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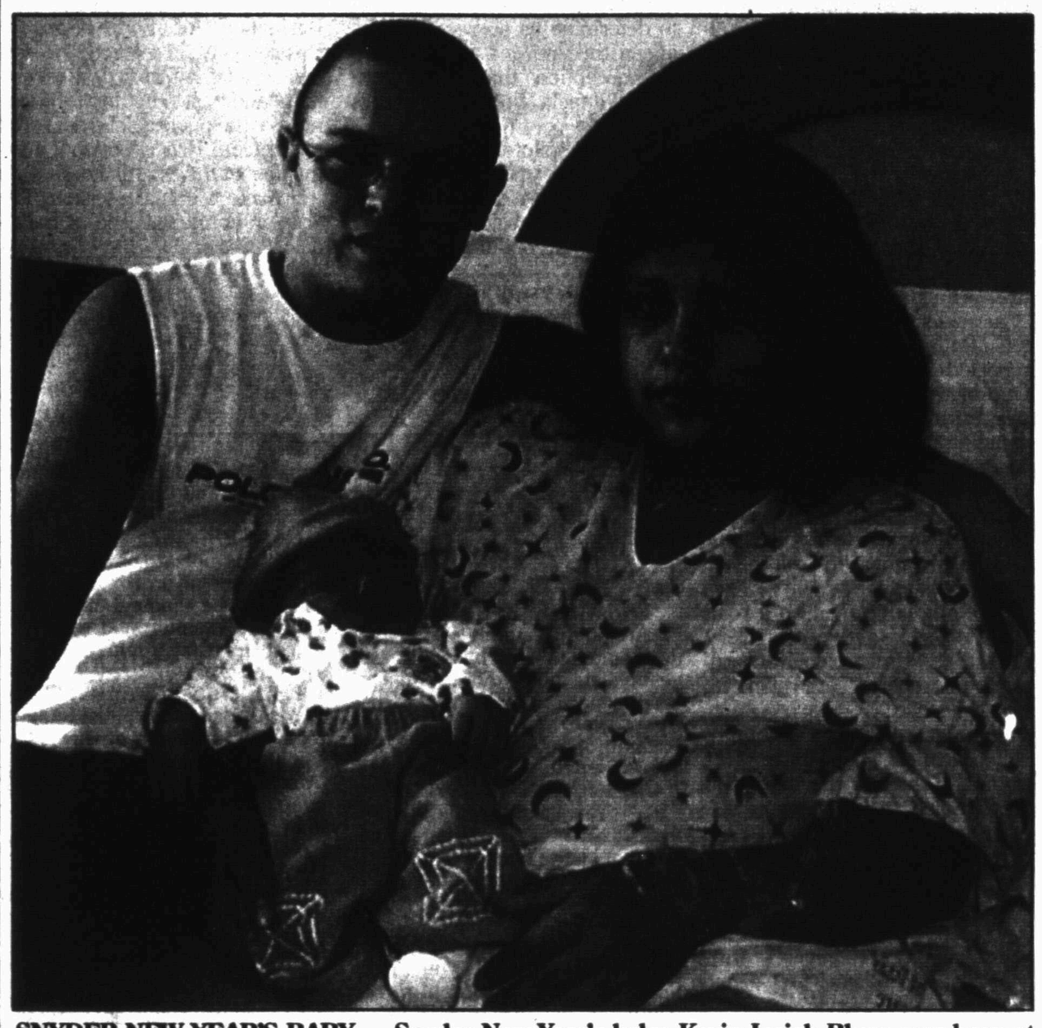
First baby of 2003...



SNYDER NEW YEAR'S BABY — Snyder New Year's baby, Kevin Isaiah Blum, was born at 4:57 this morning at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. His parents are Monica Leiva and Kyle Blum of Snyder. Kevin weighed 9 pounds, 7½ ounces. His paternal grandparents are Linda and Dennis Blum and maternal grandparents are Lupe and Ruben Escobeda, all of Snyder. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Demos gain third hopeful for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Edwards, a multimillionaire trial lawyer from the South and relative newcomer to Washington, announced today he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination, saying he wants to be "a champion for regular people."

In a series of interviews, Edwards said he is setting up an exploratory committee with an eye to getting into the 2004 race. He joins Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in a contest which has become more spirited in the wake of former Vice President Al Gore's decision not to run in 2004.

Edwards' announcement came as no surprise since the first-term senator began moving quickly into position in the last several weeks. He gave a major address in Washington in mid-December, speaking out against President Bush's tax-cut policy and saying the nation needed a new intelligence agency.

Edwards said he will offer a dramatic alternative to President Bush's White House as somebody who comes from a humble background, whose father worked in a North Carolina textile mill, and who understands the needs of ordinary people.

"The president has a different kind of administration that is run to a large extent by insiders and for insiders," Edwards said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We need to give the American people that choice," he said.

Edwards said he doesn't think his relatively short time in Washington will be a disadvantage and could actually prove beneficial because he feels closer to the needs of ordinary citizens like those in his home state.

"I'm more than happy to be judged on the basis of my ideas," said Edwards.

At a news conference later today in Raleigh, Edwards continued to emphasize his humble beginnings, saying he presents a stark contrast with other candidates

Wreck kills nine in Iowa

MENLO, Iowa (AP) — A pickup truck crowded with passengers slammed into a semitrailer on Interstate 80 early today, killing all nine people in the truck, authorities said.

The eastbound pickup crossed the median and hit the semi in the westbound lane around 2:30 a.m., the Iowa State Patrol said. The driver of the semi was taken to a hospital in Greenfield. His name was not immediately released.

"It was a mess," said Menlo Fire Chief Ben Gilman, who was first on the scene. "Everyone in the truck was dead. They probably died on impact."

No other information about the victims or where the truck came from was immediately available.

He said he didn't want to speculate on why nine people were crowded into a truck traveling in the middle of the night. "If they're not residents of our country or the Midwest it may be difficult to identify them," he added. Autopsies were planned.

The accident site is about 30 miles west of Des Moines.

Surgeons protest insurance costs with work stoppage

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A surgeon taking part in a job action to protest malpractice insurance costs says doctors' pleas for help have been ignored by state officials.

"We've seen this crisis looming for several years. We have had many meetings with state legislators and past governors. We have asked for help in the past. It seems as if it has fallen on deaf ears," Dr. Greg Saracco said today on CBS' "Early Show."

"It's definitely a hostile work environment. The problem just grows every day," Saracco said. "Physicians no longer want to come to work. Physicians are afraid to accept liability."

A spokeswoman for Gov. Bob Wise did not immediately return a phone call this morning. State Insurance and Retirement Services Director Tom Susman has said Wise will offer details of a new malpractice insurance plan in his State of the State address next week.

More than two dozen orthopedic, general and heart surgeons in West Virginia's Northern Panhandle began 30-day leaves of absence Wednesday or planned to begin leaves in the next few days.

Because of the job action, at least three patients were transferred to other hospitals Wednesday. But in a fourth case, a surgeon who was taking part in the job action came in anyway and operated early today on a patient who couldn't be safely transferred.

Last-minute talks with state officials failed to stop the protest. A similar walkout had been threatened in Pennsylvania but was averted when Gov.-elect Ed Rendell promised to work for a solution.

At least 18 of 19 surgeons at Wheeling Hospital are beginning 30-day leaves of absence, and 11 others have asked for leave from Weirton Medical Center. Both Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling and Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale said surgeons there were taking leave, but it was unclear how many.

All four hospitals are keeping emergency rooms open. But, with the exception of plastic surgeons, they have almost no emergency surgeons available, which will require most patients to be transferred to hospitals in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Morgantown.

Dr. Donald Hofreuter, Wheeling Hospital's chief executive officer, said he understands the doctors' frustration, but he also is concerned about patient care.

One Wheeling Hospital patient needing emergency surgery Wednesday morning was transferred 88 miles to Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, and two heart patients were transferred to Pennsylvania hospitals, Hofreuter said.

The hospital temporarily reinstated one of its surgeons who had taken a leave of absence so the surgeon could help the patient who couldn't be transferred, he said. He declined to give details on the patient's condition.

SWEARING IN — District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided over Wednesday's swearing in ceremony of county officials. Pictured reciting the oath of office are from left, Precinct 2 commissioner Jerry House, County Judge Rod Waller and Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey. Others taking the oath included Sheriff Darren Jackson, Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd and County Clerk Joan Bunch. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine

We almost always have to pronounce our last name for folks we're meeting for the first time and occasionally for folks we thought we knew pretty well.

There was a short time in our elementary years that we were jealous of the Joneses and Smiths of the world.

Learning to spell our ten-letter last name wasn't a piece of cake, but we persevered and had it down by junior high.

And it was in 7th grade that we decided to tackle a genealogy project for extra credit in an English class.

We found our ancestors traced back to the very beginnings of America, in some of the first colonies.

We also found wills granting "acreage adjacent to dragon's breath swamp" and other interesting sounding deeds.

It was amazing to pore through the pages and read about our heritage.

We think the story of how our name came to be is a neat one. We haven't verified this tale, but it's all we've heard of how the first Brisendine happened onto American shores.

We'll share an abbreviated version.

Apparently there was a small town in England in the 17th century called Brisen. And the homes of the day were called dines.

The pride of Brisen, England was a very old, large tree at the center of town. It was akin to Town Square — everything of importance in the town happened beneath its cover.

Our ancestor, as we're told, was a fellow named Isaac and he hailed from Brisen.

One way or another, the leaders of the town angered Isaac and he took an axe into town with visions of bringing the old tree down.

He was stopped, but not before scarring the tree a bit. Isaac was told by the town's law that he had two choices — he could board a boat destined for America and never return to Brisen, or he could hang from the branches of the tree he tried to destroy.

Isaac was a smart fellow (we think that trait has stayed with the family) and he hopped on the boat and headed for America.

What happened to Isaac isn't known — the last time he was seen was during a port stop in Barbados.

Apparently, boat rides were very long in those days because he fathered a son before disappearing. The child was left in the custody of a trusted friend named Thomas Watson.

When asked for the child's surname, Watson explained that his father, Isaac, was from a dine near Brisen. And so, into the ship's registry went the baby of Isaac Brisendine.

Watson, with Isaac's son, eventually arrived in Jamestown, Va., one of America's first colonies and the rest, as they say, is history.

We'd like to see a Jones or a Smith compete with that tale!

Lubbock's Mahon Library has a terrific genealogical archive for anyone curious about where his or her family might have originated. We suggest you give it a try.

And speaking of names and identities, we made a goof on yesterday's front page and swapped the names under the pictures of two of Snyder's best domino players. Alvin Orr and Howard Sterling are good buddies, but both probably think they got the raw end of the deal.

Sorry fellas.

ASK US

Q—When is it legal to sell fireworks in Texas?

A—June 24-July 4, and Dec. 20-Jan. 1.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mary Carrillo...

...has lived in Snyder 12 years, moving from Rotan. She is a checker at Davidson's IGA and is a "loyal employee" according to supervisor C.R. Perez. Mary has four grown daughters. When she's not on her feet at the checkout counter, she's usually not resting at home. Her favorite hobbies include running three miles a day and dancing at night.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Alter your life by altering your attitudes.

—William James

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include Saturday at 12:30 p.m.; Tuesday at 9 a.m.,1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

100th birthday reception

A reception to celebrate Sadie Shifflett's 100th birthday is set from 1-3:30 p.m. Monday in the Church of God fellowship hall, located at Ave.0 and 21st Street. All are welcome to attend.

VFW auxiliary meeting

VFW Post 8231 Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the post home. Members are urged to attend.

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.

Bass Club meeting

The Snyder Bass Club will hold its first monthly meeting of 2003 at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Kinder Morgan offices on U.S. 180.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

Lions Club meetings

Snyder Lions Club meetings Tuesday and Jan. 14 will be held at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

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. on Sunday, Jan. 19, at West Elementary Cafeteria. For advance tickets for a $5 donation, call Mickey Carrasco at 573-3343.

SHS booster club fund raiser

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.

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.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

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.

Lawyer: Pilots had to take amphetamines

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A lawyer for one of two U.S. pilots who released a bomb over southern Afghanistan in April, accidentally killing four Canadian soldiers, says the Air Force had pressured the pilots to take amphetamines that may have impaired their judgment during the mission.

Majs. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach face a possible court-martial for dropping the laser-guided bomb near Kandahar on April 17. An Air Force investigation determined the pilots "demonstrated poor airmanship" and ignored standard procedure by not making sure there were no allied troops in the area.

But Umbach's lawyer, David Beck, said he would show at a Jan. 13 hearing on whether to court-martial the pilots that the Air Force routinely pressures pilots to take dexamphetamine, a prescription drug also known as "go pills." He said the drug can impair judgment and is not recommended for people operating heavy equipment.

Beck said the Air Force prevents pilots from flying if they refuse to take the pills.

Air Force spokeswoman Lt. Jennifer Ferrau acknowledged the pills are used as a "fatigue management tool" to help pilots stay alert through long missions. But she said use of the pills is voluntary, and that their effects have been thoroughly tested.

"There have been decades of study on their efficacy and practicality," she said. "The surgeon general worked very closely with commanders on this."

Beck and Charles W. Gittins, Schmidt's lawyer, said the Air Force's investigation is full of errors. Beck said the pilots were not told in advance that allies were holding combat exercises, and that Schmidt dropped the bomb in self-defense after seeing gunfire on the ground.

"What happened was a terrible tragedy. You don't honor (the victims) by wrongfully prosecuting these pilots," Beck said. "This is political appeasement of Canadians who are angry."

Ferrau said Air Force officials would not comment on specifics of the case.

On the night of the bombing, 15 Canadian soldiers were practicing anti-tank attacks with live ammunition at Tarnak Farm, a former al-Qaida training camp. A Canadian report said the soldiers were using firearms ranging from sidearms to shoulder-fired anti-tank weapons.

Schmidt and Umbach were flying F-16s toward their base after six hours of a mission in which "no significant events occurred," the Air Force report said.

Just after midnight, they spotted gunfire on the ground and reported it to flight controllers. One of the pilots asked for permission to fire his 20 millimeter cannon and was told to wait, according to the Air Force investigators' report.

Sixteen seconds later, Schmidt reported surface-to-air fire and said he was going to "roll in," or attack the shooters.

"I've got some men on a road and it looks like a piece of artillery firing at us," Umbach said, according to the report. "I am rolling in, in self-defense."

Schmidt released the bomb, which landed about three feet from a Canadian machine gun crew. Killed instantly were Sgt. Marc Leger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pvt. Richard Green and Pvt. Nathan Smith.

The Air Force report said Schmidt soon asked controllers, "Can you confirm that they were shooting at us?"

The controller did not answer, but said "friendlies" could be on the ground nearby, the report said. The controller told Schmidt and Umbach to return to their base.

Air Force investigators concluded that Schmidt and Umbach should have left the area when they spotted gunfire to allow time to determine its source. Remaining in the area led to the pilots' misperception that they were under attack, the investigators said.

But the pilots' lawyers said Schmidt and Umbach had good reason to believe they were being attacked. Beck said it's unusual for troops to conduct night exercises in a combat zone.

"How dare you do a training exercise at night in a combat zone?" Beck said. "And how dare you not tell the pilots?"

The deaths, Canada's first combat fatalities since the Korean War, sparked anger among many Canadians, some of whom questioned their country's role in the American-led war on terrorism.

Beck said Air Force officers should take the blame, because their communications system did not inform the pilots that the gunfire came from allies.

The hearing, to be held at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, is expected to last two weeks. Afterward, a recommendation on whether to court-martial the pilots will be delivered to Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of the 8th Air Force, who will make the final decision. The 8th Air Force is based at Barksdale.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 3, 2003

Although a number of happy developments will occur in the year ahead, it'll be those things on which you work industriously that will provide you with the greatest amount of gratification and the largest rewards.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You stand to gain far more than you may realize from a situation that you've finally been able to bring to a conclusion. You'll become aware of its large ramifications today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though you might find yourself being caught in the middle of an awkward situation today, sit tight and keep cool. Everything is going to work out to your advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep aiming upward today. Matters should work out to your ultimate satisfaction regarding a financial arrangement for which you've worked diligently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It won't be merely good luck on your part today that friends will be playing key roles in your affairs. You've done much for them and now they'll be there for you when you need them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A happy surprise may be in store for you today, especially in an area where you recently encountered resistance. The steps you've taken to counter it are now paying off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Operate within a club, group or large organization today where you have something important to impart. You'll function extremely effectively and be able to smooth out your path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is not a day to waste on minor goals or projects. Set them aside for the moment and devote your full attention and efforts to objectives that could offer you something big.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can gain substantial support today for an idea you have that cannot be fully developed on your own. Start talking to all the right people who have something to offer as soon as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A business matter on which you've worked hard and long may be taking a turn for the better today, so don't do anything to rock the boat. Just be sure to develop any opportunity that pops up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Find competent allies today to join you in an endeavor of importance. What you do as a cooperative effort will work out better than what you attempt on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A propitious situation is presently brewing for you that has something to do with your work or career. There is a good chance you will become aware of it today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Pledges made to you today by an associate can be counted upon. This individual is sincere and he or she will try to do all that is necessary to fulfill the promise.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Berry's World

"ACTUALLY, THE OLD SAYING THAT YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO RICH, OR TOO THIN IS ONLY HALF RIGHT."

Boeing, Hughes accused of giving rocket data to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two leading aerospace companies have been accused by the State Department of illegally providing satellite and rocket technology to China that could be used for intercontinental missiles.

The department accused Hughes Electronics Corp. and Boeing Satellite Systems of illegally giving technical data to China following failed Chinese launches of rockets carrying American satellites in 1995 and 1996. Boeing acquired Hughes' space unit in 2000.

In a letter dated Dec. 26, the State Department said the companies committed 123 violations of the Arms Control Export Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

If the violations are upheld through the department's administrative appeals procedures, the companies could face restrictions on selling technologies overseas. They also could face fines of $500,000 per charge, though it is not clear if each violation would constitute a separate violation.

"The number and substance of charges reflect the seriousness of the violations," Lou Fintor, a State Department spokesman, said Wednesday. "There are many similarities between a space launch vehicle and an intercontinental ballistic missile."

A Hughes spokesman, Richard Dore, said the company did nothing wrong.

"We did not do anything to assist the Chinese," he said.

Dore said the company complied with the regulations of the Commerce Department, which oversaw technology exports at the time. He said discussions with the State Department are continuing.

Dore also noted that a Justice Department investigation of the two companies and a third, Loral Space & Communications Ltd., did not result in any criminal charges.

Boeing spokesman Walt Rice said the company needs to review the State Department's accusations before commenting.

Loral reached a civil settlement with the State Department in January, agreeing to pay a $20 million fine, of which $6 million would be used to create procedures to ensure it wouldn't violate export rules in the future.

Loral has said that an employee mistakenly sent a report on the 1996 rocket failure to the Chinese.

Fintor said that "unlike Loral, Hughes and Boeing have both failed to recognize the seriousness of the violations and have been unprepared to take steps to resolve the matter."

U.S. companies began using Chinese rockets in the 1980s to launch satellites because of a shortage of U.S. rockets. After several failed launches, insurance companies underwriting them questioned the reliability of the Chinese rockets. Hughes and Loral participated in studies examining possible causes of the failures.

Congressional investigations in the 1990s found that China had gained valuable information on missiles from those reviews.

Today's chuckle

Pet shark outgrows family's acquarium

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — Jigsaw isn't a typical family pet. He's more than 4 feet long, has a dorsal fin and loves calamari.

The 2½-year-old white-tipped reef shark has been living with John Valentine and his family for more than two years. But the beloved pet has grown too large for their living room aquarium, so the family found Jigsaw bigger digs at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"We want to do the right thing for him," said Valentine. "We love him, but he'll be better off with four or five other reef sharks in a bigger tank.

Jigsaw was just 16 inches long when Valentine bought him from a friend in August 2000. Since then, Jigsaw has become a part of the family.

Though he'll eat any new fish introduced into his tank, the Valentines said he steers clear of munching on the ones he's lived with since he was small.

"He's friends with the fish in there. They cohabitate," said Valentine's wife, Whitney.

White-tipped reef sharks can grow as long as 6 ½ feet long and are commonly found in shallow tropical waters from the Galapagos Islands to the Indian Ocean, according to Kevin Lewand, a biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

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Date Book

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

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Spaniards took the city of Grenada from the Moors, ending the seven centuries of Islamic rule in Spain.

On this day in 1788, Georgia became the fourth state of the Union.

On this day in 1959, the USSR launched Luna I, a robotic moon probe that missed the moon and became the first man-made object from Earth to orbit the sun.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martha Carey Thomas (1857-1935), suffragist and second president of Bryn Mawr College; Isaac Asimov (1920-1992), science-fiction writer; Roger Miller (1936-1992), country and Western musician; Cuba Gooding Jr. (1968-), actor, is 35; Taye Diggs (1972-), actor, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, San Diego and Miami played the first game in NFL history to have two quarterbacks pass for more than 400 yards.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." — Isaac Asimov

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (Jan. 2).

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Texas Lotto

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $12 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 15-29-33-40-44-52.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $15 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 9-6-7
(Night) 5-9-0
Cash Five
25-28-30-34-37

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DAR DONATES FLAG TO MUSEUM — Maggie Barnes, right, and Charlene Akers display the flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on Oct. 18 on the behalf of the Martin Preuitt Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the request of the Congressman Charles W. Stenholm. Stenholm's request was for the Scurry County Museum in recognition of its efforts in protecting and preserving the history of West Texas communities. Barnes, representing the DAR, presented the flag to the museum Tuesday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cajun cooking is tribute to French people

JAMBALAYA

Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and file gumbo
'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma chr amio
Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou.

Hank Williams (1952)

Cajun cooking is a tribute to the spirit of French people who settled in Southern Louisiana. They like to cook everything in one pot. Probably a result of their rural lifestyle. Whatever the reason, it has produced a variety of distinctive dishes that are combinations of meat, seafood, game vegetables and often rice.

The following recipes were inspired by Cajun cuisine using ingredients that are available throughout the South.

HAM AND SAUSAGE JAMBALAYA W/PARMESAN CORNBREAD CRUST

Filling

2 tablespoons oil
1 large onion, coarsely chopped
1 large green bell pepper, coursely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
¾ to 1 pound andouille, kielbasa or smoked sausage, sliced
1 cup chopped cooked ham
1 (14 ½ oz.) can chopped tomatoes, undrained
½ cup chicken broth
½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ to 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)

CORN BREAD

1 egg
¼ cup oil
2/3 cup milk
1 cup self-rising corn meal mix
¼ cup Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 425 F. Grease shallow 2 quart baking dish. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, bell pepper and garlic, stirring occasionally until just soft, about 5 minutes. Add sausage and ham cook 5 minutes stirring occasionally. Stir in tomatoes, broth, thyme and red pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer while making corn bread.

Combine egg, ¼ cup oil, milk, corn meal, Parmesan cheese and parsley; stir until well blended. Pour filling into prepared baking dish. Pour corn bread batter around the edges of filling. Bake at 425 F. for 18 to 22 minutes or until corn bread is golden brown. 6 servings.

CAJUN CRACKLIN' BISCUITS

Cracklings, the crisp pieces left after rendering pork fat, are added to breads in many countries. Known as "cracklin's" in the South, they are often added to corn bread, but here's a Cajun recipe for cracklin' biscuits baked in a cast iron skillet. If cracklin's aren't available, you may use crisp cooked bacon.

2 cups self-rising flour
1/3 cup butter, cut into small pieces
¾ to1 cup buttermilk
½ cup chopped cracklin's or 1/3 cup crisp cooked crumbled bacon
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons chopped cracklin's or crisp crumbled bacon

Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease a 10½ -inch cast iron skillet. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. In large mixing bowl cut 1/3 cup butter into flour until pieces are about the size of small peas. Stir in ½ cup cracklin's. With fork, stir in enough buttermilk to just form soft dough.

Turn dough out onto floured surface; knead gently just until smooth. Roll out dough to ½-inch thickness. Cut with floured 2-inch cutter. Place in greased skillet. Brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons cracklin's. Bake at 400 F. for 25 or 30 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 biscuits.

CORN AND TASSO PUDDING

Tasso, a highly seasoned smoked Cajun ham used for flavoring, is available in specialty food stores. If tasso is not available, cooked country ham or even baked ham may be used.

1 tablespoon oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 (8 oz.) carton sour cream
1 (7 oz.) yellow corn bread mix
1.2 to 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
1 (14¾ oz.) can cream style corn
1 (11 oz.) can whole kernel corn
½ cup chopped tasso, or 1 cup chopped cooked country ham or baked ham

Heat oven to 375 F. Grease 8-inch square (2-quart) baking dish. Heat oil in large skillet over medium high heat. Add onion and bell pepper. Cook about 3 minutes or until slightly wilted, stirring occasionally.

In large mixing bowl, beat egg. Add melted butter, sour cream and corn bread mix; stir until well blended. Stir in cream style corn, whole kernel corn, ham and cooked vegetables. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake at 375 F. for 48 to 55 minutes or until set and golden brown. 10 servings.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

01-02-03

North
♠ A 4
♥ A J 8 6 2
♦ K Q 5
♣ K Q 2

West
♠ 10 9 7 6 3
♥ 10 7
♦ A J 10 8
♣ 9 8

East
♠ J 8 2
♥ K 9 4 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ J 6 3

South
♠ K Q 5
♥ Q 5
♦ 9 4 3
♣ A 10 7 5 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

Another wonderful piece of play

By Phillip Alder

Here is another great play from last year. To test yourself, look at the North-South hands. Against your contract of six no-trump, West leads the spade 10. What would be your line of play?

This deal arose during a Chicago game in London. In old-fashioned Acol, a two-no-trump response shows a balanced 10-12 points. North's leap to slam was highly optimistic.

Assuming the clubs would run, declarer would have eight black-suit tricks. Since he requires four red-suit tricks, it looks as though he needs to find West with both the heart king and diamond ace. However, there is a snag: Where are the hand entries for all these red-suit leads toward the dummy? (Playing a low club to the 10 might be thwarted by East's going in with his jack.)

South was David Price, an imaginative British international. After winning with dummy's spade ace, he called for the heart two!

Declarer hoped that the heart king and diamond ace were split. If his heart queen lost to West's king, maybe that defender wouldn't shift to diamonds. Then, if the hearts were favorable, Price would collect 12 tricks via three spades, four hearts and five clubs.

Here, if East had gone in with the heart king, he would have had to lead a diamond to defeat the slam. Would he have done that? We'll never know, because East played low.

When Price's heart queen won, he led a diamond, knowing West had the ace. And a moment later, Price repeated the process to collect these 12 tricks: three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

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Getting help with your Medicare questions

Tommy G. Thompson, secretary of health and human services, answers readers' questions about Medicare.

Q. I have questions about my Medicare coverage. Where can I get information to answer my questions?

A. To help you with your Medicare questions, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), our federal agency that runs the Medicare program, has resources that can provide you with fast, reliable and accurate information right at your fingertips. Below are three important resources to help you get the information you need:

• 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours of personal assistance in English or Spanish. This toll-free helpline is available seven days a week to help with your questions. When you call, customer service representatives are available to provide assistance.

The helpline also allows you to do some things automatically, like get important phone numbers, order publications and get answers to frequently asked questions. If you use a teletypewriter (TTY), you can call 1-877-486-2048.

• www.medicare.gov for up-to-date, easy-to-access healthcare information. This website allows you to get information and answers to your questions about your Medicare at any time. It offers many tools to help you get the information you need to make healthcare decisions that are right for you. One of these tools is the "Medicare Personal Plan Finder." It lets you compare Medicare health plans and Medigap policies available in your area, out-of-pocket costs, benefits and the quality of health plan care.

It helps you find the plan that's right for you. This site also provides basic information about Medicare, including what's covered, how to enroll and answers to common questions. You can search for telephone numbers of other organizations that can answer your questions. Some information on the site is available in Spanish and Chinese. Information on the site is updated regularly.

• Medicare & You handbook, important Medicare information delivered to your door. This handbook is mailed each fall to all people with Medicare. It provides basic information about the Medicare program, including health plan information for each state.

In addition, the handbook provides information on Medicare rights and other available programs that may help pay some healthcare costs. The Medicare & You handbook is available in many different formats to meet the needs of all people with Medicare. You can get a copy of the handbook in English, Spanish, audiotape (English and Spanish), large print (English and Spanish) and braille.

These and other information resources are available to help you understand as much about the Medicare program as possible. CMS and I want you to have all the information you need to make important healthcare decisions.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Married judges sworn in together

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — When David L. Chidester and Mary R. Harper were sworn in as judges, it wasn't the first oath they had taken together.

Chidester, a Porter Superior Court judge, and Harper, judge of Porter Circuit Court, have been married for 10 years.

Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Harris Vardik, who administered the oath of office to the couple on New Year's Day, said they were believed to be the first judges in the state who were married to each other.

Chidester, a Democrat, was beginning his first term, his wife, a Republican, was taking the oath after being re-elected.

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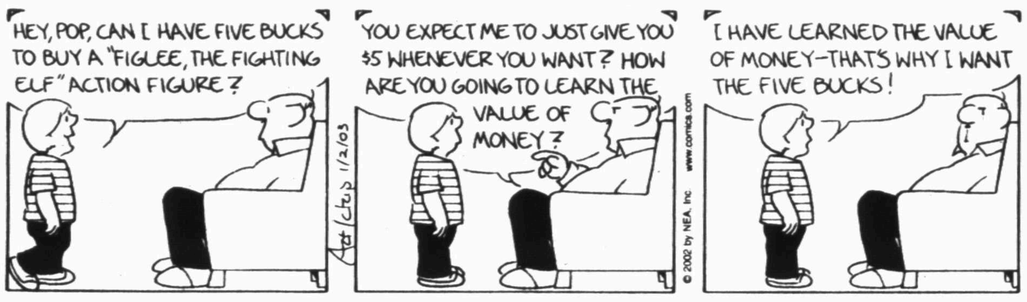

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ACROSS

1 Huge animal
6 Truce result
11 NBAer Shaquille —
12 Casual wear
13 Swallow up
15 Vultures have them
16 Measly
18 Itty-bitty
19 Rush off
21 Caviar, actually
22 Actress Deborah —
23 Brickell of music
25 Hail, to Caesar
28 Flooded
30 Seine vista
31 Commuter vehicle
32 Up till now
33 Buy
35 Result of action
37 Tribute in verse
38 Huff and puff
40 Fastens a jacket
41 Slangy thousand
42 Classified section
43 Sigh of content
46 Evening gown
48 Dendrite's place
50 Polite word
54 Bach's instrument
55 — and Pythias
56 Pushed ahead
57 Comment to the audience

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1 Toolshed item
2 Hotel
3 Wooden pin
4 Destitute persons
5 Water jug
6 Melodrama
7 Electric swimmer
8 Say frankly
9 Motion picture
10 To be, to Brutus
14 Berg
15 Path
17 Instant meal (2 wds.)
19 Chopped down
20 In a huff
22 Floor for good
24 Startled cry
25 Bitter
26 Boot uppers
27 Time periods
29 Gym dance
34 Tot's vehicle
36 Flowering shrubs
39 Short-term worker
43 By and by
44 Space preceder
45 Embraces
46 Affectionate
47 "Hawkeye" Pierce
49 Funny Charlotte —
51 Quebec friend
52 Install a lawn
53 Map dir.

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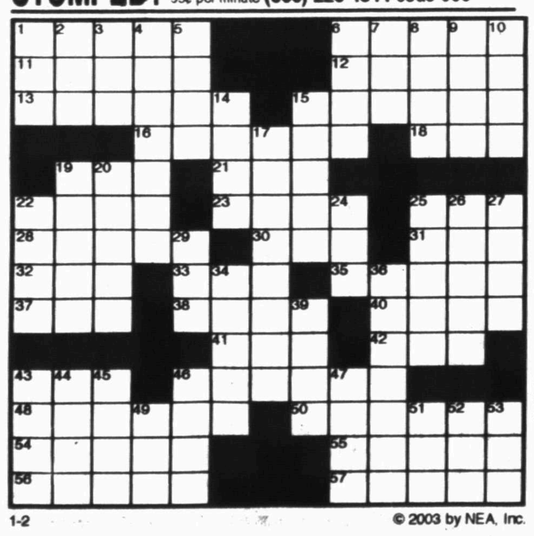

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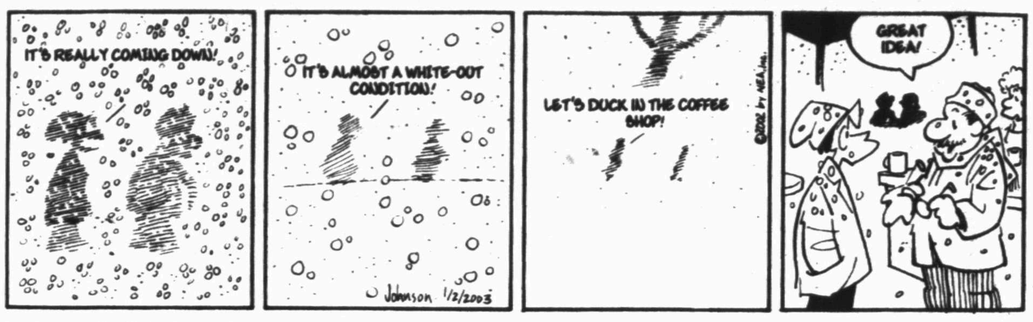

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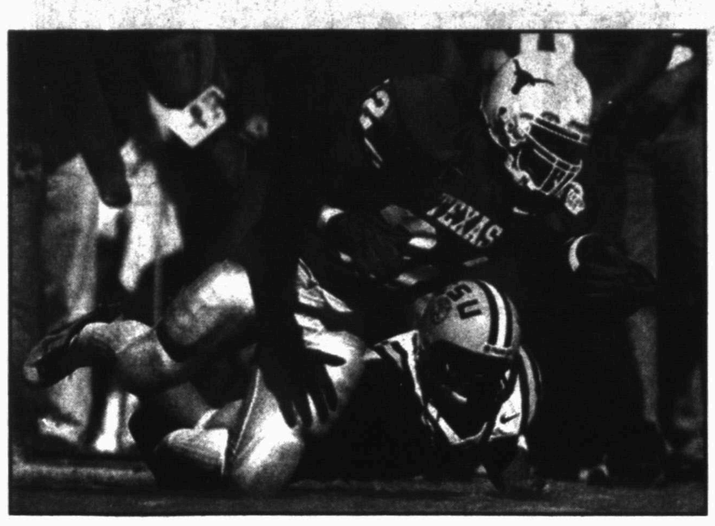

PULLING AWAY —Texas running back Cedric Benson (32) is tackled by Louisiana State's safety Jack Hunt in the second quarter after picking up 14 yards at the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas Wednesday. The Longhorns whipped LSU, 35-20. (AP Photo)

Williams' performance propels Texas to victory in Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — With Texas down by 10 points early, the comeback plan was simple: Get the ball to Roy Williams.

He turned a short slant into a 51-yard touchdown, went 75 yards after a leaping grab to set up another score and snaked 39 yards for a TD on an end around — a performance that rallied No. 9 Texas past LSU 35-20 Wednesday in the Cotton Bowl.

The Longhorns (11-2) trailed 17-7 three minutes into the second quarter, with the defense producing their lone score. The offense had gone nowhere on two possessions despite having all its top skill players healthy for the first time since the second game of the season.

Texas scored the next 28 points and would have had more if not for two missed field goals.

Chris Simms threw a touchdown pass to Roy Williams and an 8-yarder to Ivan Williams, and Cedric Benson had a 1-yard touchdown as the Longhorns broke a five-game losing streak in the Dallas area, including four in a row at the Cotton Bowl stadium.

The Longhorns finished with 382 yards against a defense that was allowing an average of 278.8 yards. Simms was 15-of-28 for 269 yards, also way above the 143 LSU was giving up, which was second-best in the country. Roy Williams had four catches for 142 yards in the game, which was sponsored by SBC.

Simms closed his Texas career with his 26th victory, tying Marty Akins for second best in school history. Befitting his star-crossed tenure, his final pass was intercepted — but it was his only turnover of the day.

The Longhorns have consecutive 11-win seasons for the first time and most likely will have consecutive Top 10 season finishes for the first time since 1977-78. It also was the 40th win for the Simms-led 1999 recruiting class that came in hailed as the nation's best.

For LSU (8-5), this was the second straight time a 17-7 lead was wasted. The Tigers were up by that score in the fourth quarter of a 21-20 loss to Arkansas in the season finale when a victory would have put them in the SEC championship. This loss ended a streak of five straight bowl wins.

Quarterback Marcus Randall led LSU to 10 first-quarter points against a defense that had allowed a national-best 16 in the quarter all season. His only mistake was fumbling when sacked by Cory Redding; linebacker Lee Jackson took the loose ball 46 yards for a touchdown, marking the longest fumble return in Cotton Bowl history.

Randall opened the second quarter with a 76-yard run that was the team's longest play of the season — one more than his famous desperation pass that beat Kentucky. Domanick Davis capped that drive with a 3-yard TD run.

Two plays later, the Roy Williams Show began.

On first down from the 49, Williams — a junior who already has said he plans to return for his senior season — shook cornerback Corey Webster at the line, caught a bullet pass in stride and ran away from the defense for an easy score.

The next time Simms threw to Williams, he made a nice catch in traffic and raced toward the end zone but was shoved out of bounds at the 5-yard line. Benson did the rest to put Texas up for good.

Both teams came out sluggish in the second half, and LSU seemed to grab the momentum when Davis ran for 44 yards on third-and-22 from the 8. But that drive ended with Randall fumbling, and Jackson again recovering.

After an 18-yard pass to Williams and a 17-yard run by Benson, Simms faked a handoff to Benson and slipped the ball to Williams coming from the left side. He weaved between defenders and avoided being hit until the 5, but it couldn't stop him from lunging across the goal line.

LSU got a field goal early in the fourth quarter and recovered an onside kick. But the Tigers couldn't score again.

It took 40 years, but Texas finally avenged a 13-0 loss to LSU in the 1963 Cotton Bowl, the last meeting between the schools.

Wolfpack dominates Notre Dame; Sooners, Bulldogs get easy victories

By The Associated Press

Georgia reached new heights in New Orleans, and Oklahoma rose to the occasion in Pasadena.

No such luck for Notre Dame, Mike Price and Larry Johnson — they simply got bowled over.

With MVP Musa Smith running for 145 yards, No. 4 Georgia set a school record for wins by beating No. 16 Florida State 26-13 Wednesday night in the Sugar Bowl.

In his second season with the Bulldogs (13-1), coach Mark Richt beat his former boss. Richt served 14 years on Bobby Bowden's staff at Florida State.

"I'm thankful for the victory," Richt said. "I'm just thankful to Bobby Bowden still. He's still the teacher."

MVP Nate Hybl threw two touchdown passes and Quentin Griffin ran for 144 yards and a score as No. 8 Oklahoma won in its first trip to the Rose Bowl, romping past Washington State 34-14.

"It's fairy tale-ish. It hasn't sunk in yet," Hybl said.

Hired two weeks ago by Alabama, Price stuck around for one last game as Washington State's coach. The seventh-ranked Cougars were held to a season-low 243 yards.

"It's not the way we wanted to end it, by any means," he said. "It's a disappointing way to finish."

"I'm sure I'll get my fair share of the blame for that, which is OK. I just wanted to do everything I could to help the team win."

A season that began with great promise for Notre Dame ended in its sixth straight bowl loss.

The No. 11 Irish were perplexed by the razzle-dazzle of North Carolina State, losing 28-6 in the Gator Bowl.

"It's still a very good season," first-year coach Tyrone Willingham said. "At the same time, we have to become accustomed to winning our last game, whether it's the regular season or a bowl game."

Johnson, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, had a disappointing day for No. 10 Penn State. He was held to only 72 yards on 20 carries as No. 19 Auburn won 13-9 in the Capital One Bowl.

Johnson later groused that the Nittany Lions' offense was "trying to be too cute" instead of just giving it to him.

"He can stay up there and be Penn State's savior if he wants," Tigers defensive end Reggie Torbor said. "At Auburn, he probably wouldn't play. He'd probably be on defense."

In other games, it was No. 22 Michigan 38, No. 12 Florida 30 in the Outback Bowl and No. 9 Texas 35, LSU 20 in the Cotton Bowl.

Southern California plays Iowa in the Orange Bowl on Thursday night, and Miami meets Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship on Friday night.

Sugar Bowl
No. 4 Georgia 26, No. 16 Florida State 13

At New Orleans, Bruce Thornton returned an interception for a score, backup quarterback D.J. Shockley threw a TD pass and Georgia stymied short-handed Florida State.

Billy Bennett added four field goals as the Bulldogs went conservative, throwing a season-low 15 passes.

With Adrian McPherson kicked off the team for allegedly stealing a check, and Chris Rix suspended after oversleeping and missing a final exam, Fabian Walker made his first start at quarterback for Florida State (9-5).

Walker threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, and the Seminoles turned to star receiver Anquan Boldin to replace Walker.

Rose Bowl
No. 8 Oklahoma 34, No. 7 Washington St. 14

At Pasadena, Calif., the Sooners shut down star quarterback Jason Gesser, intercepting two passes.

Oklahoma (12-2) led 27-0 midway through the fourth quarter behind Hybl and Griffin.

Hybl, like Griffin playing his final game, was 19-of-29 for 240 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Gator Bowl
No. 17 North Carolina St. 28, No. 11 Notre Dame 6

At Jacksonville, Fla., the Wolfpack completed the best season in school history behind Philip Rivers.

Rivers completed 13 consecutive passes as N.C. State (11-3) scored three touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a fumblerooski and another set up by a flea-flicker.

The Irish (10-3) lost quarterback Carlyle Holiday to a separated left shoulder on their second possession and lost their temper with three personal fouls.

Outback Bowl
No. 12 Michigan 38, No. 22 Florida 30

At Tampa, Fla., Chris Perry became the first player in Michigan's storied history to score four touchdowns in a bowl.

The junior tailback's last two touchdowns lifted the Wolverines (10-3) from a two-point deficit to a 35-23 lead in the third quarter.

Playing in possibly his last game for Florida (8-5), junior Rex Grossman threw for 323 yards and two scores.

Capital One Bowl
No. 19 Auburn 13, No. 10 Penn St. 9

At Orlando, Fla., Ronnie Brown scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 2:19 left to rally Auburn.

Brown ran 37 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns, and the Tigers (9-4) shut down Penn State (9-4).

Penn State's four losses came by a total of 20 points, as coach Joe Paterno failed to pad his NCAA record 20 bowl wins after a two-year postseason absence.

Parcells confirms hiring, but no announcement scheduled

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells thinks he's a perfect match for the Dallas Cowboys.

"It's a storied franchise, and I think it's a franchise that had a tradition of winning," Parcells said today on his weekly show for Sporting News Radio. "More than all of that, I'm convinced that the owner of the team wants to win and is willing to do what's necessary to at least attempt to do that. That's very important."

Parcells said he signed a four-year deal with the Cowboys to return to coaching. The team wasn't saying anything, though.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple wasn't immediately available today, but an assistant in his office insisted that no announcement was scheduled. Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, didn't return phone calls to The Associated Press.

Parcells hasn't coached since leaving the New York Jets after the 1999 season. He has been a studio analyst for ESPN.

"Quite frankly, I didn't anticipate that I'd be back in coaching," the 61-year-old Parcells said Thursday.

Even before firing coach Dave Campo on Monday, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones already had two long conversations with Parcells.

Citing an unidentified source, ESPN said Parcells' deal was for $17.1 million. The Dallas Morning News, quoting Sexton, reported the same figure.

The Cowboys have had three straight 5-11 seasons and are seven years removed from the last of their five Super Bowl championships. Parcells won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants.

Area teams open district Friday

Several local basketball teams will open district play Friday evening, as the most important part of the hoops season gets underway.

The Lady Tigers travel to Denver City to square off against the Lady Mustangs, with a 6:30 tip off scheduled.

Both Ira squads begin district by hosting Grady, with the ladies starting at 6:30 and the boys squaring off with the Wildcats at 8.

The Hermleigh boys and girls opened their district slates Dec. 20 against Loraine, and will get back into action against the Bulldogs at Trent Friday.

The Tigers play host to Andrews Tuesday at 8 p.m., then open district at home Jan. 10 against the Mustangs of Sweetwater.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet at 7 Monday night in the film room.

Gannon garners MVP

NEW YORK (AP) - Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon can add another honor to his record-setting season: NFL Most Valuable Player. Gannon edged three-time winner Brett Favre by four votes.

Millen, Mornhinweg to return to Lions

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Lions chief executive Matt Millen said that Marty Mornhinweg, with the blessing of team owner William Clay Ford Sr., would return as coach in 2003. Millen said Ford told him earlier that his job also was safe.

Since taking control of the team, the duo has led Detroit to a dismal 5-27 record in two seasons — its worst two-year run in franchise history — including an 0-16 record on the road.

McNabb to practice today

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb won't have to watch practices much longer.

The star quarterback will get a chance today to show the Philadelphia Eagles he's ready to return from an ankle injury that forced him to miss the last six games.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	23	9	.719	—
Boston	19	12	.613	3½
Philadelphia	19	12	.613	3½
Orlando	18	15	.545	5½
Washington	14	17	.452	8½
New York	11	17	.393	10
Miami	12	19	.387	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	23	8	.742	—
Detroit	20	10	.667	2½
New Orleans	18	15	.545	6
Milwaukee	13	18	.419	10
Atlanta	12	19	.387	11
Chicago	11	20	.355	12
Toronto	8	24	.250	15½
Cleveland	6	27	.182	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	25	5	.833	—
San Antonio	19	13	.594	7
Houston	17	13	.567	8
Utah	17	13	.567	8
Minnesota	17	14	.548	8½
Memphis	9	22	.290	16½
Denver	6	24	.200	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	23	9	.719	—
Phoenix	19	12	.613	3½
Portland	18	12	.600	4
Seattle	16	15	.516	6½
L.A. Lakers	13	19	.406	10
Golden State	12	18	.400	10
L.A. Clippers	12	19	.387	10½

Wednesday's Games

Miami 107, Atlanta 73
New York 95, Toronto 75

Thursday's Games

Washington at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 8 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Orleans at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	20	11	2	3	45	86	75
Philadelphia	17	10	8	1	43	82	77
Pittsburgh	15	15	3	5	38	109	115
N.Y. Islanders	16	16	5	0	37	98	106
N.Y. Rangers	15	20	5	1	36	99	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	23	9	5	0	51	120	83
Boston	21	11	4	1	47	115	92
Toronto	19	14	4	1	43	111	93
Montreal	16	14	5	3	40	104	114
Buffalo	8	22	5	2	23	79	106

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	17	13	5	3	42	113	107
Washington	18	16	3	2	41	103	109
Carolina	15	15	5	3	38	84	95
Florida	11	11	9	7	38	88	110
Atlanta	10	21	1	4	25	90	130

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Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	22	8	7	1	52	118	88
St. Louis	20	11	5	2	47	125	97
Chicago	18	13	6	0	42	86	82
Columbus	13	19	3	2	31	104	115
Nashville	10	18	6	4	30	79	106

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	22	11	5	0	49	121	97
Minnesota	20	11	7	1	48	104	89
Colorado	15	9	9	5	44	109	95
Edmonton	17	13	4	4	42	101	99
Calgary	11	18	6	3	31	78	105

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	20	10	9	1	50	119	79
Los Angeles	16	14	4	3	39	97	100
Anaheim	15	14	6	3	39	97	100
San Jose	15	15	4	3	37	103	112
Phoenix	14	16	6	3	37	100	117

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games

Phoenix 2, Washington 1, OT
Florida 2, New Jersey 1
Colorado 7, Nashville 3

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
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Hundreds to observe Presley's birthday

LOS FRESNOS (AP) — He's still the king in Los Fresnos.

Elvis Presley died more than 35 years ago, but his memory lives on twice a year in Los Fresnos, where Simon Vega, a resident who served with Elvis Presley in the Army, turned his home into a monument for the King of Rock 'n' Roll after Presley died on Aug. 16, 1977.

For years, "Little Graceland" has been a major attraction in Los Fresnos and the home of many parties in Elvis' honor.

Elvis sightings are expected this weekend in Los Fresnos. Hundreds of people are expected to gather Saturday at Little Graceland on the western edge of town off Highway 100, a few days before his birthday.

Elvis Aaron Presley was born Jan. 8, 1935, and for years Los Fresnos has held special observances twice a year around the time of the anniversaries of his birth and death.

For years, Little Graceland has been a major attraction in Los Fresnos.

"I think it's great," said Justice of the Peace Ramon Ortiz, the master of ceremonies during the last celebration of Elvis in August.

"The attendance seems to increase every year," Ortiz said for today's editions of The Brownsville Herald.

The semiannual Elvis celebrations bring a lot of business and publicity to Los Fresnos, said Dan Bodeaux, director of the Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.

"That's our national recognition," Badeaux said. "Los Fresnos is noted for that in Texas Monthly and a bunch of other travel magazines."

Mayor Tom Jones agreed.

"Elvis in Los Fresnos is one of those undiscovered treasures," Mayor Tom Jones said.

Vega sets up a stage in the back of Little Graceland for a performances by Elvis impersonators.

The second story of Vega's home has become a museum dedicated to Presley.

"There are things you wouldn't find in a normal exhibit, such as pictures with him (Vega) and pictures of Elvis when he wasn't performing," Bodeaux said.

Attorneys in tobacco litigation shower Sen. Hatch with campaign contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a history of deriding trial lawyers, incoming Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch has collected nearly $200,000 in campaign donations from a group of attorneys he helped in their battle for fees for suing the major tobacco companies.

Hatch twice went to bat for the group. In 1998, he helped fend off an attempt to cap attorneys' fees at $4,000 an hour. And in 2001, the Utah Republican testified on their behalf before a panel that awarded lawyers $1.25 billion for their work on a case related to California's tobacco suit.

A judge in New York threw out the award, but that decision is being appealed by the Castano Group, a coalition of attorneys, mostly from Louisiana, who specialize in class action lawsuits. They banded together in 1996 to take on the tobacco industry.

Celia Wexler, research director for the public interest group Common Cause, said the Castano Group's tactics seem to be a "road map" for influencing public policy. Most of their contributions to Hatch came within months of his advocacy on their behalf.

"We can't read people's minds or hearts," she said. "But what we can say is (this) is very much how you play the game in Washington."

But Kenneth M. Carter, a New Orleans attorney, said he worked on the tobacco litigation because his mother, a lifelong smoker, died of lung cancer, and he gave to Hatch because of the senator's stand on tobacco.

"I think the record will show that he was on the right side of the biggest public health issue we were involved in," Carter said.

"Senator Hatch does what is right and what he believes in no matter who contributes to him," Hatch spokeswoman Heather Barney said. "It's natural when someone agrees with Senator Hatch and the positions he takes that they would donate to him."

Overall, lawyers and law firms have been Hatch's top contributors since 1997, donating $457,782 to his campaigns, according to figures compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics. They also have given at least $132,000 more through a soft-money account. Minimal reporting requirements make pegging a precise figure difficult.

Hatch's contributions are small compared with the $9 million lawyers gave to Democratic senators since 2000. They gave $2.6 million to Republican senators.

But Hatch, who resumes the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee this month, is among the top Republican recipients of lawyers' contributions. Almost one-third of his donations have come from the Castano Group.

Barney and those familiar with Hatch's record say the Castano case is not indicative of his position on tort reform or issues of interest to lawyers.

"Sometimes he's been with them when they're right, but he also disagrees with them when they're wrong," she said.

The Castano Group pioneered tobacco litigation, filing class-action lawsuits in 26 states, including one on behalf of then-California Lt. Gov. Gray Davis that was related to California's state case.

The group has not won a case, although two are pending.

Churches in Texas getting fewer offerings

BEAUMONT — The ushers at Wesley United Methodist Church lately haven't gotten as much of a biceps workout as usual on Sundays.

A decline in coins, checks and bills has made the collection plates a bit lighter for the ushers, according to the Rev. Marty Vershel, the church's pastor.

"I think there's a lack of confidence in the economy," Vershel said of why people are more reserved in emptying their wallets, pockets and pocket books when the collection plate comes around. "How many people will wake up tomorrow and worry about not having a job?"

A decline in offerings has become a problem for churches throughout Southeast Texas, church leaders said.

Collections are crucial to a church's survival, they said. Donations pay bills, salaries, fund programs, buy supplies and help missions with collections.

The Rev. Bryan Brown at Port Arthur Temple Methodist Church blames the economy, not parishioners, for the financial struggle.

"At this church, we're just a flower growing in a pot," Brown said.

Church leaders said that pot is tighter than past year's, but they are not yet cutting programs.

Vershel, whose church attracts about 950 to Sunday services, said he has begun shaving from church spending to stay within his budget. The church has delayed buying new computers and depends on parishioners to bring candy and food to church events. In the past, the church provided these items, he said.

Vershel isn't the only church leader to find creative ways to save money.

At Port Arthur Temple Methodist Church, the Rev. Bryan Brown asks parishioners to groom the grounds rather than have the church pay professionals to do the work.

At Westgate Baptist Church in Beaumont, minister of administration Jeff Sandusky has learned the art of prioritizing. He won't skimp on utilities, but he's cutting down on church mailers, which save money on stamps and office supplies.

The Rev. Michael Jamail, vicar general of Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, said the diocese is looking to increase donations, although dire financial straits are nowhere near. In fact, parishioners surpassed a $1.3 million goal on the annual Bishop's Faith Appeal by donating $1.64 million.

The diocese managed to skirt a struggling economy and a much-publicized national sex scandal, Jamail said. The Boston diocese, where the Catholic sex scandal began, may declare bankruptcy because it is paying court settlements.

But in Southeast Texas, the money is flowing. Jamail credited faithful parishioners and open accounting for the proceeds.

Catholics typically give less money to their church than the average Protestant, according to an expert on the matter.

Charles Zech, professor at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, said the typical Protestant gives 2.2 percent of their salary to the church, while Catholics give only 1.1 percent.

To keep up with the Protestants, the Beaumont diocese launched the Stewardship and Development Office about four years ago to publicize the faith appeal, seek grants and ask people for funding.

Some churches use mailers to remind members of their financial promises.

At First United Methodist Orange, where pledges are down this year, financial secretary Norma Smith said the church tries to beef up giving by sending out notices every three months. The notices let members know how much they pledged, how much they have paid and how much they still owe, Smith said.

With help from the generous holiday season, Smith expected the church to meet budget.

The Rev. James Fuller at Calder Baptist Church in Beaumont also sends out quarterly notices to his parishioners. Apparently, those gentle reminders are working. Collections were up 8 percent over last year at Calder Baptist, Fuller said.

In addition, the church is receiving donations on its $2.75 million remodeling projects. Fuller believes one of those projects, a life-size statue of Jesus washing Peter's feet, reminds his congregation to give.

"The sculpture epitomizes our congregation, and calls on Christians to serve one another," he said.

Fuller believes the tithe — 10 percent of income — should be a guide to his parishioners, but he lets every member make their own financial choices.

"For some people it represents a sacrifice; for others it represents a starting point," he said.

Professor Zech said that 20 percent of the average congregation gives 80 percent of the budget. From his studies, people older than 65 years give the largest percentage of their income, but people ages 35 to 50 give the most money.

Leaders at the churches struggling to bolster offerings said they are not panicked about the decline. Vershel of Wesley United said that if the financial situation grew desperate, he could always be more aggressive about asking congregation members for support.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Sinatra supporter seeks scion

Q: Can you please give me Nancy Sinatra's address? I want her to know how much her dad meant to me, and that, in my heart, he will never be forgotten. I have a collection of memorabilia of her dad, and I would like to send her a photo from my collection. — J.B., Porterville, Calif.

A: Sinatra's fan club address is 7215 Williams Road, Lansing, MI 48911. If you have Internet access, you can visit her Web site at www.nancysinatra.com.

Q: A couple of years ago, I bought a copy of a European miniseries called "The Kingdom." The problem is that the two tapes tell only half the story. "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide" makes mention of a "Kingdom Part II." I've tried Critics Choice and Movies Unlimited, plus local outlets, and nobody can tell me anything about the second part. What's the story? Does the second part exist? How do I find it? — J.V., Saginaw, Mich.

A: "The Kingdom II" does exist, but you won't be able to buy a copy through any retail outlets. You might be able to find it at an online auction site if you're persistent, and you can rent it through an online video rental store called Rick's Video. The film is better known by its Danish title, "Riget II." Visit www.ricksvideo.com for rates, or call (724) 838-1401. The store is in Pennsylvania.

Q: Last spring, there was a Disney movie on television called "The Ugly Stepsister," starring Stockard Channing. I would like to purchase it. Can you help? — J.M., Anderson, S.C.

A: Sorry, but "Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister" isn't available on VHS or DVD. If that changes, I'll let you know.

Q: A friend of mine bet me $2 that the "Friday the 13th" horror-movie series became a television show. I said, "You're kidding." How long was it on, and what became of the actors who starred in it? — D.A., Bakersfield, Calif.

A: You've just become $2 richer. Don't spend it all in one place.

There was a TV series called "Friday the 13th," but it had no connection to the movies. It ran from 1987 to 1990 and chronicled the adventures of antique-store owners trying to recover cursed items. John LeMay starred from 1987 to 1989. Last year, he appeared in a movie called "Three Shots." Of the show's other stars, Louise Robey is a musician and Steve Monarque recently wrote and starred in a play called "That's Life."

Q: I can't remember the name of this TV movie, but did John Ritter of "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter" and James Belushi of "According to Jim" play CIA agents in an action comedy? What year did this movie come out? — G.S., Hanford, Calif.

A: The name of the movie is "Real Men." It was released in theaters, not on television, in 1987, and it starred Belushi as a CIA agent and Ritter as a father who gets caught up in the plot.

TRIVIA: John Ritter is the son of country-music star Tex Ritter.

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MarathonOil	21.56	21.33	21.56	+ .27
MayDeptStr	23.95	23.17	23.79	+ .81
Medtronic	46.26	45.56	46.20	+ .60
Motorola	9.11	8.65	9.10	+ .45
NCR Corp	24.00	23.50	23.99	+ .25
Navistar	25.25	24.04	25.09	+ .78
PNM Rescs	23.37	23.05	23.26	— .56
Penney JC	23.70	23.00	23.50	+ .49
PepBoys	12.10	11.64	12.00	+ .40
PepsiCo	43.19	42.12	42.97	+ .75
Pharmacia	42.65	41.80	42.55	+ .75
PhelpDodge	32.99	31.68	32.99	+ 1.34
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Praxair	59.24	57.95	58.86	+ 1.09
ProctGamb	87.49	86.01	87.00	+ 1.06
RadioShack	19.51	19.16	19.34	+ .60
RoyalDut	45.00	44.38	44.90	+ .88
SBC Comm	28.44	27.72	28.29	+ 1.18
SaraLee	23.00	22.69	22.98	+ .47
Scripps EW	79.00	77.02	78.78	+ 1.83
SearsRoeb	24.68	23.86	24.56	+ .61
SherwinW	29.25	28.40	28.96	+ .71
SouthernCo	28.80	28.54	28.68	+ .29
SwstAirl	14.11	13.83	14.05	+ .15
SprintFON	14.98	14.55	14.84	+ .36
SprintPCS	4.63	4.38	4.54	+ .16
Sunoco Inc	33.57	33.09	33.49	+ .31
TXU Corp	18.92	18.68	18.80	+ .12
TempleInland	46.35	44.68	46.20	+ 1.39
TexInd	25.20	24.61	25.10	+ .80
TexasInst	15.46	15.02	15.42	+ .41
Textron	44.77	43.10	44.69	+ 1.70
TrinityInds	19.20	18.90	19.19	+ .23
TylerTech	4.12	3.96	4.01	— .16
UnionPacif	61.19	59.67	61.06	+ 1.19
USSteel	13.95	13.12	13.81	+ .69
UnitedTech	63.72	62.00	62.98	+ 1.04
Unocal	31.11	30.62	31.11	+ .53
VerizonComm	39.94	39.07	39.72	+ .97
WalMart	51.58	50.52	51.55	+ 1.04
WellsFargo	48.10	47.05	48.09	+ 1.22
WstnGasRs	37.20	36.70	37.19	+ .34
WinnDixie	16.04	15.28	16.01	+ .73
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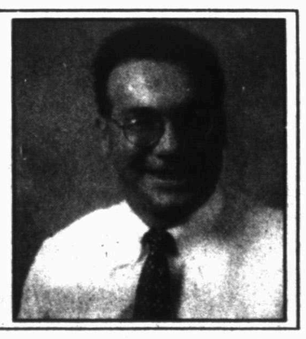

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for January, 2003

* Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.

* Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it is fun to page through the garden catalogs.

* Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias, and impatiens should be sown in early January. Warm temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and periwinkles, should be sown in late January or early February.

* Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.

* Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.

* Select and order gladiolus corms for February/March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.

* Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworm pounches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch, and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring to begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.

* The life of the plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the soil moist, but provide drainage so that excess moisture can flow from the pot. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60 to 65 degrees F.

* Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

* When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4 to 6 feet) are usually faster to become established and more effective in the landscape than the large sizes.

* Hold off on pruning bush roses until February or early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying, and weak canes. Leave 4 to 8 healthy canes, and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.

* Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.

* When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches; then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes of stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only; and last, shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

* Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

* Climbing roses should be trained but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now prevents damage from winter winds, and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-blooming shrub roses.

Frist aids victims of accident

MIAMI (AP) — Sen. Bill Frist, a surgeon who has been tapped as the Senate's next majority leader, helped paramedics and off-duty firefighters tend to five survivors of an accident that killed an 11-year-old girl on a Florida highway.

The Republican lawmaker stopped minutes after the rollover accident Wednesday, helping stabilize the survivors until paramedics arrived.

Frist was about 35 miles from Miami and heading to a family vacation home when a sport utility vehicle going in the other direction rolled over, throwing out all six passengers. A police report said the girl was killed at the scene.

"The Senate majority leader was really instrumental in helping us treat the victims," said Broward Fire-Rescue Assistant Chief Todd Leduc.

The victims were transported to hospitals after about 30 minutes. Three of them were in critical condition early today, and the other two were in fair condition.

"As a doctor, my first instincts are to help, and I was privileged to offer my assistance today at the scene of this horrible accident," the Tennessee senator said.

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Grant writing workshop set

A grant writing workshop will be held in Spur on Jan. 22-23. The workshop is sponsored by the Big Country, Four Winds RC&D and Wes-Tex RC&D areas. The two-day workshop will carry participants through general grant writing basics all the way to writing, editing and submitting applications for grant funds.

The two-day training program will be instructed by Al Cogburn, a 29-year veteran in public education. Cogburn has hands on experience in managing block grants for amounts ranging from $250,000 to $1,000,000.

Since 1990 he has written 43 successful competitive federal, state and foundation applications totaling more than $17 million. Cogburn is currently under contract with 15 school districts and charter schools for special programs planning, implementation and evaluation which includes grant writing. He is also currently working with two Texas counties on special programs and projecting planning, implementation, management, and evaluation. Each of these contracts includes grant planning writing, facilitation, management and evaluation.

The workshop will be held at the South Plains Electric Cooperative just west of Spur on FM 836. The two-day program will begin each day at 9 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is $100, after Jan. 15 it is $115. The registration fee covers only the course content. Each participant will be on his or her own for meals and lodging. The workshop is limited to the first 25 registered applicants.

Lodging is available at the Spur Inn Bed & Breakfast in Spur at 806-271-3940 or the Double H Motel in Dickens at 806-623-5512.

Interest individuals should contact the 4 Winds RC&D at 940-658-3680 or the Andrew Kent Soil and Water Conservation District in Jayton at 806-237-2624.

SWCD Report

Eastern Red Cedar

Please don't confuse this tree with the redberry and blueberry juniper we have in this area. The Eastern redcedar is an evergreen with a comical shape and will branch to the ground. It can reach heights of 25 to 50 feet at maturity. It's leaf color ranges from a deep green in the summer to purple with rust-colored tips during the winter.

This evergreen has many advantages. For starters, it grows well in shallow and alkali soils. Eastern red cedar is drought and cold tolerant, plus is relatively disease and insect free. The tree's growth pattern provides good escape and nesting cover for several species of birds.

A couple of words of caution about the eastern red cedar are in order. The leaves (needles) are prickly, and this variety can be hard on people with hay fever problems.

For more information about the eastern red cedar or any of the other varieties, call or come by the Upper Colorado Soil & Water District Office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway, 915-573-6317.

Ag conference is slated in Lamesa

"A direct result of producer requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMPs (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts and other crops," says Greg Gruben, county Extension agent for Scurry County.

This conference will be held Monday, Jan. 20, in the Dawson County Annex building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is $15 if paid by Jan. 16. After Jan. 16, the registration fee will be $20.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

PUT IN THE BIG ROCKS FIRST!

In "First Things First," Stephen Covey tells a story that one of his associates heard at a seminar. The seminar presenter pulled out a wide-mouth gallon jar and placed it next to a pile of fist-sized rocks. After filling the jar to the top with rocks, he asked, "Is the jar full?"

The group replied, "Yes."

He then got some gravel from under the table and added it to the jar. The speaker jiggled the jar until the gravel filled the spaces between the rocks. Again, he asked, "Is the jar full?"

This time, the group replied, "Probably not."

The speaker then added some sand and asked, "Is the jar full?"

"No!" shouted the group.

Finally, the speaker filled the jar to the brim with water and asked the group the point of this illustration.

Someone replied that you could always fit more things into your life if "you really work at it."

"No!," countered the speaker. The point is, if you don't put the big rocks in first," ...would you ever have gotten any of them in?"

As you start the new year, think of the "big rocks" in your life as the things you can do to make this a healthier and happier year for yourself and others.

Some big rocks might be:

* exercising more often;
* eating additional calcium foods;
* trying some new vegetables;
* getting more sleep;
* starting to lift weights;
* spending added time with family and friends;
* doing volunteer work in your community;
* reading inspirational literature.

As you make decisions during the moments, days and months of the year ahead, ask: "Is this a big rock?"

Quickie Quiz

Which activity looks like a big rock to you?

1. Watching a rerun of a less-than-favorite TV show OR taking a walk with a friend or family member.

2. Checking your e-mail every few minutes OR writing a letter of praise/thanks to a co-worker or friend.

3. Giving your thumb a workout with the TV remote control OR lifting some heavier weights to benefit your total body.

4. Spending your time "crawling the mall" OR enriching your cuisine by learning how to prepare a healthy vegetable.

5. Doing that "one more thing" on a night you're extremely tired OR going to bed and getting a good night's sleep.

6. Screaming at other drivers when you're stuck in heavy traffic OR putting a symphony on the tape player and thinking "life's too short to be uselessly angry."

7. Trying to follow a "if it tastes good, spit it out" diet OR going on a treasure hunt for recipes for lower fat and calorie treats.

As you make choices this year, say "yes" to your "big rocks" first. Don't feel you need to explain each "no" when the smaller gravel and sand try to fill your time.

"No" can be a complete sentence!

Fatal shooting is called accidental

POTH (AP) — A 23-year-old Pleasanton man was fatally shot following a hunting excursion, Wilson County sheriff's deputies said.

Leroy Felix Grollimund Jr. died outside a closed country store west of Poth on Wednesday morning before help could arrive, officials said.

Julio Arguijo, 29, the victim's brother-in-law, said a 30.06 bolt-action deer rifle discharged about 8 a.m. as he was retrieving it from a toolbox, striking Grollimund in the groin as the two men stood beside their pickup truck.

The two drove immediately to a country store six miles away for help, but it was too late, Arguijo said.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 12/30/01	LAST WEEK 12/23/02	THIS WEEK 12/30/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.51	17.39	17.37
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	18,803	18,482	18,443
PERCENT FULL	9.37	9.21	9.19
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.50	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 12/30/01	LAST WEEK 12/23/02	THIS WEEK 12/30/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	44.00	37.71	37.62
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	54,587	35,327	35,091
PERCENT FULL	10.55	6.83	6.78
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 12/30/01	LAST WEEK 12/23/02	THIS WEEK 12/30/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	31.77	27.88	27.79
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	256,216	214,910	214,026
PERCENT FULL	46.22	38.77	38.61
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 12/23/02 12/17/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 12/30/02 12/24/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 12/30/02 12/24/02
BIG SPRING	3,713,857	3,630,000	4,270,000
ODESSA	11,484,714	11,627,000	13,130,000
SNYDER	1,556,571	1,450,571	1,679,000
MIDLAND	14,043,143	13,165,429	16,172,000
SAN ANGELO	8,120,000	7,597,429	9,070,000
STANTON	103,571	100,429	135,000

Bioterrorism director seeks delay in giving smallpox vaccinations

FORT WORTH (AP) — Concerned about costs, the state's bioterrorism expert says the inoculation of 400,000 Texans against smallpox should not happen for at least six months.

Texas would have to spend about $40 million in a second round of vaccinations to inoculate 400,000 emergency workers who volunteer for the shots, said Dennis Perrotta, the state's bioterrorism director.

About 40,000 front-line health care workers will be inoculated during the first round of vaccinations, set to begin in late January. The second round will include health care, law enforcement, emergency medical service and fire department workers.

State officials don't know where that money will come from or what to expect from the vaccinations, which can cause life-threatening reactions.

"I've been asking for at least six months, but I don't know how long we will get," Perrotta said.

The state will already have to redirect federal bioterrorism grant money to pay the $4 million cost of the first round of inoculations.

That will probably siphon off funds that should be used to improve other bioterrorism preparedness efforts, health officials said.

"If all the money goes for smallpox, then things that the money was originally appropriated for, like improvements in disease surveillance and early detection, will get set aside," said Patrick Libbey, executive director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

But should Texas move into the second round, "There is no way a simple redirection of funds will allow us to do that," Perrotta said. "The resources that will have to be available will not be in anyone's hands."

State health officials say they hope a delay would allow time for more bioterrorism funding for states to be included by Congress in a new appropriations bill. They also say that by studying what happens during the first round, they can do a better job in the second.

Officials from several states asked for a delay in the second round in December while testifying before a committee of the Institute of Medicine, which is studying smallpox inoculation plans, Libbey said.

Health workers inoculated in the first round are those who vaccinate others, investigate or control a possible smallpox outbreak, or are at hospitals where possible cases will be diagnosed and treated.

No start date has been set for the second round, but concerns are being discussed between U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials and health care organizations nationwide, said Paula Stieb, a spokeswoman for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

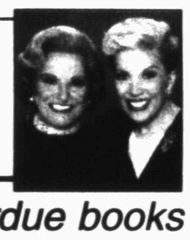
Officials must determine who would assume liability in case the smallpox vaccine makes the spouse or relative of a health care worker sick, how people would be compensated if they have an adverse reaction to the vaccine, and who would pay for the cost of administering the vaccine to such a large number of first responders.

Hospital administrators also have questions about absenteeism because of the vaccine.

Between one-fifth and one-third of the people who are immunized are expected to have adverse reactions, and 15 to 42 of every million people vaccinated will suffer life-threatening complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Rewards of reading outweigh late fees for overdue books

DEAR ABBY: Thank you on behalf of librarians everywhere for your commonsense reply to the question of who should pay for the overdue library book the 7-year-old granddaughter lost.

I know what a thrill it is for children to check out books from their local libraries, but when those children forget where they placed them, forget the due dates or lose those books forever, it can be a problem for everyone.

Parents and grandparents should keep track of all books checked out on the family library cards, because the fines accumulate in a hurry. Arguing over who is responsible can send the claim to collections, with added fines.

Those who grumble about fines on their cards should remember how much it would cost if they had to buy every book they wanted to read instead of borrowing them from the public library. — **DENISE VILANDRE, HURON, S.D.**

DEAR DENISE: Indeed. Even with library discounts, the cost of restocking our libraries is considerable. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 7, 1968, a man named Richard Dodd returned an overdue library book to the University of Cincinnati. His great-grandfather had checked out the volume in 1823.

Although he did not have to pay the fine, the library computed the fine — and it would have totaled $22,646. — **FRANK IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR FRANK: In another 145 years it could have added up to some REAL money! **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: That grandmother should have used this experience as a "fun" and instructive opportunity to show her grandchild the due date, mark it on the calendar and return the book together — BEFORE it was overdue. It would have provided a valuable lesson to the child, based on positive role modeling. — **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR TEACHER: You're right. Children learn by example.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for putting in a good word for libraries, and for exposing children to them.

During World War II, my first library was a very small room on the upper floor of the old Grange Hall in the little village of Savona, N.Y. Since it was close to my home, I was allowed to go there alone and choose my own books, even before I went to school. My family would read the stories to me.

Those trips to the library were magical. I bless the people who established that small library. Parents, please love your children enough to take them to your local library, and read to them! — **HELEN I. FRANCIS, SILVER CITY, N.M.**

DEAR HELEN: You have made a good point. It reminds me of a stanza from a wonderful poem, "The Reading Mother," by Strickland Gillilan, that has appeared in this column a number of times:

"You may have tangible wealth untold,
"Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
"Richer than I you can never be —
"I had a mother who read to me."

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Child/parent sleeping arrangement is not wise

DEAR DR. GOTT: My four-year-old grandson sleeps with his mother every night and has done so since infancy. Now he refuses to sleep by himself. Please detail any psychological damage caused by this practice.

DEAR READER: To my knowledge, there have been no scientific studies documenting emotional harm to children who sleep with their parents; therefore, I cannot "detail" any drawbacks. However, I believe that such an arrangement is not in the best interests of the child or the parent.

There may be a cultural phenomenon in operation here. In my generation, children slept by themselves; this was considered to be normal and appropriate. In contrast, parents in the new generation behave differently. They sleep with their children and are much less likely to set boundaries for their youngsters. The playpen, for instance, was a vital accessory 30 years ago, but modern parents, for a variety of reasons, refuse to use it. Predictably, toddlers who consistently run free require much more supervision, a task that places a huge stress on parents of any age. Similarly, the child who sleeps with a parent limits adult activities, and the fun really starts when, at long last, the child has to be transplanted to his or her own bed. Withdrawal, anger, frustration and insecurity inevitably follow — all of which could have been prevented if the procedure had taken place years before when the child was in a more malleable state.

Just like older children, preschoolers need to learn that they don't run the show. Reasonable limits need to be set, appropriate behavior consistently encouraged, and parents must structure the family so that grownups can have some privacy and quality time for themselves.

In my view, your grandson's mother should bite the bullet and insist that he sleep alone. While such a change may cause unhappiness for a time, it will be well worth the tribulation as the child develops.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: In the past, you have referred to "microfauna." I want to call your attention to the fact that "fauna" is animal, "flora" is plant. Bacteria are plants. Comments?

DEAR READER: To the average practicing physician who doesn't want to split hairs, bacteria are not fauna or flora; they're little critters, invisible to the naked eye. They may cause illness, provide constant and unpredictable medical challenges and enable huge drug companies to enjoy enormous profits from the sale of antibiotics.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several of my friends are taking green leaves of barley with ground brown rice and kelp for more energy, better sleep habits and improved respiration. What do you think of this remedy?

DEAR READER: This sounds like a reasonable dietary supplement, rich in vitamins and fiber. However, I doubt that it will produce the beneficial effects you mention.

People perennially hope to discover a magic combination of foods that will cure mankind's ailments and cheat the ravages of aging. But the barley/rice/kelp combo won't do it. Nonetheless, it is not harmful, as far as I know.

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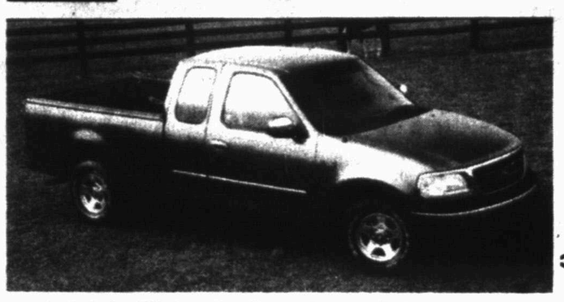

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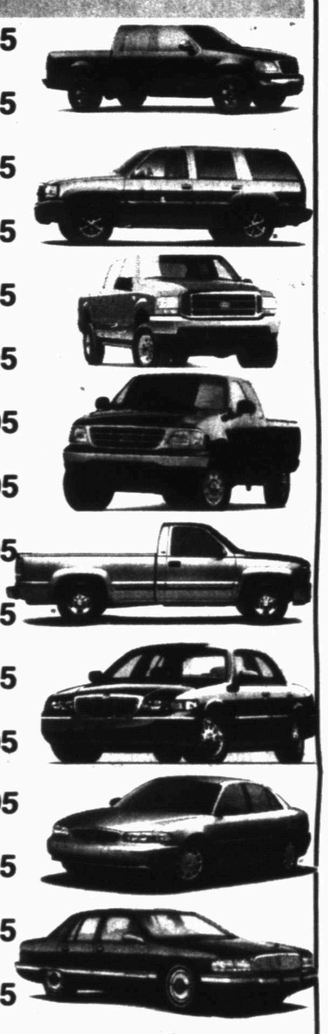

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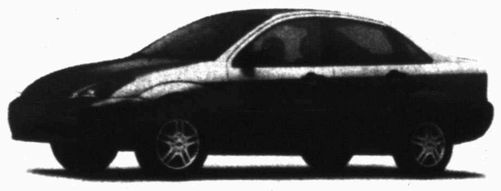

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Israel asked to freeze exports to China

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States has asked Israel to suspend sales of military equipment to China over concerns that the technology could be used to threaten Taiwan, officials and the media said today.

Israeli government officials were surprised by the U.S. request but had to comply in order not to jeopardize Washington's massive defense assistance program to Israel, the Haaretz daily said.

Two years ago, Israel pulled out of a deal to supply China with a sophisticated airborne radar system after the Pentagon warned that the early warning planes could be used in an armed conflict with Taiwan. Israel was forced to pay $350 million as compensation after it canceled the contract.

Beijing considers Taiwan a rebellious province and wants it to reunite with China. An improvement in China's military capabilities could intimidate Taiwan into agreeing to integration on Beijing's terms or help conquer it if peaceful means fail.

Military ties between Israel and China have grown quickly over the past decade, and Haaretz said some Israeli officials believe the real reason for Washington's opposition stemmed from the fact that U.S. defense companies were trying to break into China's market and wanted to eliminate their Israeli competitors.

An official at the U.S. Embassy, while refusing to confirm that Israel has been asked to suspend the sales, noted that "the sale of military equipment to China affects the strategic interests of the United States. The government of Israel knows that."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said talks between Israel and Washington on the issue have been going on for some time.

Rachel Niedak-Ashkenazi, a spokeswoman for the Israeli Defense Ministry, would not comment directly on the suspension. "Periodically, concrete issues arise that require more discussion between ourselves and China and between ourselves and the United States," she said.

U.S.-China military relations have been steadily improving after traveling a rocky road during the past decade. The two sides are currently finalizing an agreement on resuming military exchanges, reached during a summit between Chinese President Jiang Zemin and President Bush last month.

In November, a U.S. battle group led by the aircraft carrier USS Constellation arrived in Hong Kong for a four-day port call, and a U.S. destroyer visited the port of Qingdao. It was the first port call to mainland China by a U.S. warship since military ties were ruptured following the collision of a Navy spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet in April 2001.

American will lay off more than 400 workers this month

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines, looking to cut costs aggressively, has notified state officials that it plans to lay off 415 workers in mid-January.

The layoffs will cover 218 fleet-service clerks and 197 airport agents and representatives at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the airline said in a letter to the Texas Workforce Commission.

American quietly notified the commission of the cuts in early December, at about the same time a union disclosed that American would lay off 400 flight attendants in February. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the letter Tuesday.

The layoffs of 415 clerks and agents would take effect Jan. 18, the airline told the commission. It cited "severe economic conditions" in the airline industry.

"Although we have made some progress and continue to look for ways in which to manage through this crisis, we, like the rest of the industry, are a long way from turning the corner to financial health and stability," the company said in a letter to commission chairwoman Diane Rath.

Fort Worth-based American, the world's largest carrier, has about 112,000 employees but needs fewer of them because it has been cutting flights to save money.

The airline said in November that it would cut North American capacity another 3.3 percent by next March, leaving it with 18.6 percent less passenger capacity than in March 2001, before the terrorism attacks and the full effect of the weak economy were felt.

Chairman Donald J. Carty has said the company is about halfway to its goal of cutting $4 billion from annual costs. It has mothballed planes, canceled orders for new jets and tried to impose new fees on travelers.

In August, the company announced 7,000 layoffs. In December, it also asked employees to give up pay raises they are due in 2003, which would save $130 million.

Union leaders said they wanted to inspect the company's financial records before members voted on the pay freeze, and they predicted the airline would soon seek larger concessions.

American officials did not immediately return calls Tuesday.

American's parent company, AMR Corp., lost nearly $3 billion in the first nine months of 2002. The major U.S. airlines were expected to lose about $9 billion during the year.

They have struggled to cope with a cutback in business travel and competition from low-fare carriers and cheaper Internet fares.

Two-vehicle major accident investigated

Accidents

9-1-1 dispatchers received several calls at 5 p.m. Wednesday reporting a two-vehicle major accident on Hwy. 350 south of Snyder.

Involved were a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Eric Dickerhoff of Snyder and a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Jimmy Layne of Snyder.

Both drivers and Emma Louise Layne, a passenger in the Layne vehicle, were transported to Cogdell Hospital and admitted for observation.

Dickerhoff was discharged this morning and both Laynes remained hospitalized in stable condition.

DPS trooper Terry Snyder filed an offense report for a two-vehicle major accident. Both vehicles were traveling south on 350.

Snyder officers responded to a minor accident in the United parking lot at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Involved were a 1985 Chevrolet coupe driven by Richard Ruiz, 78, of 1809 19th Street and a 1996 Ford Windstar driven by Larry Settles, 45, of 2549 CR 1141. No injuries were reported.

Arrest

DPS troopers arrested a 27-year-old man on U.S. 84 just before 8 p.m. Wednesday on outstanding warrants.

Theft

Larry Carrisalez requested an officer at his residence on 20th Street Wednesday morning to report the theft of magazines. An officer was dispatched, but Carrisalez advised he would check with family members first to see if they took the magazines.

Fight

A woman on CR 151 requested a deputy at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday because her two sons were fighting. The men had separated when the deputy arrived and everything was in order.

Criminal mischief

A man reported that a window had been broken at his residence on Dec. 28 and requested Wednesday that a report be filed. Officers were dispatched to the home and submitted an offense report for Class B criminal mischief.

Close patrol

A woman in the 400 block of 36th Street Wednesday reported damage to her mailbox and an unknown object also struck a neighbor's box. No report was requested and officers advised a close patrol would be maintained.

A man reported a suspicious subject walking in the 100 block of 20th Place at 1:17 this morning and requested a close patrol of the area.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $26 at 11:50 a.m. Wednes-

Obituaries

Raquel Bênson

1975-2002

Raquel Renee Alvarado Benson of Snyder died Monday, Dec. 30, in Scott & White Medical Center in Temple after a lengthy illness.

Funeral mass for Mrs. Benson, 27, is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Raquel Benson

Rosary will be held at 8 this evening at the funeral home.

She was born on April 19, 1975 in Rotan.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Ann Victoria Aguilar of Snyder; two sons, Adrian Miguel Angel Aguilar and Danny James Lopez, both of Snyder; her mother, Victoria Aguilar of Waco; her father, Roy Ovalle of Houston; a sister, Melissa Alvarado of Waco; and a nephew, Abraham Jacob Alvarado of Waco.

Morine Starnes

1917-2002

ODESSA — Morine Starnes, 85, former Snyder resident, died Dec. 25, in the Casa Del Sol Nursing Home in Las Cruces, N.M.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.

Mrs. Starnes was born on Feb. 8, 1917 in Cleburne. A homemaker and Baptist, she moved to Odessa from Snyder in 1946.

Survivors include her son, John Keith Starnes of Las Cruces, N.M.; three sisters, Nellie Bunch of Colorado City, Ruth Maedgen of Mesquite and Mattie Belle Haney of New Iberia, La.; two grandchildren; and a niece, Anita Brown, and a sister-in-law, Beulah Starnes, both of Snyder.

George Crabb

1911-2003

COLORADO CITY — George E. Crabb, 91, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, in a Sweetwater hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Crabb is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Capital Parks Cemetery in Austin. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 23, 1911 in Hamilton County, he married Alpha Carter on Dec. 27, 1937. She preceded him in death.

A U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, Mr. Crabb had been a resident of Colorado City since 1963. He was a Baptist and was retired from Sun Oil Co.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Ernest Naegele

1924-2002

MONAHANS — Ernest Naegele, the father of Ernie Naegele of Snyder, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Service for Mr. Naegele, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the St. John's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 10, 1924 in Ruidoso, N.M., Mr. Naegele was a maintenance worker for the City of Monahans where he had lived the past 33 years. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Survivors include three other sons, Efran Naegele of Monahans and David and Robby Naegele, both of Odessa; six daughters, Nancy Alexander of Raleigh, N.C., Mary Naegele, Elizabeth Punnara and Dale Jones, all of Odessa, Delma Wehmeyer of Midland and Nona Naegele of Allen; four brothers, Robert and Alfredo Naegele, both of Monahans, and Frank and Conrado Naegele, both of Hobbs, N.M.; five sisters, Petra Pena of Grand Junction, Colo., Avelina Orono, Juana McCann and Irene Israel, all of Odessa, Delma Wehmeyer of Midland and Nona Naegele of Allen; four brothers, Robert and Alfredo Naegele, both of Monahans, and Frank and Conrado Naegele, both of Hobbs, N.M.; five sisters, Petra Pena of Grand Junction, Colo., Avelina Orono, Juana McCann and Irene Israel, all of Hobbs, and Cruz Sanchez of Carlsbad, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 1/3	Sat 1/4	Sun 1/5
61/31	61/31	64/34
Sunny skies. High 61F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 5:50 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 5:51 PM	Sunrise 7:47 AM, Sunset 5:52 PM

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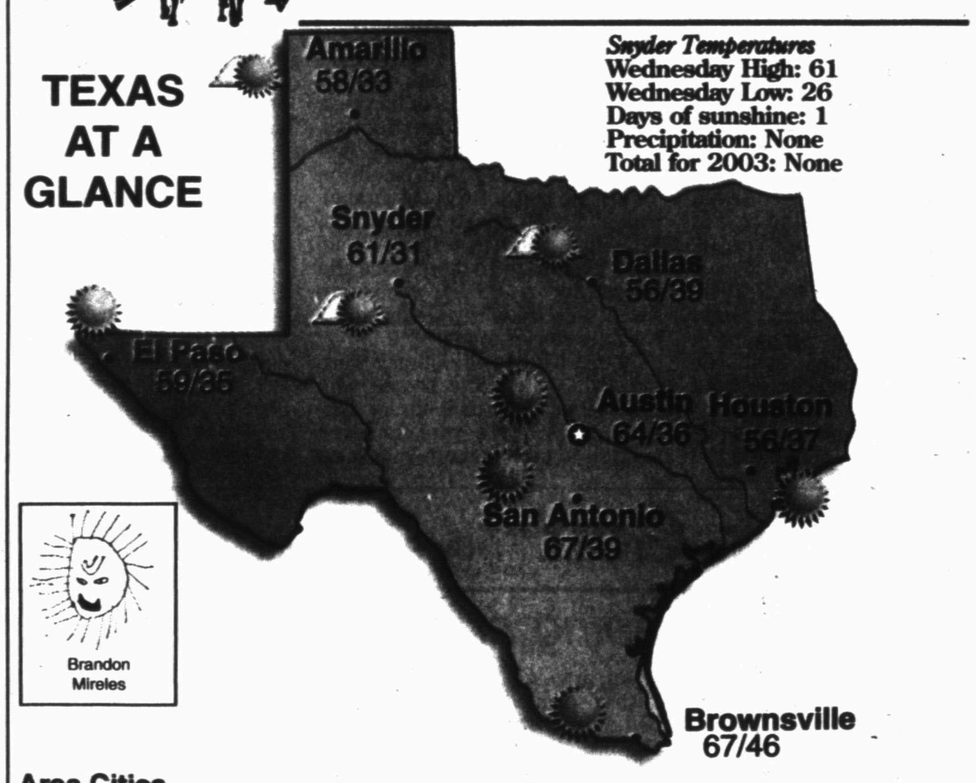

Snyder Temperatures
Wednesday High: 61
Wednesday Low: 26
Days of sunshine: 1
Precipitation: None
Total for 2003: None

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	38	sunny	El Paso	59	35	sunny	Midland	63	35	sunny
Amarillo	58	33	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	65	37	sunny	Raymondville	65	41	sunny
Austin	64	36	sunny	Gainesville	53	31	sunny	Rosenberg	56	37	sunny
Beaumont	54	35	sunny	Greenville	53	32	sunny	San Antonio	67	39	sunny
Brownsville	67	46	sunny	Houston	56	37	sunny	San Marcos	65	37	sunny
Brownwood	64	34	sunny	Kingsville	64	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	33	sunny
Corpus Christi	62	43	sunny	Livingston	55	32	sunny	Sweetwater	63	34	mst sunny
Corsicana	56	36	sunny	Longview	53	31	sunny	Tyler	55	38	sunny
Dallas	56	39	mst sunny	Lubbock	62	33	sunny	Weatherford	59	32	sunny
Del Rio	69	41	sunny	Lufkin	55	34	sunny	Wichita Falls	62	36	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	38	24	cloudy	Houston	56	37	sunny	Phoenix	73	48	mst sunny
Boston	35	31	snow	Los Angeles	76	54	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	52	cloudy
Chicago	33	21	pt sunny	Miami	75	50	rain	Seattle	49	46	rain
Dallas	56	39	mst sunny	Minneapolis	34	25	pt sunny	St. Louis	34	25	pt sunny
Denver	59	32	pt sunny	New York	36	32	mixed	Washington, DC	40	35	mixed

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 2	Jan 10	Jan 18	Jan 25

UV Index

Fri 1/3	Sat 1/4	Sun 1/5
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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