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At ATE building...

Bomb threat made today

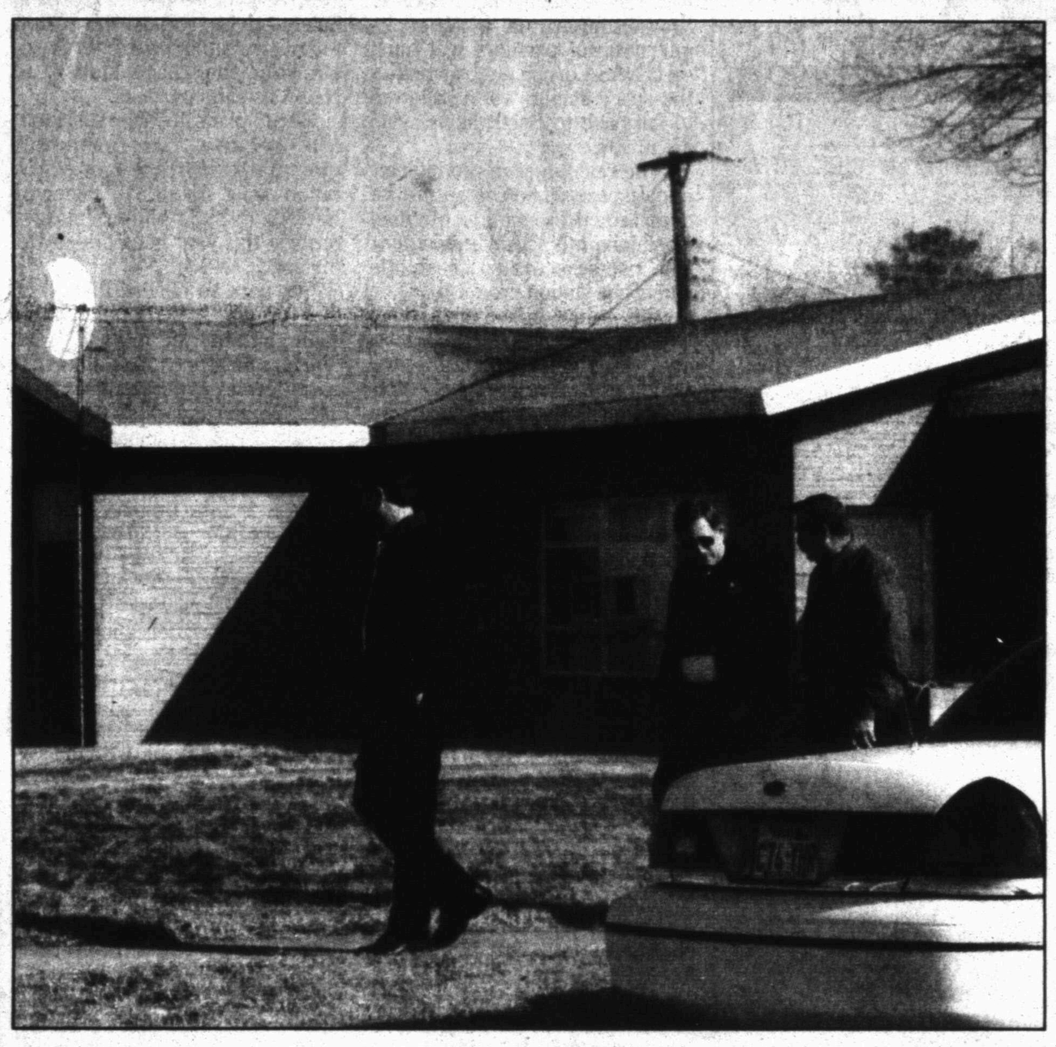
Snyder law enforcement officers investigated a bomb threat that was received around 10:55 a.m. today by school officials.

An employee at the Alternative Education Program building reported that a male caller indicated there was a bomb in the building that was set to explode at 11 a.m. The staff immediately began evacuation procedures of the five students in the building to across the street at the junior high, and then notified police.

Sgt. Terry Luecke, lead investigator, entered the building along with Police Chief Steve Warren, Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland, Fire Marshall Cy Posey along with school district employees to conduct a search of the premises.

The interior and exterior search yielded no indication of any type of explosive device.

"We did a thorough search of the building and nothing looks out of place either inside or outside," said Sgt. Luecke. "Everything is alright at this point. We have been unable to locate anything out of the ordinary. It seems to have been a threat only."





THOROUGH SEARCH — Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland, Fire Marshall Cy Posey and Dink Foree search the outside of the Alternative Education Program building this morning. At left, school employees enter the building. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Enron accountant surrenders

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s former top accountant surrendered early today and was taken in handcuffs to the courthouse to face six federal fraud charges related to the disgraced energy giant's 2001 collapse.

Richard A. Causey, 44, accompanied by a pair of attorneys, walked into the Houston offices of the FBI just before daybreak. They had no comment as they entered the building. Less than an hour later, Causey arrived at the downtown courthouse to await an appearance before a federal judge.

Causey was described in a six-count indictment unsealed today as "a principal architect and operator of the scheme to manipulate Enron's reported earnings." He was charged with securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

Causey, with other Enron executives and senior managers, "engaged in a wide-ranging scheme, through a variety of devices, to deceive the investing public about the true performance and profitability of Enron's businesses by manipulating Enron's publicly reported financial results and making false and misleading public representations about Enron's financial results and the performance of its various business units," the indictment said.

The document noted Causey reported to Enron's chairman and chief executive officer but did not name former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay or former CEO Jeffrey Skilling. Neither of them has been charged with any crime.

According to the indictment, the scheme's objectives, among other things, were to produce earnings that grew by 15 to 20 percent annually and meet or exceed "without fail" the published expectations of industry analysts forecasting Enron's financial results while avoiding public reporting of large write-downs or losses.

The intention was to "deceive lenders, rating agencies, and the investing public about the true magnitude of Enron's debt and other obligations and the true condition of Enron's cash flow," the indictment said.

Jury begins deliberations

The fate of 20-year-old Johnny Vasquez Jr. is in the hands of the jury following closing summations by both the state and defense this morning.

Vasquez, 20, of 4700 Ave. R is accused of burglary of a home with intent to commit assault last August.

District Attorney Dana Cooley and assistant DA Ben Smith both gave the state's final arguments today, while Snyder attorney Pete Greene summed up the defense's final statements.

The eight-woman, four-man jury began deliberations around 10:30.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding in 132nd District Court.

Anthony police chief on leave of absence

ANTHONY (AP) — Police Chief Ed Miranda is on an indefinite leave of absence at his own request after being arrested last week by officers in his department for not having a license to carry a sidearm in Texas.

Miranda, a former sergeant for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department just across the border in New Mexico, asked for the leave to avoid a mood of hostility from officers within the department, Mayor Art Franco said.

"We made the public statement to make sure people know he is not suspended or being fired," Franco said. "He is still the chief and will be back."

Franco said he hopes Miranda will return in several weeks and will use the time to obtain his Texas license.

Miranda carried his service weapon for several days when he first came to work for the department seven months ago, but is not certified to carry a sidearm in Texas.

Franco said no administrative action has been taken against the officers who made the arrest Jan. 14.

He said they were acting within the authority they thought they had.



COURSE WORK — WTC landscape student Braden Doolittle is silhouetted against the sun on the golf course. Bradon plans to apply his knowledge working at a golf course in Houston. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

ASK US

Q—Is there going to be a "Super Wal-Mart" built in Sweetwater?

A—Plans have been presented to city officials there for a store to be built on the north side of I-20 near the McDonald's for a Wal-Mart, but the size has not been released.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Teressia Shoemake...

...has been a Snyder resident since 1996, moving from Lubbock. She works as a nurse for Odyssey Hospice. She and husband, Kerry, have three children, Chris Shoemake, 22, of Wichita Falls, Angie Savedra, 20; and Keeli Shoemake, 19, both of Snyder. She has one granddaughter, Aurora Savedra, age 1. Teressia's favorite hobby is spending time with Aurora and taking walks in Towle Park.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You cannot change people's hearts merely by changing the law.
—Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN
by Annie Rowe



Last week an assignment that was one of the most enjoyable I've had so far —attending the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. I had a really great time.

It took me back to days gone by when I was a 4-H and FFA member in Angleton. I know how much labor these kids have put into their projects.

First of all, I have to say how much I appreciate the hospitality shown to me by Billy Grimmett, David Frazier and Janelle Jones among a whole bunch of other folks. They provided an answer for every single question about the show and also gave me quite a bit of background information on the kids and their projects.

I was impressed at how everyone seemed so organized. I know the circumstances of such an undertaking, so the spirit of cooperation was impressive.

There were loads of stories that came out during those few days. Many were down right inspirational. One particular story was that of Remington Bloom whose crossbreed hog took the grand championship. Remington faced blow after blow as three of his previous show pigs died one after the other. I'm sure the thought of throwing in the towel had entered his mind more than once. But he endeavored to go forward, plowing against the odds to achieve the top award.

I had the opportunity to meet the local ag teachers and leaders. It was obvious that each child and project held importance to them. David Frazier provided loads of background on students. He answered questions and added a number of anecdotes about particular students and their projects.

Frazier's enthusiasm was absolutely contagious. He has a great deal of pride in each one of the kids, as if they were his own.

The administration of the SCJLA is in capable hands with Billy Grimmett. I had the opportunity to visit with him during the show about the association, its goals and the future of the program. A number of times throughout our conversation, he used the phrase "It's about the kids." It was impossible for him to hide his dedication and his desire for the continued success of the organization.

A huge pat on the back should go to Janelle Jones for everything she was able to handle during the show. Without her I would not have had much to write. She answered questions, accepted endless phone calls and provided the results of each class, all with a smile and a positive attitude.

Finally, thanks to the Scurry County kids who tolerated the "newspaper lady" who kept interrupting their show preparations. Nothing was sacred. I took their pictures during feeding, clipping and even when dealing with unruly hogs that didn't care to be prettied up. They obliged with a steady stream of names, parent names, animal names and club names. I'm very glad to have met y'all.

Well, I'm looking forward to the next show. You'll know me. I'll be the one with a camera around my neck playing another round of dung dodgin'.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Gifted/talented parent meeting

A gifted and talented parent meeting for grades 6-12 will begin at 6:30 this evening at Snyder Junior High School library.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Krispie Kreme Doughnuts

Snyder Little Dribblers will be selling Krispie Kreme Doughnuts from 7 a.m. until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart for $6 per dozen.

Stanfield Winter Wonderland

Stanfield Elementary students and their families are invited to the annual Winter Wonderland from 5-7 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria and gym. Tickets will be on sale Friday from 8-8:30 a.m. and are 5 for $1. Tickets at the door Saturday will be 4 for $1.

Marriage enhancement seminar

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene is offering a marriage enhancement seminar, *Making Marriage Work*, from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and also Saturday, Jan. 31. Call 573-5601 for more information.

Chili supper

Hermleigh senior class will hold a chili supper from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, and a child's plate is $3.

Concert at Word Is Life

"Moving into Worship," a concert in movement with Randall Bane, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr.

Chamber board to meet

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the chamber.

Ira Masonic Lodge

Ira Masonic Lodge #934 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Genealogy Society to meet

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library. Kathy Nelson will present the program "Behind Every Great Man." Visitors are welcome.

United Way fundraiser

United Way is selling tickets for a Super Bowl Prizes project, one for $2 or six for $10. Items include black leather chair-and-a-half, 19-inch TV, two large topping Pizza Hut pizzas. To purchase tickets or for more information call 207-1929, 573-5311, 207-1385 or 574-1931.

TOPS open house

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #56 will hold an open house from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

LVN testing dates

The last LVN testing date is Tuesday. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

Fourth Wednesday game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its Fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon Wednesday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. For reservations by 5 p.m. Tuesday, call 573-3427, 573-5586 or 573-6443.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services is hosting its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 26-30. Family night is 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

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.

What's up guidelines

Effective Feb. 1, items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Space station's future murky

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — President Bush's vision of astronauts on the moon and Mars dims the spotlight on the international space station, leaving its long-term future murky.

NASA will support the floating research lab for at least another dozen years. But beyond that, the level of U.S. support is unclear. Also unknown is whether its international partners will hang on if NASA drops out or whether the space station will be allowed to fall back to Earth like Skylab did in 1979.

"The real future of the international space station is still to be determined," said Michael Kostelnik, a NASA administrator who oversees the space shuttle and space station programs.

One thing is certain. With NASA's new space exploration goal, the half-completed space station goes from being the cornerstone of the U.S. space program to merely a stepping stone for further ambitions, NASA officials and space experts say.

"I don't think it diminishes the value of the space station, but it's just not the end goal of what we're doing anymore," said U.S. Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., a space advocate in Congress.

In his speech last week, Bush said the space shuttle would be retired after construction on the space station is completed by 2010. All future U.S. research efforts on the station will be directed at studying the long-term effects of space travel on human biology — research that will help in the exploration of the moon and Mars.

Between the retirement of the shuttles and the time NASA gets a next-generation spacecraft ready for human flying, as late as 2014, NASA will rely on the Russian Soyuz vehicle to get astronauts to the station. The next generation space vehicle, known as the crew exploration vehicle, also can be used for ferrying astronauts and scientists to the station after the shuttle is retired. But the new vehicle's primary focus will be exploration of the moon and Mars.

In the meantime, some former members of NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel worry that too many resources will be diverted from the space station as NASA reshifts its focus.

NASA plans to divert $11 billion over five years from other programs toward the new exploration plans. About $1.7 billion of NASA's $15.3 billion budget request this year goes directly to the space station.

"It's hard to believe that all of this is going to be done with the same amount of money," said Shirley McCarty, a California-based aerospace consultant who used to chair the safety panel.

Added Art Zygielbaum, a former manager of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, "They're not going to put the money in for the space shuttle or the space station."

Officials with NASA's space station partners expressed little concern. The international partners — Russia, Europe, Canada and Japan — are meeting in March in Montreal where they expect to learn more about the future of the U.S. role with the station.

"I don't think we're going to unilaterally abrogate anything," said John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University and a former member of the board that investigated the space shuttle Columbia disaster. "If there are changes, they are changes that are mutually agreed upon."

Russian space officials are confident the United States will meet all its obligations.

"It would be unfeasible for them to drop this project," said Vyacheslav Mikhailichenko, a spokesman for the Russian Aerospace Agency. "Where else will they get such unique expertise in long-term flights?"

Frederic Nordlund, who heads the Washington office of the European Space Agency, said it was too early to tell if NASA's new ambitions would have much effect.

The Canadian Space Agency wants to know about changes in the station's research focus and plans for maintaining a presence on the station after the shuttles are retired in 2010, said Pierre Richard, senior vice president of the CSA.

Today's chuckle

Missing dog returned to original owner

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The golden retriever that made headlines after her newly adoptive family refused to give her back has been reunited with her original owner.



The 2-year-old dog named Bella has been returned to Niki Karanastasis, Humane Society Silicon Valley President Christine Benninger said Wednesday.

Karanastasis had said she was crushed she could not retrieve the dog, which she described as being like one of her children.

Humane Society officials said they could not force the dog's return because the new owners had legally adopted her. If animals are unclaimed for five days, they become humane society property — and Bella became property of the new owners when they took her home.

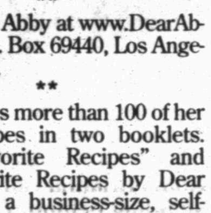
Karanastasis said she went to the kennel three times looking for Bella after the dog ran away earlier this month, but could not find her.

She hired a lawyer, but that turned out to be more bark than bite. Bella's new owners eventually agreed to give back the pooch, which they got as a birthday present for a 10-year-old girl.

"If I didn't get this dog back," Karanastasis said Wednesday, Bella at her side, "I would have lost my mind or had a nervous breakdown."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter mourns sale of home sweet home

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 30s. I have not lived at home for 10 years; however, my parents sold the family home a few months ago, and I got very depressed when the sale became final.

My parents are in excellent health and live nearby. I am grieving, but I don't know why. My brothers and sisters and I grew up in that house, and we all feel a real sense of loss.

Maybe I'm having trouble getting used to the idea that time marches on and that all good things eventually end. Also, we're not getting together as often as we used to when we gathered at the house.

Can you suggest anything that will help me move along with my life? I want to focus on positive things and not look back for something that is gone. — **GRIEVING FOR THE HOUSE**

DEAR GRIEVING: The house was a symbol of your childhood. Now that it is gone, in a sense, so is your childhood. That may be a sad thought, but dwell on the positive. You have the rest of your life to live as an adult, with all the guaranteed rights and privileges that go along with it. If the family isn't gathering as often as it used to, consider starting new family traditions. Perhaps it's time for you and your siblings to trade off hosting holiday celebrations. Look at it this way: Nothing stays the same. Sometimes it gets better and better.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old mother of a beautiful 5-year-old daughter, "Donna." I was married to her father for a year. When we divorced, Donna and I relocated 600 miles away to move in with my new boyfriend. A year later, I realized that the relationship was going nowhere, so Donna and I returned to our hometown.

Four months later, I met "Gary." We've been together for two years now. Gary loves Donna and she loves him. However, he recently told me he has no intention of marrying me. (And like an idiot, I continue to let him spend the night.)

Donna cries when Gary and I fight, and now I'm afraid that if I leave him, Donna will have major abandonment issues and not trust men when she is older.

I know I am not being fair to my daughter, and I worry about whether it's too late to make things better for her. I don't want to give up dating for good, but I feel hatred toward Gary every time I think about how easy it would be for him to pack up and never see us again. I hate the fact that I let this happen and that there's nothing I can do to change it. I love Donna and would give my life for her, but I am confused because if I didn't have her, I would have no problem with my relationship with Gary. It just seems so unfair.

Will my daughter resent me for the selfish decision I have made? — **MIXED-UP MOM IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR MOM: That remains to be seen. As it stands, you have had a flash of insight about your lifestyle and your responsibilities as a mother.

The time has come to start thinking like a mature adult. That means putting your daughter first and not rushing into intimate relationships. If I were you, I'd consider taking a sanity break from men for a while. When you resume, do not introduce your daughter to the people you're dating until you are sure they are sincere and honorable.

P.S. Since Gary has no intention of guaranteeing a stable future for you and your child, end the relationship. This may seem harsh, but it will be less painful in the long run.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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World Almanac

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004

Today is the 22nd day of 2004 and the 32nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81, after a record reign of nearly 64 years.

In 1912, the Florida East Coast Railway linked Key West to the mainland for the first time.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling on abortion in the Roe v. Wade case.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Bacon (1561-1626), philosopher/essayist; Lord Byron (1788-1824), poet; August Strindberg (1849-1912), playwright; D.W. Griffith (1875-1948), film director; George Balanchine (1904-1983), choreographer; Linda Blair (1959-), actress, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1989, San Francisco won the Super Bowl over Cincinnati, 20-16, as Joe Montana completed 23 of 26 passes for 357 yards.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Opinions are made to be changed — or how is truth to be got at?" — Lord Byron

TODAY'S FACT: Queen Victoria had nine children and 40 grandchildren; her descendants married into almost every royal family in Europe.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 50.4 — The average number of points per game scored by basketball great Wilt Chamberlain in the 1961-1962 season, the NBA record.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 21) and first quarter (Jan. 29).

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

05-23-24-31-40 Bonus Ball: 14

Match 5 & Bonus Ball: 0, $0.

Match 5: 4, $13,074.

Match 4 & Bonus Ball: 23, $2,063.

Match 4: 926, $110.

Match 3 & Bonus Ball: 787, $115.

Match 3: 35,908, $5.

Match 2 & Bonus Ball: 10,384, $5.

Match 1 & Bonus Ball: 47,749, $3.

Estimated jackpot: $60 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Cash Five

Winning numbers drawn: 23-19-15-11-31

Match 5: 1, $38,409.

Match 4 numbers: 213, $81.

Match 3 numbers: 4,441, $9.

Match 2 numbers: 42,679, $2.

Pick 3

(Day) 0-6-1

(Night) 0-5-8

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Court eyes legal advice for criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court wrangled Wednesday over whether judges must tell the thousands of lawyerless people who plead guilty to crimes each year that an attorney could be helpful.

Justices are clarifying rights under the Constitution's Sixth Amendment, which guarantees legal assistance to accused criminals.

The court was considering the case of former Iowa college student Felipe Tovar, who didn't hire a lawyer when he went to court on drunken driving charges — and didn't get the best deal possible.

Practices vary by state, but judges generally tell defendants they have a right to go to trial and have an attorney. The Supreme Court will decide if they should do more — warning of the disadvantages of pleading guilty without consulting a lawyer.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller argued that judges should not be burdened with saying aloud what people know anyway: That attorneys can be helpful in legal situations. It would be different, he said, if Tovar were representing himself in a trial instead of a standard hearing.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said the state wrongly downplayed the importance of lawyers for people facing criminal charges. And Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked what was wrong with a requirement that judges briefly tell a defendant he has a right to an attorney who could help him.

"He doesn't have to be told," Miller said, because defendants are already aware of it.

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INTERIM HEALTHCARE RIBBON CUTTING — Snyder Goldcoats welcomed the Interim HealthCare of Snyder at a ribbon cutting Monday. It is located at 5305 Trinity Blvd. Chamber executive director Vicki Shroyer presented a plaque to Pam Parsley, office manager. Other business associates at the reception included Karl Stinson, owner; David Boyd, director of Home-Care Operations; Rita Jones, general manager from Lubbock; Steve Hurst, business development specialist from Lubbock; and Segelle Bryan, general manager from Abilene. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SMOKEY BEAR POSTER WINNERS — Elementary students participated in a poster contest through the Snyder Garden Club to honor Smokey Bear's 60th birthday, headed by Pam Maresch. The first place winner's poster will be sent for state competition. Students were given poster paper and had to follow a few rules for the posters. Poster winners from East Elementary include, from left, Cody Day, first; Robby Luna, second; Micah Henson, third; and Sara Roth, Brianna Small and Jessica Torrez, honorable mention. Their teacher, Cindy Putnam, is standing behind. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Protect against carbon monoxide poisoning

WASHINGTON, DC — As temperatures drop, the number of patients with carbon monoxide poisoning increases in hospital emergency departments across the country. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), many people are unaware of the dangers of this colorless, odorless gas and of the preventive measures they should take to protect their family this winter.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning can mimic symptoms of the flu, so it is important people know its signs and symptoms, and even more importantly how to prevent dangerous levels of this gas in their homes," said J. Brian Hancock, MD, president of ACEP.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can vary widely based on exposure level, duration, and the health and age of an individual. Symptoms may include headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, confusion, irritability, vomiting, loss of consciousness, heart irregularity, breathing difficulties and muscle weakness. If your carbon monoxide detector's alarm sounds or if you notice these symptoms, move to a well- entilated area, preferably outdoors. Call 9-1-1 and seek emergency medical attention immediately.

To protect your family this winter, ACEP provides the following guidance:

* Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home, especially near the sleeping areas, and on each level of your home.

* Have gas appliances installed by a qualified professional.

* Use only appliances that vent fumes outside.

* If you choose to use an unvented fuel-burning space heater, only use it while someone is awake to monitor it, and keep a window in the room open to provide fresh air while operating it.

* Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.

* Never use a charcoal grill inside.

Dannheim presented program to RTA

Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension Agent, presented a program "Clean Fun," to the Scurry County Unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association Monday.

President James Littlepage introduced Dannheim who led a humorous and informational session on proper preparation and storage of various food items, pointing out practices that could be harmful to one's health. "The way we used to do things, is not necessarily the way they should be done now," she said.

Following the program, Dannheim conducted a drawing for a door prize that was won by Frank Miller.

Other officers for RTA include Margaret Presswood, vice president; Geraldine Parker, secretary; Miller, treasurer; and Helen Mock, second vice president.

The group will meet again on Feb. 9 with Janie Romine, director of the Scurry County Library, will give the program.

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 574-1292 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 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Have an offensive and defensive plan for your Super Bowl treats

While getting pumped up for the big Super Bowl game on Feb 1, it's also important to make sure you have an offensive and defensive nutrition game plan to block the fat and intercept the added calories often found in traditional party foods.

These recipes reflect the food values inherent to the Weight Watchers philosophy that eating should be satisfying as well as healthful.

BUFFALO CHICKEN PIZZAS

Makes 4 servings

2 tablespoons hot pepper sauce

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon honey

½ pound skinless boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces

2 kaiser or hard rolls, halved horizontally

¼ cup canned tomato sauce

½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1. Preheat the oven to 425F. Combine the hot pepper sauce, mustard, and honey in a small bowl. Toss the chicken and half of the hot pepper sauce mixture in a medium bowl; let marinate 15 minutes. Arrange the roll halves, cut-side up, on a baking sheet.

2. Spray a nonstick skillet with nonstick spray and set over medium-high heat. Cook the chicken, turning once, until browned and just cooked through, 3-4 minutes. Stir in the remaining hot pepper sauce mixture and the tomato sauce.

3. Spoon the chicken and sauce evenly onto the 4 roll halves, then sprinkle with the cheese. Bake until heated through and the cheese melts, 10-12 minutes.

POINTS value per serving: 5 (1 piece): 216 Cal, 7g Fat, 3g Sat Fat, 44mg Chol, 439mg Sod, 19g Carb, 1g Fib, 19g Prot, 138mg Calc.

NACHOS GRANDE

Makes 8 servings

1 teaspoon canola oil

1 cup cooked or rinsed drained canned red kidney beans

¼ pound lean ground turkey breast

1 small onion, chopped

1 (14-ounce) can diced green tomatoes with green chiles

2 teaspoons Mexican seasoning spice blend

¼ teaspoon salt

6 ounces reduced-fat restaurant-style tortilla chips

3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

12 pitted small black olives, sliced

¼ cup sliced pickled jalapeno peppers, drained1/2 cup fat-free sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 425F. Spray a baking sheet with nonstick spray.

2. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Swirl in the oil, then stir in the beans, turkey, and onion. Cook, stirring to break up the meat, 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, Mexican seasoning and salt; cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and keep warm.

3. Spread the tortilla chips on the baking sheet. Sprinkle with the cheese, olives and jalapeno peppers. Bake until the cheese just melts, about 5 minutes. Transfer the nachos to a serving platter. Top with the turkey mixture and sour cream and serve at once.

POINTS value per serving: 4 (1 1/4 cups): 204 Cal, 4 g Fat, 2 g Sat Fat, 17mg Chol, 483 mg Sod, 29 g Carb.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004

A major opportunity goes begging

By Phillip Alder

There were five of the 128 deals remaining in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl final between Italy and the United States. It could hardly have been closer, with Italy leading by one international match point (imp): 283-282. This was deal no. 124.

At the other table, Giorgio Duboin (South) opened one club. Eric Rodwell (West) overcalled one spade. Norberto Bocchi (North) made a negative double, promising almost any hand with four hearts, or 6-11 points with five hearts. Jeff Meckstroth (East) redoubled to say that he had a decent hand. South rebid his club suit, and North took a shot at three no-trump.

North 01 22 04
♠ K 8 5
♥ Q 10 9 8 7
♦ K 10 9
♣ 8 2

West
♠ J 10 9 4 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ A Q J 8
♣ 5

East
♠ Q 6
♥ A K J 4
♦ 6 5 3
♣ 9 6 4 3

South
♠ A 7 3
♥ 2
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K Q J 10 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	2 ♠	3 ♣	Dbl.
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Dbl.
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

There was no defense: plus 400 to Italy.

At this table, Bob Hamman (South) opened two clubs, promising at least six clubs with 11-16 high-card points. Lorenzo Lauria (West) made an aggressive two-spade overcall. Paul Soloway (North) competed with three clubs. Alfredo Versace (East) doubled to announce some values. Three spades showed a stopper in the suit and interest in three no-trump. But when East doubled, South got cold feet and ran to four clubs. If Hamman had passed, the U.S. team would have gained four imps.

To make matters worse, four clubs looks impossible, but Versace blundered. The play started with a spade to South's ace, four rounds of trumps, a heart to the eight and jack, and a spade to dummy's king. Now came the heart queen and East played low! So, declarer discarded his spade loser: plus 130. However, Italy gained seven imps to lead by eight.

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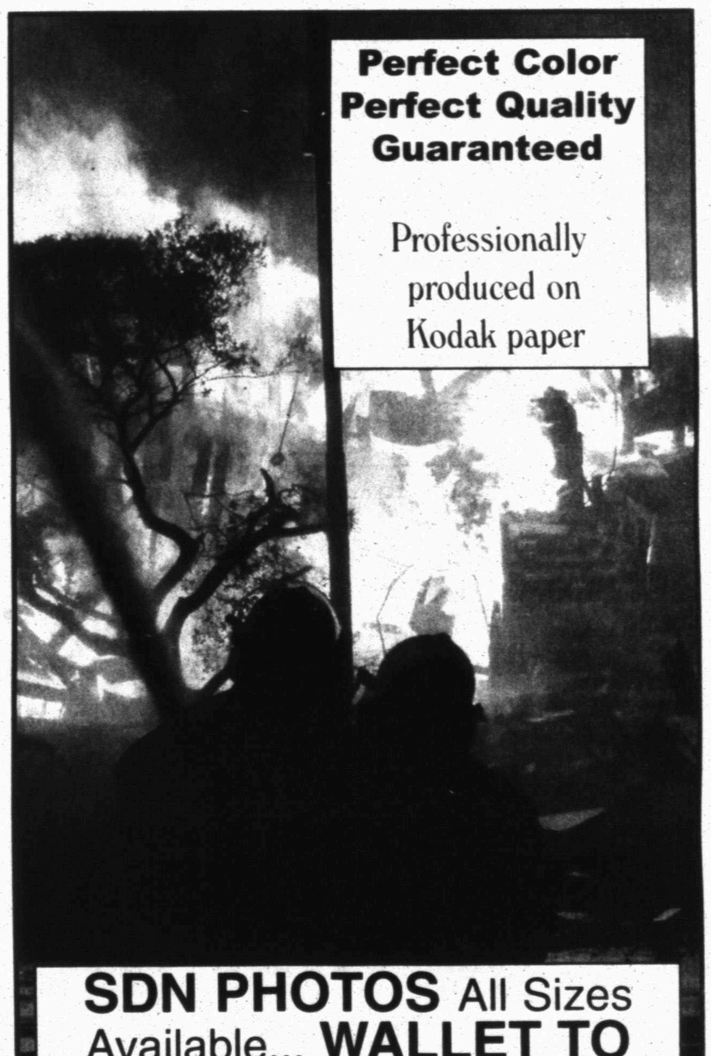
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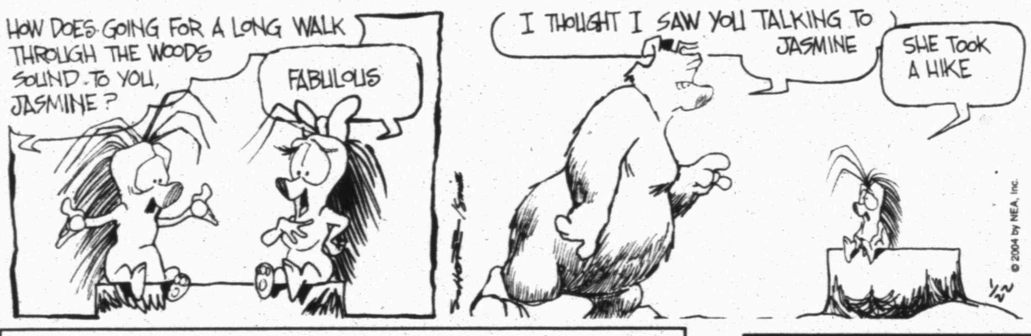
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1 Gator kin
5 Fix software
10 Towed
12 Dawn goddess
13 Horn
14 Entanglement
15 Oater backdrop
16 Pizarro's quest
18 Maple-sugar base
19 Unnerved
23 "— got it!"
26 Secret agent
27 Morse invention
30 Lose
32 Exciting
34 Flower part
35 Baggage handler
36 Friendly
37 Dessert pastry
38 Annapolis grad
39 Climbs
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58 Gambler's cubes

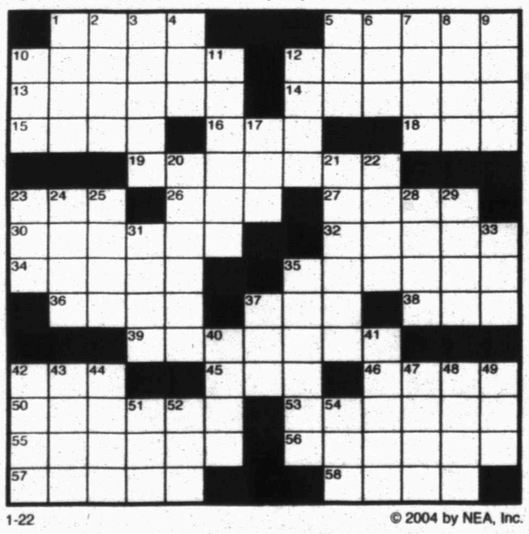
DOWN

1 Hollow stem
2 Grooves
3 Clay pots
4 Passing grade
5 Couple
6 Make a mistake
7 Jungle snakes
8 Bear constellation
9 Huff and puff
10 Bad actor
11 Sagging
12 Run — (go wild)
17 Trigger's rider
20 Church readings
21 Reverberated
22 Person of action
23 Little rascal
24 Panorama
25 This senora
28 Go steady
29 Idyllic spot
31 Superman's mother
33 Birthday no.
35 Fiesta decoration
37 Get-up-and-go
40 Small coin
41 Type of fiction (hyph.)
42 Was sorry about
43 Novelist — Seton
44 Washstand pitcher
47 With, to Henri
48 Kitchen staple
49 Perched
51 Bullring shout
52 Lipstick color
54 Country addr.

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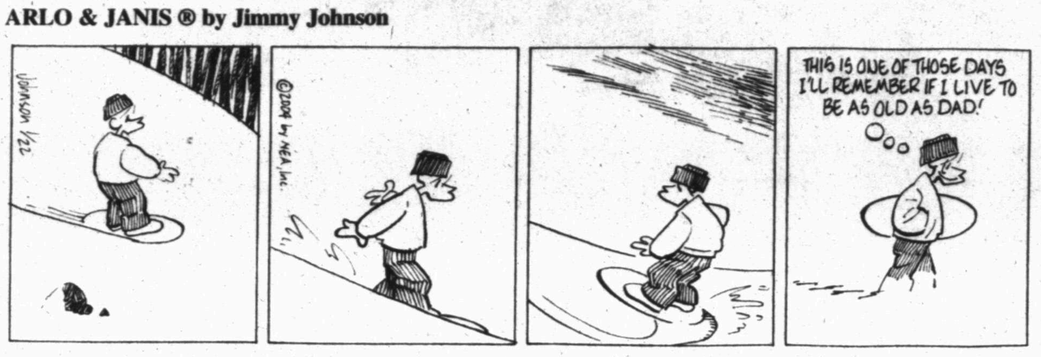


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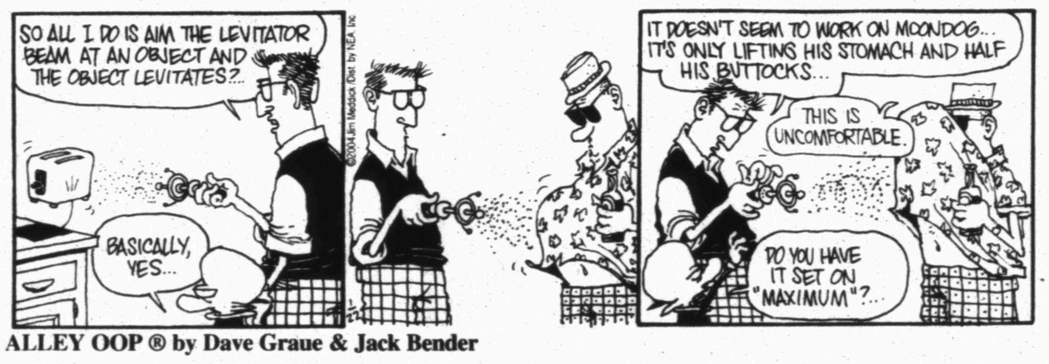
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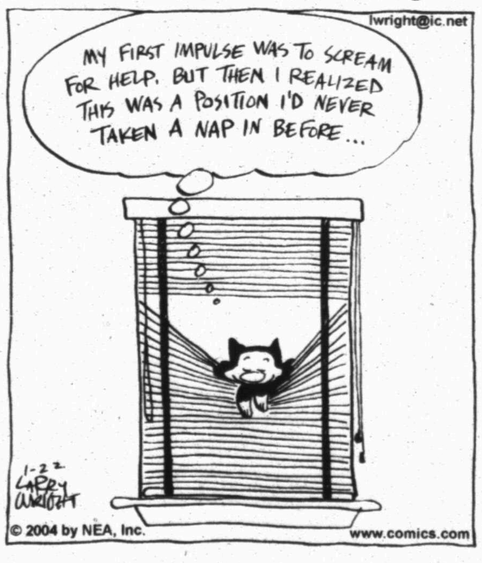


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SPORTS



THE WEATHER'S FINE — Western Texas College student Clay Bunney, right, braves a chilly wind while watching visiting rodeo hand Jody Turner of Calgary, Canada putt at the WTC golf course Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Tech fights off Nebraska attack

LUBBOCK (AP) — Facing a seven-point first-half deficit Wednesday night, third-ranked Texas Tech decided to get tough. Then the Lady Raiders got going.

Alesha Robertson scored 19 points, and Cisti Greenwalt added a season-high 16 as Tech battled past Nebraska for a 68-55 win Wednesday night.

"I thought we had to do some things to win tonight that I was really impressed with from our team," Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp said. "We talked before the game about the fact that we were going to have to play defense and rebound the basketball, and I thought we did a good job on both of those."

The Lady Raiders (17-1, 3-1 Big 12) also got 12 points and a solid defensive performance from Casey Jackson.

"Casey was playing against a great player in Alexa Johnson," Sharp said. "She guarded her almost every trip all night. Alexa finished with eight points, and Casey had 12. I don't want to ever, ever overlook what she does for us."

After overcoming a 20-13 deficit, Tech took control shortly after the break. The Lady Raiders scored on four of their first five possessions and built a 38-30 lead with four players contributing baskets.

Robertson's free throws with 16:12 to go gave Tech a 40-30 lead. Nebraska (13-3, 3-2) never got closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Greenwalt scored 10 consecutive points for the Lady Raiders midway through the second half, with the last basket giving Tech a 52-37 lead with 9:41 left. A layup by Robertson with 4:20 to go gave Tech its biggest lead of the game at 60-43.

"At first I kind of struggled on offense," Greenwalt said. "But in the second half it all came together. The passes I got tonight were awesome. They gave me the ball right where I needed it."

Kea Cannon led Nebraska with 17 points. Margaret Richards added 13 and Chelsea Aubry 10.

There were five ties and three lead changes in the first half. Nebraska put together a 16-2 run in the early stages of the game to turn an 11-4 deficit into a 20-13 lead. Cannon scored six points during the run and capped it with an 8-footer in the lane.

The Lady Raiders responded with a 17-6 surge of their own. Tech tied the game 24-24 on a pair of free throws by Robertson with 2:41 to go in the half. Texas Tech finished the run by scoring the final six points of the half.

After Erin Grant chased down her own missed shot and laid it in, Jackson followed with a pair of free throws. LaToya Davis got the final basket of the half off a nice pass from Grant to give Tech a 30-26 lead at the break.

"It was sort of a relief to get that last little basket before halftime," Grant said. "It was a little difficult to score against them in the first half, so when we finally got that basket we wanted to focus on getting some easy baskets in the second half."

Nebraska coach Connie Yori wasn't surprised.

"Essentially, I think the last couple of plays in the first half gave some momentum to Texas Tech going into the locker room," Nebraska coach Connie Yori said.

Lady Tigers face stiff challenge at Lamesa

The Lady Tigers close out the first half of the district schedule Friday, when they head to Lamesa to challenge the 3-1 Lady Tors at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder (21-2, 4-0) is in the midst of a 19-game winning streak, having last lost Nov. 25 to 4A Frenship. The Lady Tigers are ranked 12th in the state in the latest TABC poll.

The Lady Tigers have been in a pair of close games in district with Seminole and Sweetwater, but easily dispatched Merkel Tuesday and handled Denver City in the opener.

Lamesa (14-8, 3-1)— the defending 3-3A champion — edged Sweetwater in double overtime Tuesday, 62-57, to take sole possession of second place in the district, one game back of the Lady Tigers. The win also sent Sweetwater into a third-place tie with Denver City at 2-2.

The Tigers (8-15, 0-2) will try to capture their first district win of the season Friday against a Lamesa club that edged Sweetwater by one-point Tuesday, 43-42.

The Golden Tors (9-13, 1-1) will attack with a pair of quality post players, junior Slade Seal and freshman Jordan Chapman.

Snyder played one of its most inspired games of the season Tuesday, holding defending 3-3A champion Merkel to under 40 points in a 39-32 defeat.

The Hermleigh varsity teams travel to Highland Friday, with both clubs seeking their first district win.

The Cardinals (1-14, 0-3) were hampered by a slow start Tuesday against Westbrook, falling by a score of 68-46.

Highland (1-14, 0-4) also is looking for its first district win.

The Lady Cardinals (5-10, 0-4) will try to rebound against the 16th-ranked Lady Hornets (17-2, 3-1).

Tip-off for the Lady Cards is slated for 6:30 p.m., with the boys getting underway at 8.

Blue Devils edge Maryland; Louisville crushes Cincinnati

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — J.J. Redick scored a season-high 26 points, and No. 1 Duke used a solid defensive performance to beat Maryland 68-60 Wednesday night.

Luol Deng had 13 points and 12 rebounds to help Duke (15-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) win its 12th straight. It was the third time in three years the Blue Devils visited Maryland as the No. 1 team, and the first time they escaped with a victory.

Nik Caner-Medley led Maryland (10-5, 1-3) with 21 points, including 13 in the final 10 minutes. The Terrapins were seeking to become the eighth team in NCAA history to beat two No. 1 teams in same season — they defeated then-No. 1 Florida last month — but Maryland never led after Redick hit a 3-pointer to put Duke up 7-6.

No. 3 Saint Joseph's 92, Massachusetts 67

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pat Carroll scored a season-high 20 points, helping the Hawks match the longest winning streak in school history.

Delonte West added 19 points and Jameer Nelson had 13 for Saint Joseph's, which is 16-0 (6-0 Atlantic 10) for the first time ever and matched the winning streak set by the 1964-65 team coached by Jack Ramsay.

West made his first seven shots from the field — including two 3s — before missing a 3-point attempt 6½ minutes into the second half.

Rashaun Freeman had 17 points for UMass (5-11, 0-5), which lost its seventh straight.

No. 5 Louisville 93, No. 6 Cincinnati 66

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Taquan Dean scored 21 points and Francisco Garcia added 19 as the Cardinals won their 14th straight and handed Cincinnati its first loss of the season.

Luke Whitehead had 18 points and eight rebounds as the Cardinals (14-1, 5-0 Conference USA) beat the Bearcats for the fourth time in the last six meetings.

Dean went 7-of-14 from the field, including 5-of-10 from 3-point range despite playing with a pulled groin.

Louisville's victory margin matched the worst in Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins' 15 seasons there. The Bearcats lost to North Carolina 90-63 in 1993.

Jason Maxiell scored 14 to lead Cincinnati (13-1, 4-1), which scored only 26 points in the second half.

No. 19 Mississippi St. 79, No. 17 Florida 68

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Lawrence Roberts had 21 points and 14 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

The only loss for the Bulldogs (15-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) was a one-point heartbreaker to Kentucky last Wednesday on a last-second shot.

It was the first double-digit loss at home for Florida (11-4, 2-2) since 1999.

Anthony Roberson had 20 points to lead the Gators, who trailed by as many as 22 and lost their second straight.

No. 21 Wisconsin 74, Michigan 63

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Reserve junior guard Clayton Hanson made five 3-pointers and scored 17 points for Wisconsin.

Mike Wilkinson had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Badgers (12-3, 3-1 Big Ten), who won their 23rd straight home game.

Bernard Robinson Jr. had 13 points and seven rebounds to lead Michigan (10-5, 1-3), which has lost three straight.

No. 23 Purdue 72, Minnesota 65

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Brett Buscher scored six of his 10 points during a critical stretch of the second half to lift Purdue to its third straight win.

David Teague scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and Kenneth Lowe added 17 points for the Boilermakers (13-4, 3-1 Big Ten).

Payton staying with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Sean Payton is staying with the Dallas Cowboys, making him the second high-ranking staffer to remain with the team after looking into a head coaching job elsewhere.

Payton decided Wednesday to remain Dallas' assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach rather than trying to lead the Oakland Raiders. He received a raise and a contract extension from the Cowboys, just like defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer did a few weeks ago when the University of Nebraska pursued him to lead its program.

"I'm really excited about moving forward with the Dallas Cowboys and continuing the job we started a year ago," Payton said. "In regards to Oakland, I was certainly flattered and fortunate to interview with them and wish them the best."

While it was widely reported Tuesday that Payton had been offered the Raiders job, and had accepted it, the team never announced it. On Wednesday, Raiders owner Al Davis said they never had a deal.

"I don't think Sean Payton turned down the job because Sean Payton was never offered the job," Davis said in a rare interview. "Sean Payton has a lot of good credentials, but I don't know if that's the direction we're going."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was traveling back from the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., and did not immediately return a telephone message.

Payton and Cowboys offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon were among the candidates to replace fired Raiders coach Bill Callahan, who ended up taking the Nebraska job after Zimmer pulled out of consideration. Payton was the first person invited back to Oakland for a second interview.

Sports Briefs

Meet the Tigers

The baseball and softball booster club will host 'Meet the Tigers' Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

A hamburger supper will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is $5.

Player introductions will begin at 6 p.m. to include the SHS and WTC baseball and softball teams.

Cow chip bingo will commence at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door.

Volleyball tournament

There will be an indoor volleyball tournament Saturday at Scurry County Boys and Girls club. Call 573-7321 for more information.

Cavs trade Miles to Portland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Forward Darius Miles, fined by the Cavaliers for oversleeping and skipping a practice earlier this week, was traded to the Portland Trail Blazers for guard Jeff McInnis and center Ruben Boumtje-Boumtje.

Bryant hearing closed to public

DENVER (AP) — Courtroom arguments over whether Kobe Bryant's accuser has given up her medical privacy rights will be closed to the public, the judge ruled.

A hearing is scheduled for Friday to determine whether Bryant's attorneys can prove the 19-year-old woman has given up her privacy rights by talking about her medical condition and treatment with others.

Keyshawn Johnson robbed

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson was mugged at gunpoint, robbed of money and jewelry but unhurt, police said.

They said the wide receiver was accosted by two men as he was talking on his cell after walking out of a barber shop.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Jim Ned Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Ira junior high vs. Grady, 6 p.m.
HJHS at Highland Tournament

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Jim Ned Tournament
HJHS at HIghland Tournament

3-3A Basketball Standings

Team	Girls District W	L	Season W	L	Team	Boys District W	L	Season W	L
Snyder	21	2	4	0	Merkel	19	4	2	0
Lamesa	14	8	3	1	Denver City	17	7	1	1
Sweetwater	20	4	2	2	Sweetwater	11	7	1	1
Denver City	12	10	2	2	Seminole	10	10	1	1
Seminole	6	14	1	3	Lamesa	9	13	1	1
Merkel	3	20	0	4	Snyder	8	15	0	2

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	22	11	10	5	59	129	109
New Jersey	23	12	10	1	57	106	84
N.Y. Islanders	22	20	4	1	49	134	121
N.Y. Rangers	18	18	7	4	47	125	127
Pittsburgh	11	29	5	3	30	91	172

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	26	12	8	3	63	133	118
Ottawa	25	12	7	3	60	152	96
Boston	22	12	10	4	58	119	113
Montreal	24	16	6	2	56	122	102
Buffalo	18	24	5	1	42	112	126

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	16	6	3	51	114	105
Atlanta	21	21	4	2	48	138	143
Carolina	16	21	9	2	43	89	116
Florida	15	20	10	3	43	104	129
Washington	14	27	5	2	35	116	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	14	6	2	62	156	111
St. Louis	25	14	6	1	57	118	110
Nashville	23	16	6	2	54	113	116
Columbus	13	24	7	3	36	96	128
Chicago	11	25	7	5	34	98	141

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	27	11	7	2	63	147	107
Vancouver	26	14	7	2	61	140	112
Calgary	23	16	4	3	53	109	97
Minnesota	17	18	14	0	48	108	105
Edmonton	19	20	8	1	47	120	124

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	22	11	11	4	59	118	102
Los Angeles	18	14	10	5	51	120	117
Dallas	21	20	8	0	50	97	110
Phoenix	16	15	13	2	47	116	121
Anaheim	14	21	8	5	41	96	125

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Wednesday's Games

Toronto 3, Washington 2
Columbus 3, St. Louis 1
Colorado 6, Florida 5
Carolina 2, New Jersey 1
Minnesota 4, Chicago 2
San Jose 4, Phoenix 2
Vancouver 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Detroit 2, Anaheim 2, tie

Today's Games

Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	19	.525	—
Boston	21	23	.477	2
Philadelphia	19	23	.452	3
New York	19	25	.432	4
Miami	16	26	.381	6
Washington	12	28	.300	9
Orlando	11	32	.256	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	11	.750	—
Detroit	29	14	.674	3½
Milwaukee	23	19	.548	9
New Orleans	23	19	.548	9
Toronto	20	20	.500	11
Cleveland	14	27	.341	17½
Atlanta	13	30	.302	19½
Chicago	12	30	.286	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	28	12	.700	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	1½
Dallas	25	16	.610	3½
Denver	26	18	.591	4
Houston	24	17	.585	4½
Memphis	23	18	.561	5½
Utah	21	20	.512	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	10	.744	—
L.A. Lakers	25	14	.641	4
Seattle	20	20	.500	9½
L.A. Clippers	17	22	.436	12
Portland	17	23	.425	12½
Golden State	17	24	.415	13
Phoenix	16	27	.372	15

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 108, Toronto 97
Atlanta 97, Chicago 87
Milwaukee 113, Orlando 102
Memphis 88, L.A. Lakers 82
Philadelphia 92, New Orleans 86
San Antonio 99, New Jersey 76
Denver 97, Phoenix 92
Houston 86, New York 71
L.A. Clippers 106, Golden State 102

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Jobless claims dropping

WASHINGTON (AP) —For the second week in a row, fewer people filed new claims to collect unemployment benefits, a hopeful sign that America's businesses are feeling more confident that the economy's recovery will be lasting.

The Labor Department reported today that for the work week ending Jan. 17, new applications filed for unemployment insurance dipped by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 341,000, the lowest level since the end of December. The week before claims fell by 14,000, a sharper decline than the government first estimated a week ago.

The latest snapshot of jobless claims was better than analysts were expecting. They were forecasting a rise of around 2,000 for last week.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, dropped by 3,250 last week to 344,500. That was the lowest level since the week ending Jan. 27, 2001 — seven days after President Bush's inauguration.

The four-week moving average of jobless claims has been running below 400,000 for 16 straight weeks. Economists say when claims are below 400,000 it can be viewed as a sign that the job market is turning a corner.

Economists wants to see more improvements.

In December, the nation's payrolls grew by just 1,000, disappointing analysts who were forecasting stronger growth. The economy has lost 2.3 million jobs since President Bush took office, something Democrats vying to replace Bush in the White House like to point out to voters. Factory workers have been hardest hit, seeing millions of job evaporate.

Although the unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in December it was mainly because thousands of people gave up looking for work.

Federal Reserve policy-makers are expected to hold a main short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent when they meet next week.

Kodak plans to cut up to 23% of staff

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Eastman Kodak Co., struggling to find its footing in new digital photography markets as its signature film business fades, said today it will cut 12,000 to 15,000 jobs, or up to 23 percent of its global work force, over the next three years.

The announcement came as the world's biggest photography company posted a fourth-quarter profit of $19 million, or 7 cents a share, down sharply from $113 million, or 39 cents a share, a year ago.

Excluding restructuring and other one-time items earnings were $199 million, or 70 cents a share. That beat the consensus forecast of 52 cents a share among analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Sales rose 10 percent to $3.78 billion from $3.44 billion.

Kodak said the cuts reflect reductions in global manufacturing and selected traditional businesses as it sharpens its focus on digital photography. It will trim an estimated 2,500 to 3,500 jobs this year, it said.

The company eliminated up to 6,000 jobs in 2003, shrinking its payroll to around 64,000 from a peak of 136,500 in 1983.

Kodak said it would take charges of $1.3 billion to $1.7 billion through 2006, including up to $900 million in severance costs.

Company president Antonio Perez said the cuts are "absolutely required for Kodak to succeed in traditional markets as well as the digital markets to which our businesses are rapidly shifting."

Last week, Kodak said it will stop selling reloadable 35 mm film cameras in North America and Western Europe by the end of 2004.

In September, Kodak slashed its annual dividend from $1.80 to 50 cents to help fund $3 billion in acquisitions and internal growth as it shifts into the fast-growing, highly competitive digital arena.





A-B HONOR ROLL — East students named to the A-B Honor Roll are (top photo) back row from left, Juan Benitez, Jordan Peoples, Travis Hagins, Jason Mendoza, Chris Garza, Valentin Medina, Robbie Rinehart, Keenon Ward and Beto Arellano; second row, Jesse Dominguez, Riley Brown, Tyson Sullenger, Tyler Redman, Robby Luna, Enrique Campos, Gene Alarcon, Hunter Cox, Brady Williams and Victor Pena; third row, M.J. Diaz, Kenner Escobedo, Alex Rivera, Cody Day, Caleb Hester, Cole Etheredge, Tyler Clay, Kyler Billingsley, Justin Torres and Edgar Molina; front row, Corbin Holmsley, Timothy Hagins, Nickolas Clanton, Lance Morris, Dalton Toland, Alberto Resendiz and Codee Aplin. DaShay Smith is not pictured. Others are (bottom photo) back row from left, Jazmyn Moore, Alicyn Hernandez, Mariah Cearley, Tessa Aguilar, Jasmine Jackson, Angela DeLoera and Kyla Freeman; third row, Donica Flores, Micah Henson, Jentri Driggers, Minnie Guerra, Sadye Naizer and Mercedes Navarette; second row, Sara Rath, Meghan Garza, Morgan DeLoera, Alisha Guzman, Stacy Kenner, Roxanna Silva; front row, Brianna Small, Jessica Torres, Macy Bilano, Savannah Glasscock, Andrea Rodriguez, Yesennia Cabrera and Andrea Miranda. Virginia Torres is not pictured. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

As primaries begin, election systems haven't been improved

By The Associated Press

The presidential campaign season is under way, yet when voters go to the polls this year, the election systems in many states will still be susceptible to the same flaws that caused the 2000 stalemate in Florida.

A report released Thursday found that — despite promised reforms — only a few states made comprehensive changes to voting machines and registration in the last three years. The Washington-based Election Reform Information Project reported that money problems and concerns about the reliability of new, touch screen voting systems delayed action.

It will be 2006, at the earliest, before voters nationwide see the kinds of sweeping improvements that policy-makers said were necessary after the 2000 election.

"The expectation for reform has outstripped reality," said Doug Chapin, director of the information project, a nonpartisan group that studies elections.

One problem: Federal money has been slow coming. Of $3.9 billion authorized in 2002, only $650 million has been distributed to states so far, half of that focused on planning. And Congress only appointed a federal oversight commission to handle doling out the money last month.

Adding to the inertia, computer scientists have raised doubts about the security of the touch-screen, ATM-style machines that federal law encourages for the disabled and which many states are considering for widespread use.

The report found that:

—Punch cards will still be used in some jurisdictions in 22 states, despite the federal Help America Vote Act's encouragement to retire the equipment that was at the center of the Florida deadlock in 2000.

—Statewide registration databases, which should eliminate the potential for fraud and for voters mistakenly being denied the chance to vote, are still a few years off. Forty-one states sought waivers to delay action on registration until 2006.

—While some polling places in 42 states will have new machines in place for the presidential contest, in many states that means small pilot programs in a few counties or towns, rather than wholesale improvements.

Still, there were some changes. Georgia and Maryland switched to statewide touchscreen systems; Florida — the start of all the controversy — eliminating its punch cards; and large counties in California and Texas dropped punch cards, too.

Yet in Marshall County, Iowa — north of Des Moines — disabled voters will have to wait a few more years for a voting machine that complies with the new federal law, said Dawn Williams, who oversees elections in the county.

"I'm talking about money for voting machines, I'm talking about money for additional training, money for a statewide voter registration," Williams said. "It's pretty hard to do that without any money."

"We've got everybody's hopes up, got everybody thinking we could make these quantum leaps," said Doug Lewis, who works with local and state election officials from across the country at the Election Center, a nonpartisan group in Houston, Texas. "We're stuck in inertia."

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Alltel	50.20	49.76	50.11	—.17
AmEl Pw	31.80	31.42	31.80	—.01
AndarkPtr	52.20	50.93	50.97	—1.02
ATMOS Egy	25.40	25.25	25.31	+.01
Aviall	16.42	16.20	16.21	—.09
BP PLC	50.10	49.79	49.79	—.19
BakerHughes	34.99	33.70	33.74	—.98
Bank of Amer	82.20	81.70	81.83	—.02
BellSouth	29.30	28.17	29.11	—.29
BurlNoSFe	32.93	32.61	32.81	+.07
Caterpillar	84.71	83.13	84.06	+.66
CenterPoint	10.50	10.37	10.38	—.07
ChevronTex	87.95	86.89	87.00	+.22
Citigroup	50.95	50.19	50.61	+.25
CocaCola	49.70	49.28	49.30	—.48
ColgatePal	51.58	50.50	51.09	—.12
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HoneywellIntl	36.35	35.68	35.92	—.37
IBM	98.16	97.32	97.37	—.33
IntlPaper	43.32	42.21	43.00	—.32
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LockheedM	51.67	51.02	51.09	—.29
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Lubys	3.66	3.60	3.65	—.02
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NCR Corp	41.18	40.69	40.94	+.33
Navistar	52.30	51.35	51.76	+.65
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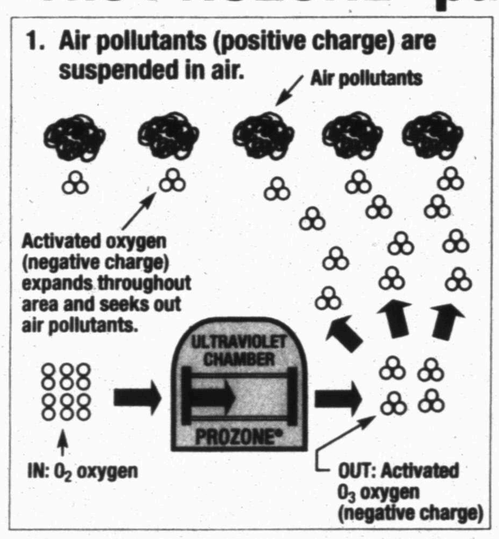
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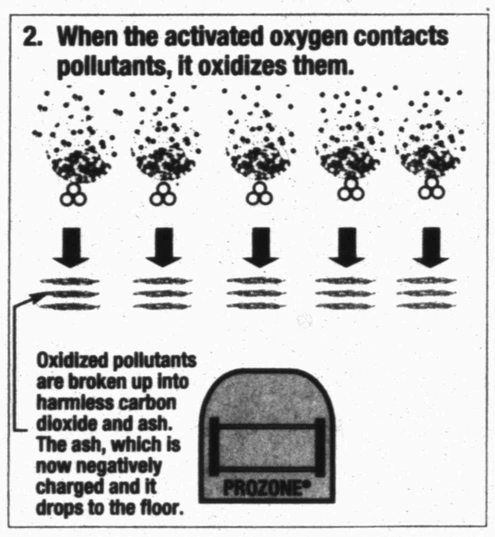
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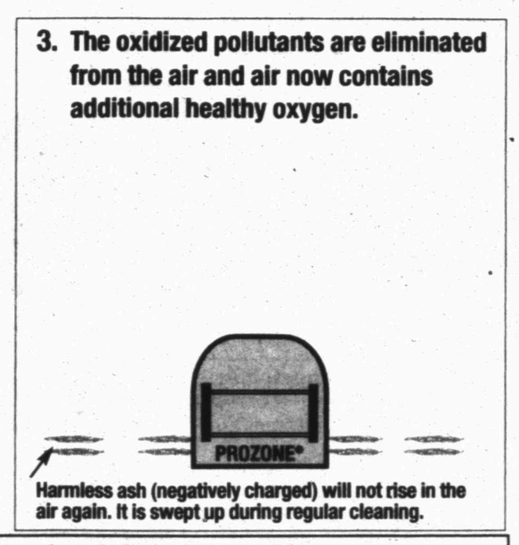
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Testimonies from a few of the thousands of satisfied PROZONE® users

The PROZONE® is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a product that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. ***Michelle Goldsmith***

The PROZONE® that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh smell the PROZONE® let off. ***Jenny Kico***

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the PROZONE® I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing PROZONE®. I plugged in the PROZONE® and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The PROZONE® really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breath. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The PROZONE® truly does what it claims to do. ***Diane C. Vance***

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A powerful new air purifier that is far superior to anything else on the market has been announced by BioTech Research®.

It is the PROZONE®. The Federal Government, United Nations, many other institutions and many major corporations use PROZONE® products to purify air, or, water, or, both.

Thousands of people across the nation are already using the PROZONE® and getting sensational results. Testimonies from a few of the thousands of PROZONE® users are provided on this page.

The PROZONE® eliminates a wide range of air pollutants. The PROZONE® can eliminate 98% of the worst pollutants from the air in 15 minutes. These worst pollutants are the ones that cause the most misery such as allergy causing pollutants, odor causing pollutants and smoke.

The PROZONE® runs quiet, has no filters, has nothing to replace and there is nothing to clean. If you have an electronic air purifier that you have to wipe off the internals to clean or has no fan, beware. I will explain shortly.

The PROZONE® eliminates from the air many more types of pollutants than do filters. It does not produce toxic oxides of nitrogen like other electronic air purifiers.

The PROZONE® brings relief for allergies and sinus quickly. Customers report it provides better sleep, reduces fatigue and improves mental abilities.

The PROZONE® utilizes the methods that nature uses to eliminate pollution from the air which is the sun and thunderstorms. Everyone is aware of that fresh air smell after a thunderstorm.

PROZONE® makes both air and water purifiers. The inventor of the PROZONE® air and water purification technology is Ron Barnes, engineer and physicist, who was NASA's chief engineer for air and water purification for the International Space Station. PROZONE® air and water purifiers before now were only used by government, institutions, businesses and in mansions.

PROZONE® customers include: The U.S. Federal Government including the departments of Defense and Agriculture, and NASA; The United Nations; NATO; President George W. Bush in this private home; Residence Inns, Holiday Inns, Marriott Hotels; The Four Seasons, The Ritz Carlton, The Olympics, Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods, Johnson and Johnson, Dow Chemical, Texaco, The Ford Motor Company, The Chicago Bears, The University of Connecticut, The University of Maryland, The University of Michigan and many more too numerous to print here.

BioTech Research® will now provide PROZONE® residential units to the public which are custom made for BioTech Research®. These units use the same patented PROZONE® air purification technology as the institutional, commercial and industrial units.

For more details on how the remarkable PROZONE® works, here is my interview with BioTech Research® Chief of Staff For Research And Development, John Whitakre.

Q. Mr. Whitakre, how did you choose the PROZONE® for your custom made residential air purifier?

A. We have carried out research to find the best air purification technology in the world over the past 7 years. The PROZONE® beat every other technology by a wide margin. Our research found that it is the best air purifier in the world. It was developed by a scientist who was a NASA chief engineer.

Q. How does the PROZONE® work?

A. The PROZONE® takes common oxygen, which is O_2, and raises to the level of ozone, which is O_3.

The ozone, O_3, is created in the PROZONE® like it is done in nature by the sun and thunderstorms. It is done with a patented process using 2 forms of ultraviolet light. Most popular ozone air purifiers use electrical spark to create ozone. This spark can be hazardous. It can cause an explosion if you have a gas leak and many can produce acid in the air.

After this ball of oxygen atoms, O_3, is formed by the patented PROZONE® process, its natural tendency is to get back to O_2. Therefore, it starts dispersing activated oxygen, which is negatively charged, throughout the room. Pollutants that float in the air are positively charged. When this activated oxygen contacts the pollutant, it oxidizes the pollutant and breaks it up into harmless carbon dioxide and a negatively charged ash which drops to the floor.

Now this is important. That ash, once it drops to the floor, will not go back into the air again. It is harmless there on the floor until it is swept or vacuumed up through regular cleaning.

Q. But why do they give ozone levels in air pollution alerts? Does ozone cause an allergic reaction?

A. Absolutely not. Ozone relieves allergies. That alert is a big misunderstanding. Nature increases ozone in high pollution conditions to balance out pollution. So the weather services measure ozone levels to determine how high the pollution because ozone is easy to measure.

Q. There are so many air purifiers on the market. How does the PROZONE® differ?

A. You cannot compare the PROZONE® with any other air purifier on the market. That would be like comparing a diamond to a lump of coal.

The PROZONE® has a patented technology and other air purifiers do not have it.

Other air purifiers fall into 3 categories. One is forced air filtration systems where the filter has to be changed. Two, are electrostatic filter systems where an electrically charged plate snares a few types of pollutants. But, the electrically charged plate has to be cleaned. And, three, as aforementioned, electric spark ozone air purifiers can produce oxides of nitrogen that form an acid in the air which is corrosive and toxic. The electric spark can cause explosions and it will interfere with radio and T.V. signals.

Typical air purifiers require the air to be brought to and pulled through the unit, either by a fan or electronic charge. This causes the pollutants to be drawn through the area to the machine. They do not eliminate pollutants at the source. Therefore they are very inefficient.

The PROZONE® patented activated oxygen generator disperses activated oxygen like guided missiles throughout the room. It seeks out and eliminates pollutants at the source as well as in the machine.

Q. What about the air purifiers that claim to have no moving parts and no fans? Do they operate on the same principle as the PROZONE®?

A. No. Those units are electrostatic filters. You must pull out the electrostatic plate and wipe it off. They do not provide adequate ozone. There is no way they can come close to cleaning the air to the level of the PROZONE®.

If those units have an ultraviolet bulb, they will kill some fungus and bacteria. But if they do not have an ultraviolet bulb, when you go to wipe them off, fungus and bacteria that you are wiping off is alive and can be harmful. Those units do produce some ozone, but, again, they do not produce enough to be effective and they also can produce oxides of nitrogen which can be harmful. Those units have no fan. They say they move air with an electronic charge. There is no way to purify the air in a room to an adequate degree without a fan. Electronic charge air movement is very minimal.

Q. Does the PROZONE® have anything you have to clean, is there anything you have to replace, and does it run quiet?

A. There is nothing to clean and nothing to replace. And, the fan runs super quiet.

Q. What is the range of pollutants that the PROZONE® removes from the air?

A. It removes nearly all organic and inorganic pollutants.

Organic pollutants removed by the PROZONE® include: fungus, bacteria, formaldehyde, ammonia from pet urine, cooking odors, skunk odors, ferret odors, fecal and other urinary odors, perfumes, colognes, tobacco, smoke and creosote from fireplaces. It also removes viruses.

The PROZONE® removes the following inorganic pollutants: dust, methylene chloride, phenols, PCBs, humic acid, DIMRs, glycerols, kepones, methyl ethyl keytones, acetone from fingernail filings, styrene, nitro compounds, formic acid, benzoic, butanes, ethanes, pentanes, propanes, methanes, alcohols, cyanides, detergents, phosphates and many more too numerous to mention here.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Every day you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

Q. How long does it take for the PROZONE® to remove pollutants from the air in a room?

A. It depends on the amount of pollution and room size. A 400 square foot room can have 98% of the worst pollutants removed in as fast as 15 minutes. Up to 1,000 square feet will take longer. The PROZONE® eliminates the worst pollutants the fastest, the ones that cause suffering and unpleasantness. It quickly removes pollens, pet danders and other allergy causing pollutants. Odors disappear in minutes. Smoke is also removed quickly. If you have pollutants in the walls, carpets and furniture it will also remove those. But it will take longer to do that. It eventually sanitizes a room. It will even sanitize and deodorize your clothes.

The PROZONE® will take a musty room and make it smell like fresh air again. In fact, it will make the room smell like the pleasant fragrance you experience after a thunderstorm.

Customers report that the PROZONE® helps them sleep much better. This is likely because there is more active oxygen in the air and pollutants are removed. You can also be much more alert when you are awake because you are taking in more oxygen.

Users report that they now feel so much better since they have the PROZONE®. Users say that before they were taking medication for allergies, sinus and many other such ailments. They said they do not have to take the medication while they are in the presence of the PROZONE®. People should consult their physician before they stop their medication.

Q. Let's elaborate more on odors, which are a major problem in most houses. Will the PROZONE® eliminates cigarette odors, pet odors, mildew odors, and so on from the air?

A. Yes, it will.

The odor eliminates power of the PROZONE® is such that it will even eliminate skunk odor within minutes.

Q. Will the PROZONE® eliminate carbon monoxide from the air?

A. Yes. Many people do not realize that most houses have carbon monoxide but it is not to a level detectable by a carbon monoxide detector. But, this carbon monoxide can be very toxic and damaging to your health. The PROZONE® removes this low level carbon monoxide.

Q. How much electricity does the PROZONE® use?

A. Only 50 watts. Therefore, you use no more electricity than a 50 watt light bulb.

Q. Is the PROZONE® totally safe to use?

A. Definitely yes. PROZONE® air or water purifier technology or both is used by the Federal Government, the United Nations and many of the major corporations in the world. Studies on ozone show that it has no harmful effects on human tissue. The ozone produced by the PROZONE® is amazing because it removes everything bad, but, does not harm anything that is good.

Q. Does the PROZONE® come with a warranty and a satisfaction guarantee?

A. The PROZONE® comes with a one-year warranty on parts and labor and a 60 day total satisfaction guarantee or all money will be refunded.

Q. I understand that you are running a 10 day sale on a residential model which will be available to readers of this publication. What is the price and the sale price ?

A. The residential model we are offering at this sale price is the PROZONE® Area Model. It purifies the air in an area up to 1,000 square feet in size. It measures 6 inches by 6 inches by 2-1/2 inches. It weighs 1-1/2 pounds. Other air purifiers cost $350 to $700. The price of the PROZONE® Area Model is only $290 plus $12 shipping for a total of $302 delivered. But, for this 10 day sale readers can get this unit at a $75 discount for only $227 delivered. There is a limit of 3 units at this discount. The PROZONE® Area Model will not be available in stores for an extended period.

End of interview.

For readers who want to obtain the PROZONE® Area Model at this 10 day sale price please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. Those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication must pay regular price.

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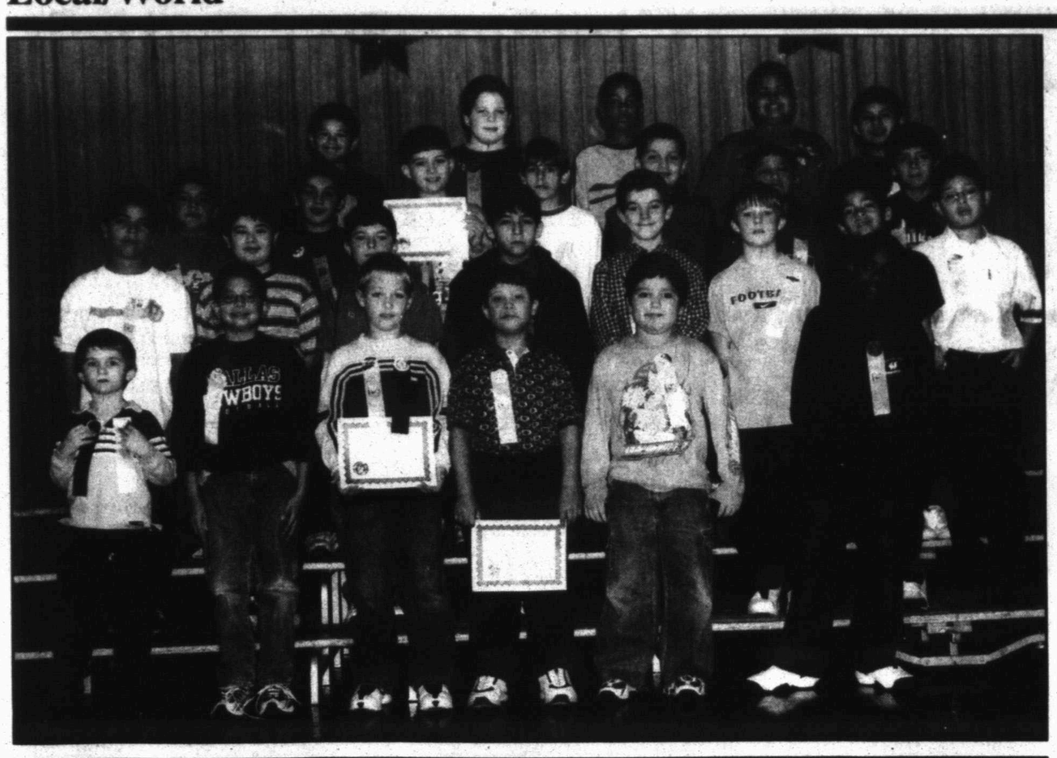


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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — East Elementary students who were not absent during the fall semester include (top photo) back row from left, Adam Moncibais, Samuel Ashley, Jordan Peoples, Harley Collins and Edgar Molina; third row, Hermelando Aguirre, Josh Sandoval, Damian Donaldson, Chase Price, Armando Monroy, Victor Pena and Gene Alarcon; second row, Greg Ornelas, Robby Luna, Adrian Segura, Paul Benitez, Cole Etheredge, Kyler Billingsley, Joe Garza and Diego Hernandez; front row, Cody Kincheloe (most improved), Timothy Hagins, Dakota Owens, Beto Jaimes, Carlos Landa and Khari Powell. (bottom photo) Pictured from left are back row, Taylor Garcia, Jentri Driggers, Ashleigh Falcon, Miriam Arellano, Jessica Guardado and Patricia Brantley; middle row, Kaitlin Stewart, Jessica Torres, Aleya Sharp, Morgan DeLoera and Audrey Miller; front row, Dezaree Renshaw, Macy Bilano, Savannah Glasscock, Meghan Garza and Andrea Miranda. Not pictured: Lance Morris and Willow Gray. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 23, 2004

There's a good chance that in the year ahead you could set some objectives for yourself that you may never have dared to attempt previously. Friends in the right places will applaud your efforts and help where they can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Explore all avenues that could make or save you money today, because conditions are now choice in the material sense. You could uncover hidden opportunities overlooked for some time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let any grass grow under your feet if you have a few new ideas that have the possibilities of furthering your personal ambitions. Today is a time for action, not simply talk.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may learn something very interesting today quite by accident. You'll immediately know it has value, yet there's a strong possibility that you might not know what to do with it yet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be concerned about tackling a new project that you've never attempted before, which may be thrown at you today. Your competency in figuring things out may startle you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Some exceptionally promising developments concerning your work or career could suddenly be dropped into your lap today. However, if you're not alert enough, they could catch you napping.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A promising new idea may start to swirl around in your head today. Chances are it will pertain to something that you had hoped to bring about but haven't yet figured out how to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Conditions may be stirring something up today in an involvement that you have with another, but don't be too concerned with any changes. The possibilities of what occurs will make things better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The same associates who will be supportive of your ideas today may not be equally as enthusiastic about them tomorrow. Better make your moves now while they're on your side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It behooves you to be a bit more adventurous with your duties today instead of continuing to be tied down doing things the same old way. A great new method may be discovered.

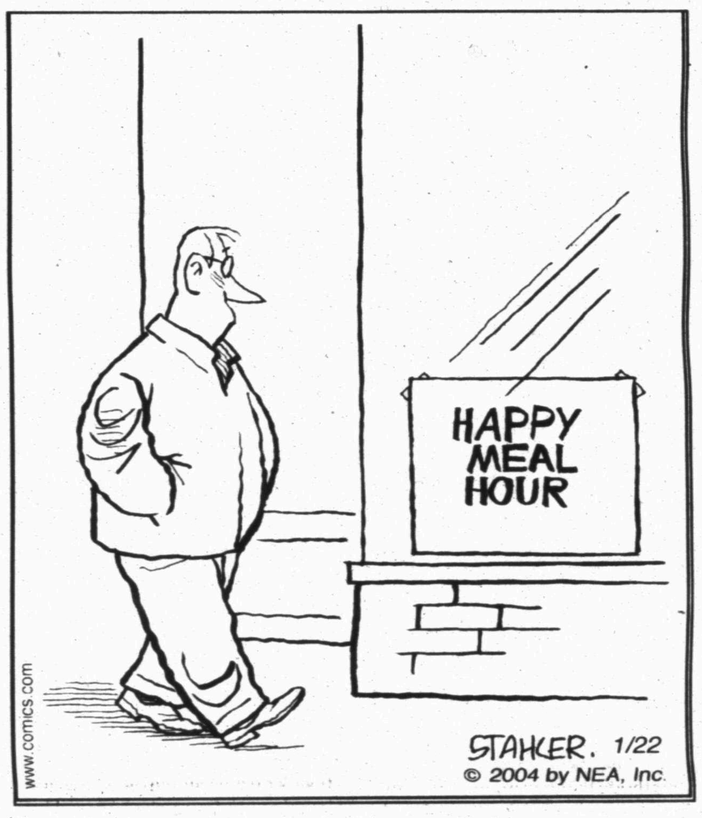
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A social situation in which you find yourself part of today could have some rather unique undercurrents. What it produces could lead to a pleasant experience you may long remember.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — By using your ingenuity today, you should be able to create several new looks within your home or office. Even if what you change is slight, the effects could be startlingly fresh.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your mental antenna should be working loud and clear today, enabling you to pick up on some valuable facts being broadcast through idle conversations that go over the heads of others.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Drugs are a common cause of sexual problems

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe that I have been chemically castrated by the drugs my cardiologist prescribes for my heart condition. I am 64 and used to have a reasonable libido. Now I don't. I believe that my problem is caused by one or more of my medications: Aldactone, Zestril, Lasix, Cordarone, Lopressor or Coumadin.

When I raised this issue with my cardiologist, he spread his hands, looked to the ceiling and said, "Sorry, you need these drugs." What's next?

DEAR READER: You may be correct. Any one of the medications you listed can cause loss of sexual interest and performance.

Although many men (and their wives) would, under this circumstance, choose the benefits of cardiac drugs over the potential side effects, some men (and their wives!) object to the tradeoff.

I believe that there is room for negotiation in this matter: It's not a question of "take these drugs or else."

In all fairness, however, I should remind you that the process is not easy and will probably take more of a commitment than the cardiologist is willing to make. But try him.

He should review the necessity of each drug you are taking. Because any one of them can cause loss of libido, his task is substantial.

First, I would discontinue one drug at a time, starting with Aldactone, a diuretic. If improvement occurs, bravo, case closed. If not, I'd stop Lasix, also a diuretic, and re-institute the Aldactone. Then move onto your other medications, being careful to stop only medications that may not be vital to your health. For example, you may need at least one medication for hypertension (you are currently taking four), the Cordarone (to stabilize heart action) and the Coumadin (to prevent strokes from blood clots).

If this experiment fails (i.e., no improvement from selective reduction in medications), you should be referred to a urologist, because some health-related cause of diminished libido (such as your heart disease itself) may be operative, and your cardiologist will surely want to cover all the bases.

Should your problem be simply a consequence of the normal aging process, "Sorry, you need these drugs" may have to satisfy you, but I believe that much can be done to improve (or clarify) your situation.

Finally, you might like to explore additional anti-libido factors, such as alcohol overuse, familiarity with your partner and assorted issues. Men of 64 cannot perform with the same fervor and efficiency that they could 20, 40 or even 10 years ago. Are your expectations unreasonable? Is your wife in agreement with your concerns? Is your libido really as important as it seems, or would you be willing to modify your sexual activity to acknowledge your diminished, age-related, medication-aggravated loss of interest? These are questions that you should review with your wife and your physician.

Let me know the outcome of this situation.

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

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Stone to receive achievement award

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The organizers of an international film festival opening in Bangkok this week will give a career achievement award to Oliver Stone, who's shooting scenes for his latest film, "Alexander," in central Thailand.

The Oscar-winning director of "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Platoon" will receive a Golden Kinnaree at a Jan. 31 ceremony to close the 2004 Bangkok International Film Festival, the Tourism Authority of Thailand said in a statement Tuesday.

A kinnaree is a revered figure in Thai mythology that combines the attributes of a woman and a bird and is believed to come from heaven.

The 14-day festival, which starts Thursday, will feature 150 films from around the world and movie industry-related conferences, workshops and lectures.

The festival's executive director, Craig Prater, said Stone was being honored for "his immeasurable impact on global cinema."

"He is one of a handful of thought-provoking filmmakers whose directing achievements are matched by his work as a writer and producer," Prater said.

The 57-year-old director is filming scenes for his epic about the life of Alexander the Great — starring Colin Farrell as the Macedonian conqueror — in Lopburi province, 71 miles north of Bangkok.

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Sharon says he will not resign

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ariel Sharon said today he will not resign as prime minister, despite corruption allegations and the looming possibility he could be indicted in the coming weeks.

A real estate developer was indicted Wednesday on charges of bribing Sharon with $690,000, and Justice Ministry officials said they would decide within weeks or months whether to indict the prime minister for accepting bribes. Such charges would only be filed if prosecutors are convinced Sharon had criminal intent.

"I am not about to resign. I emphasize, I am not about to resign. I am busy with work from morning to night, and I do not intend to make time for issues that are under investigation," Sharon told the Yediot Ahronot newspaper. Sharon's aides confirmed the remarks.

At a meeting of backers of his ruling Likud Party x this afternoon, Sharon said: "I plan to keep serving as prime minister and as Likud chairman until 2007 at least," according to the Yediot Web site.

Eyal Arad, a close associate of Sharon, also said that the prime minister "does not intend to resign."

Sharon said the burgeoning scandal would not deflect his attention from what he considers to be more pressing issues, including a hearing at the world court in The Hague, Netherlands, on the legality of a barrier Israel is building in the West Bank.

An Israeli court on Wednesday indicted real-estate developer David Appel for allegedly bribing Sharon. The indictment raises the chances Sharon will be indicted as well and further clouds hopes for a renewal of stalled peace efforts.

A Dahaf Institute poll published in Yediot today found 49 percent of Israelis think Sharon should resign or suspend himself; 38 percent said he should stay premier. The poll of 504 people had a margin of error of 4.4 percent.

The focus of the scandal is the so-called "Greek Island Affair," in which Appel allegedly paid Sharon's son Gilad money so Sharon, then foreign minister, would use his influence to help Appel promote a project in Greece in 1999.

Opposition politicians urged Sharon to resign, and a leadership struggle in Likud already was brewing.

Sharon's spokesman, Asaf Shariv, said Sharon could not comment on the case because of the pending investigation. "I can guarantee there will not be an indictment," he told The Associated Press.

There is precedent for Israeli politicians to resign as a result of scandal. There have also been cases where, despite suspicion, no indictments were handed down, and leaders have held on despite criticism.

A former general, Sharon is considered likely to wage a fierce battle to maintain his leadership.

"He will fight until the last bullet," Israel Radio political analyst Hanan Crystal said. "But Richard Nixon was a fighter. You cannot fight against everything."

Justice Ministry officials said on condition of anonymity they expected to complete an investigation of Sharon within several months, possibly sooner, and decide on an indictment.

Cheney says search for WMD will take considerable time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney said Wednesday that the administration has not given up on the so far fruitless search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The "jury is still out," he said.

"It's going to take some additional, considerable period of time in order to look in all the cubby holes and the ammo dumps and all the places in Iraq where you might expect to find something like that," Cheney said in an interview at the White House with National Public Radio. "It doesn't take a large storage space to store deadly toxins, or even just the capacity to produce it."

Cheney also said that he's confident that there was a relationship between al-Qaida and ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. The Bush administration, however, has said in the past that there is no evidence that Saddam was behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I continue to believe — I think there's overwhelming evidence that there was a connection between al-Qaida and the Iraqi government," Cheney said. "I'm very confident that there was an established relationship there."

Cheney spoke the day before he leaves on a five-day trip to Europe, where he will seek help in the war on terrorism, speak out against the spread of weapons and attempt to smooth ruffled relations with allies. In just his second foreign trip since taking office with President Bush around three years ago, Cheney leaves today for Davos, Switzerland, to address the World Economic Forum, an annual gathering of political, corporate and opinion leaders. After that, he will visit Rome.

The Bush administration's relations with some European allies and the United Nations soured after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Now, the United States wants U.N. experts to help resolve a dispute between the United States and a top Shiite cleric over the best way to transfer power to the Iraqis.

"I don't have a fundamental objection to the U.N. per se," Cheney told NPR. "I do think their role has to be focused. The U.S. is still going to be there for some considerable period of time dealing with the security issues. The U.N. simply doesn't have the kind of forces to do what we do.

"I think there is a role for them in helping with the political transition, helping get up elections, maybe working with the Iraqis in terms of establishing constitutional processes — how the interim government's going to work."

Cheney's address at the economic forum on Saturday is expected to offer a long-term perspective on the global war on terror and echo the administration's optimistic assessment of postwar Iraq and the U.S. economy.

Attorney says jurors in Stewart case don't understand charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Too many prospective jurors in the Martha Stewart case wrongly think she is charged with insider trading, her lawyer complained to the judge, according to transcripts released today.

In the transcripts from the closed-door jury selection process, Robert Morvillo said Wednesday that U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum shared blame for the misunderstanding because of her own choice of words. The judge replied that she would make sure the jury is properly informed.

Stewart is charged with obstruction of justice and securities fraud over stock she sold in 2001.

In the transcripts, which cover the first two days of juror questioning, the judge appears to have given up on finding 12 people completely unfamiliar with the gracious-living guru, zeroing in on those who say they can be fair despite heavy pretrial publicity.

During the first day of questioning, Cedarbaum asking potential jurors whether they can decide the case solely on the evidence.

Cedarbaum has fretted publicly about the volume of news coverage, and many potential jurors appear to be vaguely familiar with the case, if only its celebrity defendant.

"I mean, it's been impossible to totally not hear about the case," one potential juror told the judge, according to the transcript. "It has been everywhere."

The judge followed up: "And you have no problem following exactly the judge's statement of the law?" The juror answered, "Right."

The judge told the potential juror, a housewife and former lawyer, that she may wind up on the jury, depending in part on whether she can find someone to watch her 13-year-old child.

The trial continued to attract attention outside the courthouse as well. As Stewart arrived today morning, she smiled, waved and gave a thumbs-up to supporters who held placards that spelled out "SAVE MARTHA" in pastel letters.

"We brought a smile to Martha's face," one said.

Police investigate burglary, report of criminal mischief

• Arrest

A 20-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 900 block of Ave. O at mid-morning Wednesday on a warrant from Young County for assault causing bodily injury.

• Burglary

A homeowner at 2409 21st St. reported a burglary at 4:57 p.m. Wednesday. A Llama Micro Max .380 pistol was stolen.

• Criminal mischief

A caller reported from Hwy. 84 near Ezell-Key Wednesday afternoon that a group of children had thrown rocks and damaged her car.

An officer reported a broken window at the old IGA building at 4100 College Ave. at 12 a.m. today. The officer advised that a piece of firewood had been used to do the damage.

• Harassment

A person made a harassment complaint at the Law Enforcement Center at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday. She advised that she was receiving calls on her cell phone from an unknown subject.

A caller made a report of another subject harassing her in public in the 2500 block of Ave. F at 3:43 p.m. Wednesday.

Obituaries

Glyn Murphy

1918-2004

BRECKENRIDGE — Glyn Ed Murphy, a former area resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Hendrick's Medical Center in Abilene.

A memorial service for Mr. Murphy, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Morehart Mortuary Chapel in Breckenridge. Cremation is planned.

Born Dec. 1, 1918 in Snyder to W. Ed and Frieda von Roeder Murphy, he was reared in Borden County and attended school in Gail before graduating from Ranger High School. He attended Texas Tech University and served as a master sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Murphy was a rancher and also owned a vending machine business, moving to Breckenridge from House, N.M. in 1955. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge.

His parents, a son and a brother preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Gerry Cockrell of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Desley Murphy of Sidney, Australia; two brothers, Brent Murphy of Snyder and Bruce Murphy of New Mexico; and four grandchildren, Lynzey, Matt, Mareesha and Louis Murphy, all of Australia.

Memorials may be made to the Stephens County Memorial Hospital or to the Breckenridge Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Niedermayer

1926-2004

BIG SPRING — Earline Dorothy Kohl Niedermayer, sister of Alfred A. Kohl of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 18, in Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

Service for Mrs. Niedermayer, 77, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Revs. Wayne Frost of Big Spring and Mark Cattau of Dallas officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 2, 1926 in Harrold, she graduated from Harrold High School and Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, Ill. She was a Lutheran schoolteacher for 15 years in Hickory, N.C., Houston, Fort Worth and Amarillo. Following her retirement, she was secretary to the president of Pioneer Gas in Amarillo for many years.

She married Joseph Van Niedermayer on June 10, 1961 in Amarillo. He preceded her in death as did her parents, Albert G. and Bertha Lutz Kohl; and a stepson, Neil Niedermayer.

Survivors include another brother and his wife, Carroll and Leighrene Kohl of Big Spring; a sister-in-law, Rosemary Kohl of Snyder; and many nieces and nephews.

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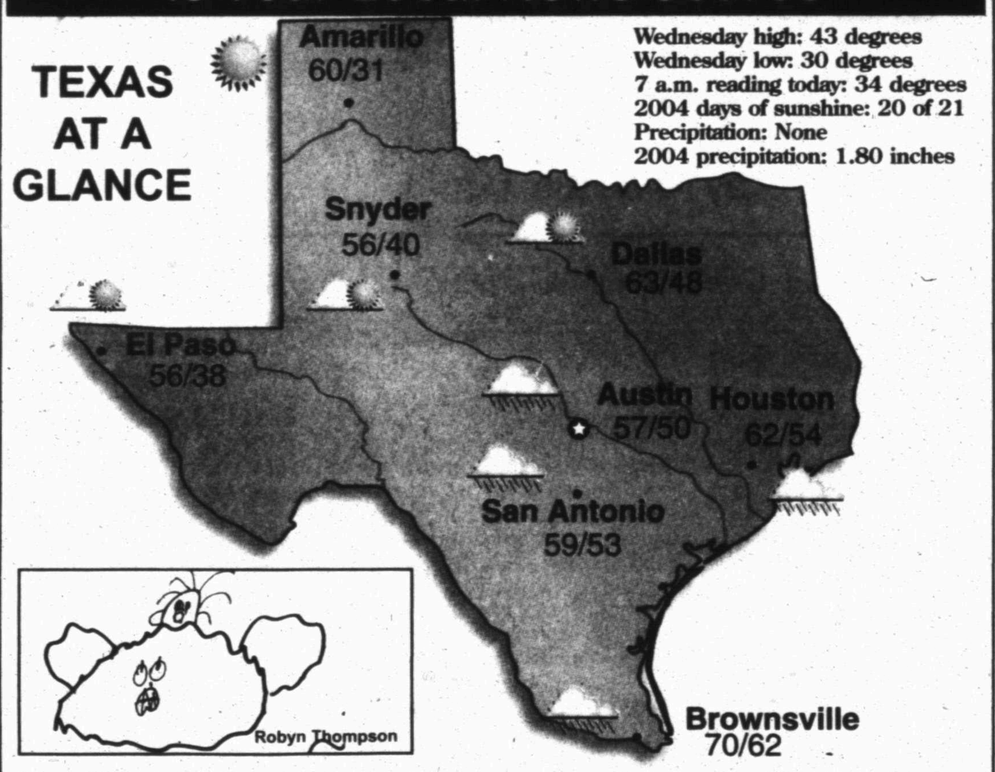
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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Sun 1/25
56/40	57/35	63/42
Partly cloudy. High 56F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Occasional showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:44 AM / Sunset 6:08 PM	Sunrise 7:43 AM / Sunset 6:08 PM	Sunrise 7:43 AM / Sunset 6:09 PM

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Wednesday high: 43 degrees
Wednesday low: 30 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 34 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 20 of 21
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	46	pt sunny	El Paso	56	38	pt sunny	Midland	56	39	pt sunny
Amarillo	60	31	sunny	Fort Stockton	55	41	cloudy	Raymondville	68	58	rain
Austin	57	50	rain	Gainesville	61	44	mst sunny	Rosenberg	62	54	rain
Beaumont	63	52	pt sunny	Greenville	62	45	pt sunny	San Antonio	59	53	rain
Brownsville	70	62	rain	Houston	62	54	rain	San Marcos	58	51	rain
Brownwood	63	47	pt sunny	Kingsville	67	58	rain	Sulphur Springs	62	46	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	64	58	rain	Livingston	62	48	cloudy	Sweetwater	59	44	pt sunny
Corsicana	62	48	pt sunny	Longview	62	47	pt sunny	Tyler	62	47	pt sunny
Dallas	63	48	pt sunny	Lubbock	60	35	mst sunny	Weatherford	62	44	pt sunny
Del Rio	59	49	rain	Lufkin	64	49	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	63	43	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	29	sunny	Houston	62	54	rain	Phoenix	66	47	rain
Boston	22	8	mst sunny	Los Angeles	71	51	windy	San Francisco	58	42	sunny
Chicago	24	21	sn shower	Miami	68	48	mst sunny	Seattle	49	41	rain
Dallas	63	48	pt sunny	Minneapolis	18	10	sn shower	St. Louis	47	33	pt sunny
Denver	50	29	windy	New York	24	15	mst sunny	Washington, DC	27	21	mst sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 21	Jan 29	Feb 6	Feb 13

UV Index

Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Sun 1/25
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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