**BRIEFLY**

**Family fundraiser**

The Tanner Underwood Hope Crew will have a benefit and celebration event from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hog Creek Ice-house, 170 Bruce Trail. Underwood is recovering from a traumatic brain injury suffered in an automobile accident in March. The family event will include games, an auction, food and live music from the Band of the West. For more information, call Ruth Liu at 666-4361 or email Ruthliu@hotmail.com.

**NARF meeting**

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday at Uncle Don's Bar-B-Q, 1001 Lake Air Drive. Lunch will precede the 1 p.m. meeting. For more information, call Gerald Hassfield at 722-5011.

**Veterans assistance**

Baylor Law School, 1114 S. University Parks Dr., will prepare basic wills for veterans at a veterans assistance clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 325-292-6122 or email veteran.service@baylor.edu.

**Cooking class**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in McLennan County and the Waco-McLennan County Anti-Litter Commission will present a healthy lifestyles cooking class series from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 17, 24 and 31 at the Center at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, 1115 Columbus Ave. The series is free, but registration is required by Dec. 17. To register, call 757-3100 or email aaahaley@agrilife.tamu.edu.

**WREATHS FROM HERBS**

Cathy Valentine (front) and Monica Marks, members of the Waco Herb Society, create wreaths from herbs during the club's meeting Tuesday at the Carleen Bright Arboretum in Woodway. Society members brought the herbs from their gardens to make the wreaths.

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**Man gets 60 years for sex abuse**

By TOMMY WITHERSPOON

A 39-year-old former Waco man was sentenced to 60 years in prison on with no possibility of parole Tuesday after pleading guilty to sexually abusing three young family members for two years.

Matthew Mark Schoenewolf, who was arrested last year in Oregon, pleaded guilty to continuous sexual abuse of a child, five counts of indecency with a child by contact, sexual assault of a child and three counts of possession of child pornography.

Judge Ralph Strother of Waco's 14th State District Court sentenced Schoenewolf to 60 years in prison on each of the indecency and sexual assault cases and 15 years in prison on each of the child pornography charges. The prison terms will be served concurrently, the judge ordered.

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**Pedestrian killed on I-35 identified**

By KIRSTEN CROW

Waco police have identified a man killed in a weekend auto-pedestrian accident on Interstate 35 as 66-year-old Richard Alan Graves, of Waco.

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**Bellmead tables pet registration proposal**

By CINDY V. CULP

Bellmead City Council tabled a recommendation Tuesday that would have changed the city's pet registration ordinance, including a provision to raise the annual fee from $2 to $10 per animal.

Council members said they appreciated the hard work the city's animal control advisory board put into revising the ordinance, which has not been updated since 1972. But they voiced several concerns, including the cost to residents and qualms about charging a fee for animals that have been spayed or neutered.

Under the current ordinance, residents are supposed to register every cat or dog they own with the city. The fee is $2 per animal per year.

With the proposed ordinance, the fee would be waived for pets that have been microchipped for identification purposes.

But no discount would be given to pet owners who take the proper steps to make sure their animals can't reproduce.

Councilwoman Sherri Harris said that doesn't seem fair.

"That's the pet owner showing some responsibility for the animal and curbing some of those problems for the city with unwanted litters," Harris said.

Councilman Kevin Wilson raised a related concern after advising board members said the higher fee would better offset the cost of pet ownership.

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