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Coroner: Death not suicide...

Murder defendant says shooting was accidental

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

In a statement to police made just hours after the death of his live-in girlfriend, murder defendant Grayling Thomas Gradney claimed Carolyn Carr was killed when she swung a shotgun at him by the barrel and it accidentally went off.

Gradney's statement was read to a nine-man, three-woman jury hearing testimony in the case Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court. Gradney is charged with murdering his 43-year-old girlfriend on the night of Aug. 25 at a mobile home they shared in Snyder.

The prosecution rested shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. Gradney, a 37-year-old former Price Daniel Unit employee, took the stand in his own behalf at 10:20 a.m. and told the jury that the death was an accident.

This conflicted with some original statements made to police the night of the shooting that the victim had shot herself.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson questioned Gradney only briefly and asked Gradney if he "knowingly and intentionally caused the death of Carolyn Carr?"

Gradney replied, "No sir, it was an accident."

Special Prosecutor Ricky Smith, who is district attorney for Dawson County, questioned Gradney as to why he had told the police and others that Carr had "finally done it; she killed herself."

Gradney replied that he first thought she had.

"You mean you told your son plus a good friend on the telephone that she killed herself and now you are changing your story? When did you change your story?"

Gradney answered several questions from Smith by saying he didn't remember saying anything to certain officers and others the night of the shooting.

"I just lost a loved one ... I was very upset," said the defendant.

Smith asked if he recalled making statements to officer Patrick Coggins to which Coggins testified on Monday afternoon. Gradney said he did not recall telling him all those things.

Smith then said, "You read a four-page statement that you gave Coggins. You don't remember saying those things?"

"I just signed it, I did not read it," said Gradney.

Several times this morning, Gradney said he did not remember the exact sequence of events.

At one time, Smith asked him to look at a photo of the deceased lying in the floor of the mobile home. Gradney refused.

"If that is a picture of her, I'm not going to look at it," the defendant said.

Gradney left the stand at 11:20 this morning. The court recessed until 1 p.m.

Also testifying today was Dr. Sparks Veasey who performed the autopsy.

He testified that the cause of death was a shotgun wound to the head, fired from very close range.

Smith asked the pathologist if he thought the death was the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound and he replied, "No".

Veasey testified that based on the length of the gun barrel, Carr could not have shot herself.

Also testifying this morning was Capt. Tom Bevel of the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Bevel is an expert in the field of bloodstain pattern analysis. He was asked by Smith if he thought the shooting was a result of a struggle. Bevel replied he did not.

"There probably would have been blood in more locations, and on the accused if they had been involved in any kind of struggle," Bevel added.

He said the main blood and brain mass was located some 32 to 35 inches above the floor.

"The victim was probably bending over," said Bevel.

The first witness for the defense was a friend of both Gradney and Carr.

Scharyel Smith stated that she and her husband visited with the two socially. She said she had never seen the victim and Gradney fighting or arguing.

"No forms of domestic violence whatsoever?" asked Wilson.

Smith replied, "No sir."

Monday afternoon, officer Coggins read from a statement Gradney made a few hours after the shooting which said Gradney and Carr had been quarreling and drinking that evening. The two, who lived together in a mobile home, went to rent a movie. On the way, Carr jumped out of the van. Gradney told police he did not stop to look for her, but went on to get the movie.

Gradney said on the way home, he and his son looked for her, but were only able to find a cup she had been drinking from. About five minutes after arriving home, Carr returned to the residence.

"(Expletive), I could have been killed," she said, Gradney told police. He said Carr then said "I'm going to show you some (expletive)," ~~then went to the bedroom~~ and came back with a shotgun.

In his statement, Gradney said he asked her "What the (expletive) do you think you're going to do

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Wednesday...

Sntx Park I tops agenda for DCOS

A lengthy agenda — much of which deals with the industrial park — faces Development Corporation of Snyder board members when they meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the DCOS board room.

Agenda items include:

—a review and ratification of a contract with Grimmett Brothers, which is overseeing road work at the park.

—a review and ratification of a contract pertaining to culvert construction at the park.

—consider giving one or more board members the authority for certain expenditures for construction work at the park, rather than bringing each one before the entire board.

—consideration of TU Electric options for power line relocation at the park.

—consideration of bids to move a fence at the park.

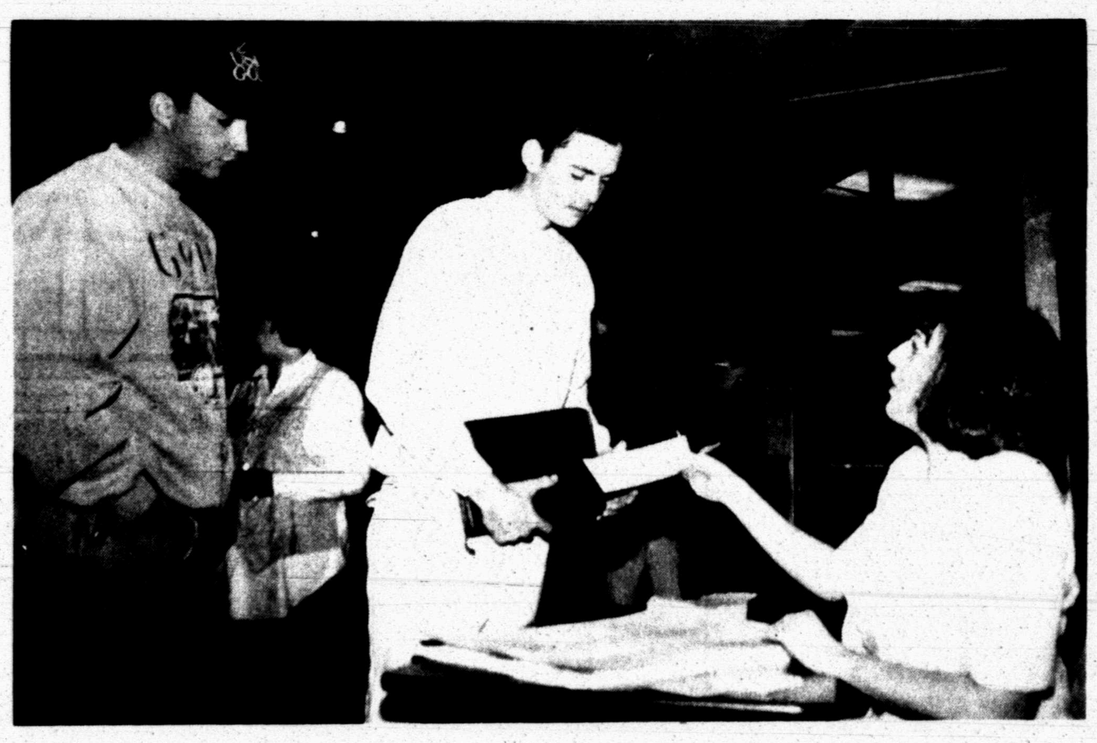
—consider a Freese & Nichols contract for engineering services related to the $565,000 in tax-exempt bonds to bring utility lines and other infrastructure to the park.

—discussion of a timetable to authorize $1 million in taxable bonds to further expand the overall park project.

—discussion of an upcoming visit to California to meet with officials from Lorber Industries.

—approval of bills for payment and fund transfers.

—approval of previous minutes.



SPRING TERM BEGINS — Freshman students registered today at Western Texas College for the spring term. Alisha Cooper with WTC student services helps Donald Demasters of San Antonio begin the process, as David Bell of Hamlin looks on. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's impossible to get ahead of anyone if you are trying to get even with 'em."

Decisions, decisions.

The new concealed handgun law has presented another fashion dilemma — where and how to tote your heat where it doesn't show.

Starting the first of this month, it is now legal for Texans to tote a concealed weapon, but the question is where to pack the hardware.

On TV, tough guys put it in their sock or inside one's belt. Bad idea. Nobody wants to shoot themselves in the foot — or worse.

Gun experts advise against tucking a pistol inside one's clothing. They say gunslingers should go the TV western route and buy a holster which they say is safer and more comfortable.

At the Bullet Trap in Dallas, it is reported that holster sales have tripled. Prices range from $10 to $100.

Some experts advise against the shoulder holster because it requires the use of a jacket to keep any gun concealed. The most-recommended holster, by experts, is inside-the-pants.

Experts also say that a holster may require a wholesale change in wardrobe as a larger size is generally needed.

It may be discriminatory, but women have another option. At Feminine Protection by Sarah, a Dallas holster and purse shop, women can choose from 30 different handbags in 10 sizes and colors. Each is crafted with a secret gun compartment.

The design is to allow the female to reach for her protection without having to dig past the compact to the bottom of the purse.

In order to prevent theft, one purse with a gun compartment has a strap attached to it. If the purse is snatched from a shoulder, the strap tears away, leaving the gun with its owner.

We guess a guy could carry a purse, but we'd suggest he'd look better with a violin case.

Ruling stands...

Limits upheld on S&L regulators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let stand a ruling that limited how far federal regulators can go in requiring insured savings and loan associations to keep a certain level of cash on hand.

The justices, without comment, refused to revive an Office of Thrift Supervision decision that would have required a failed Florida S&L's chief stockholder to pay more than $1.5 million into its trust estate.

A federal appeals court set aside the OTS action. The lower court said the agency could not impose such a requirement unless it proved Robert D. Rapaport had been "unjustly enriched" by failing to live up to an agreement he signed when the thrift was federally insured.

Rapaport planned to own about 70 percent of the stock in Great Life Savings Association in Sunrise, Fla., when the thrift was granted federal insurance in 1984. He signed a five-year agreement that required Great Life to maintain its capital at a minimum level.

During the five-year period, Great Life's capital fell below the prescribed minimum level. After Rapaport refused to increase the capital, the OTS placed the thrift into receivership in early 1990.

The agency that year also began an administrative proceeding against Rapaport — resulting in an order that he pay more than $1.5 million into Great Life's receivership estate.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia set aside the OTS decision last July, however, ruling that it had exceeded its authority to order compliance with a net-worth maintenance agreement.

Such an order can be imposed only if the agency shows someone "has been unjustly enriched or that his conduct involved a reckless disregard for the law or any applicable regulations or prior order of a federal banking agency," the appeals court said.

New board members greet BCD

Greeting of new board members and election of officers are among the items of business for the Board of County Development, which meets at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room.

To be given the oath of office are new board members David Koonce, owner of K.A.R.S., an automotive repair shop; and David Kattes, professor at Western Texas College. They will join Tim Riggan, Terry Hefner and Mark McCormick in making up the five-member board. McCormick, who has been reappointed to another term, will be repeating the oath.

Outgoing board members Max von Roeder and Pete Hester will be recognized.

Following that business, the board will elect officers for 1996.

Board members will also consider a contribution request from Capt. J.D. Smith with the Price Daniel Unit, payment of bills and approval of previous minutes.

United Way goal reaches 90 percent

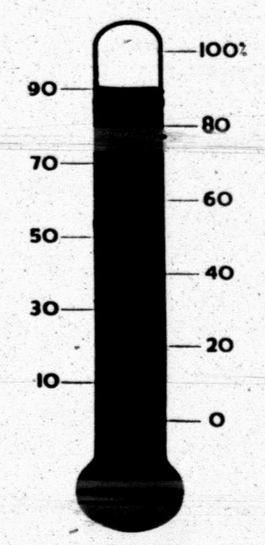
Scurry County United Way needs less than $7,500 to meet the 1995-96 goal, campaign organizers announced today.

"We're excited about it. We're getting close," said Zola Schlegel, executive secretary.

Schlegel said donations have reached $65,523.82, or 90 percent of the goal of $73,000. Just $7,476.18 is needed to complete the goal.

Anyone wishing to help out can donate in person at Anderson & West, 4208 College Ave., or by mail to P.O. Box 1411 in Snyder.

Scurry County United Way funds help provide operating expenses for the Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care, Noah Project, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Oil Patch Foster Parents, the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the American Red Cross.



ASK US

—Is next Monday a holiday for Snyder ISD students? If so, what holiday is it?

A—January 22 is a staff development day for SISD employees and therefore a holiday for students. It is not a state or national holiday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 65 degrees; low, 39; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45-50. S wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. High 70-75. SW wind 15-20 mph, gusty.



Sunset: 6:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.

Of 15 days in 1996, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The way of the sluggard is a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.

Proverbs 15:19

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'Nervy' burglar robs home of people trying to save his relatives

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As a fire killed his sister and cousin, Kenneth James was robbing the home of next-door neighbors who were trying to save them, police said.

When the James house erupted in flames Saturday night, Don and Cynthia Stephens opened their own front door and windows to clear out the smoke, then ran to help their neighbors.

"I don't regret at all trying to help them," Mrs. Stephens said. "I'm just sorry he didn't think enough of his little sister and his cousin to not even care what was happening to them while he was robbing me."

The fire apparently was started when 9-year-old Felicia James was playing with matches. She and her cousin, Roslyn Jones, 33, died of smoke inhalation. James' grandmother, Elizabeth James, 80, survived.

As the Stephenses tried unsuccessfully to get into the burning house, James, 29, and a friend saw their open home and walked in, police said.

James allegedly stole the family's winter coats, a cellular phone, a video camera, cameras, jewelry and about $100, throwing them over a backyard fence to his accomplice, who is still at large.

Don Stephens said his brother-in-law was spraying the James house with a garden hose when he saw James enter the Stephenses' house.

Stephens said he tried to stop James, but James escaped in the commotion outside. He was arrested a short time later at a deli while trying to buy beer.

James was charged with burglary, theft, criminal trespass, receiving stolen property and conspiracy and was held on $4,500 bail.

"I've known Kenny since he was 14 years old," Mrs. Stephens said through tears. "He's done a lot of stupid things in his life. But I didn't know he was so callous."

Migrant field hand becomes top teacher

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (AP) — Maria Ramirez's childhood was a blur: Working in the fields by day, squeezing into labor camp hovels at night, she had little time to think of anything but survival.

Years later, with field work behind her and a master's degree under her belt, Ramirez is a living example to her second-grade pupils of what can happen when you start thinking beyond survival, to success.

"I tell them my stories of where I came from, of how I was, how I used to live in this boxcar, how hard we worked and how we had nothing," she said.

"Even if you're poor, you should work hard and go to school and know that you can do it. Some day you can be somebody."

Ramirez, 39, a bilingual teacher at Alsup Elementary School in this blue-collar Denver suburb, was honored this month as Teacher of the Year by the National Association for Bilingual Education.

Her pupils have "a sense of empowerment," said Alsup Principal Ernestine Garcia. "It's like I see more leaders and more assertiveness in asking questions. ... They're a pistol of a class."

Mrs. Ramirez developed her own sense of empowerment through years of struggle and setbacks.

She was born in Nyssa, Ore., on the state's western border. Her parents, Mexican immigrants with little education or understanding of English, toiled in the beet and onion fields from sunrise to sunset.

From June to November, Mrs. Ramirez, her parents and her six brothers traveled through the Northwest looking for work in the fields. During the rest of the year, they worked in Eagle Pass, Texas, on the Mexican border.

For 19 years, Ramirez's life was spent in the one-room cabins of migrant labor camps, whose furnishings consisted of bunk beds, a table and a two-burner gas stove. Workers pinned up towels and sheets for privacy in community bathing areas.

"I remember one of my uncles lived in this little shack that looked almost like a chicken coop," she said. "There was no place (else) to put him."

In Eagle Pass, Mrs. Ramirez and her brothers attended classes for migrant children. There was no high school prom, no extracurricular activities — just school and work.

"We were a family and we were together and we were helping each other," she said. "We knew we had to pitch in, which we did. But you don't know any better."

Mrs. Ramirez's first break came when she was selected to attend St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, by the Texas College Assistant Migrant Program.

But early in her junior year, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. During her long recovery, she set school aside and married. Before she knew it, she was back in the fields with two small children at her heels.

"Here are my kids, and here I am in this little house and I want better things for my kids," she said. "I thought, 'I've got to do something different.'"

Mrs. Ramirez went back to school, juggling work, classes, her husband, Santos, and three daughters. In 1988, she graduated magna cum laude from Metropolitan State College. In 1994, she received a master's degree from the University of Colorado.

Survey: women still earning less on dollar than male workers do

NEW YORK (AP) — You've come a long way baby. But when it comes to pay, you've still got a ways to go.

Women typically earn 5 to 15 cents less on the dollar than men in similar jobs, though in some cases their salaries are catching up to and even surpassing men's pay, Working Woman magazine reported today.

In a survey, the magazine found the gender gap in pay narrowed significantly in 1995 in some jobs, such as computer analysts.

But it widened in others: Women bank tellers, brokers and other financial service representatives made 55 percent of what their male counterparts earned, down from 66 percent in 1994.

The survey, which used figures provided by professional associations, pay consultants, trade publications and the government's Bureau of Labor Statistics, looked at 28 fields for which salaries were available by gender. It found that women typically earned 85 cents to 95 cents per man's dollar.

Women may earn less because they are newer to the work force than men "and we're playing catch up in terms of on-the-job experience," the article's author, Diane Harris, said in a telephone interview.

"Having said that, that doesn't explain all of the gap. Clearly discrimination plays some sort of role. We just don't know how much."

The survey found that pay inequities varied by industry and position. Women health managers at hospitals earned about $30,212 to men's $44,200, or 68 percent. That was a decrease from 1994, when women in those positions earned 79 percent of men's wages.

Women in other fields are earning more than their male co-workers. A woman chief financial officer at a university or college earned $104,506, compared with her male counterpart's $95,004, or about 10 percent more. But a woman chief executive at a university typically earned $138,800, to a man's $155,500, or 89 percent.

"The real problem is that women are clustered in lower paying jobs and they're not making it in large enough numbers into upper level positions," Harris said.

Susan Mazen, a travel agent at BSC Travel in New York, agreed that experience helps. "When you have the experience you can command the salary," she said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics determined that women earn 74 cents to a man's dollar. But Harris said that's because the bureau does not compare like jobs.

"It lumps all jobs that women hold and all jobs that men hold," she said.

CDC study says infections are killing more Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deaths from infectious diseases rose 58 percent between 1980 and 1992, with the AIDS virus, respiratory diseases and blood infections the main culprits, government scientists said today.

The increase made infectious diseases the third-leading killer of Americans — either the main cause of death or the underlying cause — and proves the bugs are a rising, if underappreciated, threat to health, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

"We have never been more vulnerable," Nobel laureate Joshua Lederberg agreed in an editorial accompanying the report in a special edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The development of antibiotics once had doctors predicting that infectious diseases would be conquered by now. Instead, in the past decade new infections such as the HIV virus suddenly began killing thousands and such older diseases as tuberculosis re-emerged, sometimes strong enough to defy treatment.

"Despite historical predictions that infectious diseases would wane in the United States, these data show that ... mortality has actually been increasing in recent years," said Dr. Robert Pinner, who headed the CDC study.

The study examined every death certificate filed between 1980 and 1992. Infectious diseases sometimes were the obvious cause of death, such as pneumonia, but Pinner delved further to see if deaths attributed to, for example, heart disease really were endocarditis, an infection of heart tissue.

Pinner found that 65 deaths among every 100,000 people in 1992 were caused by infectious diseases, up from 41 of every 100,000 in 1980.

Even when he adjusted for the aging of the population during those 12 years — because the elderly are most vulnerable to infectious agents — the rise in fatal infections was 39 percent, the study found.

Only heart disease and cancer killed more people in 1992, Pinner said. Infectious diseases were the No. 5 killer of Americans in 1980.

The AIDS virus accounted for the largest portion of the mortality increase. When Pinner excluded HIV-related deaths, the infectious disease mortality rose just 22 percent between 1980 and 1992.

Mortality from septicemia, a rapid form of bacterial blood poisoning, increased 83 percent, and deaths from respiratory tract infections rose 20 percent.

Berry's World



"I'm afraid you are what is called 'CLUE CHALLENGED.'"

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Man's Offhand Remark Is Heard As Slap in the Face to Smoker

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a retired executive of a nationally known insurance company. I was with it for 31 years. I'm now 62. My wife died two years ago, and after her death I sold my house, returned to my hometown, bought a condo, joined AARP and settled in to being a "golden-ager."

Every morning I have breakfast at my favorite restaurant and read the newspaper while I eat. I'm very anti-smoking, and the restaurant has a section for nonsmokers.

A few months ago, a nice-looking woman began coming into the restaurant about the same time (mid-morning) as I did. She'd sit in the smoking section, have a couple of cigarettes, several cups of coffee and read the newspaper. She appears to be about my age, well-dressed and very attractive. I have never spoken to her. I don't even know her name.

One morning we were the only two customers in the place, and a waitress, while pouring my refill, said, "Why don't you go over there and speak to that lady and get acquainted? She lost her husband last year, and she's a very nice person."

I replied, "Thank you, but I avoid being around smokers."

This morning, the manager of the restaurant said to me, "You insulted one of my customers by saying you wanted nothing to do with her, so now she's having her coffee up the street."

Abby, that's not true — all I said was, "I avoid being around smokers."

Should I get the lady's name and address and write her a note of apology?

UNSURE

DEAR UNSURE: You don't owe the lady an apology; a note from you would indicate a special interest in her.

The waitress showed poor judgment in repeating your remark. She should have kept her mouth shut — and so should the manager, who will be lucky if he doesn't lose a second customer for putting you on the spot.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I'm Asian, and my name is Jose. This confuses many of the people I meet, who frequently ask me where I'm from. Most people are probably just making conversation, but I find the question impolite.

I grew up in Kansas; I have no accent, and my English is better than most Americans. Is asking about someone's race acceptable in polite conversation?

I'm not ashamed of my heritage; if it's relevant to the conversation, I'll bring it up. I have finally come up with standard responses to the questions I'm asked.

When people ask me where I'm from, I smile and reply: "Kansas"; where my parents are from: "Canada"; how I got a name like Jose: "My parents gave it to me"; my nationality: "American."

My friends think my answers are too flippant. What do you think?

JOSE FIDELINO, KANSAS

DEAR JOSE: I think your answers are honest and serve as a polite reminder that some questions are too personal to be asked by a stranger.

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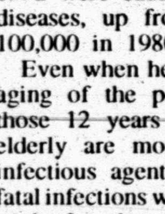
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Campaign dinner sets building plans

'Will you help deliver lives from fear?' is a plea being made by the five-county Noah Project-West for a new building in Snyder to provide shelter and support services for victims of family violence.

In addition to Scurry County, victims from Fisher, Nolan, Kent and Mitchell Counties utilize the service, located in a nearly 100-year-old building that has limited space and is in much need of repairs.

Incorporated in Abilene in 1979, Noah Project-West's purpose is to provide community education to raise awareness of the issues and solutions concerning family violence and to strive to be an effective advocate in the effort to strengthen family violence laws and polices.

Services provided to victims include shelter, food, clothing, transportation, counseling and referrals.

At a recent campaign strategy dinner, Tom Holcomb, local Noah Project chairman, showed in a slide presentation on how inadequate the 1,100 square foot, three-bedroom facility is for housing abused women and children from five counties. There are sometimes 10 to 15 people needing shelter at one time.

Service area director Dee Wilson said use of the old building has been very much appreciated, but the project is in need of a new home. Two bedrooms are very small and the lighting is poor. The carpet is tattered and torn and cannot be sufficiently cleaned. In addition, the plumbing needs to be completely redone. This problem also makes it harder to control insects.

The children's playground needs a privacy fence for more security.

Statistics show that every nine seconds a woman is battered in the United States. From September of 1994 until August, 1995, Noah Project-West provided 216 women and children with residence service; 73 with non-resident support; handled 205 hotline calls; and 172 media and personal appearances to raise community awareness.



NOAH PROJECT DINNER — "The need has grown...help build Noah Project a new home" was the theme for a campaign strategy dinner held recently at The Shack. Marty Akins, standing, was master of ceremonies and is chairman of the building project. Tom Holcomb, second from left, is chairman of Noah Project-West in Snyder, seated by his wife, June. Karen Hodges, right, told the group of her sister's tragic story of abuse. See related story. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Another reason to help abused women and children is — the cycle continues. Further statistics reveal that children who grow up in violent homes are 74 times more likely to commit crimes against people and 50 times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.

Property has been donated that is adjacent to the property where 25-year-old Belinda White was beaten to death by her husband on Feb. 10, 1990. She died of mulitple wounds and heart laceration. At the time, her two sons were six years old and six weeks old.

Karen Hodges of Roby told the 70 people attending the dinner of the tragic death of her sister and how it has affected her children, her parents and other family members and friends. She expressed, first hand, the need for women who are abused to seek refuge.

Mrs. Hodges concluded her story by asking others to "pray for domestic violence to end and the new shelter going up; however, let everything depend on God but work as if everything depended on you."

Noah Project offers a haven of rest and peace, relieving fear, and giving hope for the future.

Martha Floyd was recognized for designing the pledge and donor card distributed to those attending.

The 17-member steering committee for the building project includes Keith Collier, Densell Fambro, Ricky Fritz, Tom Holcomb, Temi Matthies, Sylvia Newman of Sweetwater, Kathy Owen of Jayton, Don Rogers of Sweetwater, Dorie Shutt of Colorado City, Cliff Smith, Christy Thompson, Rosalinda Tovar, Tom Valentine, Steve Warren, Nancy Wilson, Hodges and Akins.

Noah Project is a participating agency of the United Way.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Birth in slow motion

By Phillip Alder

Did you see that wonderful photo taken by the Hubble space telescope of the gas and dust clouds that are six trillion miles high? Inside, new stars are being formed. And what we are witnessing actually occurred 7,000 years ago because that's how long it has taken the light to reach us.

The key moment in some bridge deals comes immediately; in others, it is well down the 13 trick road. Which is it in this deal? West leads the spade queen against your contract of four hearts.

Over the takeout double, responder's jump to two no trump showed a maximum pass with at least four hearts. With a balanced 10 or 11 points and fewer than four hearts, responder would have redoubled.

When playing in a suit contract, check your losers. Here, there are four: the heart ace, the club ace, the second round diamond loser and the third round spade loser. The spade loser can be discarded on the third club, but only if you do something about it *now*.

If, after winning the first trick, you play a trump, West will win and lead a second spade. Then, when West gets in with the club ace, he will cash a spade trick. The unavoidable diamond loser to come will mean defeat.

However, you must also watch your entries. Win the first trick in the *dummy* and play a club. Let's suppose West ducks this trick but wins the next club and returns the spade 10. You win in hand with your king and discard dummy's last spade on your club winner. Finally, with your loser count down to three, it is safe to lead a trump.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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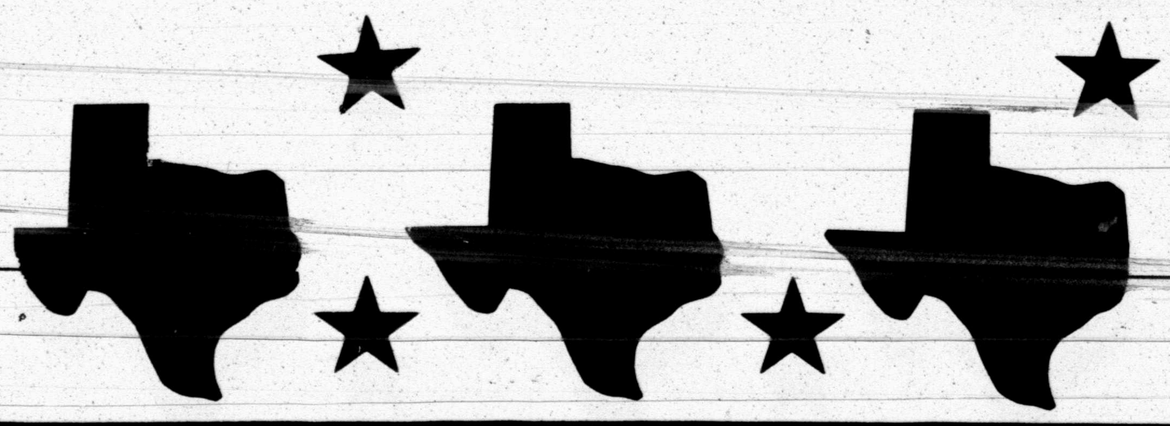
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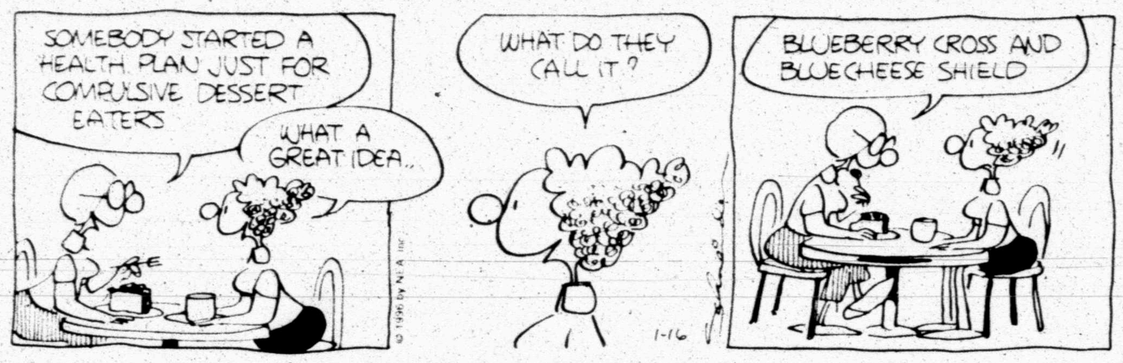
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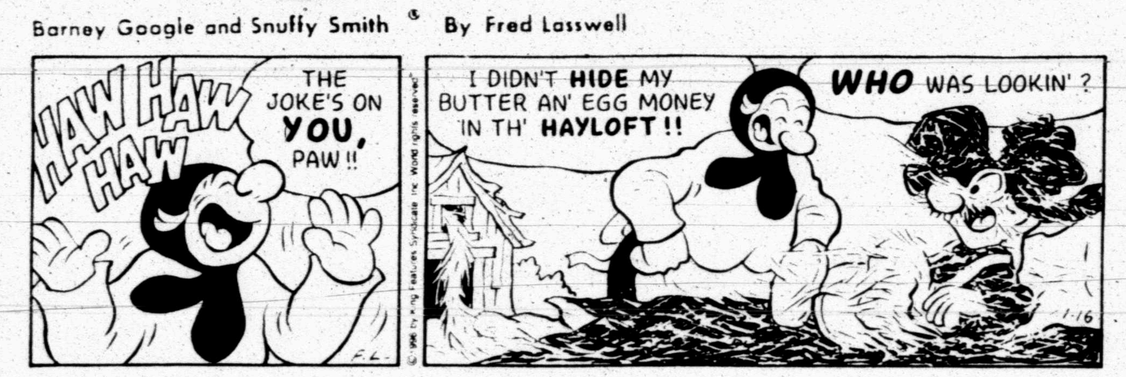
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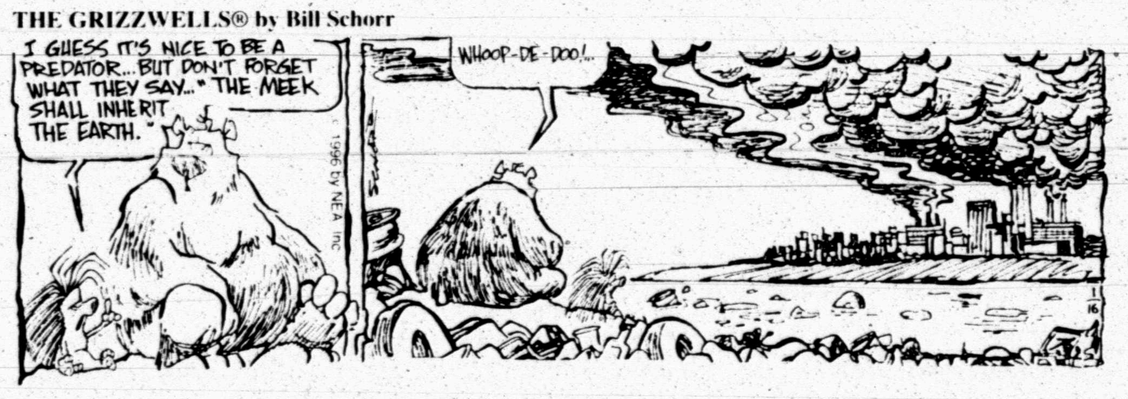
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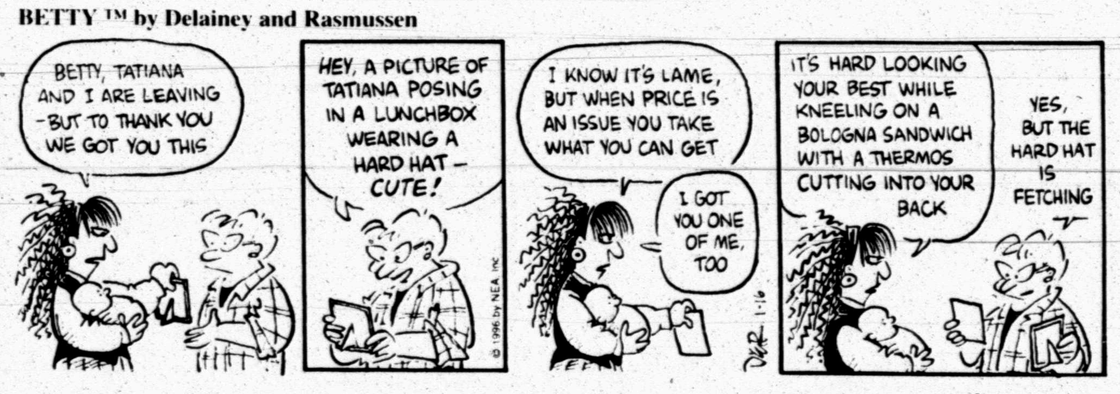
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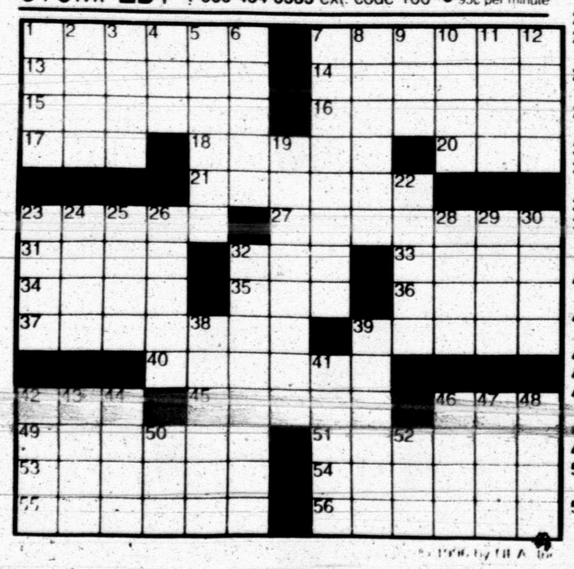
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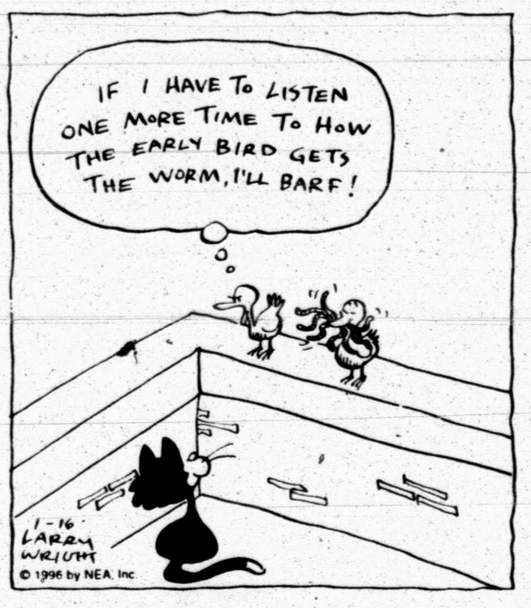
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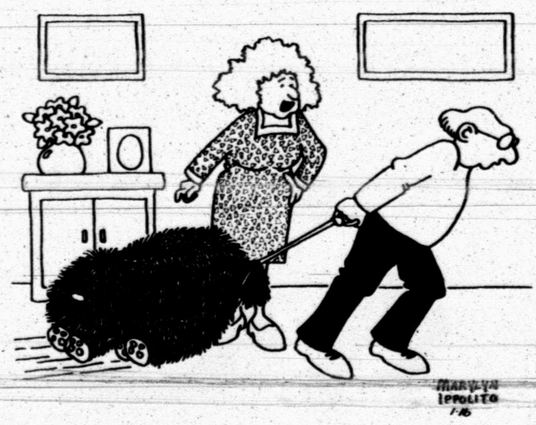
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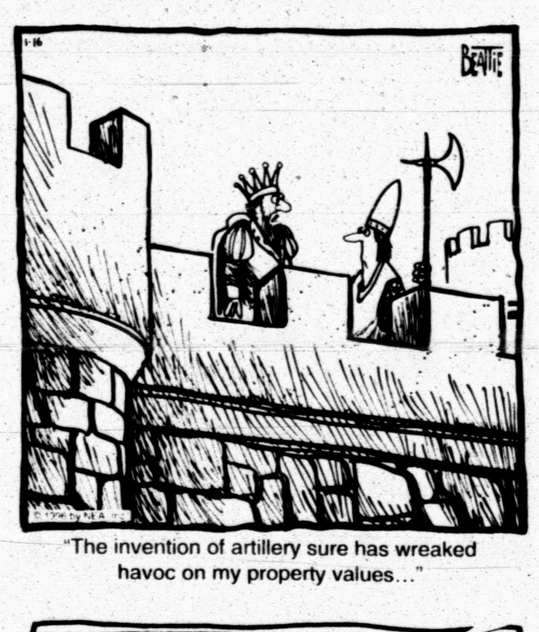


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SPORTS

Lady Westerners fall to Midland

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

Shanna Gathwright gave the Western Texas College Lady Westerners a three-point lead on a three-pointer with 3:05 to play in the first half Monday against the ninth-ranked team in the nation, Midland Lady Chaparrals.

The lead was short lived as the Lady Westerners came out ice cold after the intermission and went on to lose to Midland, 90-61.

"We played great in the first half," said coach Brenda Nichols. "Everything went our way. The second half, the wheels came off. I felt like calling timeout and going and seeing if someone had put a lid on our basket."

Midland's Pam Hicks hit back-to-back three-point shots right before halftime to give the Lady Chaparrals a 43-37 lead.

The second half saw Midland continue to play the way they had the first half and WTC looked liked a different team. With 9:53 remaining in the game, WTC had scored only four second half points.

The first 10 minutes in the second half saw Midland outscore WTC, 22-3. The second ten minutes, it was closer as Midland managed 25 points to WTC's 21.

Toot Smith and Stacy Hinson were high point for WTC with 16 each. April Reves had 14 including four three-point baskets. Midland was led by Fatou Cisse with 17, Hicks 15 and Malyssa Thorngren and Ndiasse Ndiaye each with 11.

Smith was the leading rebounder for the Lady Westerners with 10. Gathwright led in assists with four and Reves had four steals.

Conference play will continue Thursday when the Lady Westerners will travel to Odessa for a 7:30 p.m. game.

MIDLAND 90, WESTERN TEXAS 61

Midland: Bradshaw 0 0-0 6, Follis 1 0-0 2, Dunn 0 2-2 2, Cisse 7 3-4 17, Wright 3 2-2 8, Jordan 0 3-4 3, Hicks 3 0-1 15, White 0 2-2 8, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Chancellor 0 2-2 5, Thorngren 3 5-6 11, Ndiaye 4 3-4 11, Totals 22 22-27 90.

Western Texas: Smith 6 4-12 16, Hinson 6 4-6 16, Jeffrey 1 0-0 2, Brooks 1 2-9 4, Gathwright 1 0-0 2, Reves 1 0-0 14, Turner 3 0-0 6, Schaffer 0 1-2 1, Totals 19 11-29 61.

3-Point goals: Midland 8 (Bradshaw 2, Hicks 3, White 2, Chancellor 1) Western Texas 4 (Reves 4). Records: Western Texas 6-12, 1-6.



UP FOR TWO—Stacy Hinson (10) goes up for two of her 16 points during play Monday. The Lady Westerners lost to Midland, 90-61. Trailing the play is Jessica Jeffrey (12). (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Men's golf association results

Two teams tied for first in both the A-B and C-D flights during play in the Western Texas College Men's Golf Association Saturday.

The team of Pop Kidd and Billy Roach tied with Jeral Beard and Juan Hernandez in the A-B flight. Both teams fired a 150 in the two-man low total less handicap format. Primo Gonzalez and Raymond Drury finished third with a 154.

In the C-D flight, the team of Glenn McCathern and Preston Wilson tied with Jim Anderson and George Clark. Both teams shot 140. Larry Thompson and Strick Posey had a 147 for third place.

SJHS boys sweep Sweetwater

The seventh and eighth grade boys basketball teams from Snyder Junior High made it a clean sweep over Sweetwater Monday.

In the seventh grade games, the B team won 46-40. Jeremy Bowden was high point with 13. Josh Arizmendi added nine and Ralph Ramon had six.

The seventh grade A team took a 50-36 victory. Matthew Grimmett was high point with 12. Ryan Braziel also was in double figures with 11 and Michael Qualls added eight.

In eighth grade play, the B team won 48-25. Jacob Parra led the scoring with 10. Four players, Duane Allred, Greg McAnaw, Isidro Villasana and Joseph Vargas each had seven.

The eighth grade A team rolled to a 34-31 victory. Jared Hester had 12 points to lead the A team. Sonny Cumbie had eight and Josh Ward five.

Next action for the junior high teams will be Thursday when the seventh and eighth grade A teams will be playing in the Big Spring tournament.

Lady Tiger frosh beat Sweetwater, lose to Cooper

The Snyder High School freshman Lady Tigers defeated Sweetwater Saturday, 59-43.

High point for Snyder was Shannon Hall with 16. Also scoring were K.K. McClain and Jamie Burrow with eight each, Alicia Peoples seven, Leslie Daniell six, Kelly Peterson five, Teri Moore and Amber Haddox each had four and Sharika Wofford added one.

Monday night, the freshman were defeated by Abilene Cooper, 38-27.

Hall was high point with nine, Burrow added six and Wofford, Daniell and Peoples each had four.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.LouisianaTech(38)	13-0	950	1
2.Vanderbilt	14-0	906	2
3.Connecticut	14-2	874	3
4.Georgia	12-2	798	7
5.Stanford	11-2	774	6
6.Tennessee	13-3	762	4
7.Virginia	12-3	708	8
8.TexasTech	12-2	677	9
9.Iowa	14-1	656	10
10.PennSt.	13-3	636	5
11.N.CarolinaSt.	11-2	493	13
12.OregonSt.	10-2	436	11
13.Duke	14-3	408	16
14.Wisconsin	11-2	398	17
15.Colorado	15-4	396	12
tie.OldDominion	11-2	396	15
17.Northwestern	15-1	391	21
18.Alabama	13-3	340	19
19.OklahomaSt.	13-1	285	20
20.Arkansas	13-5	264	14
21.Purdue	10-6	236	18
22.Florida	14-3	127	25
23.Auburn	12-3	110	24
24.Clemson	11-1	70	23
25.Mississippi	11-4	51	22

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 44, Notre Dame 36, Southern Meth. 23, Middle Tenn. 13, San Diego St. 13, Texas A&M 13, LSU 12, Montana 10, Washington St. 10, SW Missouri St. 8, Ohio St. 6, Nebraska 5, Kansas 4, Toledo 4, Colorado St. 2, Illinois 1, Iowa St. 1, Oklahoma 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Syracuse 1.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls softball meeting tonight

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a board meeting tonight. The meeting will take place at Snyder National Bank at 8.

Tae Kwon Do Championship

The 10th annual West Texas Tae Kwon Do Championship will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

More than 500 competitors are expected for the event. On Friday, Feb. 2, there will be a sparring seminar led by 1995 U.S. National Champion Javier Sanchez.

The meet is being presented by Greg Gafford and the West Texas Tae Kwon Do Academy.

Surging Georgia moving up in poll

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Kicked around early, the Lady Bulldogs of Georgia are snarling again.

After losing two of its first four games, Georgia is playing the way a team should when it returns all five starters from a Final Four club. Coach Andy Landers' team has won 11 straight games, the latest a 75-67 victory at No. 3 Connecticut on Monday.

The Lady Bulldogs have been climbing in The Associated Press poll as the victories mounted, and they moved from seventh to fourth in Monday's voting, which was done before the Connecticut game.

It's the highest Georgia has been since holding the No. 2 spot in the first regular-season poll. Georgia tumbled all the way to 12th after losing to Virginia 94-65 on Dec. 2.

"When we lost to Virginia, that was a reality check," senior guard Saudia Roundtree said. "We knew there wasn't anybody going to lay down for us. We realized we had to go out and work hard every game because, hey, everybody wants to beat Georgia."

Unbeatens Louisiana Tech and Vanderbilt remained 1-2 in the poll, with Connecticut holding firm at third.

Louisiana Tech (13-0) received all 38 first-place votes from a national media panel, the fifth consecutive week the Lady Techsters have been a unanimous No. 1. They've been on top every week except the preseason poll.

Vanderbilt (14-0) finished with 906 points in the voting — 44 fewer than Louisiana Tech. Connecticut had 874 points.

Stanford climbed one spot to fifth after winning twice, including an 88-67 victory over Southern California that featured a school-record 44 points by Kate Starbird, the most by a Division I player this season.

Tennessee slipped two places to sixth after losing to Georgia, which gave the Lady Vols a rare two-game losing streak. They were followed by Virginia, Texas Tech, Iowa and Penn State. Penn State dropped five places after losing at Northwestern, now ranked 17th.

Tennessee's loss at Georgia came after a homecourt loss to Connecticut. The skid ended when the Lady Vols rebounded to beat Old Dominion and Kentucky.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	27	9	.750	—
NewYork	22	13	.629	4½
Washington	18	18	.500	9
Miami	16	19	.457	10½
Boston	14	21	.400	12½
NewJersey	14	21	.400	12½
Philadelphia	7	26	.212	18½
Central Division				
Chicago	31	3	.912	—
Indiana	21	13	.617	10
Cleveland	19	15	.559	12
Detroit	18	16	.529	13
Atlanta	18	17	.514	13½
Charlotte	17	18	.486	14½
Milwaukee	13	22	.371	18½
Toronto	10	26	.278	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
SanAntonio	24	9	.727	—
Houston	26	11	.703	—
Utah	22	13	.629	3
Denver	16	20	.444	9½
Dallas	11	24	.314	14
Minnesota	9	26	.257	16
Vancouver	7	29	.194	18½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	25	10	.714	—
Sacramento	20	13	.606	4
L.A.Lakers	20	17	.540	6
Portland	17	18	.486	8
GoldenState	16	20	.444	9½
Phoenix	14	19	.424	10
L.A.Clippers	15	21	.416	10½

Sunday's Game
Cleveland 89, Phoenix 74

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 98, New York 92
Chicago 116, Washington 109
Atlanta 96, Detroit 88
Minnesota 103, Sacramento 94
L.A. Lakers 96, Miami 88
Seattle 104, Golden State 95
New Jersey 108, Toronto 83
Dallas 119, Orlando 104
Houston 107, Utah 99

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

District play continues for Snyder High tonight

The District 5-4A road comes through Snyder tonight as both the Lady Tigers and Tigers will host the other Tigers in the district, Frenship.

Frenship Lady Tigers come to town as the ninth-ranked team in the state with a 16-6 season record, 3-0 in district play. Frenship's girls defeated Lamesa, 53-43, Friday.

On the boys' side, Frenship won its district opener over Lamesa, 83-73, while Snyder dropped a 20-point decision to Sweetwater, 68-48.

Tonight's action starts with the JV games at 5 followed by the Lady Tigers at 6:30 and the Tigers at 8.

TABC BASKETBALL POLL

WACO (AP) — The weekly high school basketball poll as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records are through Jan. 13.

BOYS

Class 5A
1. Duncanville (22-1) 2. Dallas Kimball (24-0) 3. Euless Trinity (18-2) 4. Alief Hastings (22-2) 5. Galena Park North Shore (22-3) 6. SA MacArthur (23-1) 7. Dallas Carter (15-5) 8. Fort Worth Dunbar (17-4) 9. Tyler John Tyler (19-4) 10. Houston Cypress-Falls (19-3).

Class 4A
1. Lancaster (19-2) 2. Waxahachie (20-3) 3. Dallas Highland Park (20-3) 4. Brenham (19-2) **5. Sweetwater (19-1)** 6. Pampa (18-3) 7. Dallas A. Maceo Smith (16-3) 8. Andrews (18-5) 9. Round Rock McNeil (18-5) 10. Little Cypress-Mauriceville (18-3).

Class 3A
1. Madisonville (19-2) 2. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (19-3) 3. Kountze (19-3) 4. Atlanta (16-4) 5. Daingerfield (15-2) 6. CC West Oso (17-5) 7. Dimmitt (19-6) 8. Springtown (13-7) 9. Brownfield (15-4) 10. Coldspring Jones (19-3).

Class 2A
1. Krum (22-1) 2. Troup (20-3) 3. Peaster (18-4) 4. Edgewood (15-3) 5. Wolfe City (19-1) 6. Italy (13-2) 7. Universal City Randolph (15-5) 8. New Deal (20-4) 9. Mart (15-3) 10. Aubrey (17-4).

Class A
1. Anderson-Shiro (21-2) 2. Weatherford Brock (18-4) 3. Oakwood (19-1) 4. Port Aransas (19-2) 5. Calvert (15-6) 6. Neches (17-4) 7. Robert Lee (19-2) 8. Merit Bland (20-3) 9. Nazareth 10. Frost (18-3).

Private Schools
1. Houston Strake Jesuit (20-3) 2. SA Cornerstone (21-5) 3. Dallas Jesuit (21-4) 4. SA Antonian (16-5) 5. Harlingen Marine Miltary Academy (20-1) 6. Houston Westbury Christian (12-8) 7. Dallas Christian (21-4) 8. Dallas Bishop Dunne (15-5) 9. Dallas Bishop Lynch (14-10) 10. Houston Kinkaid (12-7).

GIRLS

Class 5A
1. Allef Elsik (27-0) 2. Duncanville (23-2) 3. Houston Madison (22-1) 4. Austin Westlake (23-2) 5. Georgetown (23-2) 6. Lubbock Coronado (21-3) 7. Temple (23-3) 8. San Antonio Madison (19-3) 9. Midland (19-3) 10. Carrollton Newman Smith (20-5).

Class 4A
1. Canyon (20-0) 2. Cleburne (20-4) 3. Dallas Lincoln (22-3) 4. Granbury (21-2) 5. Bastrop (22-1) 6. Cedar Hill (23-4) 7. Southlake Carroll (21-1) **8. Levelland (16-5) 9. Wolfforth Frenship (16-6)** 10. Fredericksburg (21-2).

Class 3A
1. Lindale (22-3) 2. Groesbeck (22-2) 3. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (23-4) 4. Lufkin Hudson (20-0) 5. Canton (17-5) 6. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (19-3) 7. Bridgeport (19-2) 8. Jacksboro (18-4) 9. Childress (17-3) 10. Eastland (19-3).

Class 2A
1. Ozona (21-2) 2. Guner (22-1) 3. Winnie East Chambers (21-1) 4. Bloomington (24-3) 5. Flatonia (23-3) 6. Tuscola Jim Ned (20-2) 7. Hughes Springs (20-2) 8. Edgewood (21-2) 9. Albany (18-2) 10. Valley Mills (22-2).

Class A
1. Nazareth (21-2) 2. Sudan (18-4) 3. Celeste (22-2) 4. Port Aransas (19-2) 5. Meadow (19-3) 6. Ponder (20-3) 7. Weatherford Brock (19-3) 8. Livingston Big Sandy (21-2) 9. Zavalla (19-2) 10. Claude (18-2).

Private Schools
1. Dallas Bishop Lynch (18-4) 2. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word (25-3) 3. Austin St. Michael's (18-6) 4. Waco Vanguard (17-8) 5. Dallas Ursuline Academy (16-5) 6. Houston Westbury Christian (18-4) 7. Addison Trinity Christian (11-7) 8. Lubbock Christian (15-5) 9. San Antonio Incarnate Word (16-6) 10. Bellaire Episcopal (13-3) Muenster Sacred Heart (18-4) tie.

SJHS opens spring tennis season

The Snyder Junior High tennis team kicked off their spring schedule over the weekend with a match with Andrews.

Andrews won 27 matches compared to 23 for Snyder.

According to coach Dan Pulattie, "We had several matches that could've come out different." A few of the hard fought matches featured Snyder players Nick Hand, Pace Millhollon, Lindsey Ornelas, Natalie Alexander, Josh Levens and doubles Cara Best and Andrea Pavlik and Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin.

Some of the beginners that played well included Kristin York, Angela Quiros and Audra Reneau.

"Everybody learned a little bit more about tennis and are ready for a good 1996 spring season," added Pulattie.

8th GRADE GIRLS

Singles: Cara Best lost to Sallie Jenkins 8-4, Andrea Pavlik lost to Sarah Snow 8-1, Veronica Carrisalez lost to Stacie Brown 8-0, Natalie Hill lost to Kelsey Lynch 8-1, Diedra Goebel lost to Blair Long 8-0, Andrea Pavlik lost to Melissa Hinds 8-4, Natalie Hill lost to Werdi Wallace 8-2, Diedra Goebel lost to Teia Fochlar 8-3.

Doubles: Best/Pavlik def. Snow/Lynch 8-6, Hill/Carrisalez lost to Brown/Jenkins 8-2, Ornelas/Goebel lost to Long/Wallace 8-0, Hill/Goebel lost to Hinds/Focklar 8-3.

8th GRADE BOYS

Singles: Adrian Gonzales def. Will Foster 8-5, Kevin Taylor lost to Erin Leeper 8-5, Josh Levens def. Thuan Nguyer 8-6, Kris Casas def. Jeremy Muniz 8-1, Jon Hensley def. Joe Garner 8-5, Justin Guy def. Robert Garner 8-0, Dusty Stone def. Justin Brown 8-0, Jeremy Border lost to Joe Garner 8-0, Bebos Martinez def. Robert Garpards 8-2.

Doubles: Gonzales/Taylor def. Foster/Leeper 8-2, Taylor/Casas lost to Foster/Leeper 8-0, Hensley/Levens def. Nguyer/Muniz 8-3, Stone/Guy def. Garner/Garpard 8-5, Martinez/Border def. Brown/Garner 8-3.

7th GRADE GIRLS

Singels: Whitney Graham lost to Amanda Long 8-3, Natalie Alexander def. Courtney Pool 8-6, Lindsey Ornelas lost to Shamra Gray 9-7, Lisa Hall def. Amy Gardner 8-4, Claire Cotton def. Cymbre Grisson 8-3, Jordan Hardin lost to Nicole Craig 8-6, Audra Reneau lost to Shamra Gray 8-1, Kristin York lost to Amy Gardner 8-0, Kim Vath def. Cymbre Grisson 8-2, Angela Quiros lost to Nicole Craig 8-0.

Doubles: Graham/Alexander def. Long/Pool 8-2, Ornelas/Hall def. Gary/Gardner 8-4, Cotton/Hardin lost to Grisson/Craig 8-6, Reneau/York lost to Gray/Gardner 8-0, Vath/Quiros lost to Grissom/Craig 8-3.

7th GRADE BOYS

Singles: Allan Smith def. Ricky Bintz 8-0, Ryan Gibson def. Bryan Fritz 8-0, Nick Hand lost to Tye Fowler 9-8, Tim Green def. Kent Rogers 8-3, Pace Milhollon def. Ryan Miller 8-6, Scott Reston lost to Bryan Fritz 8-6.

Doubles: Smith/Gibson def. Bintz/Rogers 8-2, Hand/Green lost to Fritz/Fowler 8-2, Milhollon/Reston lost to Miller/Bintz 8-4.

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Burglaries, thefts mark police reports

Local law enforcement officers investigated several burglary and theft reports Monday.

At 8:30 a.m. Monday, Lynn Wilson contacted police in reference to someone keying his 1993 Chevrolet pickup while it was parked at the VFW. A report for felony criminal mischief was filed.

Sammy Riggins, of 3310 Ave. J, contacted police at 12:29 p.m. Monday to report that someone had broken into his residence and taken some money. A burglary report was filed.

Adrianne Smith contacted officers at 1 p.m. to complain that some one had taken some clothing from a dorm room. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 1:30 p.m., Bill Dryden contacted police in reference of some real estate signs being stolen from several residences along 43rd and 44th Streets.

Glenn Prichard contacted police at 5 p.m. in reference to a burglary at 1913 Coleman #3. Taken were some household items and a dog.

Willie Thompson requested officers at 812 32nd St. at 9 p.m. in reference to the theft of a firearm from his residence.

Local volunteer firefighters responded to a couple of minor fires Wednesday — one at 1902 Coleman and another at the Pool Well Service yard.

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DISMISSALS: Patricia Anderson, A.W. Canon Jr., George Moore, Brandi Russell, Jimmy Digby, Dillon Randolph.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-37, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Moses and Maria Morin of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter born at 2:15 p.m on Jan. 15 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 8 ounces.

Seven-alarm fire injures 6 people in office building

BOSTON (AP) — Firefighters on ladders broke windows in a 10-story office building and ran through smoky stairwells and halls to rescue office workers today during a fire that reached seven alarms.

Six people, including a firefighter, were injured before the fire was brought under control.

"For a moment there, I thought we weren't going to get out," said Gordon Barrett, an investment manager. "But we did. Some guy got to us. They put masks on our faces and took us down the stairs. Thank the Lord and the Boston Fire Department."

Smoke poured out of the fifth floor of the block-long building at Congress and Exchange streets beginning shortly before 8 a.m. The fire was brought under control around 8:40 a.m., after tying up traffic in the busy financial district.

About 75 to 100 people were in the building when the alarm was sounded, said Fire Commissioner Martin Pierce.

Firemen's ladders reached to about the fifth or sixth floors. Several office workers could be seen at windows on the higher floors. Deputy Fire Chief Martin Fisher said people were moved upstairs to get them away from the fire, before they were taken down back stairways.

Four people were taken to the roof as a precaution and a helicopter was standing by, but all the tenants were safely evacuated through the building.

"The fire department was terrific," said William Oats, a lawyer who was trapped on the 10th floor. "They smashed our office up but they got us out, and we're lucky to be alive."

Pierce said the fire started in a fifth-floor office and smoke spread to some of the upper floors. He estimated damage at $500,000.

Fire Capt. Terence Koen said the fire appeared to have traveled through the walls, and speculated that it might have begun to smolder during the long holiday weekend.

Markets — Midday Stocks

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AT&T Corp	66¼	66¼	66½+	½
AirTouch	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛—	⅛
Albertsons	32¼	31⅞	31⅞—	⅜
Alldsignal	49¼	48⅜	48⅜—	⅜
Alltel	29⅛	29¼	29⅛+	⅛
AmStores	25⅛	25¼	25⅛+	⅛
Ameritech	57¾	57¼	57¾+	½
Amoco	69¼	68¾	69¾+	¾
AndarkPtr	49¾	49¼	49⅝+	⅛
ArmcoInc		6¼	6¼	6¼
AtlRichfld	113¾	112⅛	113¾+	1¼
BakerHughes	23¾	23½	23⅝+	⅛
BellAtl	69¾	69¼	69⅞+	⅛
BellSouth s	43	42⅞	42¾+	½
BethSteel	14½	14¼	14⅜—	⅛
BritPet	98	97¼	98	+1
BurlNoSFe		75⅛	74⅞	75
Caterpillar	57	55¼	55¼—	1
CenSoWst	27⅛	27¼	27⅛+	⅛
Chevron	53⅛	53⅛	53½+	½
Chrysler	53½	52⅝	53¼+	¾
Coastal	35¼	35	35	— ⅛
CocaCola	74	73¼	73¼+	⅛
ColgatePalm	70⅛	70	70⅛+	⅛
ComclMetals	25⅛	25	25	— ⅛
CooperIn	35⅛	34⅛	35⅛+	⅛
CyprusAmax	25½	25	25	+ ⅛
DallSemicn		19¼	19¼	19¼
DeltaAirl	70	69¼	69¾+	⅛
DigitalEq	58⅛	57⅛	58¼+	⅛
Dillard	29⅛	28¼	28⅛—	⅛
DowChem	71	70¼	70⅝+	⅛
DresserInd		24¼	24¼	24¼
DuPont	70⅛	70⅛	70⅝+	½
EastmanChem	64⅛	64	64⅛+	⅛
EstKodak	68⅛	67½	67⅝+	⅛
EljerInd	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛—	⅛
Enserch	15	14½	14⅝—	⅛
Entergy		29¼	29 7-16	29½
Exxon	79⅛	79	79¼+	⅛
Flowers s	12⅞	12¾	12⅞+	⅛
FordMotor	28	27¾	27⅞+	⅛
GTE Cp	46⅛	45½	46	+ ⅛
GenDynam	59¾	59¾	59¾—	⅛
GenElec		70⅛	70⅛	70⅛
GenMills	54⅛	54⅛	54⅛+	⅛
GenMotors		49¾	49¾	49¾
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GlobalMar	8⅛	8	8⅛+	⅛
Goodrich	69¼	69¼	69¼+	⅛
Goodyear s	44	43¾	44	+ ¼
GtAtlPac	20⅛	20	20⅛+	⅛
Haliburtn	47	46	46⅛—	½
Hanson ADS		16	15¾	16
HarteHanks s	22¾	22½	22¾—	⅛
HoustonInd s	25¼	24⅞	25⅛+	⅛
IBM	85½	83½	85⅛+	2⅛
IntlPapers	37½	36¾	36¾—	1
JohnsnJns	86¾	86¼	86¼—	⅛
K mart	6⅛	6	6⅛—	⅛
Kroger	36⅞	36⅞	36⅞+	⅛
Litton	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞—	⅛
Lowes Cos	30⅛	29⅞	30	+ ⅛
Lubys	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	
MayDeptStrs	43	42¾	42⅞+	⅛
Medtronics	50⅛	49¾	49¾+	⅜
Mobil	110⅜	109¾	110⅛+	⅛
Monsanto		118⅛	117⅞	117⅞
Motorola	49¼	48¾	48¾+	⅛
Nationsbk		66⅛	64¾	65⅛
Navistar	10⅜	10¼	10⅜—	⅛
NoramEngy	8⅜	8¼	8¼—	⅛
Norwest	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛+	⅛
Nynex	51⅜	51	51⅛+	1
OryxEngy		12¼	12⅛	12⅛
PacTelesis	33¼	33 7-16	33⅛+	¼
PanhECp	27⅛	26¾	27⅛+	⅜
Penney JC	46⅛	45¾	46⅛+	⅛
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SaraLee	30½	30⅜	30¼+	⅛
SearsRoebs	43⅜	43¼	43⅜+	⅛
SherwinW	40⅞	40¼	40¼—	⅛
SmthBchADS	53⅛	52¾	52¾+	⅛
SmthBc eqt	53¼	53	53	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	25⅛	25	25⅛+	⅛
SwstAirlines	23¼	23	23⅛—	⅛
Sprint	40⅜	40⅛	40⅜+	⅛
SterlingChm		8¼	8¼	8¼
SunCo	26½	26⅜	26⅜—	⅛
TNP Ent	19⅝	19½	19⅝+	⅛
Tandy		38⅛	37⅞	38⅛
TempleInl	42⅞	41⅞	41⅞—	⅛
Tenneco	48½	48¼	48⅜+	⅛
Texaco		76⅞	76⅝	76⅝
TexasInd		52¼	52	52
TexasInsts	44¼	43¾	44⅛—	⅛
TexUtil	41	40⅝	41	+ ⅛
Textron	77	75⅝	77	+1⅜
Travelers	60½	59	59⅝	+1⅛
TrinityInds	31⅞	31⅜	31¾+	⅛
TritonEngy		53¾	53¾	53¾
Tyler		2⅞	2⅞	2⅞
US WestCm s	35⅝	35¼	35⅜+	⅛
USWstMda n	19⅝	19½	19⅝+	⅛
USX Delhi	10⅜	10⅛	10⅜—	⅛
USX-Marathn		19⅞	19⅛	19⅛
USX-USS	32¼	31⅞	31⅞—	⅛
UnCarbde		40⅛	39⅞	40
UnPac	68⅞	68⅛	68⅝+	⅛
UnitedTech	93¾	91⅞	92⅞—	⅛
Unocal	29⅛	28⅞	29⅛+	⅛
WalMart	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞+	⅛
WstnGasRs	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛+	⅛
Westghse		18¼	17¾	17⅞
WinnDixie s	36⅜	36⅛	36⅛+	⅛
Woolworth	10⅜	10⅛	10⅛—	⅛
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W. Texas constable also wears preacher's hat

By KEN ELLSWORTH
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — Larry Gill carries a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum on his hip and a Bible in his hand, but not usually at the same time.

As a constable, he enforces the law. As a minister of the Church of Christ in Trent, 20 miles west of Abilene, he tends his flock, and he is highly trained for both careers.

The Abilene Christian University alumnus holds a Doctor of Ministry degree. He also holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate and is a qualified law enforcement instructor.

Gill has mixed both careers his entire professional life, including stints in nearby Albany and Merkel, but he did not plan it that way.

"It just kind of happened," he said.

There are some similarities in the two jobs.

"In both professions you go when the phone rings. You're never really off duty," Gill, 44, said.

He has never had to arrest a member of his congregation. However, he has had to serve eviction papers to members on occasion.

"It's tough," he said. "But I try not to show partiality."

Only once has he carried his pistol to the pulpit.

That happened several years ago, when he conducted a funeral for an ex-con with a history of violence. The ex-con had been shot to death.

Gill's practiced eye detected evidence that some of those in attendance were themselves carrying weapons. He excused himself and retrieved his own pistol.

"I stuffed it in my belt inside my suit where it wouldn't be noticed," Gill said.

The funeral concluded, pistol in the pulpit, as it were, without violence.

Gill sometimes wonders what would happen if an emergency call comes during a sermon, but he doesn't ponder too long.

"See you later folks. Amen!" and he'd be gone, he said.

Gill admits it is not so easy to decide whether he is a preacher or a lawman, especially in cases of family crises or domestic violence. But that's okay, because the folks he interacts with can be equally confused.

Usually, Gill said, it turns out that it's handy to use the skills of both professions simultaneously.

"You just have to feel your way through it," he said.

Once, Gill's powers of persuasion failed during a domestic violence call. Suddenly, he found himself in a life or death struggle with a man intent on taking his gun.

"It was him or me," Gill said, so his constable side took over.

Obviously, the constable side prevailed.

"Some backup help assisted too," Gill said. "But usually, I'm pretty easy going. It's rare for me to slam somebody up against the wall and handcuff them," Gill said.

The worst part of being two things is not having the time to attend to other important matters, like being husband and father to his wife and three children.

"My wife, at times, brings that up," Gill said with a smile.

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Long study unveils stars and galaxies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Staring at a "blank" patch of the universe, the Hubble Space Telescope captured images of hundreds of galaxies so faint they never before have been seen.

The images are of the faintest stars and galaxies ever seen, some 4 billion times dimmer than what can be seen with the naked eye, astronomers reported Monday.

Robert E. Williams, director of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, said the findings were a treasure trove for astronomers that could possibly include the most distant, and hence the oldest, galaxies ever captured on film.

"In archaeological terms, it is similar to finding a royal city, but we don't have the dates yet," he said. "We don't know yet if we are seeing the most distant objects or not."

A report on the just completed deep space survey was delivered to the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Williams said the finding was released quickly into the public domain so that the world's astronomers could immediately begin studying the data, described by some as "the astronomical equivalent of the Dead Sea Scrolls."

To gather the views, the Hubble Space Telescope was aimed at a specific target and allowed to capture light for 10 consecutive days.

The target was a point in the sky near the handle of the Big Dipper, a part of the universe continuously in view of the orbiting telescope.

Seen from the Earth, the target was very small, "about the size of a large grain of sand held at arm's length," Williams said. To ground telescopes, the area seemed basically a blank part of the sky. Yet the long exposure revealed at least 1,500 galaxies in various stages of formation.

"The variety of galaxies we see is amazing," Williams said.

The study is rather like taking a core sample of the Earth. Such a sample would have many layers of dirt and rock laid down over millions of years. In the celestial core sample, what is captured are views of stars and galaxies ranging farther and farther into the universe and increasingly distant in time.

Some images could be from galaxies formed within a billion years after the beginning of the universe, but Williams said this will require detailed analysis to determine.

"It's like looking down a long tube and seeing all the galaxies along that line of sight," said Mark Dickinson, a member of the Hubble Space Telescope team. "They're all stacked up against one another in this picture, and the challenge now is to disentangle them."

Some of the galaxies are "things we haven't seen before," said Andrew S. Fruchter, another Hubble team member. There are elliptical shapes and spirals. Some are like beach balls and footballs. Others are long, cigar-shaped clusters of stars.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Get smart about TMJ symptoms

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with temporo mandibular joint syndrome that causes me great pain in my left jaw. I also have had extremely painful migraines. Can you offer me any advice?

DEAR READER: Temporo-mandibular joint dysfunction is a common disease, marked by irritation and slight dislocation of the jaw joint in the cheek. This leads to pain and headache.

TMJ dysfunction can be easily diagnosed. When the patient opens his mouth wide, an audible or palpable "click" is noted within the joint.

Initial therapy for the affliction includes analgesics and a bite plate, a dental device to prevent the patient from grinding his teeth at night. In severe or progressive cases, surgery may be necessary to stabilize the joint.

I recommend that you ask your dentist to refer you to a colleague who specializes in TMJ dysfunction. With treatment, you'll be more comfortable and you may even discover that your headaches are not migraine at all, but may have resulted from muscle spasm caused by the abnormal TMJ.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there anything that can be done for a pot belly? If so, what? I'm 5'7" and weigh more now than I have in years. I'm not a big eater and take sweets by spells. Help!

DEAR READER: Outrageous as it may sound, the pot belly that many middle-aged people develop may be genetically predetermined. As you may have read, pot-bellied persons are at higher risk of heart attacks than are "pear-shaped" individuals, who exhibit fat deposits on buttocks and thighs.

Nonetheless, patients with central obesity can certainly take better charge of their lives by losing that extra weight. I suggest the following. Avoid sweets and alcohol, substitute diet products instead, obtain regular exercise and have a physical examination by a doctor. This exam should include blood tests for diabetes and cholesterol levels.

If you have done all you can to reduce your paunch, consider liposuction by a plastic surgeon. Your family doctor can refer you, if appropriate.

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

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AT&T starts handing out pink slips

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Thousands of nervous AT&T employees came to work today uncertain of their future as the communications giant started a huge round of layoffs across the country.

About 2,000 employees were to receive pink slips this morning, company spokeswoman Deb DeFago said.

"You've got a lot of people working here who could find themselves without jobs today," said Bob Cort, a 40-year-old advertising employee arriving at the AT&T Network Systems office in Morris Township. "It's a stressful time for everyone."

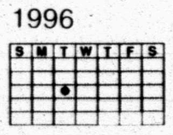
Joe Gallagher said he was "concerned for myself and for friends I've had." Gallagher, 46, a manager in the customer delivery performance division, said he's been with the company 30 years and did not expect to be laid off.

The layoffs are the beginning of a streamlining plan that would eliminate 40,000 jobs from the company over the next three years, DeFago said. The bulk of those jobs are to be eliminated this year.

AT&T announced last fall that it was breaking into three separate entities — a communications services provider, a communications equipment maker and a computer maker.

Date Book

Jan. 16, 1996



Today is the 16th day of 1996 and the 26th day of winter

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1935, gang leader Ma Barker was killed in a shootout with FBI agents in Florida.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Service (1874-1958), writer; Ethel Merman (1909-1984), singer; Dizzy Dean (1911-1974), baseball great; William Kennedy (1928-), writer, is 68; Eartha Kitt (1928-), singer-actress, is 68; Marilyn Horne (1934-), opera singer, is 62; A.J. Foyt (1935-), auto racer, is 61; Debbie Allen (1953-), choreographer, is 43; Sade (1959-), singer, is 37; Jack McDowell (1966-), baseball player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Whitey Ford and Mickey Mantle were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A promise made is a debt unpaid." — Robert Service

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1968, an unusually strong dust storm deposited 2 inches of dust in Ashkabad, Turkmenistan, which was then part of the Soviet Union.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 13) and new moon (Jan. 20).

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Two inmates flee detention center

ODESSA (AP) — Inmates in prisons in Texas and Oklahoma are being questioned about the whereabouts of two female escapees, one a convicted murderer, who fled the privately operated Odessa Detention Center.

"We have to assume that they'll come back here," Jerry Massie, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corrections Department, said Monday.

Richard Tessaro, the prison's administrator, said Rosemary Heather Miller, 20, and Gaylnn M. Mize, 27, escaped from the medium-security prison for women about 5 p.m. Sunday after being led from the exercise area to a dining area for the evening meal.

"I guess during the feeding they slipped out and got back up to the exercise area," he said.

The women's absence was noticed four hours later, Tessaro said.

"They pried, busted, somehow forced a hole into the wire meshing of the recreation area and crawled out through that," he said.

Authorities said the women used wire strippers to cut through a mesh screen on the prison's roof, then jumped 16 feet to another roof before leaping to the ground.

Massie said Ms. Miller was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder out of Creek County and a consecutive 25-year sentence for shooting with intent to kill out of Tulsa County.

She was convicted in 1993 of using a .22-caliber pistol to kill Ahmed al-Dawood, 19. He had been shot twice in the head. His body was found in a remote pond near Bristow.

Ms. Miller claimed the victim had raped her twice at the pond before she shot him.

Her other sentence was for a shooting that occurred five days before Dawood's death. The victim in the second crime testified that Ms. Miller was giving him a massage and shot him twice in the head as he lay face down.

Ms. Mize, who initially was convicted on drug charges, was serving time for possessing a weapon in jail after a prior felony conviction. That charge was from Stephens County, Massie said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996

Objectives you thought were far beyond your scope late last year could be within your range in the year ahead. You have a great deal of potential. Express yourself!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The people who have authority over you in some manner will hold you in high regard today. However, one of your peers might try to have you believe otherwise. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you don't criticize or demand too much from others today, you will outpoll everyone in a popularity contest. Assume an enthusiastic attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Actions precipitated today could promote something beneficial for your family as a unit. Put their collective needs above your own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have ample reason to view life optimistically in this time frame. Now it will be up to you to think positively and establish desirable objectives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you center your efforts on ways to make money, you should do well for yourself both today and tomorrow. Get an early start and stick to your game plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The important thing to keep in mind today is the knowledge that you can successfully manage anything in which you become involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is one of those days where it might appear to be darkest before the dawn. If you can keep the faith, things should work out to your satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you've hoped for something that isn't of a material nature, your wish will have an excellent chance of being fulfilled quicker than you think. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Working conditions and associates could provide a favorable mix for you today in commercial and career areas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may experience a wave of good fortune at this point in time, and as a result, you may find fewer obstacles in your path than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today someone who is fond of you might try to rectify a matter that has aggravated you. It will be better not to discuss his or her support with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep in mind today that the bottom line will count more than the little spurts that take you in negative directions.

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TASS CERTIFICATES — These Ira High School students received certificates for answering at least 95 percent of the items correctly on subject area TASS tests. From left, back row, Tye Shirley and Jason Green; front row, Machea Chaney, Carla Smith, Emily Hardy and Brook Wilkes. (SDN Staff Photo)



JUNIOR HIGH RECOGNITION — These Ira Junior High Students received certificates recently for correctly answering at least 95 percent of the questions on TASS subject area tests. From left, back row, Tosha Walker, Kacie Daves, Jerek Brown, Lecia Knight; front row, Case Hardy, Nathan Smith, Dani White and Kendra Krop. (SDN Staff Photo)



ELEMENTARY RECOGNITION — These Ira elementary students received certificates for correctly answering at least 95 percent of the questions on TASS subject area tests. From left, back row Alana Pulis, Stephan Kirk, Michelle Nettles, Celeigh Sterling; second row, Cody Broker, Wes White, John Gainer; third row, Colter Brown, Rusty Josey, Geoff Pinkerton, Tyler Frey; seated on the floor, Chad Everton, Jeffrey Garner, Jess Wall and Nathan Wilkins. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cutlass Supreme still tops list of nation's most-stolen cars

DETROIT (AP) — If thieves gave a car-of-the-year award, it would go to the Olds Cutlass Supreme.

For the fourth year in a row, it topped the list as the nation's most stolen car.

In fact, Cutlasses captured the top three spots on the 1995 list compiled by CCC Information Services Inc. The 1986 Supreme was No. 1, the '87 model second and the '84 third.

The top 10 also included the 1994 Toyota Camry, the 1987 Chevrolet Caprice and five Honda Accords.

"When you're America's best-selling car, it's the price you have to pay," quipped Andrew Boyd of American Honda Motor Co., which likes to tout the Accord as the car chosen most often by individual buyers in the United States.

CCC senior vice president Bill Geen says there's truth in Boyd's wit.

"You're looking at vehicles that are popular not only with consumers, but with thieves ... most importantly because their parts are in great demand," Geen said Monday.

"Cutlass Supreme has led the CCC list for four years for two main reasons — Oldsmobile sold a lot of them and many Cutlass parts can be used in repairing similar General Motors Corp. cars, he said.

"If you ever had a vehicle in the last few years that just overnight became a 'hot vehicle,' ... everybody wants 'em," said Geen, using the 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee as an example.

It moved from No. 54 on the 1993 list to No. 2 last year. It stayed in the top 25 in 1995, at No. 17.

Geen said the rankings have little to do with how easy a car is to steal. "I think law enforcement and our customers, the insurance industry, would agree," he said. "If there's a need and desire to have (a particular vehicle), a thief is going to get it."

CCC is hired by insurance companies to set the value on cars and trucks that are stolen or destroyed in accidents. In 1995, it handled information on 1.8 million vehicles, including about 180,000 that were stolen.

The Chicago-based company's annual theft list is drawn from analysis of that information.

25 most-stolen cars in 1995

By The Associated Press

The top 25 stolen vehicles in 1995, according to a study by CCC Information Services Inc.

1. 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
2. 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
3. 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
4. 1988 Honda Accord LX
5. 1994 Honda Accord EX
6. 1994 Toyota Camry LE
7. 1991 Honda Accord EX
8. 1987 Chevrolet Caprice
9. 1992 Honda Accord EX
10. 1990 Honda Accord EX
11. 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
12. 1986 Cadillac Deville
13. 1992 Honda Accord LX
14. 1989 Chevrolet Caprice
15. 1989 Honda Accord LX
16. 1984 Buick Regal
17. 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4x4
18. 1988 Chevrolet Caprice
19. 1988 Chevrolet Camaro
20. 1985 Buick Regal
21. 1987 Nissan Maxima
22. 1986 Buick Regal
23. 1986 Chevrolet Camaro
24. 1991 Honda Accord LX
25. 1987 Buick Regal

More 'learning disabled' seniors said taking SATs

BOSTON (AP) — A growing number of high school students are willing to be labeled "learning disabled" so they can take the Scholastic Assessment Test without time limits, The Boston Globe reported today.

Approximately 1 million high school students who want to go to college take the SAT yearly, and more than 98 percent of them take it with the purposely built-in time limits for answering the questions.

This year, about 16,000 students will take the test without time limits because they have been declared "learning disabled," the Globe reported.

That's more than twice the number five years ago, and, 10 years ago, it was almost unheard of for anyone to take the test without time limits.

Learning disabilities include dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and emotional problems.

Educators said most requests to take the SAT without time limits are legitimate. They are suspicious that an increasing number of students take the test untimed, even though they are not in special education classes and never before claimed disability.

Students do not have to be in special education classes to be allowed to take the SAT untimed. A letter of proof of disability from a state-licensed psychologist, psychiatrist or school special needs evaluator will do.

Some parents, believing their children will get higher scores without time limits and that a "learning disabled" label will make their school grades look even better, look for psychologists willing to say the children have a learning disability, some educators said.

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Hemophiliacs warned about Hepatitis A

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says hemophiliacs should not use several batches of clotting factor after genetic tests proved one of the products gave two patients the liver virus hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A is usually a mild disease, but the cases that sparked Monday's warning mark the first time a U.S. plasma product has been found to be transmitting it and may change how manufacturers and hemophiliacs handle the rare risk, Dr. Jay Epstein of the Food and Drug Administration said Monday.

A batch of Alphanate Factor VIII, made by Alpha Therapeutics Corp., was genetically linked to two cases of hepatitis A, and doctors suspect it also caused a third infection, the FDA said.

Alpha Therapeutics told pharmacists and other distributors to stop selling Lot No. AP5014A on Dec. 8 because of a suspected risk. But when the FDA got the genetic test results late Friday, it decided to warn patients in case they already have that batch at home.

A fourth patient came down with hepatitis A after taking a second Alpha clotting factor, called Factor IX, made from the same pool of blood plasma.

Although genetic tests have not proved the cause, the FDA said Monday that four lots of the AlphaNine S-D are being quarantined as a precaution. It told hemophiliacs not to use lot Nos. CA5410A, CA5412A, CA5413A and CA5421A.

Hemophiliacs who are experiencing a flu-like illness with jaundice or liver tenderness should be checked for hepatitis, the FDA said.

Hepatitis A usually is transmitted through dirty water or food. Europe suffered several outbreaks from tainted clotting factor in 1994, but the Alpha patients mark the first U.S. cases.

Unlike the HIV virus and certain other diseases, there is no definitive test to detect hepatitis A in these products.

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Court restricts awards in air crashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — People cannot win monetary awards for loss of companionship when relatives die in airline crashes over international waters, the Supreme Court ruled today.

In a case stemming from the 1983 downing of a Korean airliner by the Soviet Union, the justices ruled unanimously that federal law allows compensation only for financial losses in such cases.

The 1929 Warsaw Convention treaty covering international air disasters leaves it to each country to decide what kinds of lawsuits will be allowed, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

In cases where a crash occurred over international water, U.S. lawsuits are governed by the Death on the High Seas Act, which allows damages only for "pecuniary loss," Scalia said.

The case involves a lawsuit against Korean Air Lines by the mother and sister of Muriel Kole, who was among 269 people killed in the Sept. 1, 1983 disaster.

A federal court found the airline guilty of willful misconduct because its jet had strayed into Soviet air space before it was shot down. The Warsaw Convention treaty limits damages in international airline crashes to $75,000 per passenger, but sets no limit for injuries or deaths caused by an airline's willful misconduct.

There are about 40 unresolved lawsuits over the KAL disaster. About 60 other lawsuits involving American victims have been resolved.

Kole's mother, Muriel Mahalek of Brooklyn, N.Y., and sister, Marjorie Zicherman of Swampscott, Mass., sued the airline in New York. A trial jury awarded Mahalek $28,000 and Zicherman $70,000 for loss of companionship, plus other damages.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals set aside the awards for loss of companionship. Such damages can be awarded, the appeals court said, but only to someone who depended on the victim for financial support.

Lawyers for Mahalek and Zicherman told the Supreme Court that French law, which allows damages for loss of companionship, governs the Warsaw treaty because it originally was written in French.

The justices rejected that argument.

Alleged drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego arraigned

HOUSTON (AP) — Alleged drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego made his debut in a U.S. court today, calmly answering "Si" to several questions as he spent his first full day on U.S. soil following his arrest in Mexico.

Abrego, wearing headphones to hear a Spanish translation, listened impassively as a 20-count indictment was read, accusing him of conspiracy, distribution of illegal drugs and money laundering. The indictment refers to "acts of violence including murder" but includes no murder charge.

Conviction on the charges could keep in him prison for decades.

At the hearing, which lasted a little more than 20 minutes, Garcia Abrego responded "Si" to whether he understood the charges, understood the purpose of the hearing and what was happening.

U.S. Magistrate Frances Stacy set an arraignment and detention hearing for Feb. 6. The magistrate also will consider bond then, and Garcia Abrego can enter a plea. He was returned to the Harris County Jail, where he remains in the custody of federal marshals.

Attorney Roberto Yzaguirre said he had been hired to represent Garcia Abrego, a fugitive on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list for almost a year. The attorney refused to elaborate for reporters, saying only, "I think I'll be at it for the ride."

The Gulf cartel, which Garcia Abrego allegedly heads, is believed to smuggle hundreds of tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States each year. It also has been increasingly diversifying into heroin, marijuana and methamphetamines.

Garcia Abrego wore the same black slacks and camouflage jacket he wore Monday night when he arrived in Houston from Mexico.

His arrest came at a crucial time for President Ernesto Zedillo, who has been struggling to prove to American officials that his country can overcome widespread corruption to effectively fight drug trafficking.

"Mexico has taken a major step forward with this arrest of one of the world's top drug traffickers," Bob Weiner, spokesman for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, said Monday in Washington.

He called it "a positive sign which seemed impossible just a few months ago."

U.S. authorities had long been pressuring their Mexican counterparts to arrest Garcia Abrego. Authorities on both sides of the border had implied that corruption in high levels in Mexico was blocking his arrest.

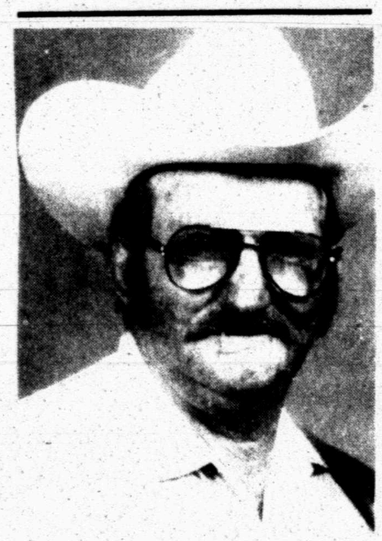
Authorities say Garcia Abrego built his Gulf cartel drug empire, the second most powerful in Mexico, partly through his ties — including millions of dollars in bribery payments — to top Mexican officials.

Garcia Abrego, considered among the world's most dangerous drug traffickers, was arrested Sunday night in Villa de Juarez, a small town about 35 miles northeast of the northern city of Monterrey, said Oscar Diaz, a spokesman for Mexican prosecutors.

The 51-year-old heavyset, mustachioed drug lord jumped several fences trying to flee Mexican drug agents who had hunted him for months through the northern states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Veracruz, Diaz said.

Investigators were operating on information from a former Garcia Abrego bodyguard,

Obituaries



Bobby Brumit

Buddy Brumit

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Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church for Buddy Brumit, 55. Officiating will be the Rev. Rex Reynolds and the Rev. Dayton McCarter. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Brumit, a Snyder resident since 1945, died Monday, Jan. 15, at his home after a long illness.

Born Jan. 18, 1940 in Ennis, he married Patsy Rice on Jan. 1, 1961 in Snyder. He was employed as a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Brumit of Snyder; a daughter, Pamala French of Lubbock; a son, Buddy Brumit Jr. of Lubbock; two brothers, Ben Brumit and Charlie Brumit of Watauga; five sisters, Juanita Buchanan and Dorothy Matthews, both of Hermleigh, Doris Eubanks of Mountainview, Ark., Fay Mitchell of Abilene and Debbie Whiteside of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Tamala, Angella and J.R. French of Lubbock and Trey and Meagan Brumit, also of Lubbock.

The family will greet visitors between 7 and 9 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Murder defendant testifies

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with that?"

He told police they went to the bedroom and that Carr had the shotgun by the barrel. She swung the gun "and it hit my right arm and went off." Coggins testified that the statement added that Gradney ran down the hall and called 9-1-1 as soon as Carr fell. He then called his mother to have her notify Carr's mother.

Coggins was one of three prosecution witnesses introduced Monday afternoon by Smith who used a mock-up of the room in which Carr was killed in an attempt to show the jury what occurred.

The room contains a scaled-down version of a bed and a built-in chest of drawers.

Police officer Jerry Cowin began the afternoon session by showing jurors where the main mass of blood and brain matter was on the wall, noting it was only 32 inches from the floor. He also noted in the mock-up where other blood splatters were and where the spent shell of the Savage 12-gauge shotgun was laying.

Defense attorney Wilson questioned Cowin briefly, and asked him if he had been in the mobile home at the time of the shooting.

Cowin said he had not and Wilson asked, "Then this is just your opinion on what happened — you don't know for sure.

"You weren't there, were you Mr. Cowin?" said Wilson.

Cowin said he was not and then Smith asked him if he had ever heard the statement, "People lie, evidence doesn't." Cowin said "Yes."

Smith asked Cowin what he thought that meant. Cowin said that human beings could perhaps be swayed by emotion or other factors but evidence "was just there".

Coggins spent more than an hour and a half testifying Monday afternoon. Coggins said he arrived at the crime scene after being notified by police dispatcher Luann Walker around 10:05 p.m.

He testified that he took the written statement from Gradney after escorting him to the police station around 10:53 p.m. and began typing the suspect's official statement around 2:30 or 2:45 a.m.

Coggins said in interviewing Gradney, he noticed what appeared to be dried blood on the finger and palm of the accused right hand. Coggins stated he took a sample of the blood. A DPS laboratory compared it with blood taken from Carr during the autopsy. Coggins said the laboratory in Lubbock concluded the blood on Gradney's hand was Carr's.

Illinois governor commutes woman's death sentence

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Jim Edgar commuted the death sentence for Guinevere Garcia against her will today, hours before she would have become the second woman in recent U.S. history to be executed.

Ms. Garcia, 37, condemned for killing her abusive husband, had dropped all appeals last summer and was scheduled to die by injection early Wednesday.

The governor commuted her sentence to life without parole.

Ms. Garcia was sentenced to die for fatally shooting George Garcia, her estranged husband, during a botched robbery in 1991. She had been released from prison four months earlier after serving 10 years for killing her 11-month-old daughter.

Last summer, she urged officials to go forward with her execution, lashing out at death penalty opponents, including celebrity activist Bianca Jagger, who had urged Edgar to spare Ms. Garcia's life. Ms. Garcia said she was responsible for her crimes and was prepared for the punishment.

"This is not a suicide," she said in a tape played last week for the state Prisoner Review Board. "I am not taking my own life. I committed these crimes. I am responsible for these crimes."

Execution opponents said her horrific history — including years of sexual abuse by an uncle and abuse from her husbands and other men — made Ms. Garcia a poor choice for execution. She was a prostitute when she met her husband — he was her customer.

Officials at Dwight Correctional Center told Ms. Garcia her sentence had been commuted before the decision was made public. Corrections spokesman Nic Howell would not say how she reacted.

"I'm happy that Guin will not be executed. She never deserved the death penalty," said Chuck Schiedel, a deputy state appellate defender assisting in Ms. Garcia's case.

"We talked about it last week and she said that if it happened (the commuting), she would take it as an act of God and she would accept it."

Jagger said today that she was pleased with Edgar's decision, but concerned about how Garcia would react.

"I hope that she will see we had her well being at heart, and that we all cared that an injustice was not committed against her, a victim."

Edgar, a second-term Republican, had refused clemency to all six men who were executed since he took office in 1991.

In a statement, Edgar said that while the evidence did not support a battered woman defense, the circumstances surrounding the case did not merit the death penalty.

"Guinevere Garcia should never be free again, but I have concluded that the punishment decreed for her was not typical," Edgar said. "Horrible as was her crime, it was an offense comparable to those judges and jurors have determined over and over again should not be punishable by death."

What's Up?

Candidates sell tickets

Queen candidates will be announced Wednesday for the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Association queen contest. The candidates are selling tickets at $2 each which are good for a chance at a $200 gift certificate from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters.

Yearbook deadline set

The deadline for ordering a copy of the 1996 Tiger's Lair yearbook is Feb. 1. Cost is $40. All unpaid balances for orders placed previously must also be paid by Feb. 1. Any unpaid balances after that time will result in the loss of the deposit and cancellation of the order.

Orders or balances may be mailed to SHS, Student Publications, 3801 Austin Ave. For more information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

TAAS/TEAMS spring testing

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be given March 5-7. Enrolled 11th and 12th graders as well as individuals who are out of school are eligible to take any section of the exit-level test on which they have not yet met minimum expectations.

These spring registration packets are available in the high school counselor's office. TAAS and TEAMS out-of-school examinees must register by Jan. 26 in order to test. Anyone with further questions should call Charlene Light at 574-6049 or Wendell Sollis at 573-5401.

Pick 3

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

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Court Rulings

AZT patents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, rejecting an appeal by two generic drug manufacturers, today let stand a ruling that said the former Burroughs Wellcome Co. is entitled to five patents for AZT, the primary drug for treating AIDS.

The court, without comment, turned away the argument that the company should not receive exclusive patents because some testing was done at the National Institutes of Health.

AZT was developed in the 1960s as a possible anti-cancer drug, but was not found promising for that use.

Burroughs Wellcome was acquired by rival Glaxo last year, creating Glaxo Wellcome Inc., based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Glaxo Wellcome stock was trading at 27⅞ up ⅜ in late-morning trading.

After acquired immune deficiency syndrome was identified during the 1980s, the National Institutes of Health asked drug laboratories to submit for testing any compounds that might be effective in AIDS treatment.

Medicaid abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to let Nebraska deny Medicaid-funded abortions to women who become pregnant as the result of rape or incest.

The court, without comment, turned down Nebraska's argument that states participating in the federal Medicaid program can bar government-financed abortions for poor women except when a mother's life is endangered.

The high court turned down a similar appeal by Colorado in December.

Through the Hyde Amendment, Congress since 1976 has limited Medicaid money for poor women seeking abortions. From 1981 through 1993, Medicaid-financed abortions were allowed only when the woman's life was at risk.

The amendment, named for its chief sponsor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., was changed by Congress in 1994 to allow Medicaid abortions also when the pregnant woman was the victim of rape or incest.

Mandatory retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let Congress continue enforcing a mandatory retirement age for the Capitol Police Force.

The justices, without comment, rejected an appeal that attacked the mandatory-retirement requirement as an unlawful form of age bias.

Ten former Capitol Police Force members sued the Senate after being forced to retire at age 55, before the mandatory retirement age was raised to 57 in 1994.

All 10 had been Senate employees, working for that portion of the police force under the authority of the Senate sergeant of arms.

Congress imposed the mandatory-retirement requirement in a 1990 law. But the former officers argue it was repealed by a 1991 law.

The Government Employee Rights Act of 1991 extended to congressional employees many of the employment rights and civil rights enjoyed by others. The retirement lawsuit contended that the 1991 law extended the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, a 1967 law banning mandatory retirement for most Americans, to Capitol Police Force members.

Tenant law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to revive an invalidated California law that limited what credit agencies may report about tenants previously enmeshed in eviction proceedings.

The justices, without comment, let stand a California court's ruling that said the law violated credit agencies' free-speech rights.

The California Legislature enacted a law in 1991 aimed at protecting tenants unfairly denied housing based on reports that they previously had been involved in eviction proceedings.

The 1991 law generally barred consumer credit-reporting agencies from reporting such information unless landlords actually won the proceeding and an eviction occurred.

Credit agencies are able to obtain eviction-proceeding information because it is available from public court records, whether or not the eviction action eventually was dismissed, settled or dropped.

The U.D. Registry Inc. credit agency, and the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles challenged the law in court. California authorities chose not to defend it, but tenant-rights organizations did.