

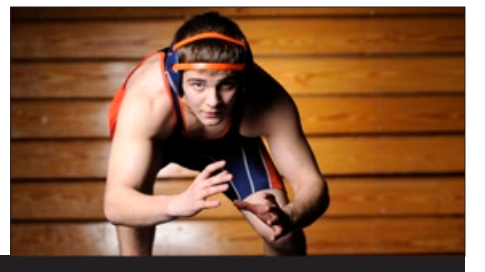
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Witness Testifies In Trial

CRIME LAB ANALYSTS TAKE STAND

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BENTONVILLE — A witness testified Tuesday morning that Erickson Dimas-Martinez asked him to retrieve the gun that may have been used to kill Derrick Jefferson.

Jefferson, 17, of Centerton was killed Dec. 30, 2006. His body was found that morning in the driveway of a home at 4265 N. 40th St. in Springdale.



Dimas-Martinez

He had been shot once in the head.

One of the suspects — Dimas-Martinez — is on trial. He is charged with aggravated robbery and capital murder. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Uris Magana-Galdamez, the other suspect, will be tried later.

Edwin Mancía, who is Magana-Galdamez's cousin and a former friend of Dimas-Martinez, testified Tuesday morning. Mancía, 22, is being held in the Benton County Jail as a material witness. Mancía testified that he was arrested in November 2008 for not having a driver's license, and immigration officials placed a hold on him. Mancía, who is from El Salvador, said at 16 he illegally entered the United States and came to Northwest Arkansas.

According to Mancía, Dimas-Martinez called him at 10 p.m. Dec.

31, 2006, and told him that Magana-Galdamez was in trouble. Mancía testified Dimas-Martinez told him that his cousin had been arrested with false papers and the owners of those papers had supposedly killed someone.

Mancía told jurors Dimas-Martinez asked Mancía to go to Magana-Galdamez's home and retrieve a gun. Mancía testified he agreed to get the gun because he believed his cousin was falsely accused of a crime.

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Clinics Offer Reduced Vaccines

VETERINARIANS GIVE RABIES SHOTS

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BENTONVILLE — Local veterinarians will offer rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rates from Saturday through April 3.

Veterinarians have partnered with the Arkansas Department of Health to offer vaccinations to pet owners through walk-up clinics in Benton County.

Vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies is especially important in Arkansas because of the number of wild animals that carry the disease, said Loy Bailey, director of the Benton County Health Department.

There were 47 confirmed cases of rabies in Arkansas in 2009, Bailey said. The animals that tested positive include 36 skunks, nine bats and two dogs, Bailey said, noting there were likely many more rabies cases that went undetected.

A dog in Lawrence County died after being diagnosed with the virus on Jan. 25, Bailey said.

Bailey said vaccinating pets is particularly important because rabies can also be transmitted to humans.

Vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies "is the safest way to go for pets. Getting them vaccinated also provides a buffer area between humans and animals," Bailey said.

Rabies, according to the Arkansas Department of Health, is a deadly viral disease that affects the nerves and brain. It can be transmitted from the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Rabies is also spread by getting the infected animal's saliva in the eyes, nose, mouth or open wounds.

Dr. Charles Hatfield, a retired veterinarian in Bentonville, has participated in the annual reduced rate vaccination week since 1973.

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DRIVING FORCE



STAFF PHOTO DAVID FRANK DEMPSEY

Darren Hill lets fly with a long drive Tuesday through a tree-choked section of the disc golf course at Lake Bella Vista in Bentonville. Hill, of Bentonville, started playing disc golf two years ago to get more exercise than he was getting walking the paved trail around the lake.

Council Agrees To Settle Wrongful Termination Suit

FORMER POLICE OFFICER CLAIMS HIS CIVIL RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED

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BENTONVILLE — A wrongful termination lawsuit filed in April 2007 against the city of Bentonville could be headed for a settlement. The suit, filed by former Bentonville police officer Tim Marta, claimed Marta's civil rights were violated and his termination violated the Arkansas Whistleblower Act.

Upon the recommendation of Arkansas Municipal League attorney Michael Mosley, who represents the city of Bentonville in the case, the City Council voted 6-0,

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MICHAEL MOSLEY

Arkansas Municipal League attorney representing city of Bentonville in case

with one abstention from alderman Jim Dotson, to agree to the settlement proposal during Tuesday's regularly scheduled council meeting.

The suit — which has already gone through litigation — is currently being appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

"I cannot guarantee an outcome," Mosley told the council. "I wish I

could, but because of the risks associated with taking it before a jury and the attorney's fees which in this case our coverage is (\$65,000), my recommendation is that we enter into a settlement."

Marta was fired from the Bentonville Police Department on April 9, 2007. In the original suit, Marta

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Airport Repair, Feral Cats Top Council Agenda

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ROGERS — A resident used the public forum portion of the City Council meeting to complain about feral cats in her neighborhood and got a suggestion from the mayor on fixing the problem.

Angela Hill, who lives in the 3400 block of West Chestnut Street, told council members that animal control had failed to do much to solve the feral cat problem in her neighborhood.

"There are several cats there and they will likely become pregnant and we will have kittens to deal with. The cats tear up my flower garden and when they come on the porch they smell," Hill said.

Mayor Steve Womack asked

Hill the last time she spoke to the animal control officers. She acknowledged she hadn't spoken to the animal control officer since before Christmas.

Womack suggested she call animal control again.

"If you are not satisfied after talking with the animal control office, you call 621-1127 and talk to Janet Foster," Womack said as he nodded to Foster to hold up her hand, "and we will get the problem fixed."

The council approved \$105,600 contract with Garver LLC for the design of an aircraft apron, some signage changes and airport layout for the Rogers Municipal Airport.

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