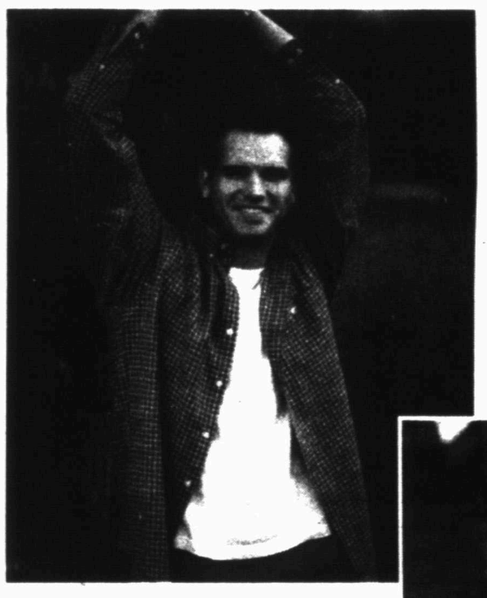

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Young heiress comes of age for Onassis family shipping fortune

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A few signatures in a Swiss office and it will be over: half the Onassis shipping fortune will pass to the young heiress who is one of the last descendants of a tormented family.

Athina Roussel, who reaches the inheritance age of 18 Wednesday, takes on a difficult role along with her great wealth.

What will she do with the fortune, estimated at $700 million to $1 billion, that has made her one of the world's wealthiest teenagers? Can the granddaughter of Aristotle Onassis, the "Golden Greek," end the bickering and bitterness that have marked her childhood and estranged her from her ancestral homeland?

The answers, it seems, will come only when she is ready to assume a more public profile. She rarely gives interviews and appears to cherish privacy as much as her grandfather thrived in the limelight.

The cliche "poor little rich girl" has fit her well.

Her grandfather died brokenhearted two years after a 1973 plane crash killed his son Alexander. His other child, Christina, died in 1988, leaving her 3-year-old daughter Athina to be raised in Switzerland by her French-born father, Thierry Roussel, and his Swedish wife.

The fortune was divided two ways: Athina's inheritance from her mother, and the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, named for the late son, which controls the shipping business and a vast charitable trust.

Roussel and the foundation have fought bitterly in the courts, trading charges of mismanagement, embezzlement and defamation. Roussel even accused the foundation's Greek trustees of plotting to kidnap his daughter.

Athina was not directly dragged into the fray. But, for many Greeks, she was conspicuous by her absence. Her visits to Greece have been brief and infrequent — the last in 1999.

"I want to forget the name Onassis," she told the Italian magazine Oggi in 1998. "It's the cause of all the problems."

But it's also the source of her dazzling wealth that reportedly includes gold, art masterpieces, property in France, England, Switzerland and Argentina and the private Greek island retreat of Skorpios, where the family's "Pink Villa" was lavishly decorated by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the former American first lady and second wife of the shipping tycoon.

On her birthday, Athina plans to meet with Swiss authorities and KPMG Fides auditors, who have overseen the estate since 1999.

At that time, the inheritance "officially will be passed into her hands," said Alexis Mantheakis, the former Roussel family spokesman and author of a book on Athina. "It will be a bureaucratic thing, telling her what she has ... this will take a while to wind down."

Management of her estate shifted to the Swiss auditing firm after years of bickering between the foundation and Athina's father. He claimed the trustees squandered Athina's money and even plotted to kidnap her.

They denied the kidnap claim and a Swiss report said they managed the estate well. The trustees also accused Roussel of isolating Athina from her roots, complaining that she speaks little Greek and doesn't know her family's history.

But Mantheakis said she has taken Greek lessons and knows her family's background.

Snippets of Athina's life have appeared in the tabloid press — most notably her horse-riding and her reported romance with Alvaro de Miranda Neto, a Brazilian Olympic equestrian medalist who is 29 and has a child with his longtime companion.

The rumors of the relationship "haven't been denied by the family," said Mantheakis.

He said Athina, a brunette who resembles her late mother, is fun-loving in private but "very reserved, cautious of herself" in public.

Woman says doctor branded her uterus

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A woman is accusing her doctor of branding her uterus with his alma mater's initials before removing the organ during a hysterectomy.

Stephanie Means and her husband sued Dr. James Guiler on Wednesday, seeking unspecified damages for emotional distress.

The lawsuit said a videotape of the surgery clearly shows the University of Kentucky booster using a cauterizing tool to write "UK" in letters 2 inches high.

"They want to see that it isn't done to other women," said the couple's attorney, Michael Dean. He added: "This is bizarre. I've never seen anything like this."

Guiler did not immediately return calls Friday.

The doctor performed the surgery Aug. 14 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Guiler received his medical degree from the university and last year was a sponsor of Wildcat Madness, a fund-raiser for the school's basketball museum.

Public Records

Filed in District Court

Textron Financial Corp. vs. Cooper Appliance Air Conditioning and Heating Inc. and Charles Cooper, suit on debt.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Delda Ann Turnbo and Robert Dale Turnbo, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Agri-Oro Inc. to Don Gray, an 0.887-acre tract in Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Elizabeth Jenkins to Paul and Caroline Mata, Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Parkway Addition, Section 1.

Joe W. and Diana M. Green to Betty Cantrell, Lots 13-18 in Block 17 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Fagan Inc. to Rodolfo and Ambrosia Rodriguez, tract one being 48.369 acres in the north part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 48.368 acres in the north part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jim and Lisa Blume to Richard David and Ladelle M. Nicholson, Lot 3 in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

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

Walter C. and Viola F. Stirl to Shirley D. Douglas, 150.1 acres in Block Y, T&P survey.

Walter C. and Viola F. Stirl to Wilma J. Stirl, the west 160 acres in Section 38, Block Y, T&P survey.

Walter C. and Viola F. Stirl to Helen G. Byrns, 163.785 acres in Section 38, Block Y, T&P survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest in 5.0 acres out of Lot 6 of the Davenport Subdivision of the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in 5.0 acres out of Lot 6 of the Davenport Subdivision of the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest in Lot 2, Block 2 of the Replat of the Bassridge Addition.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in Lot 2, Block 2 of the Replat of the Bassridge Addition.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest in 164.8 acres in Section 33, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in 164.8 acres in Section 33, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest in Tract 24 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in Tract 24 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest to 1.0 acre in the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in 1.0 acre in the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, an undivided interest in the east 2 acres in Tracts 41 and 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in the east 2 acres in Tracts 41 and 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Paul Novell Gray, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, and undivided interest in 160.5 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 135, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paul N. Gray to the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, a one-half undivided interest in 160.5 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 135, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paul Gray Oil Co. Inc. to Paul N. Gray and the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, 2 acres in the west part of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Paul Gray Oil Co. Inc. to Paul N. Gray and the estate of Alice Ruth Gray, 46.26 acres in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paul N. Gray to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, Lot 4, Block 5 of the Bassridge Addition.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

THE BIG PAYOFF

The Scurry County Anti Drug Connection launched a new project this month aimed at getting community members more involved in the lives of the children around them.

Staff members hope "The Big Payoff" will see children reaping the benefits that come from their parents and other adult role models spending quality time with them. Employees of local companies should begin watching their paychecks for "The Big Payoff" flyers, which include entry forms for a drawing for a family dinner at a local restaurant. Those receiving the "Payoff checks" are asked to write down their favorite way to spend quality time with children and turn the form in to The Anti-Drug Connection. The drawing will be random.

A different large company or group of smaller companies will be selected each month to receive the flyers. The aim of the project is to make people aware that they are a valuable asset in the war on drugs, and their influence could make a difference in the life of a child. Inspiration was drawn from the quote:

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world will be a better place because I was important in the life of a child."

Children need to know that someone loves them, cares about what happens to them, and listens to their needs and desires. It does not matter if you are a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or just a friend of the family. You can make a difference.

As for parents, it is important to establish lines of communication early in your children's lives. Talk to them. Ask them how their day at school was or what their feelings are about any situations that are going on in your lives. Making connections early on will hopefully smooth the transitions from childhood to adolescence to adulthood for them. It will also make it easier to talk about more serious topics such as drugs, alcohol and sex once the time comes.

Although we now live in a fast-food, fast-pace world, and it is sometimes trying to get the family all together, establishing a dinner and fun night is beneficial in bringing the family together. Of course sitting down to dinner together every night would be great, but starting with one night is better than never getting together.

The key ingredient is time. Children need love, and they need time. Make the investment; it is so worth it. You may never know what a difference you could make.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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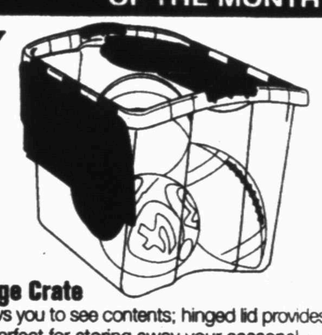
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By Bernice Bede Osol

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Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003

A number of opportunities could come your way in the year ahead, but you must take care not to turn a deaf ear to them. If someone has a good track record, consider that what worked for him or her could work for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Trying to prove yourself, or just to make a point, could cause you to take on an unnecessary challenge today. Nothing will be gained by pitting yourself against overwhelming odds.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Repressing things that annoy you could result in a sudden release of frustration with an explosion of anger. Tactfully get your grievances off your chest as each develops.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Drawing friends into an activity today about which you yourself aren't too sure would be a major mistake, especially if it costs them money. They won't be too happy with you if it is a fizzle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Associates are not likely to come through for you today, so try to be as self-sufficient as possible in dealing with critical situations so that you're not left in the lurch when they let you down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're not likely to mind pitching in and helping another today so long as it's your idea, but should someone ask for assistance, you could consider it an intrusion on your time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take extra care to carefully analyze all investment proposals that offer pie-in-the-sky opportunities. Chances are if it sounds too good to be true, all you'll end up with is a piece of burnt crust.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — No judgment should be made in haste today, regardless of how much you're pressured to do so. The odds are it'll lead to your undoing if you don't take time to make careful considerations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — First examine your own behavior patterns before demanding perfection of coworkers today. The only example they will follow is the one set by you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Extravagance has a way of causing you to spend more than you should or to purchase a bunch of items that you'll never use. Don't let that bug take a bite out of you today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Exercise the same tolerance and consideration with your family today as you do with casual acquaintances. Without equal respect and thoughtfulness, you could cause a domestic rumble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be one of those days when a number of things that usually run smoothly will unexpectedly misfire. If you break down and lose your cool, it'll only make matters worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could unexpectedly find yourself at lunch or dinner today with someone who is a freeloader. Don't let this person get away with not paying his or her own fair share of the tab.

Monday, Jan. 27, 2003

In the months ahead you could experience a major, noticeable improvement in both your material and social circumstances. Chances are it'll be a year you've been hoping for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It behooves you to center your efforts today on a new interest that has captivated you. Not only will your input yield results, the project will prove to be more promising than you first thought.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although the major focus may be on you today, there will be no need to get stage fright. Your audience will be packed full of friends and admirers who think the world of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your endorsement really makes the difference on ideas, issues or positions being championed today. Even when others don't understand them, they'll trust your judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you thought was a negative situation could prove otherwise today due to Lady Luck's intervention on your behalf. It'll give you much to cheer about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When negotiating an agreement today concession may come a lot quicker than you thought possible. This will mainly be due to your willingness to cooperate and compromise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — In your competent hands, what others thought to be a lost cause can be brought back to life today and revitalized to the point to where success is inevitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Members of the opposite gender may find you even more appealing today than usual. In fact, someone you thought never noticed you may be among your bevy of admirers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Luck and chance could be the two major factors that will come into play today and make a vast difference on the final results of a matter you've been dubious about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When you bring all your valuable assets of warmth, sincerity and natural charm together into one might force, you cause even the hardest of hearts to melt today. Play them well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your possibilities for gains today could be enhanced if you first prime the pump to get a greater water flow than what is normally available. Spend a little time preparing first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Welcome and appreciate that which is new in your life at this time, because it will be the bellwether of what's to come. These trends will upgrade your expectations and hopes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Persons with whom you'll have financial involvements today will appreciate the way you'll handle your end of the bargain. The mutual trust that develops will enhance profits for both.

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More and more charitable checkoffs put on tax returns

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There are child abuse funds and wildlife preservation funds. There are funds that benefit the homeless. There are others that raise research dollars for cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

All of them rely on big-hearted taxpayers willing to donate a little portion of their income tax refunds to charity.

Income tax checkoffs raised $27.3 million in 41 states in 2000, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. While that was up about $2 million over 1998, fund directors this year — in a time when private and corporate giving has dropped sharply — are trying to remind the public that a checkoff donation can go a long way.

Checkoff Colorado, a new 10-group coalition, began an advertising blitz last week. Posters and commercials by Gov. Bill Owens will remind taxpayers to give.

"This year it's perhaps more important than it's been in the past because I think the other sources of revenue that they've had have either been cut or reduced," said Checkoff Colorado spokesman Jon Pushkin.

Tax checkoff programs have been growing, from 103 in 1989 to 179 in 2000, according to Ron Alt of the Federation of Tax Administrators. All 41 states with a broad-based income tax have at least one checkoff. Some might have too many.

"The problem tends to be the more you get, it starts to get difficult to put on the tax return, and it makes it more complicated," Alt said.

Virginia has 21 checkoffs on its tax return, from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. California and Alabama have 11 each.

Pennsylvania has five checkoff funds. In 20 years, the Wild Resource Conservation fund has generated $6.2 million. The Korean/Vietnam Memorial fund has collected $215,000 in five years.

In Philadelphia last week, the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition kicked off a public awareness campaign. The $8 given by the average donating taxpayer raises about $175,000 yearly, money given as research grants.

"We're dependent on a lot of people donating a little bit of money," said Bonnie Squires, a vice president with the coalition. "It's not as if we're looking for someone who's a millionaire."

Checkoffs first appeared in 1972, when the federal government allowed taxpayers to earmark part of their taxes for a presidential campaign fund. In 1977 Colorado started the first state checkoff program to use refund money.

In Vermont, the Nongame Wildlife Fund is the most successful of the state's three checkoffs, collecting about $100,000 a year.

"Vermont people, I think, feel that fish and nongame wildlife adds to the quality of life here," said Lilla Lumbra of the Nongame Natural Heritage Program.

The average taxpayer who checks off gives $10, the Federation of Tax Administrators found. Studies put the average participation rate of eligible taxpayers between 2 percent and 5 percent.

Not all state programs are successful. None of Arkansas' four checkoffs has ever garnered more than $13,000, said Tim Leathers, deputy revenue director.

To boost giving, Philadelphia will soon insert reminders about the breast cancer program in 31,000 city paychecks.

"This is a painless way for people to get involved," Squires said. "If they designate $8 from a refund, they didn't ever have it in their hands, so they won't miss it."

On the Net:

Federation of Tax Administrators: http://www.taxadmin.org

Checkoff Colorado: http://www.checkoffcolorado.org

Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition: http://www.pabreastcancer.org

Franklin failed to respond to notice

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Aretha Franklin has yet to respond to a notice that her $1.6-million mansion, destroyed by a fire, violates the community's building code and must be repaired or demolished.

Franklin received a letter dated Jan. 7 informing her she had two weeks to remove debris left from the blaze that destroyed most of her 10,000-square-foot mansion about 15 miles northwest of Detroit.

The Jan. 22 deadline passed this week.

"You take any situation like this on a case-by-case basis and try to be reasonable," Kaye Chartier, director of code enforcement, told The Detroit News for a Friday story.

Mechanic's widow sues repair shops

WACO (AP) — An auto mechanic's widow is suing his former employers and three major auto manufacturers, claiming long-term exposure to asbestos in brake parts caused him to die from lung cancer.

Gertrude Duty's 86-year-old husband, Vernon, had been a mechanic more than 30 years when he died in 2001, a few weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

She is seeking unspecified damages in her wrongful death lawsuit against three Waco companies where her husband worked: Joe L. Ward Co., Gordon Rountree Motors and Marstaller Motors.

Other defendants include Daimler-Chrysler Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., which manufactured the brake components.

Spokesmen for the companies declined to comment.

The lawsuit filed this week claims the defendants negligently packaged their products, failed to warn the couple of the dangers of asbestos exposure and did not properly train Duty to handle the products safely.

The suit also alleges that Gertrude Duty suffers from health problems related to asbestos exposure.

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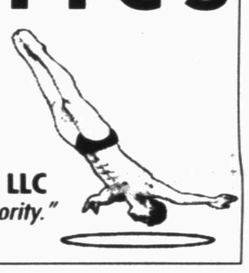

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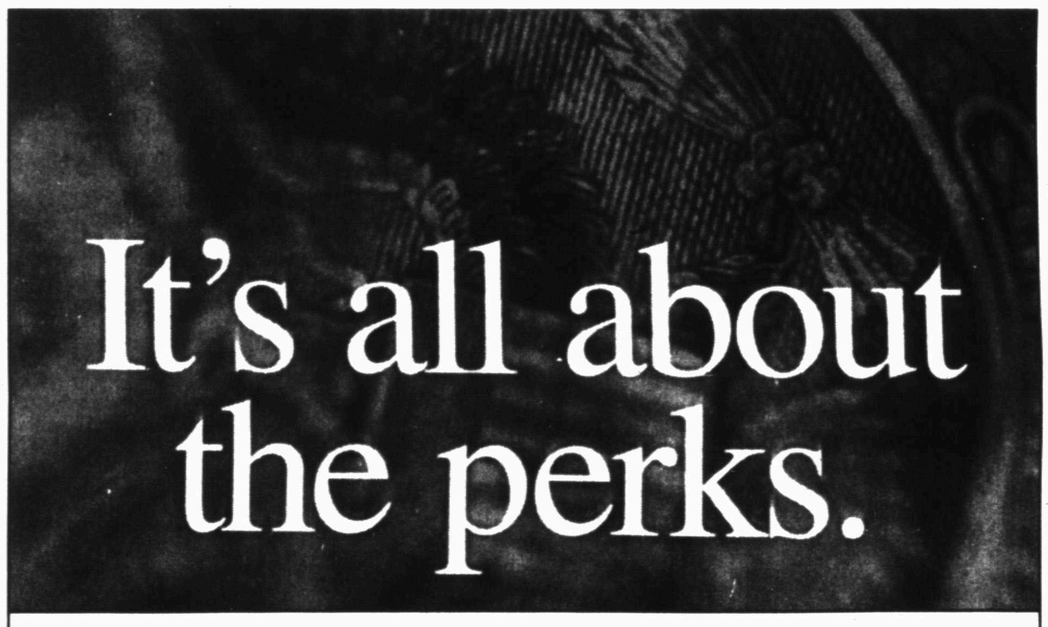

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To pre-register for classes at the Scurry County Senior Center call 573-4035.

Note: Scholarships and or financial aid is available for individuals who qualify.

Spring Computer Schedule –Northeast Campus

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
Feb/Mar				
Intro. To Keyboarding (POFT 1026-)	48	Mondays, Jan 27 – May 5	6 – 8:50pm	93.00*
Computer Applications (ITSC 1002-)	48	Wednesdays, Jan 29- May 7	6 – 8:50pm	156.00*
Basic English (RDCS 1003-)	48	Wednesdays , Jan 29 – May 7	6 – 8:50pm	129.00*
Introduction to Computers	22	Fridays, Jan 31 – Apr 11	5pm – 7pm	46.00*
Introduction to PowerPoint	22	Fridays , Jan 31 – Apr 11	7pm – 9pm	46.00*
Introduction to Computers (Spanish)	22	Saturdays, Feb 1 – Apr 12	10am – 12pm	46.00*
Introduction to PowerPoint (Spanish)	22	Saturdays, Feb 1 – Apr 11	1pm – 3pm	46.00*

Spring Computer Schedule – Northeast Campus

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
Feb/Mar				
Introduction to Computers	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13	5:30pm – 7:30pm	$50
Introduction to Windows	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13	7:30pm – 9:30pm	$50
Basic Internet	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 18, 20, 24, 27	5:30pm – 7:30pm	$50
Microsoft Office	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 18, 20, 24, 27	7:30pm – 9:30pm	$50
Introduction to Computers	24*	Sat: Feb. 8, 15	8am – 12pm	$50
Introduction to Windows	24*	Sat: Feb. 22, Mar. 1	8am – 12pm	$50

*Total hours are determined by combining lecture time and lab time for a given course. Lab work can be completed at home, or in the WTC Workforce or Northeast Elementary computer labs, but must be turned in to the instructor before a certificate of completion can be issued. A certified instructor will monitor all labs. A list of available computer lab times will be handed out on the first day of class.

Spring Computer Schedule – WTC Campus

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
Feb/Mar				
Introduction to Computers	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13	5:30pm – 7:30pm	$50
Introduction to Windows	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13	7:30pm – 9:30pm	$50
Basic Internet	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 18, 20, 24, 27	5:30pm – 7:30pm	$50
Microsoft Office	24*	Tu/Th: Feb. 18, 20, 24, 27	7:30pm – 9:30pm	$50
Introduction to Computers	24*	Sat: Feb. 8, 15	8am – 12pm	$50
Introduction to Windows	24*	Sat: Feb. 22, Mar. 1	8am – 12pm	$50

Computer Courses for Senior Citizens

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME/PLACE	COST
Feb				
Introduction to Computers	12	Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13	9am – 12pm, Sr. Center	$25.00
Introduction to Windows	12	Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	2pm – 4pm, Sr. Center	$25.00
Basic Internet	12	Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19	9am – 12pm, Sr. Center	$25.00
Microsoft Office	12	Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26	2pm – 4pm, Sr. Center	$25.00
Advanced Windows	12	Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	9am – 12pm, Sr. Center	$25.00
Advanced Internet	12	Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28	9am – 12pm, Sr. Center	$25.00

Spring Allied Health Courses - Snyder Campus

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
Feb/Mar				
EMT Intermediate	336	Feb 4 – June 17	6pm – 10pm	719.00
Advanced Burn Life Support	8-10 CEU's	Feb 14	8 am – 4pm	75.00
Pharmacy Technician *Out of District	144	Feb 17 – May 14	1:30 – 5:30pm	386.00
				*430.00
				book 80.00
Heartsaver CPR – Senior Citizen	7	Feb 20	1pm – 4pm	25.00

Workforce Education

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
Basic Electricity/Electronics	48	Tuesdays: Feb. 11,18,25 Mar. 4,18,25 Apr. 1,8,15,22,29	6:30 – 9:30pm	112.00
Conversational Spanish	24	Wednesdays: Feb. 12,19,26 Mar. 5,19,26 Apr. 2,9,16,23,30 May 7	5 – 7pm	40.00
Conversational Sign Language	16	Thursdays: Feb. 13,20,27 Mar. 6,20,27 Apr. 3,10	6:45 – 8:45pm	56.00
Inter Computer-Aided Drafting (N.E. Campus)	48	Tues & Thurs: Feb. 11,13,18,20,25,27 Mar. 4,6,18,20,25,27 Apr. 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29 May 1,6,8	6:30pm – 9:30pm	139.60

Corrections Department - Snyder Campus

Testing for Correctional Officer Class

Date: Mar 4, 2003

Time: 6pm

Location: Room 15 A Western Texas College Campus

Class Date Will be Announced at a Later Date

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Continuing street construction creates hope as well as concerns

HOUSTON (AP) — For more than four years now, portions of downtown have been dominated by massive construction projects that have created an impenetrable maze of giant craters and torn-up roads, snarling traffic and scaring off shoppers.

"I thought the '80s were tough with the oil bust. This has hit a lot harder," said tobacco shop owner Michael McCoy, pointing to ongoing construction outside McCoy's Fine Cigars and Tobaccos.

McCoy lamented an 80 percent drop in business this past holiday season, but city officials say there's reason for hope.

Last month, congratulatory speeches permeated the evening air along a newly rebuilt three-block downtown stretch that for four months had only been perforated by the sounds of a new light rail system being constructed.

Officials with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, downtown business groups and Mayor Lee Brown were in good spirits after celebrating the anticipated winding down in 2003 of several major street construction projects.

They were hopeful the once-thriving area, tangled by torn-up roadways, orange barrels and patience-testing detours for more than four years, would bounce back from various business closings due to reduced customer traffic.

"We want to wish our best to the businesses who have stuck it out to this point. This has not been an easy period for them," said Brown, as he and other officials unveiled the stretch of Main Street, promoting its polished buildings and brick inlaid roads as a preview of the new downtown.

Downtown is in the midst of a major building boom worth about $4 billion. Since 1995, the area's additions include a new criminal justice center and a new ballpark for the Houston Astros.

Currently under construction are a $200 million basketball and hockey arena and a $160 million, 1,000-room hotel next to the convention center.

But downtown seems to have been affected most by three projects that are rebuilding nearly 60 percent of area streets.

Metro is in charge of two of the projects: the 7.5 mile, $324 million light rail line, begun in March 2001; and Transit Streets, a $250 million redo of 20 streets started in 1998. The Houston Downtown Management District is running the city's Cotswold Project, a $68 million transformation of nearly 90 blocks in north downtown that began in 1998 and is set to be completed in March 2005.

The downtown district is also set to begin another construction project in February: a $12 million endeavor to improve 81 blocks around the new arena and convention center.

However, various factors have added to the complexity and timing of the projects.

The construction involves rebuilding streets with concrete instead of asphalt and the replacement of utilities underneath them, some which haven't been touched in 50 years.

People "think it's just paving streets. It's much more complex," said Shirley DeLibero, president and chief executive of Metro. "It's short-term pain for long-term gain."

For the Transit Streets projects, Metro must finish the work by 2005, when its federal funding runs out. While the light rail line is being built with internal Metro funds, officials are working to finish it by January 2004, when the city is set to host Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Construction on light rail, which has been mired in controversy during the 20 years or so it's been discussed, was delayed by a lawsuit to force a public vote on the line. The Transit Streets project was put on hold nearly two years by a 1996 federal court ban against Metro's affirmative action program.

The delays had the projects overlapping with Cotswold.

The end result of the myriad revamping, according to officials, will be a revitalized downtown with sturdier streets, tree-lined sidewalks, public art, fountains, additional parking and new underground utility systems.

One computer-generated drawing by Metro shows a sleek, silver light rail car running along pedestrian-filled, brick-lined Main Street. Officials behind Cotswold, named for an English area known for its walking tours, promote the project as a way of making downtown a more pedestrian-friendly place.

But downtown is currently not much of a walking place. Navigating its sidewalks is at times more of a hike over rugged earth, and driving can be like maneuvering an obstacle course dotted with "Lane Blocked Ahead" signs and lumbering cement trucks.

While many business owners say the improvements will be an economic boon, others believe the work has kept customers away too long.

Light rail construction seems to have had the biggest impact on businesses, especially those located along Main Street, which has been torn up for months.

"How will you revitalize downtown when there are no businesses left?" Brad Tirey, manager at McCoy's cigar shop, said as he stared at two closed businesses across the street. A restaurant and an Irish pub, both also shuttered, bookend his shop.

While at least 15 restaurants, clubs and other businesses have shut down since construction began, Jodie Sinclair, spokeswoman for the management district, said not all have closed because of the street work. She said that's a small number out of nearly 220 such establishments in the area.

A new restaurant is replacing the closed one by McCoy's, and the Irish pub will reopen, she said. In addition, seven other new businesses around downtown have recently opened or plan to this year.

Date Books

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003

Today is the 25th day of 2003 and the 36th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1947, gangster Alphonse ("Scarface") Capone, died at the age of 48.

On this day in 1959, the first scheduled transcontinental flight on a Boeing 707 took place.

On this day in 1984, Apple's Macintosh computer went on sale for the first time. The price: $2,495.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Boyle (1627-1691), physicist and chemist; Robert Burns (1759-1796), poet; William Somerset Maugham (1874-1965), writer; Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), writer; Alicia Keys (1981-), musician, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games were inaugurated in Chamonix, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom, and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too." — William Somerset Maugham

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Jan. 25).

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003

Today is the 26th day of 2003 and the 37th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1837, Michigan became the 26th state of the Union.

On this day in 1875, George F. Green patented the electrical dental drill.

On this day in 1979, "The Dukes of Hazard" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Paul Newman (1925-), actor, is 78; Angela Davis (1944-), political activist, is 59; Eddie Van Halen (1955-), guitarist, is 48; Anita Baker (1958-), singer, is 45; Ellen DeGeneres (1958-), comedian, is 45; Wayne Gretsky (1961-), hockey player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, speed skater Charles Jewtraw of the United States became the first gold medallist in Winter Olympics history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I picture my epitaph: 'Here lies Paul Newman, who died a failure because his eyes turned brown.'" — Paul Newman

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 25) and new moon (Feb. 1).

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Sunday, January 26 2003
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WTC Student Government Association Officers

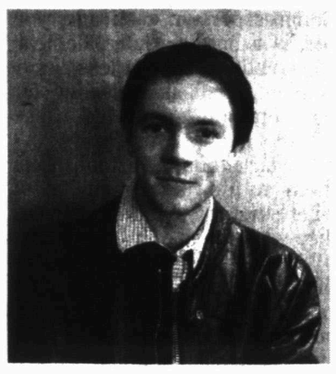
Stormy Clark

Stormy Clark is a freshman from Snyder, Texas. Her parents are Stanley and Marie Clark. She works at the West Texas State Bank and is the SGA Treasurer.

Casey Crawford

Casey Crawford is a sophomore at WTC from Tuscola.

Her parents are Sunny and Ricky White. She is the President of SGA.



Jason Gardner

Jason Gardner is a freshman from Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. His parents are Brian and Bernadette Gardner. He is the Vice President of SGA.

Morgan Miller

Morgan Miller is a freshman from Snyder who works at United. Her parents are Ricky and Stephanie Miller. She is the SGA Historian and Regional Secretary.

Kendra Nachlinger

Kendra Nachlinger is from Hermleigh, Texas, and is a freshman at WTC. Her parents are Michael and Darla Nachlinger. She is the Secretary of SGA.

Sam Schiwart

Sam Schiwart is a sophomore from Robert Lee, Texas. He is SGA Parliamentarian for the 2003-04 academic year. He is the son of Audrey Williams.

Winter is Prime Time to Work on Landscaping

BY SAM FARE
WTC GLT INSTRUCTOR

The dead of winter may seem like a time of rest for many gardeners, but actually this is a prime season to take care of many important tasks in the landscape. The chores that will result in better health and appearance of lawns and landscape include pruning, trimming, weed control, and mulching.

Trees and shrubs can easily be pruned while they are dormant. The extended drought we have suffered has taken its toll on many trees. Start by removing dead and diseased limbs, then prune to open and shape the canopy.

Many trees may be beyond recovery and should be removed entirely. One practice that is strongly discouraged is "heading back", cutting major limbs to resemble stubs. This results in a flush of thick brushy growth that creates weak branches and other problems. Pruning cuts should be made flush with the branch collar, a ring of tissue that is evident at the point where the branch and trunk connect. By leaving the branch collar intact, healing of the cut takes place much faster than with a "flush cut" that removes the collar and part of the trunk. Stub cuts that leave a short piece of limb are also bad, since they do not heal properly, and provide an avenue for rot and disease to enter the heart of the tree. Modern arboricultural science does not recommend painting the pruning cuts with any sort of pruning paint or sealer.

Shrubs in the landscape will benefit from pruning at this time as well. Many roses such as hybrid teas, which bloom on new wood, should be cut back now. Other shrubs that bloom on old wood, such as Indian Hawthorn, should not be trimmed until after they bloom. Overgrown shrubs and hedges can be cut back to restore their intended size and shape. In some cases it may be best to remove poorly performing plants and replace them with better-suited varieties.

Ground covers and herbaceous plants will benefit from trimming now. Monkey Grass or Liriope, popular as a border planting, will look better next summer if the existing leaves are trimmed off before new growth comes on. This is easily done with a string-trimmer, and while things may look bare for a while, the results will be evident later in the season.

Many ground covers such as Asian Jasmine and Vinca also benefit from trimming and thinning, which can be done with a string trimmer or lawn mower set on the highest setting. Other ground covers like English Ivy and Wintercreeper Euonymus will benefit from trimming to keep them in the juvenile growth stage.

Even though lawns may be dormant, this is an excellent time to perform some valuable maintenance on the turf. Dormant Bermuda Grass can be sprayed with contact weed killers containing Glyphosate to eliminate existing winter weeds. In other cases different herbicides may be used as well.

To prevent many summer weeds, a pre-emergent herbicide can be applied to lawns before those weeds have the opportunity to germinate. Fertilizing of Bermuda lawns should be delayed until warm weather has brought the grass out of dormancy and into full growth. Fescue lawns can be lightly fertilized through the cool part of the year, with less applied in summer heat. Scalping is no longer recommended unless you are planning to reseed your lawn.

Much can be done now to get gardens and shrub beds in better health. Shrubs should not be fertilized until danger of frost is past, since a sudden freeze can kill back tender new growth and damage the plant. Beds can be cultivated now, however, and soil amendments such as gypsum or iron worked in. A good mulch applied now will help retain moisture, cool the soil, and reduce weeds.

Do not pile the mulch against the trunks of shrubs or trees. Gardens and planting beds can be cultivated now, and a good dose of compost worked in. Speaking of compost, this is an excellent time to start a compost pile, using leaves, ground tree and shrub trimmings, vegetable wastes, manure, grass clippings, etc. Compost is a wonderful soil builder and natural fertilizer that benefits any part of the landscape.

This cool time of the year is ideal for planting new trees and shrubs. Hardy, well-adapted plants will be able to establish a root system before the demands of summer stress set in. Planting holes should be no deeper than the original root ball, but at least twice the diameter of the pot or root ball.

Plant so that the union of root and trunk are not covered with soil. The rule of thumb here is "Plant it high-it won't die. Plant it low, it ain't gonna grow!" The current practice is to backfill the planting hole with native soil, adding only a bit of compost or slow-release fertilizer. Water thoroughly to eliminate any air pockets, and build a small dam at the edge of the pit to facilitate watering for the first year. A good layer of mulch will help the new tree or shrub get established. Stake only as needed to prevent wind damage.

Put on your coat, grab some tools, and get outside! Both you and your landscape will benefit from some activity now!

Let's See What Develops

By
Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

We're Name-Dropping!

There is no Lone Ranger in Development work.

I am reminded of this as Western Texas College currently labors on its third TRIO Federal Grant application, that I need to publicly commend those individuals and entities outside of WTC personnel that wrote letters of support necessary for our second application, the Upward Bound Grant.

These are in no particular order, but all equally appreciated:

1.Joyce McIntire, Texas Work Commission, Snyder

2.Cindy Nix, Scurry County Health Unit

3.Terri Rawls, Director, S.T.A.R. Boot Camp

4.Larry Thompson, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Scurry and Borden Counties.

5.Larry Scott, Principal, Snyder High School

6.Janell Jones, Counselor, Snyder High School

7.Valene Ford, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)

8.Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President, Howard College, Big Spring

9.Dan Dever, Scurry County Veterans Service Office

10.Dana Smith, Texas Tech Office of Admissions

11.Jane Romine, Scurry County Library

12.Nancy Mayo, Mitchell County Library

13.Mark Whitmire, Scurry County Youth Outreach, Inc.

14.Johnny McGregor, Principal, Post High School

15. Suzanne Hudman, Counselor, Post High School

16.Tommy Bearden, Region XIV Education Service Center

17.Janey Burke, Principal, Colorado High School

18.Kim Anderson, Counselor, Colorado High School

19.Darren Jackson, Scurry County Sheriff's Office

20.Jerry Marshall, Mayor, City of Rotan

21.John DeLille, Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc.

22.Donna Fowler, Snyder Chamber of Commerce

23. Counselors Jan Baker, Rose Mary Paty and Linda Maikell of Sweetwater High School

24.Bob Spikes, Principal, Rotan High School

25. Tricia Spikes, Counselor, Rotan High School

26. David Hargrove , Superintendent, Rotan I.S.D.

27. Dr. Karl Mahan, Coordinator of Distance Learning

28. Ricky Fritz, (former) Scurry County Judge

29. Shirley Fritz, (formerly of) Scurry County Services, Inc.

30. Jeffrey Martin (formerly of) American State Bank

31. David Counts (former) State Representative

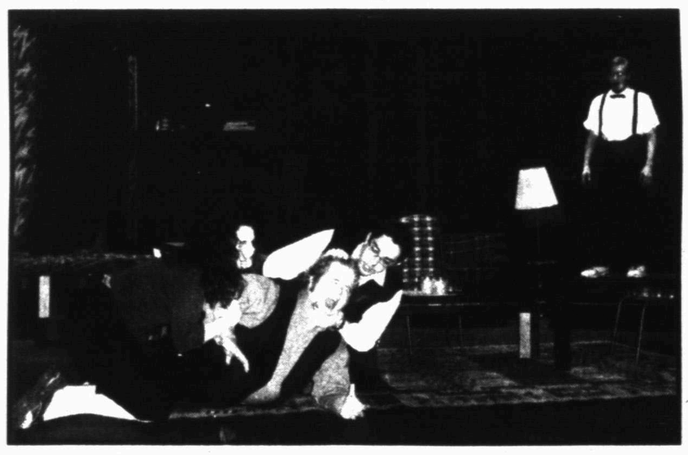
Development is a team effort and not an "individual sport".

WTC could not have completed the Upward Bound Grant application without these helpful people listed above. Why, even the Lone Ranger had Tonto!

Sarah and Robbie Jamison are the new owners of ***The Auto Clinic*** *(formerly* ***Davenport's Auto Clinic****) located at 405 26th Street (behind Skinny's on 25th Street/E. Hwy. 180). As WTC Business Partners, they are offering a free travel inspection and 15% discount on parts for any job to the 1000+ WTC students and employees who show them their WTC ID card. If you would like to retain and increase your business, contact Dennis Noblett, Director of Development, at 574-8511, ext. 248.*

January 30
12th Class Day
for Spring Semester

"The Nerd" Opens Jan 23



The Western Texas College Fine Arts Department proudly presents "The Nerd," directed by Chris Shoemake, January 23 through 26 in the Fine Arts Theatre. Call 573-8511 ext. 234 today for reservations.

This outrageous comedy, Shue's first full-length play, is set in Terre Haute, Indiana, where an architect, besieged by other personal problems, is visited by "the nerd," the man who saved his life in Vietnam.

The nerd wreaks havoc on the architect's life, leaving the architect with the problem of how to get rid of the nerd without hurting his feelings.

According to director, Chris Shoemake, "This is unquestionably one of the funniest plays ever written.

The Nerd passes from one hilarious moment to another as Willum tries to "out-nerd" his sanity-destroying houseguest. Insanity, however, is staved off by the surprising 'twist' ending of the play."

CAST:

Willum Cubbert	***Jacob Brumley***
Tansy McGinnis	***Holly Gwyn***
Axel Hammond	***Michael Gonzales***
Warnock Waldgrave	***Corey Knipe***
Clelia Waldgrave	***Mandy Mitchell***
Thora Waldgrave	***Monica Rose***
Rick Steadman	***Ryan Ballard***

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What went around came around by Joe Klock, Sr.

I launched my career in columny a dozen years ago at the same time as my introduction to Social Security and a variety of post-menopausal ailments. I was then writing exclusively for a local bladder which now restricts its content pretty much to neighborhood politics and such bland miscellany as the cake sales at local houses of worship.

At that time, though, it was open to op-ed material as eclectic in scope as the content of today's cable networks, so it was the natural outlet of choice for a Key Largo curmudgeon.

One of my earliest efforts appeared there in late 1990, and stands as a sad commentary on how little we've done about how much we've learned concerning governance in this supposedly heaven-rescued land.

Following is an only slightly edited reprint:

"I logged some time watching the Madhouse of Reprehensibles on C-Span during a recent cat-fight over the budget, and it taught me more about how government operates than all of those dreary hours in Civics class more than a half-century ago.

"I'd guess that less than half of their time is spent on what you'd call meaningful business, with the balance invested in making pretty speeches for the folks back home, repeating the party lines over and over again, and striving pathetically for a wisecrack that will make the network news, smoke-stacking their "distinguished colleagues" (and ain't THAT a crock!), ignoring the Chair as it calls for order and waiting 15-20 minutes for roll-call votes on every trivial amendment that comes up.

"In this last instance, I haven't figured out why, in this era of computer wizardry, it takes so long to register a few hundred button pushes. Can it be (heaven forfend!) that these folks haven't even heard the debate and need all 20 minutes to vote the way the leadership wants them to vote?

"And why do they stand around doing nothing while this count is going on? Couldn't they get on with some other piece of business? It's sort of like a busy homemaker setting a tea kettle on the stove and standing there waiting for it to boil.

"Another thing fascinates me about Congress: Each speaker precedes his/her remarks by asking for (and getting) 'unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks,' which means that the things they say on the floor are not the words that will appear in the Congressional Record. (I can remember the late Sen. Bilbo of Mississippi using this privilege to clean up his blatantly racist rhetoric between the spoken words of hate and their benign entry into recorded history.)

"And while all of this is going on, there is little discernable evidence that anyone is paying attention to the goings-on, except for a few dedicated bureaucrats on the rostrum who appear to be copying down those earth-shattering pronouncements that will never become part of the record.

"I don't suggest that private businesses are operated in a perfectly efficient and effective manner, but I'll bet you a lifetime subscription to FORTUNE that any enterprise operating like the sitcom I saw on C-SPAN, would write the book from Chapter 1 to Chapter 11 in record time.

"If you hired a plumber who performed the way these people do, ask yourself how you'd feel about it...and what you'd do.

"Say what you will in response, it remains a fact that there has been very little turnover in Congress over the years; we keep sending the same people back and they keep giving 'us' (mostly a favored few) everything 'we' want.

"All of them wring their hands over the problems, then point their fingers across the aisle at the finger-pointers pointing back at them, viewing with alarm what the other guys have done and pointing with pride at their own valiant efforts to straighten out the ugly mess.

"So, don't waste your time trying to pin problems on a real, live Congressperson; each one, you see, is a hard-working, dedicated, no-nonsense, fearless, independent, selfless crusader for the common good. It's those OTHER people! Get it?

"In fact, though, it took all of them to do it, regardless of where they try to hide, and it was they who did all of it.

"Also, it was we who elected them again and again and again...better than 90% of the bumblers who are squandering our children's national inheritance, among other sins of even greater magnitude.

"And, chances are, we'll send 'em back again to do more of the same.

"Or will we?"

2003 FOOTNOTE: We did, of course, several times thereafter, so what's new? And who's to blame...the foxes or we, the people who leave open the henhouse door?

(P.S. I request unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks) Joe Klock, Sr. is a freelance writer in Key Largo, FL. E-mail joeklock@aol.com or call (305) 451-0079.

Letter to the Editor

Are there angels?

Dear Editor:

Who or what are angels? Where do they come from? Have you seen one?

I have. Sometimes it's in the eyes or face of a friend, or a coworker, and sometimes it is in the eyes or face of a stranger. Sometimes it is not the person or people you would expect it to be. For sometimes for no apparent reason, people will walk away. However, God in His all encompassing mercy and grace sends us someone to carry us through.

For the last several months, I have encountered several health problems, and each time I have discovered more angels. They are there when least expected, but always needed, and sometimes in the most unexpected places.

Last Tuesday, I got out of the hospital. On Wednesday, I needed a few things from the grocery store. While I was at the store I became lightheaded, and disoriented. I knew I could not get home on my own, and knew no one to call for I've only been in this community a short period of time.

The United angels gathered round, helping me in a most scary situation, and got me, my few groceries, and my vehicle home.

I would like to say if you see a situation you feel needs special help, don't hesitate. If something seems wrong at least ask.

And on the other side of the coin never turn a helping hand away because of pride, in so doing, you are turning God away as well. Blessings benefit both giver and receiver.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all angels everywhere for being who, what and where you are. And today especially all my United Angels.

Thank you and God bless you all
Jenell Bone

Fond memories

Dear Sir:

I know that this is a very odd request, but I received your e-mail address from an old friend of mine and decided to write.

I was among a large group of kids, who entered Catherine Ryan Catholic School in the fall of 1958. I would like to offer my e-mail address to any of those kids who might still be in the Snyder area, or to those that might know some of these people. My maiden name is Glenda Ann Morrison. I entered the fourth grade in the fall of 1958. I would like to hear from some of these people at gmtabbycat48@aol.com.

Again, I know that this is a strange request, but it would mean a lot to me. I have very fond memories of growing up in Snyder on Hill Avenue.

Thank you,
Glenda Ann (Tabby) Morrison Miller

B-1 Noise

Dear Editor:

As a Naval veteran of World War II, and survivor of Kamikaze attacks, I've not had many problems reconciling with our B-1 bomber training program over Scurry County — until Thursday night.

At exactly 2400 hours either we were the target of a B-1 practice mission or the jet jockey tried to double-park directly over my house; it rattled and shook and the roar of the after-burner was deafening. "Angel," my little poodle-Yorkie cross, came tearing out from under our covers, barking her little head off.

This morning, I'm checking for cracks in the brick and looking for loose shingles on the lawn, while my wife cleans up soot and ashes from the living room floor, blown in from the fireplace.

So, I ask you; ain't this pushin' things a bit?

Respectfully,
John Zalman

'Question Dude' by Rix Quinn

"Dear Question Dude," a reader inquires. "With all the tools modern science possesses, why can't it solve the problem of aging?"

Good query. If Question Dude had the answer, he would still look 30 instead of...uh...well, never mind how old Question Dude looks.

First, aging is a natural event, like floods, homework, and cold sores. A person without wrinkles is either a person without experience, or one without moisturizer.

Even infants age. If they did not, you'd spend thousands on diapers, and you couldn't make party guests leave by bringing out new baby pictures.

Children, like adults, lose their teeth. But unlike adults, they can grow new ones.

Nearly everybody wants to look older until age 30, at which time they want to look younger. Hardly anybody wants to look the same age all the time (except Dorian Gray, and he's not real).

Question Dude's friend Janet is deathly afraid to wrinkle. She's had so much facial enhancement, when she smiles she looks like my gerbil...but I find that attractive.

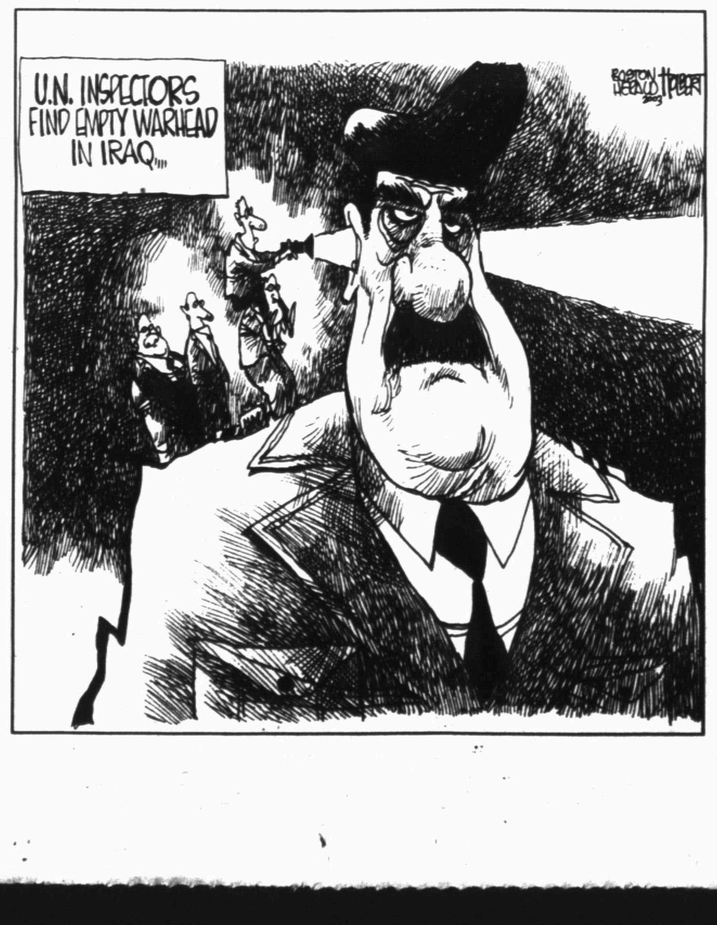
Below the neck, she's either tucked or liposucked. After her last surgery we met for lunch to celebrate.

Suddenly, without warning, a piece of her nose dropped right into the potato salad. Yucch! She screamed, covered her face with a napkin, and raced for the restroom.

I followed close behind, shouting "Janet, do I need to take you to a doctor?"

"No, no," she said. "I'll be OK.

"But I sure hate to lose face in front of my friends."



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	1
Hermleigh ISD	1
DCOS	1
Scurry County	0
Ira ISD	0
City of Snyder	0
WTC	0
Cogdell Hospital	0

Austin American-Statesman

No grounds to invade Iraq yet

At this point in the tense standoff between President Bush and the regime of Iraqi despot Saddam Hussein, there is no obvious cause to invade Iraq.

The goal of the United States and the United Nations still must be to remove Saddam from power. But Thursday's discovery of undeclared chemical warheads only proves that the U.N. inspection process is not toothless and does work to some degree. It is not yet a cause to invade.

World opinion, and increasingly U.S. opinion, is to let the inspections continue. An invasion would mean serious bloodshed, innocents killed and American men and women coming home in coffins. That is an acceptable price only when the proof is overwhelming and all alternatives exhausted.

Despite Bush's "sick and tired" feeling about the inspections process in Iraq, it should continue. Saddam is effectively cornered by American and British military units, world pressure is mounting for him to leave power and the dictator has nowhere left to turn.

The U.N. inspection team's report on its findings is not due for another 10 days, but so far there has been no discovery more important than the empty warheads located Thursday. If the Bush administration has deeper intelligence about and concrete proof of possible sites of weapons of mass destruction as it contends, it has been reluctant to reveal it. The world knows nothing more than what the inspectors have revealed. There is no smoking gun, no emergency demanding a pre-emptive invasion.

Bush's frustration is palpable. He has 150,000 troops in the region anxiously standing by, and the inspections are too slow and unrewarding for his liking. But before he looses the dogs of war, he needs more than his frustration to justify it, because many lives are on the line.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Reinstating the draft

"We live in a world that has walls," in the words of the Marine colonel played by Jack Nicholson in the film "A Few Good Men," "and those walls need to be guarded by men with guns."

In the 20th century, the number of those men — and, more recently, women — in the U.S. military fluctuated widely, depending largely on the strength and intentions of the adversary on the other side of the wall. ...

As the nation heads into a new century facing a different kind of enemy — global terrorism — and threats of conventional war on two fronts, Iraq and North Korea, it again is grappling with how best to fulfill that essential function of government as outlined in the Preamble of the Constitution: to "provide for the common defense."

Should we continue to do so with an all-volunteer military, as we have since the draft was abolished in 1973, as U.S. soldiers were leaving Vietnam? Or should we consider resurrecting conscription, as proposed by Rep. Charles Rangel, a New York Democrat and decorated Korean War veteran who in October voted against a congressional resolution authorizing President Bush to use force against Iraq?

Rangel has introduced legislation in the newly convened 108th Congress to resume the draft if the United States goes to war with Iraq.

"I believe that if those calling for war knew their children were more likely to be required to serve — and to be placed in harm's way — there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq," Rangel wrote Dec. 31 in The New York Times. ...

San Antonio Express-News

Mexico ends traveler's visas fee

In nations where tourism is an important segment of the economy, traveler visas cost little or nothing.

But in Mexico, a country with many beautiful beach resorts, colonial buildings and countless archeological treasures, the tourism industry has never lived up to its potential.

Perhaps the cost of a visa was a small factor. If that's the case, Mexico's travel industry has received a big shot in the arm.

As the Associated Press reported, the Mexican government quietly lifted its $22 fee for tourists who want to want to travel beyond the border areas for a week or less.

This is a welcome development.

The $22 visa never made sense for Americans traveling for a few days to Monterrey, Saltillo or any other city near the border or in the interior of Mexico.

If anything, the cost was prohibitive for the typical family of four traveling by car. By the time the cost of the visas, a Mexican car insurance policy, the toll road fees and fuel expenses were added, a weekend trip would have cost at least $200, plus lodging and meals.

The lifting of the $22 visa doesn't mean that millions of Americans will flock to Mexico right away. But it is certainly a good way to draw more U.S. visitors, especially those living near the border.

El Paso Times

Trade deficit

The trade deficit has become a monster that appears to feed on itself. Every time trade figures are announced, it seems, the news is bad: Imports have swallowed up exports. And the latest numbers confirm that trend.

The U.S. trade deficit swelled to a record $40.1 billion in November — a figure that may have reflected an appetite for foreign-made products, especially toys, as the Christmas season approached. The deficit increased by 13.9 percent over the October figure of $35.2 billion. The beast keeps growing and growing.

The problem may seem insurmountable, but the United States must struggle for a solution. And President Bush seems to have found, if not a solution, at least an option that is worth pursuing. Rather than raising barriers to imports into this country, the Bush administration said the United States should try to attack foreign trade obstacles. The strategy makes sense as a means to boost American exports.

In a move that shows this strategy is not just talk, the administration recently announced it had cleared the final hurdle to a free trade agreement with Singapore. This comes only a month after a similar deal with Chile. Both deals must be approved by Congress.

3RD SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Snyder I.S.D.
3rd Six Weeks

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Arellano, Miriam Itzel
Ashley, Samuel
Aviles, Samantha
Bernal, Sadee
Cox, Hunter
Donaldson, Damian
Dossey, Jeffrey
Driggers, Jentri
Escobedo, Kenner
Etheredge, Cole
Glover, Monica
Guardado, Jessica
Hagins, Timothy
Head, Regan
Hester, Caleb
Jaimes, Adlberto
Martinez, Matthew
Monroy, Armondo
Owens, Dakota
Peoples, Jordon
Price, Chase
Sanchez, Miranda
Smith, Megan
Steelman, Amber
Stewart, Kaitlin
Sullenger, Tyson
Torres, Justin
Williams, Brady
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Tessa
Alarcon, Gene
Alarcon, Kendall
Anderson, Catie
Arellano, Beto
Arriega, Veronica
Bilano, Macy
Billingsley, Kyler
Birkenfeld, Slade
Boland, Taylor
Brown, Riley
Cearley, Mariah
Clanton, Nick
Clanton, Tyler
Collins, Harley
Contreras, Michael
Day, Cody
DeLoera, Angela
Diaz, M.J.
Driggers, Jentri
Flores, Donica
Freeman, Kyla
Garcia, Taylor
Garza, Joe
Gutierrez, Zerick
Hart, Timmy
Henson, Micah
Hernandez, Alicyn
Hernandez, Diego
Holmesly, Corbin
Iglehart, Timothy
Jackson, Jasmine
Juarez, Heraclio
Keener, Samantha
Kenner, Staci
Kerry, Natalie
Lee, Susan
Luna, Robby
Martinez, Ryanna
McVey, Donald
Medina, Valentin
Miller, Audrey
Miranda, Andrea
Mitchell, Samantha
Munoz, Ana
Naizer, Sadye
Nichols, Christian
Nobles, Jessica
Olvera, Jordon
Pyburn, Sarah
Rath, Sara
Resendiz, Alberto
Rinehart, Robbie
Rivera, Alex
Scott, Kayla
Seale, LaTasha
Seale, Steven
Shlezinger, Daniel
Small, Brianna
Tedder, Evan
Toland, Dalton
Villa, Jessica
Ward, Keenon
Wills, Malak

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Anderson, Kanesha
Bollinger, Brook
Burleson, Krysha
Burns, Shawn
Burton, Ashton
Carroll, Dakota
Cooper, Ally
Crawford, Heather
Davis, William
Early, J' Dee
Elliott, Bryson
Espinoza, Brandi
Garcia, Kelton
Glenn, Kailey
Harlan, Carrie
Hook, Alexandria
Horton, Kaitlin
Jones, Jessica
Lewis, Baylee
Lord, Kaylee
Medina, Karissa
Molter, Nicole
Morin, Eric
Nunley, Emma
Overton, Eric
Parsons, Collin
Pechacek, Chad
Reed, Taylor
Robbins, Caedra
Rodriquez, Tania
Rosas, Leslie
Rose, Briana
Scott, Makenna
Smith, Zac
Stack, Tiffany
Tabor, Logan
Tippens, Jordan
Toombs, Will
Villazana, Ariel
Williamson, Megan
A-B Honor Roll
Alarcon, Chelsea
Anderson, Wesley
Bass, Kaitlin
Blythe, Sam
Brasher, Michael
Brooks, Jacoree
Casas, C. J.
Castaneda, Jonathan
Chaidez, Erica
Chhuor, Melisa
Clayton, D. J.
Clemmon, Taran
Culwell, Brayden
Dauphin, Stevie
Early, Dylan
Elam, Brandon
Esquibel, Ricky
Estrada, Jose
Facio, Geovanny
Fonseca, Fransisco
Gallegos, Elsa
Garcia, Bridget
Garcia, Naomi
Garza, Michael
Glass, Sydney
Gonzales, Justin
Gonzales-Keller, Adrienne
Gordon, Tara
Guerrero, Angel
Gutierrez, Amanda
Hernandez, Angela
Hernandez, Liliana
Herrera, Eddy
Ibarra, Jessica
Infante, Myrka Abby
Jaramillo, Alex
Jenkins, Ashleigh
Jones, Skylar
Loftis, Brock
Martinez, Vanessa
McCarter, Kaden
McVey, Shawndon
Medina, Antonia
Medrano, Donnie
Miller, Brittany
Moffett, Skye
Mojica, Roy
Molinar, Priscilla
Morin, Nick
Morris, Skylar
Northcutt, Xalee
Payne, Jene'e
Peneda, Jessica
Perez, Rudy
Perry, Brianne
Phillips, Marcie
Rascon, Audriana
Realsola, Michael
Reston, Lindsey
Robbins, Jami
Rodriguez, Jordan
Roemisch, Shade
Ruiz, Sammy
Scott, Brandon
Sescil, Blake
Shankles, Samantha
Spill, Riley
Stansell, Joshua
Taylor, Anthony
Thurmond, Anthony
Tindol, Lieren
Toombs, Blaire
Torrez, Alex
Valdez, Savannah
Vasquez, Michelle
Velasquez, Robert
Willson, Kimberlin
Wood, Brooke

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Marcos Aguilar
Eleanor Ashley
Remington Bloom
Autumn Castillo
Alicia Chaidez
Monica Clanton
Stacey Clifton
Meghan Cooley
Meagan Downing
Daniel Escobedo
Kenyon Gafford
Shelby Garza
Michael Guardado
Kristi Guerrero
Krystal Guerrero
Alex Hernandez
Titus Hestand
Tye Holley
L.A. Jaramillo
Jonathan Kerr
Kyra Lara
Angelica Lopez
Raven Luna
Aryn May
Tosha McGlouthin
Allen Mehrafshan
Laura Ortega
Sarah Parmer
Alex Rios
Brailee Sanchez
Roylee Sanchez
Brance Scott
Kelsey Scott
Jake Strickland
Megan Thompson
Matthew Velasquez
Tayla Wesson
Jessica West
A-B Honor Roll
Samana Arizmendi
Gabby Arredondo
Sami Dee Barrera
Cassandra Benitez
Cassie Benitez
Tanner Bragg
Kayli Brewster
Amanda Browning
John Buchanan
Ty Burton
Bianca Cabrera
Martha Cabrera
Hayden Chandler
Victor Chhuor
Cassie Cochran
Jessica Cooper
Kristin Cortez
Jake Crenwelge
Jerard Delce
Rachael Dupree
Monica Escareno
Shehala Essery
Juan Estrada
Jacie Eveland
Jose Ferruzca
Kelsi Fulford
Daisy Garcia
Dana Garcia
Juanita Garcia
Maria Guerra
Gina Guerrero
Amber Gutierrez
Valeri Guzman
Garrett Hale
Shane Hicks
Arielle Huddleston
Loretta Jaramillo
Jacob Johnson
Humberto Juarez
Stephen Kelley
Jacob Kemp
Kenny Kincaid
Cody Lee
Roberto Lopez
Toby Lopez
Margaret Marshall
Andrea Martinez
Krystal Martinez
Jonathan Mayes
Samatha Medrano
Amanda Midwell
Bailey Minor
Coleton Mitchell
Nayely Moncada
Kylie Moreland
Seth Naizer
Janie Ornelas
Josie Ornelas
Lanie Petty
Panda Platts
Micayla Redman
Tiffany Roemer
Chelcea Roemisch
Javiel Rowe
Robyn Seitz
Kanaan Short
Ashley Silva
Mallory Silva
David Sosa
Annie Stribling
Johnathan Tarter
Juan Torres
Eric Trammel
Taylor Tyrrell
Lindsey Urias
Jonathan Verduzco
Clint Wall
Alex Yruegas
Nick Zajicek
David Zalman

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Allred, Brian
Blackard, Larissa
Cave, Jared
Davis, Elizabeth
DeLeon, Jaclyn
Fogleman, Amy
Hagins, Ashley
Hermosillo, Gina
Hernandez, Emanuel
Hirt, Clayton
Jaimes, Rubi
Jones, Lesa
Lord, Kari
Martinez, Alexandrea
McFatridge, Clinton
Molina, Savanah
Rieser, Alix
Rivera, Brittney
Shaw, Kailea
Sorrells, Joshua
Stewart, James
Wallace, Ashlee
Winder, Anne
A-B Honor Roll
Acosta, Consuelo
Albarez, Roberto
Alexander, Ryanna
Allen, Daniela
Arellano, Yocelyn
Bilano, Kira
Bilderback, Jessica
Brunson, Douglas
Bryant, Briana
Cabrera, Dominic
Carey, Lareshia
Conner, Jesse
Cox, Lindsey
Davidson, Taylor
Davis, Riley
Deavers, Jessie
Delgado, Janie
Fletcher, Brenna
Gibbs, Taylor
Grice, Richard
Gutierrez, Fabian
Guynes, Chase
Guzman, David
Harrison, Caleb
Hendricks, Brittney
Henkell, Dwight
Hernandez, Melanie
Kerr, Amanda
Lara, Joe
Lee, Samuel
Liccardi, Kayla
Maldonando, Erica
Martinez, Constance
Martinez, James
Matthies, Timothy
Meighen, Patrick
Mills, Meranda
Mireles, Meagan
Munoz, Yolanda
Murillo, Maria
Noblett, Tyler
Perales, Antonio
Pittman, Chassidy
Porter, Tyler
Ramos, Lolita
Renteria, Roxann
Samia, Daniel
Sandoval, Jessica
Scott, Brittany
Sneed, Shaquita
Spradlin, Kathryn
Steward, Didre
Strayhorn, David
Sullenger, Teryn
Timora, Jessica
Torres, Heather
Vasquez, Heather
Von Roeder, Weston
Warren, Zachery
Webb, Britney
Westlund, Kaycee
Wright, Jordan
Young, Chelsea
Young, Kasey

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Alayna Alexander
Angela Amarillas
Bradley Ashworth
Tanner Butler
Devin Davidson
Lance Day
Aaron DeLoera
Airon Gafford
Joe Richard Garza
Audrey Jones
Nicole Means
Kristen Miller
Cayelea Rhodes
Craig Robertson
Allison Sharrock
Megan Velasquez
J W Wesson
A-B Honor Roll
Ana Aguirre
Angela Almanza
Willie Berkley
Kaden Billingsley
Brent Bollinger
Daniel Boyd
Colton Brewster
Dylan Bunch
Daniel Burk
Cody Burney
Ashley Casas
Ryan Claxton
Alison Cox
Samantha Daves
Jessica DeLeon
Jordan Derryberry
Stacey Elam
Trevor Emerson
Drake Finch
Marc Fisk
Chad Franks
Heather Garza
Ryan Gonzales
Brandee Harbin
Kimberly Harlan
Cassie Hernandez
Corey Jaramillo
James Jones
Blane Knipe
Michael Light
Amanda Martinez
Tyler McCormack
Morgan Moffett
Eldon Morris
Preston Munson
Tatum Norwood
Josi Presley
Cristina Resendiz
Jacob Scifres
Kelby Seale
Kendra Tidwell
Loren Toombs
Alex Urias
Jessica Verduzco
Jimmy Wells
Shay Wilson
Nathan Wittie

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Cinthia Arellano
Tasha Ball
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Rebekah Brown
Andrea DeLoera
Krista Dorsett
Starla Early
Ashley Luecke
Michael Mann
Jonnie Porter
Ember Proffitt
Terann Ragland
Amanda Rivera
Jordan Stansell
Sydney Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Ryan Arredondo
Jaedi Baze
Brianna Bernal
Kunal Bhakta
Brett Bowlin
Candace Chandler
Blake Clifton
Taylor Courtney
Sarah Covington
Katie Crenwelge
Monte Crooks
Laura Culwell
Heather Derington
Sonia Estrada
Tyler Everett
Whitley Fulford
William Greenwood
Kinsey Guynes
Ramsey Herrera
Kade Kruger
Casey Long
Shannon Mangis
Michael Martinez
Teisha McGlouthin
Cassie Mhoon
Ryan Mitchell
Claire Morris
Erica Munoz
Louisa Pena
Wesley Price
Cody Reed
Candace Rice
Brandon Robbins
Tara Robertson
Jeremy Rodriguez
Amy Sauceda
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Tana Sullenger
Ryne Trout
Courtney Tyrrell
Heather West

Ira I.S.D.
2nd Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Blake Bethel
Rilee Dunn
Grant Flowers
Hope Fontenot
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
Stefanie Juarez
Kole King
Brady Ledbetter
Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
A-B Honor Roll
Jared Cotton
Luke Crawford
Dillan Cullifer
Kaleb Derryberry
Rebecca Gunset

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Elizabeth Brunson
Kolton Cox
Taylor Hollingsworth
Sarah Kellner
Kaleb Presley
Avery Wirsching
David Wooldridge
A-B Honor Roll
Holly Juarez
Jimmy Markworth

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Taylor Autry
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Cristian Ornelas
Gabriel Patterson
Brandee Pinkerton
Conner Smith
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Bennett
Hayden Hollingsworth
Moises Ornelas
Ashlei Pearcy
Quinton Shafer

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amber Baker
Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Isaac Martin
Lupe Ornelas
Mariana Ornelas
A-B Honor Roll
Trea Fontenot
Sarah Gunset
Rebecca Jones
Steven Juarez
Baily Nickerson
Kellie Pilcher
Alex Rivera
Meagan Robbins
J. P. Wilson

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Olivia Juarez
John Martini
Roy Shafer
A-B Honor Roll
Brodie Calley
Haley Farmer
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
Evian Olvera
Jessica Steelman
Daniel Wooldridge

Six Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Jamie Dobbs
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Shandy McMullen
Tanner Price
Ashley Trotter

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Laura Juarez
Colby McMullen
Kaci Walker
A-B Honor Roll
Mark Barnes
Justin Jones
Tony Martini

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Jessica Odom
A-B Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Kelbie Pitner

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
Chris Dobbs
Wesley Kellner
Joel Lollar
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shea Allen
Brandon Crane
Kevin Graves
Sarah McCown
Amber Sanchez
Justin Taylor
Brenda Torres

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Lindsey Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Rusty Josey
Stephan Kirk
Suzie Pendergrass
Alana Pulis
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Eric Dickerhoff
Jeff Fine
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Bea Aguinaga
Kali Clements
Heather Crawford
Manny Garcia
Tim Huddleston
Stephen Nickerson
Raquel Ornelas
Candace Sanchez

Hermleigh ISD
3rd Six Weeks

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendall Benitez
Aaron Lane
Felix Martinez
Karsten Morrell
Kirsten Shankles
A-B Honor Roll
Ricky Williams
Cathrine Witte

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Delinda Dacus
A-B Honor Roll
Fabian Fuentes
Carly Gill

Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Senon Delacruz
Lori Garcia
Jacob Nachlinger
Duncan Sorrells
Jordan Williamson

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Dustin Dacus
A-B Honor Roll
Caroline Granados
Melanie Kariainen
Shaye Williams

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Lelan Shankles
A-B Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Rustin Webb
Casey Williamson

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brett McClure

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Barrera
Alicia Culp
Brittany Kelley
A-B Honor Roll
Megan Kariainen

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alana Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
Johnathon McClure
Danni Webb

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Valerie West
Dustin Williamson
A-B Honor Roll
Krystal Beasley
Christy Garcia
Justin Williamson

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terrel Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Angie Glover
Amelia Hermosillo
Misty McClure
Amber Yruegas

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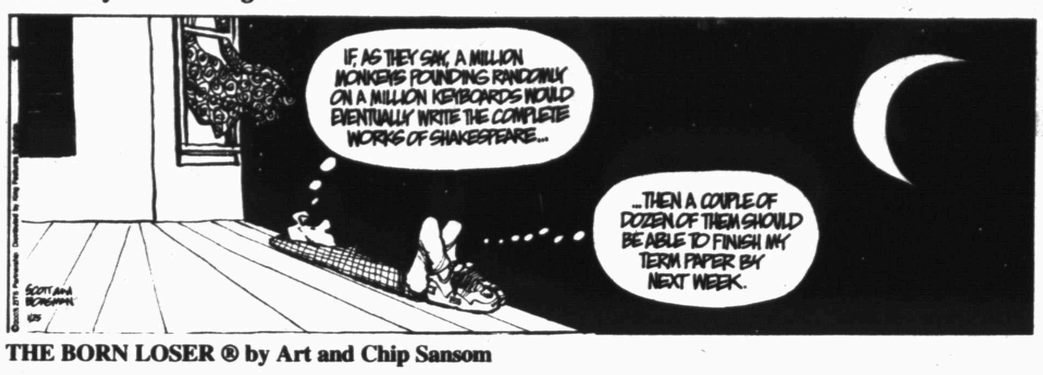

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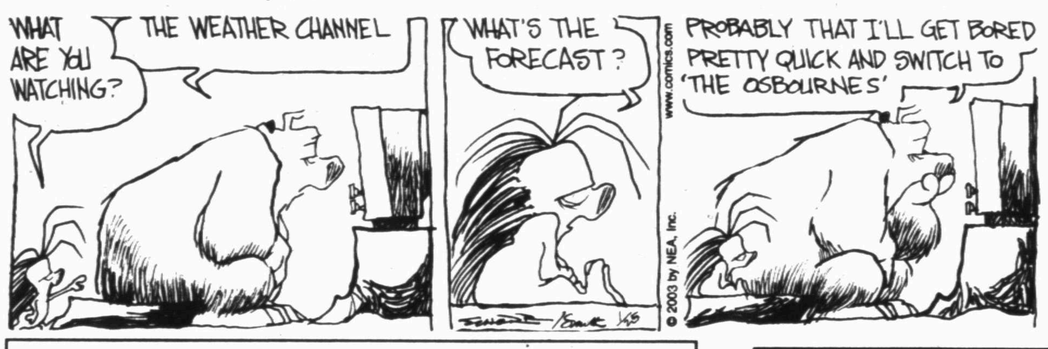

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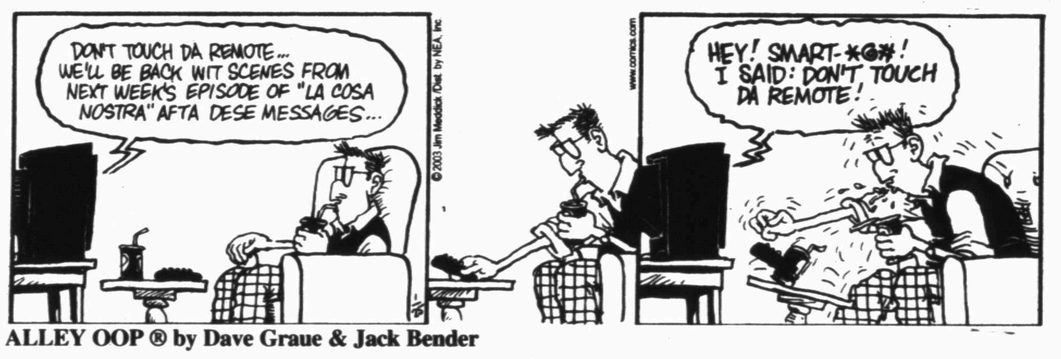

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Factory
5 Toilet article
9 Attorney's deg.
12 Comic-strip dog
13 Thermometer type
14 Debtor's letters
15 Chem rooms
16 Lugosi or Bartok
17 House addition
18 Formal papers
20 Pigeon
22 Cheers
23 Baseballer Mel —
24 Tortilla snack
27 Ms. Dinesen
31 Pop
34 Nope (hyph.)
35 Ski equipment
36 Game plan
38 Cousteau's islands
40 Tiny legume
41 Gulls' cries
42 Polite address
44 Work the soil
46 Felt boots
49 Pondered
52 Heir's legacy
54 Devotee
55 Adroit
58 Elm or oak
59 Orange pekoe, e.g.
60 Poet's Ireland
61 Fiendish
62 Energy unit
63 "Fancy" singer — McEntire
64 Cub Scout groups

DOWN

1 Shed
2 Russet potato
3 Slander's kin
4 Dwindle
5 Ears of corn
6 Mine yield
7 "Bien" opposite
8 Explosion
9 Place
10 Albright or Montez
11 Daffodil
19 Genesis hunter
21 Ear swab (hyph.)
23 Exclaimed over
25 Doorbell
26 Grass-skirt dance
28 Make thoroughly wet
29 Pub order
30 Mauna —
31 Gloomy
32 Fruit drink
33 Moisture
37 Netster Arthur —
39 Drains, as energy
43 In a tangle
45 More unusual
47 Do jack-o'-lanterns
48 Tankard
49 Little bug
50 Computer owner
51 Doe's mate
52 Sicilian volcano
53 Congers
56 Before, to Keats
57 Prevaricate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	O	L			G	A	B		O	D	E
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A	S	P		O	R	E	O		A	M	O	R
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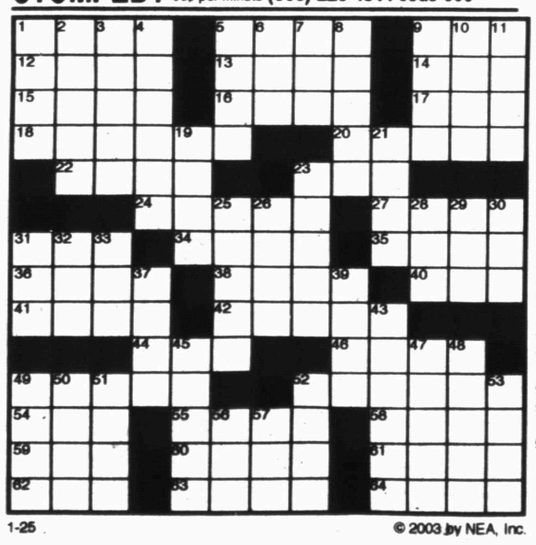

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"IT'S OKAY BEING GOOD, BUT JUST BEING KIND OF GOOD IS MORE FUN."

"I think I just found your other blue sock."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman becomes a shut-in to shut out her neighbor

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our mid-40s and reside in a mobile home community. Most of our neighbors are seniors, and we live a quiet life. I have fibromyalgia, which limits my activities.

Our 73-year-old next-door neighbor, "Pearl," is driving me nuts. She's constantly finding things for me to do for her.

I used to help Pearl when she asked, or take her to the store — but no more. She's a loudmouth who has embarrassed me in public. I used to take her to doctor appointments — no more. She's addicted to prescription drugs and has stolen from me. Three doctors in six months dropped her. I've learned not to mention medications I'm taking or she'll hit me up for some.

Pearl talks horribly about our neighbors. She also lies. But the icing on the cake came when she bad-mouthed my own mother to my face.

Abby, my life is no longer my own. I can't go outside without Pearl hollering at me to come over. I used to have a special place in my garden where I could sit peacefully and write in my journal, but I haven't been out there in weeks because of her.

I've spoken to Pearl's daughter, but she says to "just ignore her." I'm at my wit's end. What should I do? — **TAMMY IN OHIO**

DEAR TAMMY: Talk to her daughter again. Pearl's problems are so numerous they cannot be ignored. She needs a medical and psychological evaluation. Assure the daughter that she is not alone with this problem — there are programs in place for seniors that can be accessed by contacting one's local office on aging. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm employed as a legal assistant in a law office with two other people: my boss, "Jerry," and my co-worker, "Evelyn." Before reading further, please understand they are not having an affair.

My problem is that Jerry shows extreme favoritism to Evelyn. Some examples:

(1) Jerry threw an elaborate party for Evelyn on her birthday and did nothing for mine, even though he was aware of the date.

(2) He purchased an "employee incentive" package from an airline to reward "deserving employees" with air miles. Within six months, he awarded all of them to Evelyn.

(3) He ordered business cards for my co-worker and none for me, even though we are both his assistants with the same title.

(4) I suspect Jerry gives bonuses to Evelyn and not to me —that are based upon the "good work" that both she and I do for the firm.

(5) He's flying Evelyn and her boyfriend first-class to Cancun to attend a seminar with him.

(6) Evelyn and I both exceeded our allotted vacation time last year. Jerry made me pay back the extra vacation days I took, but didn't make the same request of her.

I realize that Evelyn has been a legal assistant for many more years than I have. However, it's obvious that our boss out-and-out favors her. What should I do about it, Abby? — **TREATED UNFAIRLY IN DENTON, TEXAS**

DEAR TREATED UNFAIRLY: Take the hint and start looking for a job elsewhere. You are in a no-win situation.

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DEAR ABBY: I cheated on my husband "Greg" for nearly a year. My job involves a lot of traveling, so it wasn't difficult to pull off my double life. I finally realized how bad I felt about myself because of the cheating and decided to rededicate myself to Greg. Since he had no clue about the affair, I wasn't going to tell him.

At the time I ended the affair, my lover's wife found out and told my husband. I begged for forgiveness and implored Greg to give me another chance. We had been happily married for a decade before the affair. I know it's no excuse, but I cheated only because it seemed exciting.

When Greg learned about the affair and understood how sorry I was, he seemed willing to work it through. Then, all of a sudden, he became depressed and moved out. He said he "couldn't do it anymore" — he couldn't respect me, couldn't love me, and couldn't get certain images out of his head.

Greg now lives out of state. I call him almost every day and apologize and beg him to come back, but he's cold as ice.

Please don't suggest counseling, Abby. Nothing in this world would persuade him to go. I'm counting on you for some magic words of advice. Sign me ... **WOKE UP TOO LATE IN LITTLE ROCK**

DEAR WOKE UP TOO LATE: I'm sorry, but there are no magic words that can turn back the clock. The only magic I can see is that in your hunger for excitement, you made your marriage disappear in a puff of smoke. I hope your sad story serves as a cautionary example to others who are contemplating an affair. There is no such thing as free love. What you're paying now is the "amusement" tax.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl with an embarrassing problem: I still suck my thumb. It has caused many arguments between my parents and me.

They paid a lot of money for my braces and retainer, and I'm on the verge of ruining my teeth. I have tried to stop by wearing a mitten, putting gross flavors on my thumb, etc., to no avail. Can you help me? — **STILL A BABY IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR BABY: Try this; it's a form of behavior modification. Place a rubber band loosely around your wrist. When the urge to suck your thumb strikes, snap the rubber band hard enough to remind you to resist the habit. Soon you will associate the "sting" with the urge to suck your thumb, and because of the discomfort, you'll reject the urge.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went to a restaurant where you have the option of ordering something off the menu or selecting from the buffet.

I say he should have waited to fill his plate until my food arrived. He insists it was OK to go ahead and start eating from the buffet while I sat there waiting for my food. Who's right? — **MIFFED IN IRVING, TEXAS**

DEAR MIFFED: You are. For your husband to have filled a plate and begun eating while you sat waiting for your menu order was inconsiderate. (The least he could have done was to offer you a morsel.)

Clip this column and let him chew on that.

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Daschle's stimulus package calls for a $300-per-person tax cut

CLEVELAND (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle called Friday for $300-per-person income tax cuts and billions in aid to cash-strapped states as part of an economic stimulus package designed as an alternative to President Bush's recommendations.

Daschle's proposals also include tax breaks to help small businesses afford health insurance premiums and aid for an estimated 1 million jobless people who have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

Daschle, D-S.D., announced his proposals in a speech before the City Club of Cleveland. While they stand virtually no chance of enactment in the Republican-controlled Senate, they give Democrats an alternative to support during the coming debate over the president's recommendations.

"We need an economic plan with a single overriding goal of helping the economy, and helping the economy now," he said in the speech. "The president's plan is not economic stimulus. More than 90 percent of the tax cuts wouldn't get to the taxpayers until after 2003."

The measures proposed by Daschle would expire after one year and carry a price tag of roughly $140 billion, far less than the $674 billion, 10-year plan that Bush has issued.

Bush's plan proposed the elimination of the tax on dividends, and called for the acceleration of some of the income tax cuts that Congress approved two years ago — two elements that Daschle and other Democrats have criticized and that Daschle omitted from his own plan.

"If we're looking at a short-term economic goal, if we want to get the biggest bang for the buck in the shortest period of time, the dividend tax cut is not it," Daschle said.

Daschle's speech was part of a broader Democratic attempt to counter the administration's economic proposals. The party's leader in the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, proposed an alternative earlier this month, and she and Daschle plan a joint appearance on Monday that their offices described as a "prebuttal to President Bush's State of the Union Address."

Additionally, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, released a plan a month ago that blends tax cuts for individuals with aid to the states and costs slightly more than Daschle's recommendations.

Daschle has been particularly critical of Bush's tax proposals, describing them as a plan to "leave no millionaire behind."

Daschle proposed a tax cut of $300 per adult and an additional $300 per child, up to two children per family. Adults would qualify even if they have no federal tax liability, as long as they pay Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes.

Daschle also proposed additional tax breaks for businesses, including more generous depreciation designed to encourage companies to invest in new equipment. He also called for a tax credit to help small businesses pay for health insurance premiums and proposed a credit for businesses investing in broadband high-speed Internet equipment.

Teen couple dies after car plunges into hole on ice

DEEPHAVEN, Minn. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl escaped from a car that had plunged through an open patch on an icy lake and dragged herself 150 yards before dying close to shore, authorities said. Her 16-year-old boyfriend also died.

Both had told their parents Tuesday night they were going to a popular gathering spot for teens on icy Lake Minnetonka.

"She was so close. She almost made it," said Tracy Constable, whose house was nearest where the girl was found.

The bodies of Evan Wilson and Jacqueline Hannah Fricke were found Wednesday.

Investigators believe Fricke could have been lying in the open for up to 12 hours. Her tracks indicate she walked for about 100 yards, then crawled another 50 yards. Her body was found curled up with her arms wrapped around her shoulders. Her shoes and a jacket were found in the water.

In summer and winter the lake is a big draw for teenagers. Throughout the winter authorities say they run into a number of young people partying on the lake.

Fort Worth sewer plant powered by landfill methane

ARLINGTON (AP) — As part of a deal aimed to save money and help the environment, methane gas once burned and released into the air from Arlington's landfill will be piped to Fort Worth to help power a wastewater treatment plant.

Renovar Energy Corp. of Midland will capture methane gas from the landfill north of the Trinity River and send it through a 4-mile underground pipe to the treatment plant.

In return, Arlington got a new $3 million gas well system, which is more environmentally efficient than the city's past practice of burning the gas into open air. Renovar will maintain the well system, saving Arlington about $70,000 a year, city officials said.

"Renovar has assumed the immediate and long term-financial responsibility of the project at no risk to the city," said Trey Yelverton, the city's neighborhood services director.

Methane, a colorless gas, is a byproduct of the decomposition of organic solids and is produced by cows, landfills and the solid waste treated at sewage plants.

Arlington's new system captures the gas, cleanses it and pipes it to the Fort Worth wastewater plant. Renovar sells the gas to wastewater treatment plants at a low cost.

This month, the Environmental Protection Agency selected Arlington's agreement with Fort Worth as the "Landfill Methane Outreach Program of the Year for 2003" because the project crosses two city boundaries.

The Fort Worth plant's assistant director, Robert McMillon, said 75 percent of the plant's power comes from using methane gas, but he hopes it will be at 100 percent within two years.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Anti-viral drugs help cure shingles

DEAR DR. GOTT: Thirty years ago, I had a slight rash on my back that my doctor diagnosed as shingles. He gave me vitamin B12 shots, the blisters dried up and the pain went away. Since then, I've known several people with shingles who have suffered for months, and the B12 treatment was never offered to them. Why not?

DEAR READER: Because it doesn't work.

Shingles, a type of herpes virus infection in the nerves of the skin, causes painful blisters. However, not all patients with this affliction progress to a full-blown rash; some have only a scattering of minor lesions. This is what probably happened in your case, or you may have had a rash unrelated to shingles. In either instance, the B12 therapy played no role whatsoever in your recovery. This was plain-and-simple placebo effect. In the 1960s, when you may have had shingles, there was no treatment for herpes zoster, so doctors often felt obligated to give some form of treatment, even if they knew it was ineffective. Perhaps you ought to thank your lucky stars that your doctor didn't give you leeches or purgative therapy, both of which were the rage generations ago.

Fortunately, today, there is effective treatment for herpes infections: For example, acyclovir, when taken in pill form as early as possible in the course of the disease, will often cure the infection. Forget about vitamin B12, which is appropriate therapy for pernicious anemia, a condition unrelated to herpes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes pronounced swelling of the legs? I have had this annoyance for six months and worry that it could reflect kidney damage. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Unquestionably. The causes of leg edema (swelling) are legion. Any disease or condition that causes fluid to seep through the walls of blood vessels and pool in surrounding tissue can lead to it. Common causes of edema include the following: increased pressure in the leg veins (from pregnancy, prolonged standing, blood clots, varicose veins, tumors or heart failure), increased pressure in the lymphatic system (from inflammation or blockage of lymph flow) and kidney disorders (which can cause fluid overload in the body).

Because the causes of edema are so varied, you should be examined and tested by your doctor to discover the reason for your swelling. Although many instances of leg edema are completely benign and will resolve with time, other forms are more serious and require medical attention.

Because kidney disorders commonly cause edema, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a bruise-like spot on my left arm that is small at times and as big as a half-dollar at others. No trauma or pain. Could this be cancerous or dangerous to my health?

DEAR READER: Without seeing the lesion, I can't make any conclusions. Have it checked out by a physician. If it's not a bruise, it needs attention and possible removal; if it is, I'd be curious to discover why you have a chronic bruise on your arm. Could there be something wrong with your blood clotting? The doctor can sort this out with an examination and blood tests, if necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain what "increased densities" on a mammogram are all about.

DEAR READER: When x-rayed, all tissues give characteristic patterns on x-ray film. The pattern depends on the density of the tissue being examined. Bone, for example, is extremely dense and will, therefore, absorb more x-rays, leading to a white image on the film. In contrast, fat is much less dense; more x-rays pass through it to expose the film and cause a darker image.

The breast is composed of tissues of varying densities: fat, glandular elements, cysts, scar tissue, and — in some cases — calcifications. Thus, the x-ray pattern in a mammogram reflects a variety of tissues within the breast.

It's the radiologist's duty to interpret the shadows on the x-ray films and tell the patient's physician whether the images are normal or suspicious. In general, breast cancer is denser than normal breast tissue — and may contain tiny flecks of calcium that tip off the radiologist to a potential problem.

The fact that you had "increased densities" on your mammogram is not necessarily worrisome; it simply means that you have some dense tissue in the breast that is probably normal — but should be followed up with either a repeat mammogram in six months or a biopsy now. The fact that your densities did not contain calcium is a very encouraging finding and probably means that you don't have a serious breast problem. Nonetheless, you should ask your doctor about this.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read an article about social phobia. What is this and what can be done about it?

DEAR READER: A phobia is an exaggerated fear of something that is ordinarily harmless. People can exhibit phobias to an astounding array of objects and situations, ranging from animals and public places to heights and social situations. Social phobias indicate a persistent and disabling fear of situations that expose a person to scrutiny, such as speaking in public or relating to social interactions.

In general, mild phobias can be disregarded if they don't unduly disrupt one's life. For instance, many of us are phobic about airline travel; however, despite our discomfort, we put up with the fear and continue to fly.

In contrast, severe and incapacitating phobias almost always require treatment by professionals. Psychiatrists, psychologists and counselors can frequently assist people in coping with or overcoming their phobias. This may include prescription medication, behavioral modification, hypnosis or other techniques.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from allergies and occasionally have attacks of sinus congestion. These are usually eliminated by over-the-counter antihistamine/decongestant medications, such as Tylenol Cough and Cold. Sudafed doesn't work for me. My concern is that I am seven months pregnant and hesitate to use medication. Do I have an alternative?

DEAR READER: Although at this stage of pregnancy your baby has developed completely and will merely gain weight until it is born, you are correct to be hesitant about taking medication. Non-prescription drugs for allergies should not harm you or the baby. Nonetheless, I encourage you to clear this with your obstetrician. As an alternative, consider using a nasal spray such as Afrin, to treat your allergic attacks.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, my husband had his spleen removed because, his doctor told me, of damage from chewing tobacco. Now I'm worried that his liver or kidneys might be affected. He has tried stopping the tobacco in the past.

DEAR READER: I am not aware that chewing tobacco can affect the spleen, an abdominal organ that filters out worn red blood cells and bacteria in the bloodstream. Perhaps you misunderstood your doctor. Return to him or her for clarification. The most common reason to have splenic surgery is an injury to the organ, causing hemorrhage.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has a high cholesterol level that we prefer to treat with diet. I'm under the impression that unsaturated fat is to be preferred. He claims that saturated fat is healthful. Who's right?

DEAR READER: You are. Unsaturated fat, usually from vegetable sources, is a preferred substitute for saturated fat, which is derived from animals, is solid at room temperature and has been associated with cardiovascular diseases. Therefore, anyone on a low-cholesterol diet should limit intake of saturated fats, substituting instead olive oil and other unsaturated fats that are liquid at room temperature.

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Governor, mayor among hundreds attending funeral

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The governor and the mayor were among the mourners Friday as hundreds paid their respects to a 7-year-old boy whose death stunned the community.

Ushers distributed programs as people filed in from numbing cold to mourn Faheem Williams, whose decomposed body was found in the home of a woman who was supposed to be caring for him. The horrific abuse case spurred calls for reform of the state child welfare agency.

His small, white casket lay at the foot of the altar, surrounded by flowers. A teddy bear was placed to one side of the closed casket, pictures of Faheem on the other.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Dr. David Ireland, pastor of Christ Church and Impact Ministries in Montclair, said there is a time and place for reform of child protection agencies, but added, "Today is not a day for casting blame."

"When we sometimes try to point a finger, we end up causing more pain," Ireland said.

Gov. James E. McGreevey said that with the funeral, "Today, Faheem entered the kingdom of God." A card distributed to mourners had a picture of a pensive Faheem and the reminder that Heaven is "where the heart is always glad."

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Mayor Sharpe James also addressed the congregation during the two-hour service at Emmanuel Church of Christ.

In the front row before him sat the boy's mother, Melinda Williams, who was in a wheelchair after being hit by a car earlier this month. She remained more composed than during Thursday's wake, when she sobbed uncontrollably.

Faheem's body was found Jan. 5 in a plastic storage bin, a day after his twin brother, Raheem, and younger brother, 4-year-old Tyrone Hill, were found starving in an adjacent room of Sherry L. Murphy's home.

Authorities say Williams had asked Murphy, a cousin of hers, to care for her sons while she served a jail sentence.

Murphy, a 41-year-old go-go dancer, has been charged with child endangerment. Prosecutors are seeking to try Murphy's 16-year-old son, Wesley Thomas, as an adult on assault and child endangerment charges involving the abuse of Faheem and Raheem.

A cousin of the boys, Clarence Jackson, helped organize the wake and the funeral. He is the legal guardian of Williams' eldest son, Fuquan.

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