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WTC registration...





CLASS REGISTRATION — Western Texas College students were back on campus this morning to register for spring semester classes. Amber Patterson and Amy Arispe, above, get help from Gina Goolsby. At left, Justin Pechacek and Seth Sterling take the first step to register with assistance from Patty Kuhl. Classes begin Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photos)

Lieberman announces 2004 presidential bid

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Sen. Joseph Lieberman, freed of his self-imposed pledge to defer to Al Gore, is running for president in 2004, saying in an advance copy of his speech that the nation needs leaders "ready to lead."

The senator, the Democrats' vice presidential nominee in 2000, was making the announcement of his candidacy this morning at his former high school. Copies of the announcement were distributed in advance of his appearance.

"Two years ago, we were promised a better America, but that promise has not been kept," said the text of his speech to students at Stamford High School.

He said the nation can "renew the American dream. ... if our leaders are ready to lead, willing to fight for what's right for the American people and able to rise above partisan politics to put our country first."

Lieberman had stressed since 2000 that if Gore ran again, he would not. Then Gore announced in December that he would not run. The next day, Lieberman thanked the former vice president for his leadership and said he would take the next several weeks to "very seriously consider the awesome opportunity that I now have."

He joins a crowded field. Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards are running.



Joseph Lieberman

Among the others considering a bid are Connecticut's senior senator, Christopher Dodd; Sens. Bob Graham of Florida and Joseph Biden of Delaware; former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado; and the Rev. Al Sharpton, a civil rights activist.

The first Jew on a major-party presidential ticket, Lieberman was known, but not well-known, before Gore picked him to be his running mate in 2000.

Lieberman, a centrist, had long campaigned against violent images in the media and was a strong supporter of the Gulf War. He also drew national attention when he criticized President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky from the Senate floor.

As the vice presidential candidate, Lieberman introduced America to the habits of an Orthodox Jew. He refused to campaign on Saturdays, the Jewish Sabbath, although he would work or cast votes if necessary.

Lieberman said he would not favor Israel over the United States. He also earned the respect of Christian activists, embracing issues such as family, morality and reverence.

As Gore's running mate, Lieberman drew criticism from Republicans who accused him of softening or abandoning his positions on issues such as school vouchers and affirmative action to shore up Democratic support. Lieberman denied changing his positions.

As soon as the 2000 race was over, Lieberman was considered a prospect for 2004, and he traveled from New Hampshire to California through his Responsibility Opportunity and Community PAC.

For UCO Spinning...

Abatement on WTC agenda

Western Texas College trustees will consider transfer of Lorber's tax abatement agreement to UCO Spinning LP when the board convenes at 7 tonight.

The board is expected to transfer the previous abatement agreement made with Lorber Textiles to the new company that is to begin operations this month.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the agreement cannot be extended, but the remaining time frame can be offered to UCO.

Also on the agenda is consideration of revisions to the sports complex to be constructed on the southwest corner of campus.

Dr. Williams said cost estimates provided by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper were in error and the complex will cost more than previously stated.

Fee restructure will be considered as several different fees will be rolled into one "institution fee," Dr. Williams said.

Revisions to the school calendar also will be considered as will loan signatures.

In personnel matters, employment of Michael Archer-Pauchet as instructor of social science is on the agenda.

Pauchet was a part-time instructor at Cisco Junior College.

Items on the agenda for information and discussion include the education report from Jim Clifton, dean of student services; and information from drama instructor Ray Newton.

The board also will discuss purchasing mineral and royalty interests, and will hear the president's report.

'Country is not terrorist breeding ground...'

Crown Prince Abdullah is demanding equality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler said today he remains hopeful that a war in Iraq can be avoided and said he believes that U.S. policy in the Middle East is tilted toward Israel.

Interviewed from Riyadh on NBC's "Today" program, Crown Prince Abdullah also denied that his Persian Gulf nation is a breeding ground for terrorists.

Of Iraq, the crown prince said, "I have a strange sense that it may not come to war despite the momentum and the buildup in that direction."

"I believe that force only begets death and destruction," he said, adding that he hopes a way can be found to resolve the fight over allegations Saddam Hussein has and is seeking to build weapons of mass destruction.

Appearing on the same program, Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said, "Iraq is not Saddam Hussein alone. Iraq is a country that has been there for at least 5,000 years. It is a mistake to think of Iraq as Saddam Hussein alone. If you tell Iraqis war is coming, regardless of any conditions that apply, they will support Saddam Hussein."

Asked if there can be a peaceful solution if evidence is found that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, he said, "If in the final analysis, if we don't succeed, those who are working for war can have their war as they please, which is going to be a catastrophe for the region."

Asked why many people in Saudi Arabia have negative attitudes toward the United States, the crown prince cited "the situation in Palestine and the American policy toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict" and said some bitterness has been caused by "some unfair attacks against the kingdom" in the American media.

Questioned about the Middle East conflict, he said, "America was founded on the basis of justice and equality and this is what is required to bring this conflict to an end. This is what the Palestinian people are seeking."

Asked whether his kingdom can be relied upon in the war against terrorism, given the fact that 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis, he replied, "I believe that no society is immune from deviants and extremists. This situation exists in every country and every society and every state. These individuals do not represent their states. They do not represent the prevailing thinking in their societies."

The crown prince said "I would suggest that the American people study the holy Quran and the Islamic faith. Our Quran and our faith reject the taking of lives."

Asked how difficult is it to balance the kingdom's interest in progress with its fundamentalist beliefs, he said, "Our Islamic faith is a forward-looking faith, a faith of learning and a faith of science — and there should be no contradiction."

Leader urges exemption from new law

DALLAS (AP) — The Pakistani ambassador to the United States has told hundreds of immigrants concerned about their legal status that his government urged the Bush administration to exempt them from the requirement to register under a new federal tracking program.

Ashraf Jehangir Qazi met Sunday with almost 300 Pakistanis in the Dallas suburb of Richardson. He said his government had aggressively pursued an exemption with top administration officials and that he would press his case next week in a scheduled meeting with U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Among Qazi's items, he said, was a request to extend the program through June 2004.

"We should not be on that list," Qazi told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

North Korea edges closer toward crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House denied today that it is rewarding North Korea's defiance by offering the prospect of energy assistance if the communist regime ends a nuclear standoff with the United States.

Presidential press secretary Ari Fleischer spoke after an American envoy said in Seoul, South Korea, that the United States is willing to consider energy aid for North Korea if Pyongyang ends nuclear weapons development.

"Once we get beyond nuclear weapons, there may be opportunities with the U.S., with private investors, with other countries to help North Korea in the energy area," Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly told reporters.

The communist country withdrew from the landmark Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty last week and has threatened to resume long-range missile tests and to begin reprocessing spent fuel rods from its nuclear reactor to make atomic bombs.

President Bush has vowed not to "reward bad behavior" by giving North Korea incentives to drop its nuclear program. A 1994 deal by the Clinton White House gave North Korea fuel oil in exchange for Pyongyang's promise to stop building nuclear weapons. The agreement was nullified last fall when the United States said North Korea had acknowledged a secret nuclear weapons program.

Asked whether Kelly's offer violated Bush's pledge not to negotiate with Pyongyang, Fleischer replied, "Actually, it's everything you have been led to believe and heard before."

He pointed to a joint communique issued by the United States, South Korea and Japan last week in which the administration softened its position against talks with Pyongyang. The communique held out hope for "a better path, leading toward improved relations" with the world if North Korea dropped its nuclear weapons program, Fleischer said.

Kelley's talk of energy aid fell into the category of improved relations, Fleischer said.

"So, except for the fact that he cited one specific sector of what (the communique) previously said on the record, I see no difference," he said.

The spokesman said military action is not being considered in North Korea, though it is always an option for the White House.

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ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for Roundtop Road and are there any plans to add shoulder and center stripes?

A—It is a county road and there are no plans for striping.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Candace Stribling...

...wife of Justin Stribling and a candidate for May graduation at Texas Tech, works at MD Laundry on Saturdays. Her parents are Johnny and Suzanne Barrow and she has a brother, Johathan. Her husband's parents are Jimmy and Janet Stribling. Candace has lived in Snyder 13 years. Without much time for hobbies, Candace plans to spend more time with her passion of photography.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Persistence is self-discipline in action.
—Brian Tracy

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SISD Family Literacy Program

Snyder ISD's Family Literacy Program will resume today. Openings are available for ESL, reading and computer classes. Call 574-6012 to enroll.

Support groups

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Transformed Christian," followed by "Faith of Our Fathers."

York Rite Masons

York Rite Masons will have a stated meeting at 7:30 tonight.

Lions Club meetings

Snyder Lions Club meeting Tuesday will be held at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society will have a rally at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Stanfield Elementary cafeteria in preparation for April's Relay for Life. There will be refreshments and door prizes and the rally is open to anyone interested.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield's parent council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the teacher's lounge located in the front hallway. Winter Wonderland will be discussed.

Band boosters

There will be a band boosters meting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS band hall.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Class reunion meeting

The SHS Class of 1983 will have a reunion planning meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at the home of Kirk Herrley. All class members are encouraged to attend. Call 573-3204 for information.

Benefit enchilada dinner

There will be a benefit enchilada dinner for liver transplant patient Carol Carrasco Garza from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary Cafeteria. For advance tickets for a $5 donation, call Mickey Carrasco at 573-3343.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Women's Bible study

A 10-week Bible study at First Baptist Church will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The class is on "Beloved Disciple, the Study of the Life and Ministry of John" by Beth Moore. All women are invited. For more information, call Linda Franklin at 573-0397.

SHS booster club fundraiser

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

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Jan. 31. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Man arrested in connection with murder

DEQUINCY, La. (AP) — A 30-year-old DeQuincy man accused of killing an elderly Orange, Texas, woman on Saturday and severely injuring her husband has been arrested in DeQuincy, police said.

Walter Wade Rice Jr. is also accused of beating a man and stealing his wallet at an auto-repair business in West Orange, Texas, on Thursday and beating his brother-in-law in DeQuincy on Jan. 3, police said.

Terrill Vandergriff, a DeQuincy detective, said Rice confessed to the attacks in Orange and West Orange after his arrest in a parking lot of a motel.

He was booked on armed robbery and aggravated second-degree battery charges in connection to the Jan. 3 attack in Louisiana.

Rice was moved to the Calcasieu Correctional Center on Sunday.

Orange County sheriff's officials went to DeQuincy late Saturday to question the suspect.

More U.S. military are being deployed

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Petty Officer 2nd Class Edgar Rodriguez and his wife, Kerri, know that deployment with little warning is part of Navy life. But that didn't make saying goodbye any easier when he joined fellow sailors aboard the USS Ashland.

"It's their job. If they've got to go, they've got to go," Kerri Rodriguez said. "I'm just very proud of him that he has the opportunity to serve his country and bring a lot of pride and honor to his family."

The Ashland was among four ships that deployed Sunday from Virginia to undisclosed locations, as a possible war with Iraq loomed. The ships and three others that left Friday can carry a total landing force of about 8,000 Marines.

Rodriguez and other family members said they had learned only within the last couple of weeks that the Ashland, an amphibious dock landing ship, would be leaving Sunday.

The sailors don't know how long they will be gone.

"It's the Navy. You know what you're getting into," said Rodriguez, 25, of Virginia Beach, who was at the base with her three small children. "This is our life."

The Ashland and the dock landing ship USS Portland set off from Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach. Two amphibious assault ships, the USS Kearsarge and the USS Bataan, left Norfolk Naval Station. They followed three amphibious ships that left from Hampton Roads on Friday.

On Saturday, at least one of the ships, the USS Ponce, was in Morehead City, N.C., taking on Marines from Camp Lejeune. A second ship, the USS Gunston Hall, headed out to sea Sunday from Morehead City, N.C., with an unknown number of Marines aboard.

On Sunday, buses brought about 1,000 Marines to Norfolk from Camp Lejeune to board the Bataan.

Capt. Earle S. Yerger, the Bataan's commanding officer, said he did not know whether the ship ultimately will sail to the Middle East. "We've been ordered to sea," he said.

Command Master Chief Bob Stocklin, the top enlisted sailor aboard the Portland, said the crew found out Friday that their ship would deploy Sunday. The Portland just came back Dec. 6 from a four-month deployment to South America and was not scheduled to leave again until June 2004, Stocklin said.

Stocklin said the Portland was headed to Morehead City, presumably to pick up Marines, because that is the ship's usual procedure. He said he did not know where the ship would go after that or how long it would be gone.

"We're kind of getting our schedule one day at a time," said Stocklin, 41, of Corpus Christi, Texas.

A Navy spokesman declined to say whether the sudden deployment orders for the ships were related to plans to double the size of the military force now on the periphery of Iraq.

Senior U.S. officials said Saturday that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered about 62,000 more U.S. troops to head for the Persian Gulf region in coming days — a sign that the Pentagon intends to have sufficient force in place for an Iraq war by early February.

Cmdr. Sam Howard, the Ashland's commanding officer, said he was told to reposition the ship to support the president's global war on terrorism and to be prepared for future contingencies.

The Bataan and Kearsarge are 844 feet long and have a crew of about 1,070 sailors. Each also can carry a landing force of about 1,900 Marines.

The 609-foot Ashland has a crew of 410 sailors and can carry a detachment of up to 500 Marines, while the 360-foot Portland has a crew of 360 sailors and can carry about 330 Marines.

The Bataan last deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf on Sept. 19, 2001, and returned to Virginia last April. It was next scheduled to deploy in summer of 2004, Yerger, its commanding officer said.

"It's very likely we will do that, too," Yerger said.

The Ashland originally had been scheduled to deploy this summer, said Howard. Leaving about six months earlier than planned is tough on the sailors and their families, Howard acknowledged.

Today's chuckle

Lilo the kitten survives month-long ordeal

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (AP) — An 8-month-old kitten named Lilo may have exhausted several of his nine lives surviving more than a month trapped in a crate.



"We are dumbfounded. It is a little miracle," said Lilo's owner, Army Sgt. 1st Class Brody Hilstock.

The lost pet had been confined in the crate from early December until he was freed Thursday. He had lost more than half of his normal body weight, but will likely survive.

Hilstock was stationed at Aliamanu Military Reservation in Hawaii before his transfer to Fort Riley. He and his family packed up their belongings on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 — but they couldn't find Lilo, named after the star of Disney's Hawaii-themed film "Lilo and Stitch."

The kitten had crawled into a set of box springs. And on Wednesday, as the cargo passed through Denver, a North American Van Lines worker heard meek meowing.

"We could hear him, but we couldn't find him," said company manager Linda McNeal.

The multicolored kitten was taken to an animal hospital for treatment of starvation and dehydration.

Berry's World



GM employee sues automaker

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — A General Motors Corp. employee has sued the world's No. 1 automaker under Michigan's Whistleblowers' Protection Act, saying he was blackballed after he threatened to report vehicle safety defects.

Courtland T. Kelley, 40, said in the lawsuit that as manager of an internal auditing program to test vehicle safety, he found problems with fuel-line systems.

In court papers, Kelley said he believes the problems could cause cars to spew out fuel and kill or injure drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

"His primary objective is to get defective vehicles off the road and protect public safety," Kelley's attorney, Rose Goff, told The Detroit News for a Monday story.

Kelley, who filed the lawsuit Thursday, said he repeatedly notified higher management of the problem but was ignored.

GM spokesman Gerry Holmes said Friday that the company had not been notified of the lawsuit and had no comment on it.

Kelley reported his findings to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in December, Goff said. NHTSA spokeswoman Liz Neblett said it was unclear whether the agency will investigate.

According to the lawsuit, Kelley was demoted on Jan. 2, 2002. His auditing program was discontinued, he contends, because he had threatened to contact the federal agency about the defects.

Kelley is employed at the GM Tech Center in Warren but does not have a title or permanent assignment. He said he has been denied access to internal computer files, such as the ones he helped create that describe the safety concerns.

Date Book

Monday, Jan. 13, 2003

Today is the 13th day of 2003 and the 24th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1910, Lee De Forest, radio pioneer and inventor of the electron tube, arranged the world's first radio broadcast to the public, from the Metropolitan Opera to listeners in New York City.

On this day in 1941, James Joyce, one of the greatest authors of the 20th century, died at the age of 58.

On this day in 1962, Chubby Checker's hit "The Twist" became the first song to reach the No. 1 spot twice in two years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Salmon Portland Chase (1808-1873), statesman; Horatio Alger Jr. (1834-1899), clergyman; Alfred Carl Fuller (1885-1973), businessman; Gwen Verdon (1925-2000), dancer and actress; Julia Louis-Dreyfus (1961-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 73 points in one game and established an NBA single-game record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery." — James Joyce

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 10) and full moon (Jan. 18).

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Saturday's Lottery' Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $25 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-10-18-45-49-51.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $32 million.

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Shortage of volunteers keeps Girl Scouts waiting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Mariah Young can't wait to camp out in the woods, ride a horse and learn wilderness survival with a Girl Scouts troop.

But instead of donning the green, patch-adorned uniform and exploring the outdoors with other girls, the fourth-grader spends her afternoons playing basketball at a recreation center.

Mariah has been waiting for a year to join a troop. But the 10-year-old is still eager to become a Girl Scout.

"It teaches you how to do stuff you don't normally learn," she said.

Mariah is among hundreds of girls across the country who have waited for months or even a year because of a shortage of volunteer troop leaders.

The problem exists mainly in areas with a fast-growing demand to join Girl Scouts and where volunteers are difficult to find, said Girls Scouts spokeswoman Ellen Christie in New York. Councils in sparsely populated areas and in large urban centers like greater New York and Los Angeles have girls on wait lists, Christie said.

There are more than 300 Girl Scout councils offering sports, community service projects, cultural exchanges and environmental activities to girls aged 5 to 17. The worldwide organization counts 2.8 million girl members and nearly 1 million adult members, mostly volunteers, in the U.S.

The Girl Scouts organization doesn't track how many girls are waiting to join, but estimates that thousands are served in alternative ways because there aren't enough volunteers to form and lead troops, Christie said.

About 500 to 600 girls are included in the Kentuckiana Council wait list, said Alex Rohleder, assistant executive director for membership. The council is one of the largest in the nation, serving 22,000 girls and covering 56 Kentucky counties, six in southern Indiana and part of a Tennessee county. Kentuckiana Girl Scouts relies on 8,000 volunteers, but it needs more to run all the troops.

With two leaders required for a troop of 10 girls, the council needs at least 120 volunteers, mostly in western Kentucky and in rural and low-income areas, Rohleder said.

"We never have enough leaders, although we've had an increase in membership over the last four years," she said.

In half the cases, the council can't find a leader to head the troop, forcing girls to continue waiting or give up, Rohleder said.

Girl Scout leaders in Alaska faced a similar challenge last year, said Suellen Nelles, executive director of Farthest North Girl Scouts Council in Fairbanks.

The area has a transient population, with many people transferring in and out because they're serving in the military, studying at a university or simply changing jobs. The council registers about 1,100 girls each year and covers the entire northern half of Alaska, a land mass bigger than Texas.

"Being so mobile, we have a hard time hanging on to volunteers, we have a hard time hanging on to girls," Nelles said.

After the council's membership director moved, the wait list grew to 70 and many girls were never placed, Nelles said. This year, the wait list dropped to 10.

Heather Watt, a membership development specialist at the Girl Scouts' Bowling Green Service Center, 110 miles south of Louisville, has seen the same problem.

"We have the most girls wanting to join that we have ever seen," Watt said. "Unfortunately, we don't have the leaders stepping up and volunteering at the time we have such an increase."

In Adair County in rural southern Kentucky, 150 girls are on a waiting list. Yet the area has more troops than ever before, Watt said.

Parents of Girl Scouts account for most volunteer leaders. But that can pose a problem when girls come from single parent homes, leaders say.

"They're single, trying to raise the family and they just don't have the time to be Girl Scouts leaders," Rohleder said.

The shortage of volunteers has left organizers exploring other options. There are mothers who serve as troop leaders on weekends, groups that meet once a month instead of weekly, and instructors who offer short-term programs on everything from whitewater rafting to car maintenance.

"The whole face of Girl Scouts is changing because of the time constraints today," Rohleder said. "We have to meet that challenge by accommodating their needs."

Maurice Gibb mourned by family and fans

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Fans joined surviving members of the Bee Gees in mourning the death of their brother and bandmate Maurice Gibb, who played bass and keyboard for the band that climbed the charts to become a disco sensation in the late '70s.

Gibb died Sunday after emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage. He was 53. He had been admitted to Mount Sinai Medical Center four days earlier, and had suffered cardiac arrest before the operation.

His death was a shock to his bandmate brothers, Robin and Barry Gibb.

"We're both devastated. We've actually been in shock for the last few days since Maurice was taken ill, and so this has all gone too fast for us," Robin Gibb told the British Broadcasting Corp. on Sunday. "It's like a nightmare that you wake up to every day. That's all we can say. It's just devastating. It's going to take a long time even just for it to sink in."

The surviving Gibbs claimed that mistakes were made by the hospital in the death of "one of the world's greatest recording artists." They questioned whether it was necessary to operate on Maurice when he was in a state of cardiac arrest.

"We believe mistakes were made and time was wasted," Robin Gibb told the BBC.

Hospital spokeswoman Kathleen Dorkowski said she could not comment on the allegations because of patient privacy laws.

Fans sent flowers to the hospital and the brothers' homes in England, said Pete Bassett, a spokesman for Barry Gibb.

"He was a truly talented artist and a wonderful man full of wit and passion for life," Bee Gees manager Allen Kovac said in a statement.

The Bee Gees, short for the Brothers Gibb — twins Maurice and Robin, and older brother Barry — were known for their tight, high harmonies and original sound. Their younger brother, Andy, who had a successful solo career, died in 1988 at age 30 from a heart ailment.

The brothers had nine No. 1 songs, wrote dozens of hits for other artists, and sold more than 110 million records — placing them fifth in pop history behind Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.

The group's contributions to the "Saturday Night Fever" album in 1977 made it the best selling movie soundtrack ever, with more than 40 million copies sold.

The Bee Gees became members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and won seven Grammy Awards.

Maurice Gibb, a recovering alcoholic, once lamented how some perceived the band, best known for hits like "Stayin' Alive," simply as a disco phenomenon.

"People accuse us of being nothing more than a disco band now," Gibb said in a 1978 interview with TG Magazine. "But they don't know what they're talking about. If you listen to our records, you'll find that there's dance music. But there are also ballads like 'More Than A Woman.' And there are some very beautiful, undanceable songs, too."

Originally from England, the brothers gained fame as a teen pop group in Australia, then returned to England in the 1960s. Their first four albums contained hits such as "1941 New York Mining Disaster," and their first U.S. No. 1 song, 1971's "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart." They have lived in South Florida since the late '70s.

Their 1978 album "Spirits Having Flown" sold 20 million copies.

In the 1990s, the Bee Gees released three studio albums and went on a world tour. The live tour album, "One Night Only," sold more than 1 million albums in the United States.

Gibb's first wife was British singer Lulu. He and his second wife, Yvonne, were married for more than 20 years and had two children.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Boy's heart belongs to car's speakers and not to his girl

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Justin," is obsessed with making his car stereo system the loudest in our school. That means I am alone and depressed most of the time because I miss him and have nothing to do. I never get to see him in school because our class schedules are different, and on weekends we both have to work.

It feels like I hang out with his best friend more, and he agrees that Justin needs to pay me a little more attention. Yes, I have told Justin how I feel, but his only reply was that he agreed he was being a jerk, he realizes he hasn't seen me — and he's sorry. The next day he was back at it, messing around with the wires and speakers.

Please help me. What can I say to him to fix this problem? — **MISS LONELY IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR MISS LONELY: Tell him loud and clear you think the two of you should spend more time together or your romance is history. In the meantime, explore your own special interests. Do not totally depend upon others for your entertainment and sense of worth.

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DEAR ABBY: My nephew was married six months ago. I gave him and his bride a beautiful wedding gift. To date, not one member of the groom's family or friends has received a thank-you note. The bride has written to all of her family and friends, but she has refused to acknowledge any from the groom's side. She told someone that it is HIS responsibility to write his own notes, and she is not going to "enable him."

In my opinion, the bride is self-centered and has no feelings or interest in the groom's family. I see it as a slap in the face. In my 75 years here on Earth I have never seen a groom write a thank-you note. What do you think? — **ANGRY AUNT IN AKRON**

DEAR ANGRY AUNT: In the words of Bob Dylan, "The times they are a-changing." In today's world, most couples are both employed and share household and social duties. Please don't blame the bride. You're aiming your anger at the wrong target.

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DEAR ABBY: My 78-year-old mother has a shopping problem. It's been going on for as long as I can remember. I used to organize yard sales once or twice a year to clear out some of the junk for her. We always had a huge turnout because Mom always had a nice selection of new stuff for sale. Now that I have moved away, my sister is left with the mess, and there have been no more yard sales.

Isn't "binge shopping" considered addictive behavior? Our mother is hooked on the Home Shopping Network, as well as the sales racks at her local stores.

We have pleaded with Mom to stop, but she always replies, "You might as well dig a hole and stick me in it now!" That shuts us up in a hurry, because we were always taught to respect our elders. Have you any suggestions for us, Abby? — **TIRED OF THE MESS IN MONTANA**

DEAR TIRED OF THE MESS: Not unless your mother is willing to face the fact that she has a problem. There are self-help groups for spend-a-holics, and anti-depressant and anti-anxiety medications that can help sufferers cope with the compulsion to spend.

One rule is that if you're going to stop a negative behavior it must be replaced with a positive one. But all this is beside the point if your mother has the financial resources and doesn't believe she needs help.

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Australian doctor wants to build suicide machine

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A doctor whose prototype suicide machine was seized as he left his native Australia to attend a euthanasia conference says his U.S. supporters will help him rebuild the device.

Dr. Philip Nitschke said that Australian customs agents in Sydney seized his COGen machine Thursday. He had planned to unveil the device, which lets people kill themselves with carbon monoxide, before a national meeting of the Hemlock Society in San Diego.

"They were waiting for me. It's clear," he said. "We'd been quite public about bringing the machine to the U.S. to demonstrate it."

Nitschke, 55, told conference participants Sunday that he intends to challenge the Australian law banning the exportation of any instrument that could be used to assist in suicide. He said another suicide machine would be built in the United States.

Because his invention can be operated single-handedly, it does not break U.S. laws barring assisted suicide, Nitschke said. It consists of a coffee-can-sized canister, an intravenous drip bag and nasal prongs. Chemicals are combined in the canister to produce carbon monoxide, which is then inhaled.

Although it has not been tested, Nitschke estimated it would render a person unconscious within minutes and cause death in 30 minutes to an hour. More than $11,000 was spent to develop the patented device, but Nitschke said he hoped to make it available for free to pro-euthanasia groups.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♥ K 9 7 4 2	
	♦ J 5	
	♣ A J 8 5	
West		East
♠ —		♠ A Q 10 7
♥ J 5 3		♥ A Q 10 6
♦ 10 4 3		♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ K Q 10 9 7 3 2		♣ 6
	South	
	♠ K J 9 8 4 3 2	
	♥ 8	
	♦ A K 6 2	
	♣ 4	

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ K

Monday, Jan. 13, 2003

Montreal medals and mayhem

By Phillip Alder

Last year's world bridge championships took place in Montreal in August. Of the seven major titles contested, players from the United States and Canada won gold in four. This week, let's have a look at the winners and some of the controversies.

The World Mixed Pairs was won by Americans Becky Rogers and Jeff Meckstroth.

To win a big title, you need to play well and have some luck. The winners received their fortune on this deal, played in four spades against a top Danish pair.

With 7-4-1-1 shape, do not worry so much about point-count. If partner has some fit, you will win lots of tricks with few points.

West led the club king. Meckstroth won with dummy's ace, played a spade to his nine, and ran the heart eight. After winning with her 10, East took the spade ace and continued with the heart ace. Declarer ruffed, cashed the spade king, and put East back on lead with her spade queen.

If East had exited with a heart, this would have resurrected the dummy, but the contract would have failed — the defense must collect a diamond trick. And given South's leap to four spades, one would think that this was the indicated defense. However, East got greedy or careless, depending on one's point of view. She exited with a low diamond.

Gratefully, Meckstroth ran this around to dummy's jack, threw his last low diamond on the heart king, and claimed for plus 590 and a shared top.

Meckstroth has now won four different world championships: this title, the Bermuda Bowl, the Team Olympiad and the Open Pairs.

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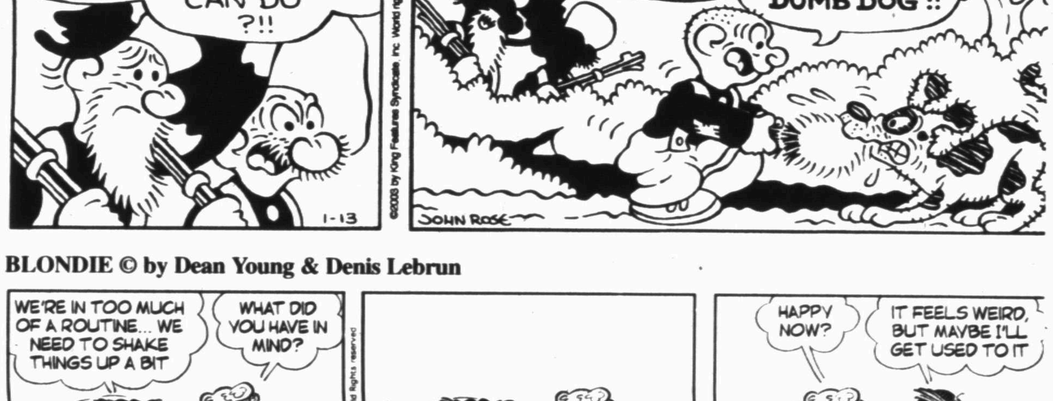
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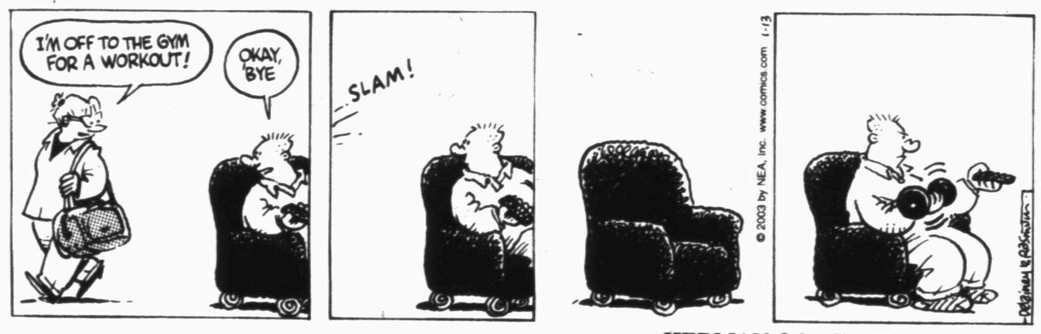
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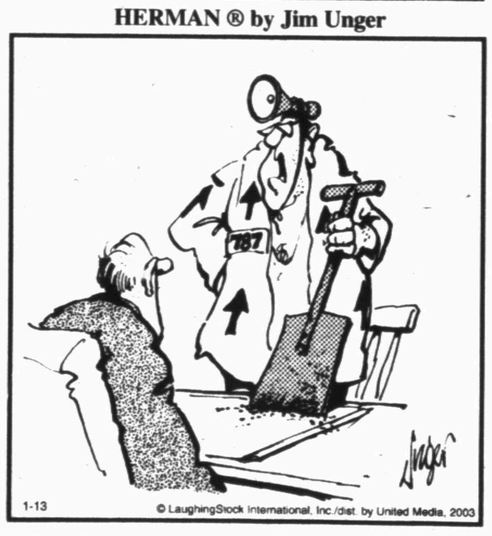
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7 Hi-fi records
10 El Dorado loot
11 Mop up
13 Want-ad abbr.
14 Lump
15 Montana neighbor
16 — de plume
17 Type of gasoline
19 Lightning byproduct
21 Hankering
22 Sugar Ray stat
23 Reason out
26 Defy orders
30 Part of RSVP
31 Turner or Koppel
32 Flightless bird
33 Conclusion
34 Unlock, poetically
35 Bucket
36 Bubbly beverage (2 wds.)
39 Florentine poet
40 Inquire
41 UN locale
42 Oahu hello
45 Slanted
48 Icky stuff
49 Andes animal
51 Energy
53 Clairvoyance
54 Juicy fruit
55 Fleecy animal
56 — Moines, Iowa
57 Bitter cold
58 Fla. hours

DOWN

1 Impress
2 Out loud
3 Swelling
4 Of the past
5 Pore over
6 Fan shout
7 Late-night host
8 Laborer
9 A portion of
11 Apple drink
12 Secluded corners
18 Votes in favor
20 Menagerie
22 Maritime event
23 Noted lithographer
24 Forbidden thing (nyph.)
25 Elmer — of cartoons
26 Scissorhands portrayer
27 Navy or vanilla —
28 Give forth
29 Eggnog time
31 Seized
35 Treaty
37 Sigh of content
38 Hymn
39 "Blowin' in the Wind" singer
41 "Mr. Spock"
42 Matured
43 Come in second
44 Klutz's cry
45 Baby soother
46 "En garde" weapon
47 Condensations
50 Garland
52 Parakeet, maybe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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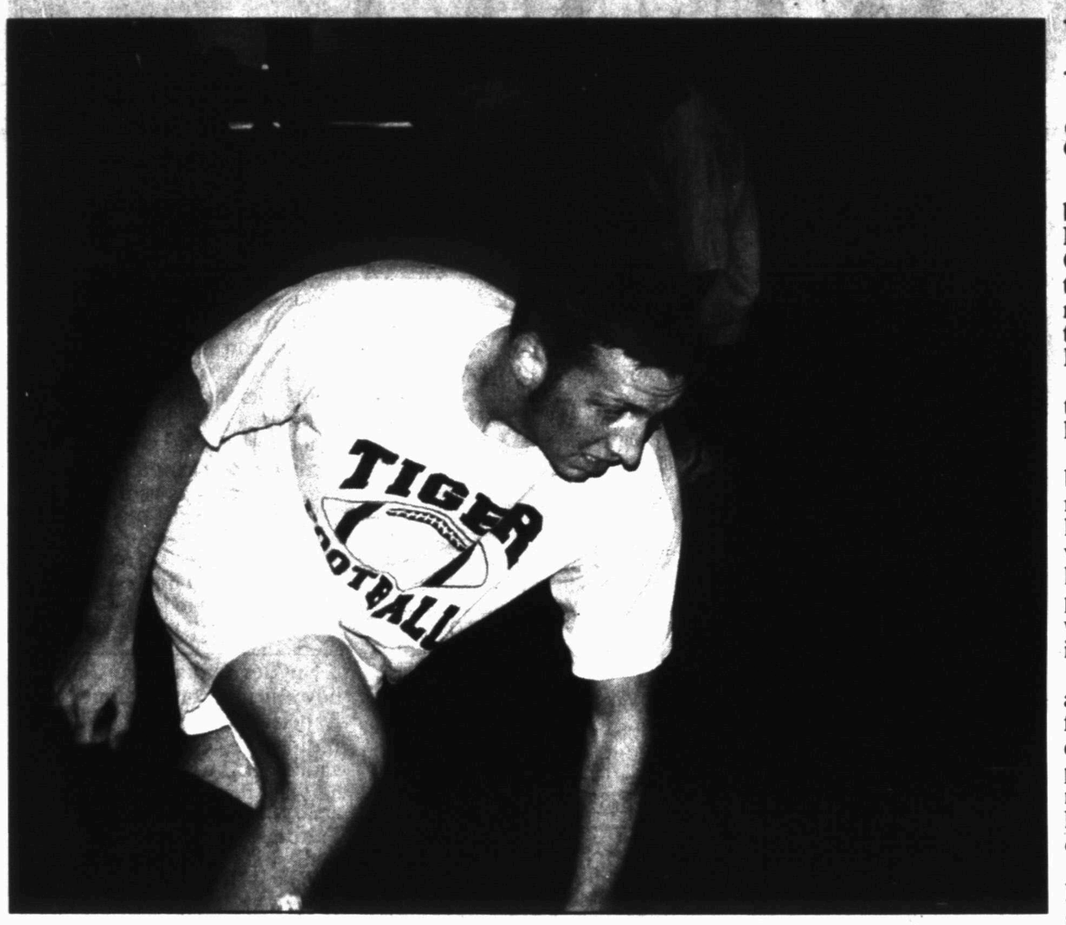
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SPORTS



OFFSEASON TOIL — Snyder gridder Brad English works through speed and conditioning drills during the football team's offseason workout Friday. The Snyder coaches rotate players through speed, conditioning, strength and circuit training for an hour each day. (SDN Staff Photo)

Raiders, Bucs crush visitors, advance to championship games

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In blowing out the mistake-riddled New York Jets 30-10 Sunday, the Oakland Raiders advanced to the AFC title game against Tennessee next weekend. Counting the AFL, it is the 14th time the Raiders have gotten this far.

They plan to go further, and they are using history as a catalyst.

"This is our home," linebacker Eric Barton said of the notorious Black Hole, the Oakland Coliseum. "This is where we make our living. We fought hard all year to make sure we play the playoffs here. And we're going to make the best of it."

They certainly did that against New York, which had four turnovers, a handful of dropped passes, some careless penalties and nothing worth remembering from the second half, when the Raiders outscored the Jets 20-0.

But the last time the Raiders hosted the AFC championship game, a mere two years ago, they lost 16-3 to Baltimore. The Ravens went on to win the Super Bowl, something the Raiders have not done since the 1983 season.

And a year ago, Oakland was forced to play at night in the snow at New England, where it lost thanks to the infamous tuck rule play. The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl.

They didn't come close to losing Sunday. After a 10-10 halftime tie, the Raiders rattled Chad Pennington, the league's most efficient and seemingly unflappable quarterback. And they got big plays from league MVP Rich Gannon throwing to Jerry Porter and Jerry Rice.

Porter caught a 29-yard touchdown pass and set up Rice's 9-yard score with a 50-yard reception as the Raiders made it a clean sweep for the home teams this weekend. Gannon began going downfield in the second half after a 10-10 tie, and it paid off.

Oakland's defense did a good job of that, too. Tory James and Barton had interceptions — matching Pennington's pickoff total of the previous 10 games — and Pennington was charged with two fumbles.

Pennington, in his first season as a starter, had a 104.2 rating. But against Oakland, he was 21-of-47 for 183 yards and a 44.9 rating.

New York, which has lost three times in four visits to Oakland in the last 53 weeks, forged the 10-10 halftime tie on Jerald Sowell's 1-yard reception to cap an 81-yard drive, and John Hall's 38-yard field goal.

But in the second half, it was all Raiders.

After James' leaping sideline interception at the Jets 45, Gannon went downfield. He hit Brown for 16 yards, then found Porter streaking down the left sideline against a zone defense. Porter caught the ball in stride for a 29-yard touchdown.

Oakland stopped the Jets on a fourth-and-3 when Chrebet slipped on his pattern. Gannon then connected with Porter over the middle for 50 yards. It took three more plays for Gannon to hit Rice in the back of the end zone.

Rice's catch was his 21st postseason touchdown, tying an NFL record. The 40-year-old receiver also set a record for yards in the playoffs with 2,133 in an 18-year career.

Buccaneers 31, 49ers 6

TAMPA (AP) — With their quarterback on a roll and their coach disdainfully dismissing past playoff collapses, these are not the same old Tampa Bay Buccanners.

Brad Johnson threw for two touchdown passes and Tampa Bay forced five turnovers to rout San Francisco 31-6 Sunday in an NFC divisional playoff game. The victory advanced the Bucs to the conference championship game at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, where their season ended the past two years.

Against the 49ers, Tampa Bay (13-4) looked like a team that will be tough to stop. Johnson directed touchdown drives of 74, 77, and 52 yards on consecutive possessions, converting nine third-down situations in a row, and the Bucs' characteristically dominant defense did the rest.

A week earlier, the 49ers (11-7) rallied from a 24-point deficit to beat the New York Giants. This time they fell behind 28-6, then were shut out in the second half.

The Buccaneers advanced to the NFC title game for the second time in four seasons.

Jr. high Lady Bulldogs take Roscoe tournament trophy

The jr. high Lady Bulldogs are on the same learning curve as their varsity counterparts.

The team swept through the field at the Roscoe tournament, winning the tourney trophy by beating Jim Ned, 36-25, Saturday.

Kelby Pitner dominated the title tilt, personally outscoring Jim Ned Jr. High, 26-25.

Jessica Odom added six and Aryn Calley drained two field goals in the victory.

The team handed Roscoe Jr. High its first loss of the season, 29-28, in a close semi-final contest.

Pitner again led the way for the girls with 17 points, and Aryn Calley posted six.

Casey Waller, Rebecca Juarez and Kate Wall all contributed key baskets in the victory.

The jr. Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament in fine fashion, crushing Hamlin, 35-16.

Pitner's 17 paced the squad, and Calley scored six.

Waller added five points, Juarez pumped in four, and Wall and Jessica Odom each added a field goal.

The team will head to Klondike tonight, with tip off at 6.

Mavs top Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having cleared the pesky Los Angeles Clippers out of the way, the Dallas Mavericks have their sights on Sacramento.

The Clippers overcame their reputation as pushovers to challenge the Mavs deep into the fourth quarter before losing 96-90 Sunday.

Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki combined to score 16 of the Mavs' 22 points in the final 12 minutes to help Dallas win its sixth straight.

"We love close games. We can battle in there, make shots, and at the end we believed in ourselves and won the game," said Nowitzki, who had 23 points, including 10 in the fourth.

Nash finished with 24 points, and Michael Finley added 21 as Dallas opened a four-game road trip with its ninth win in 10 games. The Mavs have the league's best record at 31-5.

Next up for the Mavs is a game Wednesday night against the Kings, matching the Western Conference's top two teams.

"It'll be really fun," Nash said. "They're playing terrific, and it's the kind of the game that we all wait to play."

Dallas was the only NBA team to win twice at Sacramento last season.

"We're all looking forward to that," Nowitzki. "They're a great home team, but we're not scared to play on the road."

After two earlier blowout losses at Dallas this season, the Clippers stayed right with the Mavs in the fourth quarter.

Neither team led by more than three points for much of the period until the Mavs, a league-best 13-3 on the road, scored seven unanswered points to take the lead for good.

Tied at 84, Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer, Raef LaFrentz scored on a follow dunk off Finley's miss and Nash scored on a driving layup for a 91-84 lead with 2:28 left.

"They responded well to us," Nash said. "We made a run in the third quarter and got ourselves a big lead and they came right back at us. We were pretty sloppy, but you have to give them a lot of credit because they definitely stood their ground."

Elton Brand missed two key free throws for the Clippers and Keyon Dooling missed two consecutive 3-pointers in the final 1:39.

Brand had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Corey Maggette added 18 points, and Lamar Odom had 17 points for the Clippers, who missed a chance to win their third straight for only the second time this season.

Spreadborough earns first place at Odessa rodeo

Snyder resident and Western Texas College rider Sam Spreadborough captured first place in the saddle bronc competition Saturday at the Sandhills Rodeo in Odessa.

Spreadborough earned $2,287.26 for his score of 87, which was four points more than his closest competitor.

Two other Snyder residents earned money in the rodeo.

Bradley Bynum won over $400 by placing eighth in the calf roping event. Tim Segelke claimed more than $800 in prize money for placing sixth on average and fourth in the second go in steer wrestling.

Frosh boys whip Golden Tors

The Snyder freshmen cagers got an 11-point third quarter barrage from Cade Simpson Thursday to pull away from Lamesa, 54-37.

Simpson hit for 14 on the contest, and Garrett Pinson nailed seven free throw attempts in the final stanza to close the door on the freshmen Golden Tors.

Pinson finished with 14, and Blake Scott hit six field goals for 12 points. Jason Cave canned seven, Chris Smith scored three and Bryan Clifton and Keenan Garcia contributed two points apiece.

The freshmen will be in action at Big Spring tonight, with a 6:30 start.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet tonight at 7 in the film room.

Parents of all high school football players are encouraged to attend, as final plans for the Saturday football banquet will be discussed.

Reid named coach of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Reid didn't flinch when his star quarterback was injured in November. And when the backup got hurt the next week, the Philadelphia Eagles' coach just turned to the third-stringer.

The Eagles kept on winning, and Reid earned The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award. Despite the injuries at the most critical offensive position, Philadelphia wound up 12-4, won the NFC East title and earned home-field advantage for the playoffs.

Els sets scoring record at Mercedes Championship

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Ernie Els got the PGA Tour off to a record-setting start when he shattered the scoring record in relation to par, closing with a 6-under 67 to finish at 31 under and win the Mercedes Championships by eight strokes.

The previous record was 28 under, set by John Huston at the 1998 Hawaiian Open and by Mark Calcavecchia two years ago in the Phoenix Open. Els finished at 261, breaking by five shots the tournament record set four years ago by David Duval.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	27	10	.730	—
Boston	20	16	.556	6½
Philadelphia	19	18	.514	8
Washington	19	18	.514	8
Orlando	20	19	.513	8
New York	13	21	.382	12½
Miami	12	25	.324	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	10	.730	—
Detroit	24	11	.686	2
New Orleans	20	19	.513	8
Milwaukee	16	20	.444	10½
Atlanta	14	22	.389	12½
Chicago	13	23	.361	13½
Toronto	9	28	.243	18
Cleveland	8	30	.211	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	5	.861	—
San Antonio	23	14	.622	8½
Utah	21	15	.583	10
Houston	20	15	.571	10½
Minnesota	19	17	.528	12
Memphis	11	25	.306	20
Denver	9	27	.250	22
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	28	10	.737	—
Phoenix	24	14	.632	4
Portland	21	14	.600	5½
L.A. Lakers	17	20	.459	10½
Seattle	16	20	.444	11
Golden State	15	21	.417	12
L.A. Clippers	14	23	.378	13½

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 87, New Orleans 80
Indiana 116, Golden State 104
Milwaukee 89, Detroit 87
Washington 89, New York 84
Houston 87, Denver 85

Sunday's Games

Toronto 105, Minnesota 91
Dallas 96, L.A. Clippers 90
San Antonio 81, Boston 80
Orlando 107, Philadelphia 105
Phoenix 107, Utah 99
Sacramento 106, Memphis 98
Cleveland 87, Seattle 79
L.A. Lakers 106, Miami 81

Monday's Games

Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball:
Snyder frosh boys vs. Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder jr. high boys at Big Spring, 5 p.m.
Snyder jr. high girls vs. Big Spring, 5 p.m.
Hermleigh jr. high vs. Trent, 6 p.m.
Ira jr. high at Klondike, 6 p.m.

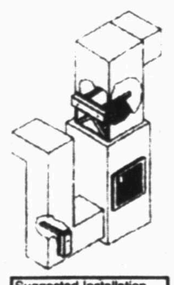
TUESDAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity at Merkel, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity boys vs. Sands, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls vs. Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Westbrook, 6:30 p.m.
Ira JV boys vs. Sands, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV boys at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls at Merkel, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity boys vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity boys at Borden County, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Ira JV boys at Borden County, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh boys vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.


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Espionage case appears headed to trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Unless the government quickly negotiates a plea agreement with defense lawyers for a retired Air Force master sergeant, he'll become the focus of the first espionage trial in nearly 50 years that could end in a death sentence.

Jury selection was to begin today in U.S. District Court for Brian Patrick Regan, accused of offering satellite secrets to Iraq's Saddam Hussein and others for more than $13 million in Swiss currency.

Although a plea arrangement was possible, many experts said they would be surprised if the government agreed to a deal so near the trial's start.

"I think you can assume any offers that were put on the table have been long since rejected," said Lawrence S. Robbins. He was the losing defense lawyer in the last espionage trial, in 1997, when a federal jury convicted a married couple of spying for East Germany.

Regan's lawyers waged a late, unsuccessful fight to delay the trial because of a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq, one of the countries Regan was accused of offering to sell secrets to.

All sides said they expected jury selection to take as long as two weeks, mostly because of the death-penalty question.

Spy trials in civilian courtrooms are rare. The Justice Department nearly always negotiates a plea agreement, even in cases where espionage has resulted in the deaths of America's foreign agents.

That is because the government could suffer embarrassing disclosures of sensitive information in a public courtroom, including hints that could help other spies learn to evade detection and capture. The government also often needs the defendant's help to learn what secrets might have been handed over to foreign governments.

Citing national security, U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee already has barred the public and reporters from attending some earlier hearings in Regan's case. Inside a secure room where cellular telephones and pagers are banned, defense lawyers have pored over classified documents for weeks at the federal courthouse.

Two other lawyers in the 1997 espionage case with Robbins, James Clyde Clark and Joseph John McCarthy, are among four court-appointed attorneys for Regan. In that case, Therese Marie Squillacote, a former Defense Department lawyer, was sentenced to nearly 22 years in prison; her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, got more than 17 years.

Regan's other lawyers are Jonathan Shapiro and Nina Ginsberg, who helped negotiate a guilty plea in 1997 for Earl Edwin Pitts, an FBI agent who admitted selling secrets to Moscow for $224,000. Pitts got a 27-year sentence.

Regan retired from the Air Force in August 2000 to work for a defense contractor in the National Reconnaissance Office, which designs and operates spy satellite.

He was pulled off a flight to Zurich, Switzerland, at Washington Dulles International Airport a year later by FBI agents. They said they found him carrying a spiral notebook with codes describing images of a missile launcher in the northern no-fly zone over Iraq and of another launcher in China.

Agents said Regan also carried, tucked inside his right shoe, addresses he found on the Internet showing locations of embassies in Switzerland and Austria for the governments of Iraq, China and Libya.

On Regan's home computer, the FBI said it found a letter drafted to Saddam offering details about American satellites that could help Iraq hide its anti-aircraft missiles. The letter demanded $13 million in Swiss francs and complained that movie stars and athletes make more money.

"If I am going to risk my life and the future of my family, I am going to get a fair price," the letter said.

In one court filing, defense lawyers called his letter to Saddam "the alleged rantings of a retired Air Force master sergeant prepared in what appears to be an effort to scam a foreign government out of $13 million."

Court records indicate that Regan, a father of four, carried debts of at least $53,000 at the time.

Regan has pleaded innocent to three counts of attempted espionage and one additional count of illegally gathering national security information.

The Bush administration has taken an unusually aggressive posture against Regan, pledging to seek the death penalty if he is convicted. That is despite government indications it has little evidence Regan actually turned over any information and no evidence anyone died as a result of any alleged disclosures.

No U.S. citizen has been executed in an espionage case since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in June 1953, for revealing nuclear bomb secrets to the Soviet Union.

High court justice complains about church-state rulings

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Courts have gone too far to keep religion out of public schools and other forums, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia says.

Although the Constitution says the government cannot "establish" or promote religion, the framers did not intend for God to be stripped from public life, Scalia said Sunday at a religious ceremony.

He contended that the Constitution has been misinterpreted both by the Supreme Court and lower courts. As an example, he pointed to a federal appeals court ruling in California barring students from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance with the phrase "one nation under God."

That decision is on hold pending further consideration by the same court, but the Supreme Court could eventually be asked to review the case.

Scalia, the main speaker at an event for Religious Freedom Day, said past rulings by the Supreme Court gave the judges in the pledge case "some plausible support" to reach that conclusion.

However, he said, such decisions should be made legislatively, not by courts.

The rally-style event about 50 miles south of Washington drew a lone protester, who silently held a sign promoting the separation of church and state.

"The sign back here which says 'Get religion out of government' can be imposed on the whole country," Scalia said. "I have no problem with that philosophy being adopted democratically. If the gentleman holding the sign would persuade all of you of that, then we could eliminate 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance. That could be democratically done."

The crowd repeatedly cheered Scalia, whose son Paul, one of nine children, is a priest at a nearby Roman Catholic church.

Several hundred people joined the justice in singing "God Bless America" after a brief parade through downtown sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

"He's the voice of reason on the Supreme Court," said Jim McFall, a retired FBI agent who organized the parade.

Madeleine Albright's 2000 visit to North Korea recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the time, all things seemed possible.

It was October 2000, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, on a groundbreaking visit to North Korea, spoke of the need to end the "bitterness of the past." Chairman Kim Jong Il talked of a new "historical point" between the two former wartime rivals.

A scant 15 months later, President Bush designated North Korea as a charter member of an international "axis of evil."

He pledged in a State of the Union address that the United States would not permit North Korea and other dangerous nations "to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

Against the background of the recent escalation of tensions, the images of America's top diplomat making the rounds of North Korea's capital three falls ago seem almost surreal: toasts in Pyongyang with Kim and greetings, with Kim and President Clinton's top diplomat clasping all four hands in a knot and smiling broadly.

The good feelings would not last. Soon Albright and her Democratic boss were gone from power.

When a new president from a different party takes over the White House, there are often differences in emphasis on key foreign policy issues. But overall continuity, not wild swings, usually is the norm.

North Korea is an exception.

Clinton believed that it was possible to work with North Korea. Bush has always been skeptical.

To some, Clinton's decision to dispatch Albright to North Korea is looking highly questionable following the North's acknowledgment that, even as Kim was toasting Albright, it had been developing uranium-based nuclear weapons in violation of agreements.

North Korea has followed up that disclosure by threatening to restart plutonium production and by withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the centerpiece of the global arms control effort.

Former Clinton administration officials defend Albright's trip and have serious questions about how Bush is dealing with the communist country.

Wendy Sherman, who served as State Department counselor under Albright, recalled that the central purpose of Albright's visit was to lay the groundwork for an agreement to curb the North's missile program in exchange for economic benefits from the United States.

"If you don't have missiles it's hard to deliver a bomb," said Sherman, a key architect of North Korea policy under Albright.

The hope was that with the establishment of beneficial ties, mostly economic, with the United States and other developed countries, North Korea would be "less likely to do bad things because they would have much more to lose," Sherman said.

The Bush administration was prepared to go down the same path with North Korea but that offer is now off the table in light of the North's defiance.

Sherman said it was unfortunate that Bush designated North Korea as "evil."

"I don't think the White House appreciates how that would be heard by North Korea," she said. "I don't think that alone has created the crisis but it is one of the rallying points used by North Korea" in justifying its current policy of intimidation and proliferation.

Sherman staunchly defends the 1994 U.S.-North Korean agreement under which the North agreed to freeze its plutonium production program in exchange for two new plutonium-resistant reactors financed by South Korea and Japan.

The agreement was successful for a time, Sherman said, because without it, "North Korea would have had the capability to have 50 to 100 bombs by now."

North Korea has now declared that agreement to be nullified, although construction on the nuclear reactors has not yet stopped.

Ivo Daalder, a National Security Council aide in the Clinton administration, contended it is unseemly for Republicans to ridicule Clinton's effort to reach out to North Korea.

He said Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell, in their efforts to induce North Korea to reverse course, have taken the military option off the table, something Clinton never did.

"If Clinton had done that, the Republicans would have started impeachment hearings," Daalder said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	6.75	6.38	6.40	—.12
AOL TimeWrn	15.65	15.06	15.10	+.22
AT&T Corp rs	27.72	27.34	27.36	+.17
Albertsons	24.20	23.45	23.56	—.37
Alltel	54.50	53.70	53.91	—.39
AmEl Pw	28.35	26.55	27.33	—1.10
AndarkPtr	45.85	44.98	45.18	—.47
ATMOS Egy	23.50	23.10	23.21	—.28
Aviall	8.14	7.77	7.96	+.21
BP PLC	40.45	39.90	39.99	—.62
BakerHughes	30.44	29.75	30.38	—.25
Bank of Amer	72.61	71.60	71.81	+.01
BellSouth	27.68	27.15	27.35	+.27
BurlNoSFe	26.95	26.49	26.59	—.11
Caterpillar	47.94	47.15	47.24	—.18
CenterPoint	8.41	8.08	8.19	—.21
ChevronTex	68.88	67.79	67.87	—.74
Citigroup	38.12	37.35	37.43	—.03
CocaCola	45.80	45.17	45.18	—.02
ColgatePal	53.10	52.47	52.60	—.33
CmclMetals s	15.97	15.75	15.77	—.17
ConocoPhill	47.25	46.45	46.58	—.11
Cooper Inds	38.54	37.65	37.80	—.36
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DeltaAirl	13.49	13.19	13.25	+.10
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DuPont	44.58	43.68	43.87	—.16
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EDS Corp	20.89	20.54	20.67	+.01
Entergy	47.62	46.70	47.13	—.48
ExxonMobil	35.36	34.88	34.96	—.28
FootLocker	11.03	10.82	10.89	—.01
GenDynam	79.50	78.67	78.75	—.67
GenElec	26.10	25.51	25.62	—.03
GenMills	47.67	47.36	47.63	+.38
GenMotors	40.09	39.20	39.36	+.25
GaPacific	17.97	15.65	16.65	—1.31
Goodrich	20.05	19.70	19.71	—.09
Goodyear	7.12	7.01	7.02	—.04
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Lubys	2.84	2.76	2.77	—.05
LucentTech	1.87	1.73	1.76	+.06
MarathonOil	21.89	21.37	21.43	+.08
MayDeptStr	25.06	24.41	24.45	—.47
Medtronic	47.76	47.30	47.36	—.19
Motorola	9.89	9.26	9.37	—.56
NCR Corp	26.25	25.56	25.64	—.53
Navistar	26.91	26.40	26.41	—.05
PNM Rescs	23.55	23.23	23.50	+.15
Penney JC	23.92	23.20	23.37	—.23
PepBoys	12.54	12.20	12.21	—.19
PepsiCo	43.15	42.53	42.76	—.10
Pharmacia	42.46	41.75	41.86	—.38
PhelpDodge	35.95	34.95	35.25	—.25
PilgrmPrd B	8.31	8.21	8.23	—.17
Praxair	58.83	58.00	58.08	—.32
ProctGamb	86.25	85.00	85.39	—.74
RadioShack	21.42	20.74	20.74	—.40
RoyalDut	45.32	44.52	44.74	—.54
SBC Comm	29.35	28.85	29.16	+.36
SaraLee	22.83	22.36	22.48	—.26
Scripps EW	81.97	81.35	81.71	+.31
SearsRoeb	27.96	27.36	27.44	—.15
SherwinW	29.00	28.60	28.65	—.05
SouthernCo	29.74	28.95	29.39	—.13
SwstAirl	14.50	14.23	14.28	—.05
SprintFON	16.07	15.89	15.98	+.23
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Sunoco Inc	33.70	33.33	33.55	—.01
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TexasInst	16.75	16.09	16.24	+.19
Textron	44.80	43.75	43.83	—.36
TrinityInds	19.32	18.99	18.99	—.18
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'Lord of the Rings' gets double nod at People's Choice Awards

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — With its sequel doing healthy business at the box office, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" captured two top honors Sunday during the 29th Annual People's Choice Awards.

The "Fellowship of the Ring" shared the favorite motion picture award with co-nominee "Spiderman" and also won in the best dramatic motion picture category.

Mel Gibson was named favorite motion picture actor, while Julia Roberts won the favorite actress award, her ninth win in the category.

Jennifer Aniston also made a return engagement as favorite female television performer for her role as Rachel on "Friends," which also won in the favorite comedy series category.

Ray Romano took home the favorite male television performer prize, and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" dethroned longtime top vote-getter "ER" in the favorite television drama series.

Country singer Faith Hill and rap sensation Eminem were named as favorite musical performers.

The People's Choice Awards were presented at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium with Tony Danza hosting the live CBS broadcast. The awards cover 16 categories in film, television and drama.

A nationwide poll of more than 214 million people conducted by the Gallup Organization determined both the open-ended nominees and the winners.

Fans also could vote on the Internet in two categories, and named "Eight Simple Rules for Dating Your Teenage Daughter" the best new comedy series, and "CSI: Miami" the best new television drama.

The complete list of winners:

— Motion picture: (tie) "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and "Spiderman."

— Dramatic motion picture: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

— Comedy motion picture: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

— Motion picture actor: Mel Gibson.

— Motion picture actress: Julia Roberts.

— Television dramatic series: "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

— Television comedy series: "Friends."

— Female television performer: Jennifer Aniston.

— Male television performer: Ray Romano.

— Reality-based television program: "Survivor: Thailand."

— Daytime dramatic series: "Days of Our Lives."

— New television comedy series: "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter."

— New television dramatic series: "CSI: Miami."

— Female musical performer: Faith Hill.

— Male musical performer: Eminem.

— Favorite group or band: (tie) Dixie Chicks and Creed.

Commander of Bush's old fighter wing relieved of duty

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Air National Guard has relieved the commander of President Bush's former fighter wing, which is readying for deployment to the Middle East, for improper conduct.

Col. Steven Jones, who commanded the 147th Fighter Wing at Ellington Field in Houston, was accused of misconduct.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Ragsdale, Texas Air National Guard commander, said that Jones' removal followed investigation of the allegation.

"It was determined it was in the best interest of the unit and the Texas Air National Guard to make a change of commander," Ragsdale told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

Jones, who was dismissed Friday, said his dismissal resulted from "an alleged confrontation with a restaurant owner." He told the newspaper in an interview Sunday at his Pearland home that he did not want to discuss details but that he would appeal his termination to Texas Adjutant General Wayne Marty.

Ragsdale also declined to elaborate on the accusation.

Col. John Nichols, commander of the 149th Fighter Wing at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, has been appointed as interim commander of the 147th.

"Sometimes the perception, someone's perception, of an act is more important than the actual act itself," said Jones. "When there's something that occurs that sheds a negative light on the organization or the state, we sometimes have to do damage control. We take the action necessary and ask the questions later."

After the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, an F-16 from the 147th Wing accompanied Air Force One to protect Bush.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003

There are indications that in the year ahead something very propitious will occur that will have a beneficial effect on your work or career. It may fulfill an ambition you've been harboring for some time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — With a few new twists, an old project that has been lying dormant for some time can be resurrected today and turned into something that will be quite beneficial. The timing is right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Social acceptance should not be any problem for you today. You're likely to receive a warm welcome wherever you go — regardless of what you're doing and with whom.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Something very personal to your heart can be concluded today to your satisfaction because of Lady Luck's intervention. When events unfold, put it at the top of your list of priorities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your proficiency in sports, such as racquetball, tennis, bowling, etc., is peaking at this time. It's a good day to partake in activities that possess elements of skill and competition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is the time to deal with any family or personal matter about which you've been rather skeptical. Those with whom you have to deal will be in very agreeable moods at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It may be time for you to start thinking in more expansive terms, because a venture in which you're presently involved could produce much larger benefits than you are anticipating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Others may be inclined today to treat you in a more generous fashion than usual, even someone who you didn't think gave a hoot. All in all, it should turn out to be a rather pleasant day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you might not be particularly lucky in material ways or taking gambles today, you could be extremely fortunate with your human relationship dealings. Concentrate in that arena.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Dismiss any discouraging factors you've experienced lately, because today is another day. Someone in a high place may bestow a little bit of luck on you that will propel you in a good direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — What transpires today could provide you with a new way to view an old matter. There are indications that this important lesson will benefit you in a number of positive ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This can be an extremely favorable day for you where both your career and finances are concerned. This will be due in large part to the types of goals that you set for yourself today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You should experience a very lucky break of some kind when it comes to any types of dealings you have today that involve a joint effort or partnership situation. Press forward.

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Search party finds band of stranded climbers on 'Hood'

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP) — Five climbers who got lost in whiteout conditions and stranded overnight were rescued from snowy, wind-whipped Mount Hood, authorities said.

The five men, ages 44 to 31, left on an expedition on the 11,235-foot mountain southeast of Portland early Saturday morning, and were expected to return that evening.

Instead, they lost their way and found themselves near steep cliffs, where they stopped and dug a snow cave, said Kathleen Walker of the U.S. Forest Service, who is working with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Search and rescue teams contacted the five via cell phone, Walker said. The climbers also had a mountain locator unit, which allowed rescuers to hone in on their location.

Because of the elevation, rescuers were unable to use a helicopter, and instead reached them on foot.

"They were a little cold, but they were about to walk out on their own," said Marty Johnson of Portland Mountain Rescue.

He said the five were out of their cave and packing their gear when rescuers arrived. "We helped them pack and got them out of there. There were some pretty nasty conditions," he said.

A vehicle brought the climbers the rest of the way down to Timberline Lodge at the 6,000-foot level of the mountain, said Dave Sauerbrey, president of the Portland outdoor and mountain climbing club Mazamas. The five then headed for home.

Another party of two climbers on Mt. Hood also went unaccounted for Sunday, but came down later in the day, authorities said.

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Deficits must be closed with tax cuts that jump-start economy, allies of Bush believe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The only way to close a growing federal deficit is to jump-start the economy with another dose of tax cuts prescribed by President Bush, Republican leaders say.

"The way to reduce the deficit is economic growth," Commerce Secretary Don Evans, making the Sunday talk show rounds, said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "And you have economic growth when you cut taxes and you control spending."

When Bush won the White House in 2000, the government posted a record $237 billion surplus. Now, private economists are predicting that a war with Iraq and the cost of Bush's proposed tax cuts could send the budget deficit soaring to $275 billion this year and to an all-time high of $325 billion next year, surpassing the old record of $290 billion set in 1992 during the administration of Bush's father, George H.W. Bush.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., echoed Evans. "The deficit itself can only be reversed, whatever size it is, by growing the economy over time. It's the only way," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But the $674 billion plan faces opposition from Bush's own party, including Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, who opposed the president's across-the-board tax reductions in 2001. Other Republicans also are skeptical.

Bush's proposal would abolish federal taxes on stock dividends, speed up promised income tax cuts and send rebate checks to 34 million low- and middle-income parents. The 10-year package, all but $4 billion of it for cutting taxes, goes to Congress amid deficit concerns and as Democrats prepare to challenge Bush's re-election.

Evans contended that the proposal is not fully understood.

"I hope I'm going to take my business experience up to the (Capitol) Hill and talk about how the economy works and how businesses plan and how families plan and how they need a plan that has some permanency to it," the commerce secretary said.

The top 1 percent of taxpayers, those with incomes of $374,000 or more, would get 28.3 percent of Bush's tax cut, for an average savings of $24,428, according to an analysis by the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute. The 20 percent of Americans in the middle, earning $29,000 to $46,000, would get 6.1 percent of the benefits from Bush's plan, an average tax saving of $265.

"The president just laid out the plan this last week, and so I'm not sure anybody has had the chance to fully go through ... all elements of the plan and totally understand what it means to the economic strength of this country," Evans told CNN's "Late Edition."

Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who was fired last month when Bush decided he needed a stronger team to deal with the lackluster economy and sell Congress on the new round of tax cuts, said the plan would have little or no effect on the economy.

"I would not have done it," he said at a Friday taping of a Pittsburgh public affairs show that aired Sunday. O'Neill, speaking out for the first time since being forced from his post, said money from the president's tax-cut plan would be better spent on Social Security.

Democrats say the package favors the rich, which the White House argues is because the wealthy pay by far the most in taxes.

"This is a stimulus for the rich and a sedative for the rest," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said on ABC's "This Week." He called the plan risky and reckless.

Democratic Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana, who supported Bush's previous tax-cut package, told CBS that the plan must be pared down, with more help for middle- and lower-income Americans. Just 8 percent of people in Louisiana would reap tax benefits from the proposed elimination on dividends, he said.

"Even in the president's party, there are members who have had significant problems with this proposal," Breaux said. "It's always good politics to propose a tax cut, but it also should be good public policy. And I don't think that it meets that criteria right now."

Veneman says school lunch meals aren't making U.S. kids fat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contrary to activists' claims, kids aren't getting fat because they eat school lunches, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman contends.

Congress is expected to focus on debating the nutritional value of food served in school cafeterias as lawmakers discuss renewing school lunch and other child nutrition programs overseen by the Agriculture Department.

"We cannot blame obesity on child nutrition programs in this country," Veneman said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

USDA is responsible for distributing food from surplus meat, vegetables and fruit to schools to feed school children. It also provides food for breakfast programs at some schools and gives them nutritional guidance.

School lunch is one of the food sources that the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a group favoring a vegetarian, lowfat diet, argues should be blamed for young people being overweight.

But Veneman noted that the government is not the primary food provider for children: "The bulk of the eating decisions, or the buying, is done by the parents."

On other issues, Veneman said:

—The European Union should lift its moratorium on biotech foods because it has led African countries to reject biotech food aid out of fear of losing markets. "I think we're looking very seriously at additional action," she said, warning of a trade suit.

—Congress may give farmers more money to cope with the drought, but "we believe it should come from the $190 billion farm bill." She said the Agriculture Department tried to help by declaring several drought-stricken and flooded regions as disaster areas.

—The United States should focus on signing trade agreements with individual countries, as it did last year with Chile, to open more markets. "It's important that we have multiple levels of negotiations. Agriculture is very export-dependent," Veneman said.

The debate over school lunches came as the surgeon general warned in 2001 that obesity is an epidemic affecting 13 percent of children and 60 percent of adults. The announcement left many people wondering who is responsible, which foods are causing obesity and what can be done to trim waistlines.

Livestock groups rejected any share of the blame.

'Just Married' top film at weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Audiences ignored the critics and propelled the Brittany Murphy and Ashton Kutcher comedy "Just Married" to the top of the weekend box office.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," which had been No. 1 for three straight weekends, slipped to second place with $15 million in receipts, but that pushed its total domestic gross to $283.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Just Married" stars Murphy and Kutcher as mismatched newlyweds on a chaotic, slapstick honeymoon in Europe.

Generally disliked by critics, "Just Married" appealed solidly to young movie-goers, with people younger than 21 making up 65 percent of the audience, according to distributor 20th Century Fox.

The movie debuted with $18 million, the amount it cost to shoot.

"I can't say too often I've actually grossed the budget on opening weekend," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox.

Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can" came in third with $14.8 million, raising its total to $119.5 million. It was the 23rd movie released in 2002 to top $100 million, beating the previous record of 22 set in 2000.

Expanding from narrow release, Denzel Washington's "Antwone Fisher" and Nicolas Cage's "Adaptation" broke into the top 10.

"Antwone Fisher," directed by Washington and starring Derek Luke as a violent sailor confronting childhood traumas, widened to 1,006 theaters and came in at No. 9 with $3.8 million.

The offbeat Hollywood tale "Adaptation," reteaming "Being John Malkovich" writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze, was No. 10 with $2.9 million in 560 theaters.

Also expanding from limited release were Ray Liotta's cop thriller "Narc," which grossed $2.74 million in 822 theaters, and Spike Lee's Manhattan drug-dealer drama "The 25th Hour," which did $2.7 million in 490 theaters.

"The Two Towers" remains on track to shoot past the $313 million total of 2001's "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

Director Peter Jackson and distributor New Line approached the J.R.R. Tolkien adaptation as three chapters in a single saga, culminating with next December's "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

Treating the project as one story has given it an edge that other movie franchises lack, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"This serialized approach, it just forces movie-goers if they like the movie to see all three," Dergarabedian said. "There's a built-in must-see factor that most stand-alone sequels don't have."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released today.

1. "Just Married," $18 million.
2. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," $15 million.
3. "Catch Me If You Can," $14.8 million.
4. "Two Weeks Notice," $6.7 million.
5. "About Schmidt," $6.3 million.
6. "Chicago," $5.6 million.
7 (tie). "Maid in Manhattan," $5 million.
7 (tie). "Gangs of New York," $5 million.
9. "Antwone Fisher," $3.8 million.
10. "Adaptation," $2.9 million.



Happy 40th Birthday Charlotte

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The cause of MS remains obscure

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read that there is a theory linking multiple sclerosis to drug abuse. This is not my perception. Please comment.

DEAR READER: Because the cause of MS is elusive, many theories have been advanced to explain the disease. These include "slow" virus infection, inheritance, immunologic abnormalities, environmental factors such as place of residence (in temperate climates) and drug abuse. Until scientists are able to discover the true cause of this crippling disease, the above are mere speculations.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the effects of unremitting diarrhea in a diabetic?

DEAR READER: Chronic diarrhea can be dangerous because of at least two consequences: dehydration and malnutrition to which diabetics are particularly susceptible.

Patients with uncontrolled diarrhea — such as seen in cases of colitis or laxative over-use — lose abnormal amounts of water from the body. This may lead to significant dehydration unless the fluid is replaced by mouth or by intravenous feedings.

In addition, many vital minerals are lost in the diarrhea; these include, but are not limited to, sodium, potassium and magnesium. If untreated, the water/mineral depletion may progress to acidosis, a condition of excess acid in the blood stream and tissues that can cause vascular collapse.

Nutrients are also lost from the body as a result of chronic diarrhea. This results in a form of intestinal malabsorption, shrinking muscles and weight loss.

Of note is a type of diarrhea caused by the sugar-substitute sorbitol, an ingredient in many dietetic foods. Sometimes termed "chewing gum diarrhea," the condition can easily be cured if the sorbitol is discontinued.

In summary, the cause of diarrhea in a diabetic must be diagnosed and treated to avoid potentially serious health risks.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you listed ways of coping with ear discomfort secondary to altitude pressure changes when flying. You failed to mention "EarPlanes," a remarkable product that changed my aviation experiences from an uncomfortable ordeal to a pleasant interlude. They are a type of earplug that is designed to help people who have problems during descent. You put them in an hour before landing and remove them when the airplane touches down. They really work.

DEAR READER: Alas, I had a lapse in memory when I wrote that column. EarPlanes, which I have endorsed on several occasions in the past, really do help people who are troubled by the increasing ear pressure during aircraft descent. They also help filter out engine noise, and are available in most drug stores and in some airports. Thanks for pointing out my inadvertent glitch.

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Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 7 Bertram in the Sharon Ridge field, one mile west of Dunn. Planned for a depth of 1,950 feet, location is in Section 144, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Trio Consulting will drill the No. 6-1 Kohler-Brennand, an 8,300-foot wildcat located eight miles northwest of Westbrook. Drill site is in Section 6, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Geomark Resources will drill the No. 3 A.D. Harris in the Champion Lake field, eight miles south of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 350 feet, location is in Section 91, Block 26, T&P survey.

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Several arrests reported in Snyder over weekend

Arrests

Sean Michael Thomas, 19, of Ft. Worth was taken into custody in the 1500 block of 28th Street at 10:24 p.m. Sunday for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver in a drug free zone. Thomas was taken to jail and his vehicle was towed.

Snyder officers arrested a 38-year-old man in the 900 block of 30th Street at 11:30 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

At 1:30 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested two men from the 1900 block of 19th Street. Taken into custody were a 24-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 17-year-old man for public intoxication.

An 18-year-old man was arrested at 4 p.m. Sunday at the College Park apartments on an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

Assault

A woman contacted officers at 5 p.m. Saturday to report that her ex-boyfriend hit her on the cheek. Officers advised an offense report for Class C assault was filed.

At 11 p.m. Saturday, a woman reported her mother had been assaulted at a home in the 900 block of 30th Street. A report for Class A assault was submitted.

A woman reported at 11:50 p.m. Saturday that four men assaulted a male friend. The victim did not wish to file charges.

Accidents

Snyder officers responded to an accident at 9:45 a.m. Saturday in the 4600 block of College Ave. Involved were a 1999 Buick Park Avenue driven by Horrace Bostick, 79, of 2903 33rd Street and a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Daniel Cortez, 59, of Lamesa. No injuries were reported.

At 4:24 p.m. Friday, a two-vehicle accident was reported in the 4500 block of College Ave. Involved were a 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Erica Martinez, 16, of 1003 Ave. U and a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ivan Chaney, 44, of 2103 24th Street. No one was injured.

Criminal mischief

A woman in the 3100 block of Ave. T reported Sunday morning that her tires were slashed. Officers submitted a report for criminal mischief.

Close patrol

A man in the 3000 block of Ave. T reported prowlers in the area at 2 a.m. Sunday and requested a close patrol.

A woman in the 1800 block of 38th Street reported a woman in the alley taking pictures of the back of her house Sunday afternoon and requested a close patrol of the area.

At 2:10 a.m. today, officers responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Martha Ann Blvd. where a woman reported someone trying to get into her residence. No one was located, but a close patrol was initiated.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Tiger Mart reported a gas drive off worth $23.41 at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Seven Palestinians, two Israelis killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — In rapidly escalating violence just two weeks before Israel's general election, seven Palestinians, two other Arab attackers and two Israelis were killed in raids and infiltrations in a 24-hour period.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz was evasive when asked about reports that he is planning to step up strikes against Palestinian militants. Mofaz said Israel is facing a growing wave of terror, but that there would be "nothing very much out of the ordinary" in Israel's response.

Palestinian officials have accused Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of escalating military action to deflect attention from corruption allegations that have been hurting his re-election bid. Two Israeli opinion polls indicated today that Sharon's Likud party is recovering somewhat from a monthlong drop in support.

Palestinian parliamentary speaker Ahmed Qureia said Israel prevented him today from traveling to Ramallah to open a session of the Palestinian Legislative Council. He said he asked to cross two military checkpoints between his hometown of Abu Dis and Ramallah but did not receive authorization.

The army was checking the report.

"This is a continuation of the Israeli policy to implement the apartheid system and isolate the Palestinian people from each other," Qureia said. "This is also an indicator of the Israeli intention to paralyze the Palestinian Authority and destroy it completely."

Israel's Cabinet decided last week to limit travel by Palestinian officials as part of its response to suicide bombings in Tel Aviv that killed 23 people.

In two shooting attacks late Sunday, an Israeli civilian and a soldier were killed.

One attack targeted the village of Gadish, in Israel's north, just 2½ miles from the West Bank. Just after nightfall, two Palestinian gunmen sneaked in and killed a 48-year-old Israeli man. One of the attackers was run over by an Israeli army officer, and the second was killed in a shootout. The militant Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

It was the second infiltration in the area this month. Residents have been building their own fence on the line with the West Bank, criticizing the Israeli government for moving too slowly in erecting a security barrier.

The Israeli government decided last April to fence off the West Bank, but only a few miles of fence have been completed so far. Sharon's main rival, dovish Amram Mitzna of Labor, criticizes Sharon for the slow pace of construction and pledges to draw Israel's border unilaterally if necessary.

Also late Sunday, two infiltrators sneaked across the usually calm Israeli-Egyptian border, barren desert land south of the Gaza Strip.

Obituaries

Buddy McDonald

1922-2003

"Mr. Mac" died Friday, January 10, 2003, in Indian Oaks Care Center in Harker Heights, Texas.

Born on January 11, 1922 to John T. and Moely McDonald at Choate, Texas, he died one day short of 81 generous and wonderful years.



Mr. McDonald

Chester moved, along with two brothers and three sisters, to the Dodson ranch north of Fluvanna where he attended school, before going to school at Snyder.

He married Joyce Hughes in June of 1941 and they made several moves as he served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He later worked in the Permian Basin, Gulf of Mexico and several foreign countries for Rowan Drilling Company where he enjoyed a successful career retiring in 1987 as manager of Rowan's West Texas Division.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, travelling and was a member of Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple, Texas.

His wife of 59 years, son Terry, and an infant son preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, Wesley of Aberdeen, Scotland, daughters-in-law Denise of Scotland and Gloria of Burlington, Kentucky, four grandchildren, Patrick, Clayton, Skyler, Cade and one great-grandchild, Chase.

Services will be at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Snyder, Texas at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15. Interment will follow at Fluvanna Cemetery.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

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Winonah Reddell

1916-2003

Funeral service for Winonah Reddell, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Reddell died Saturday, Jan. 11, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Born May 12, 1916 in Happy, she was married to K.T. Reddell who died in 1990.

Mrs. Reddell moved to Gail from O'Donnell in 1955. After moving to Snyder she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Bobby Nolan of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Minnie Reddell of Bryan and Jerry and Betty Reddell of Lubbock; two sisters, Juanita Staggs of Sulphur, Okla., and Merle Sambol of Plainview; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Wayne Carpenter

1934-2003

POST — Wayne Carpenter, the father of Pat Sterling of Ira, died Friday, Jan. 10, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Carpenter, 68, was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Buddy Payne and Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial was to follow in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.



Mr. Carpenter

Born Dec. 24, 1934 in Lynn County, he was a graduate of Post High School and attended Texas Tech.

He married Elfreda Buck on Dec. 8, 1954 in Clovis, N.M. She died Aug. 3, 1976. He married Margie Johnson on Oct. 6, 1985 in Brownfield.

A retired farmer, Mr. Carpenter had served as a trustee of the Post Independent School District and on the board of the Plains Cotton Growers, Lyntegar Electric Coop and Close City Gin.

He also was preceded in death by his father, George Carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Carpenter of Post; three other daughters, Pam Humble of Post, Deb Kimball of Mart and Sue Brant of Council Grove, Kan.; a son, Mike Johnson of Post; his mother, Ruby Carpenter of Post; a sister, Velta King of Hereford; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bill Jamar

1924-2003

BROWNWOOD — William "Bill" Wallace Jamar, the father of Lydia Foree of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 11.

Funeral service for Mr. Jamar, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with the Revs. Andrew Bradley and Neil Platt officiating. Interment will follow in Greenleaf Cemetery.

Born Dec. 5, 1924 in Tulsa, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star and European Theater Ribbon.

In 1947, he married Jane Ellen Mayes and began his career in the media business with his in-laws, Dorothy and Wendell Mays. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1952 with a degree in business administration.

He moved to Brownwood in 1949 and worked in the operation of radio KBWD and in 1975 he founded KOXE FM. He had interest in 22 radio stations and also had interest in other businesses to include Brownwood Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Big Tex Outdoor Advertising, the Mineral Wells Index, Palo Pinto Star, TV cable companies in Paul's Valley, Corsicana, Stamford, Haskell, Munday and Snyder.

At the time of his death, he had ownership in the Brownwood radio stations as well as stations in Snyder and Austin.

He served on the board of regents of North Texas State University 12 years, the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom at Howard Payne University, the Texas Association of Broadcasters and as a director of KRLU-TV in Austin as well as the director of several banks.

He served as vice chairman of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, president of the Texas Municipal League, president of the Rotary Club, mayor pro tem of Brownwood. He was a member of the Brownwood Civic Improvement Foundation and was a founding member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd where he served as Senior Warden and member of the Vestry.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Ellen Jamar; two other daughters, Bonnie Dillard of Brownwood and Shelley Carstens of Breckenridge; a son, Paul Jamar of Missouri; and 14 grandchildren.

Olen Robertson

1928-2003

QUANAH — Olen Oscar Robertson, the father of Tommy Robertson of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 9.

Funeral service for Mr. Robertson, 74, was set for 1 p.m. today in the Smith Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. John Spangler, minister of Trinity Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Rule Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson was a retired farmer.

Survivors include seven daughters, Maggie Lane of Trinity, Rosemary LaCaze of Pioneer, La., Jo Ann Evans of Marysville, Calif., Debra Botkin of Quanah, Doris Faske of Bastrop, Linda Robertson of Jupiter, Fla., and Rita Brock of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two other sons, Pete Houston of Pasadena and Ralph Robertson of Quanah; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

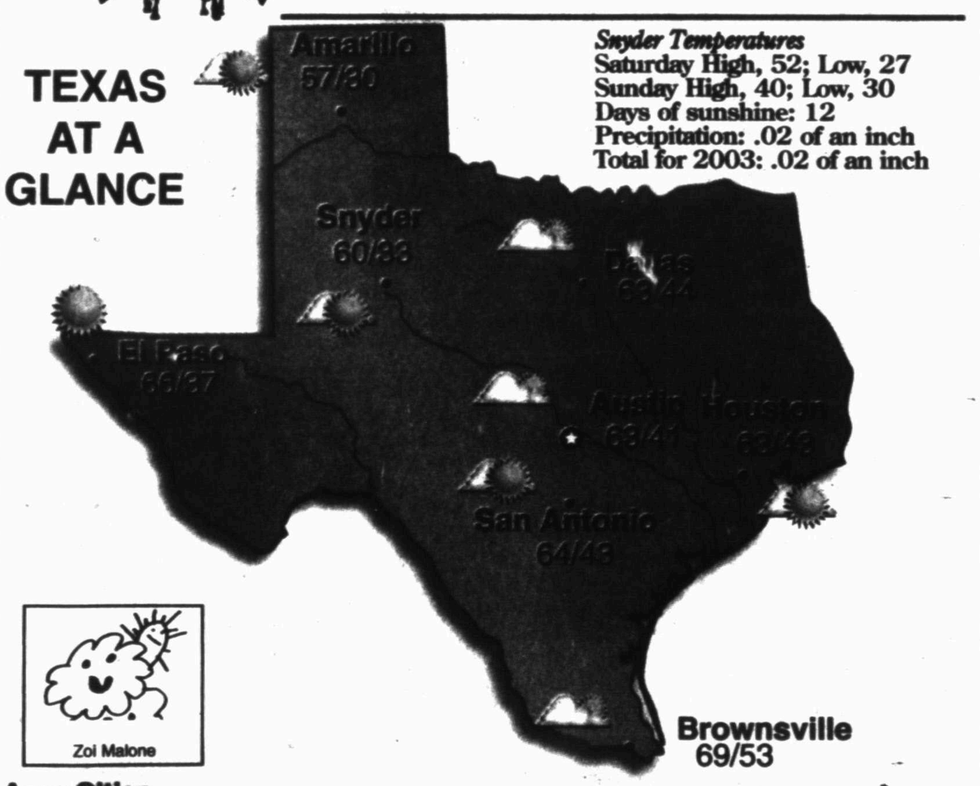
Tue 1/14	Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16
60/33	61/25	40/15
A few clouds from time to time. High around 60F. Winds light and variable.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 20s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid teens.
Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 5:59 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:00 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:01 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Snyder Temperatures
Saturday High, 52; Low, 27
Sunday High, 40; Low, 30
Days of sunshine: 12
Precipitation: .02 of an inch
Total for 2003: .02 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	63	40	sunny
Amarillo	57	30	mst sunny
Austin	63	41	pt sunny
Beaumont	62	42	mst sunny
Brownsville	69	53	pt sunny
Brownwood	64	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	64	48	mst sunny
Corsicana	62	42	sunny
Dallas	63	44	pt sunny
Del Rio	67	46	sunny
El Paso	66	37	sunny
Fort Stockton	66	39	sunny
Gainesville	59	35	mst sunny
Greenville	59	36	sunny
Houston	63	43	mst sunny
Kingsville	66	47	mst sunny
Livingston	63	38	sunny
Longview	62	38	mst sunny
Lubbock	61	31	mst sunny
Lufkin	64	41	mst sunny
Midland	64	36	sunny
Raymondville	66	47	mst sunny
Rosenberg	63	43	mst sunny
San Antonio	64	43	mst sunny
San Marcos	64	42	mst sunny
Sulphur Springs	61	37	sunny
Sweetwater	62	36	mst sunny
Tyler	64	44	mst sunny
Weatherford	61	36	sunny
Wichita Falls	61	37	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	49	31	pt sunny
Boston	24	13	pt sunny
Chicago	24	10	flurries
Dallas	63	44	pt sunny
Denver	53	27	pt sunny
Houston	63	43	mst sunny
Los Angeles	71	54	pt sunny
Miami	71	54	rain
Minneapolis	18	2	pt sunny
New York	28	20	mst sunny
Phoenix	75	51	mst sunny
San Francisco	58	47	rain
Seattle	48	34	cloudy
St. Louis	39	21	pt sunny
Washington, DC	34	24	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 10	Jan 19	Jan 25	Feb 1

UV Index

Tue 1/14	Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16
Low	Low	Low

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

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