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Yemen shooter might have al-Qaida support

JIBLA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni interrogators suspect the man accused of killing three American missionaries at a Baptist hospital may have ties to al-Qaida, officials said today, and U.S. investigators joined the search for those behind the murders.

Two of the slain Americans were buried today in the southern Yemeni town of Jibla, where each had worked for more than two decades and where the attack took place. The third was to be flown to the United States.

An FBI team arrived Monday in Jibla and worked overnight. An American diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, would not say whether U.S. investigators were being allowed to directly question the suspect arrested for the slayings, but said the Americans "are very close" to the interrogation.

In past investigations of attacks on Americans here, Americans working alongside Yemenis have complained of having limited access to suspects.

The U.S. Embassy said it was too early to tell if terrorism was behind Monday's shootings at a Southern Baptist hospital. But Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Kader Bajammal included the slayings in a list of terrorist acts he presented to parliament later in the day.

Officials close to the investigation said Yemeni interrogators have strong suspicions the accused gunman has connections to Osama bin Laden's terror network. Yemen is bin Laden's ancestral homeland and has been a fertile recruiting ground for him.

Yemen has been a key front in the U.S.-led war on terrorism and its government signed on as Washington's partner after the Sept. 11 attacks.

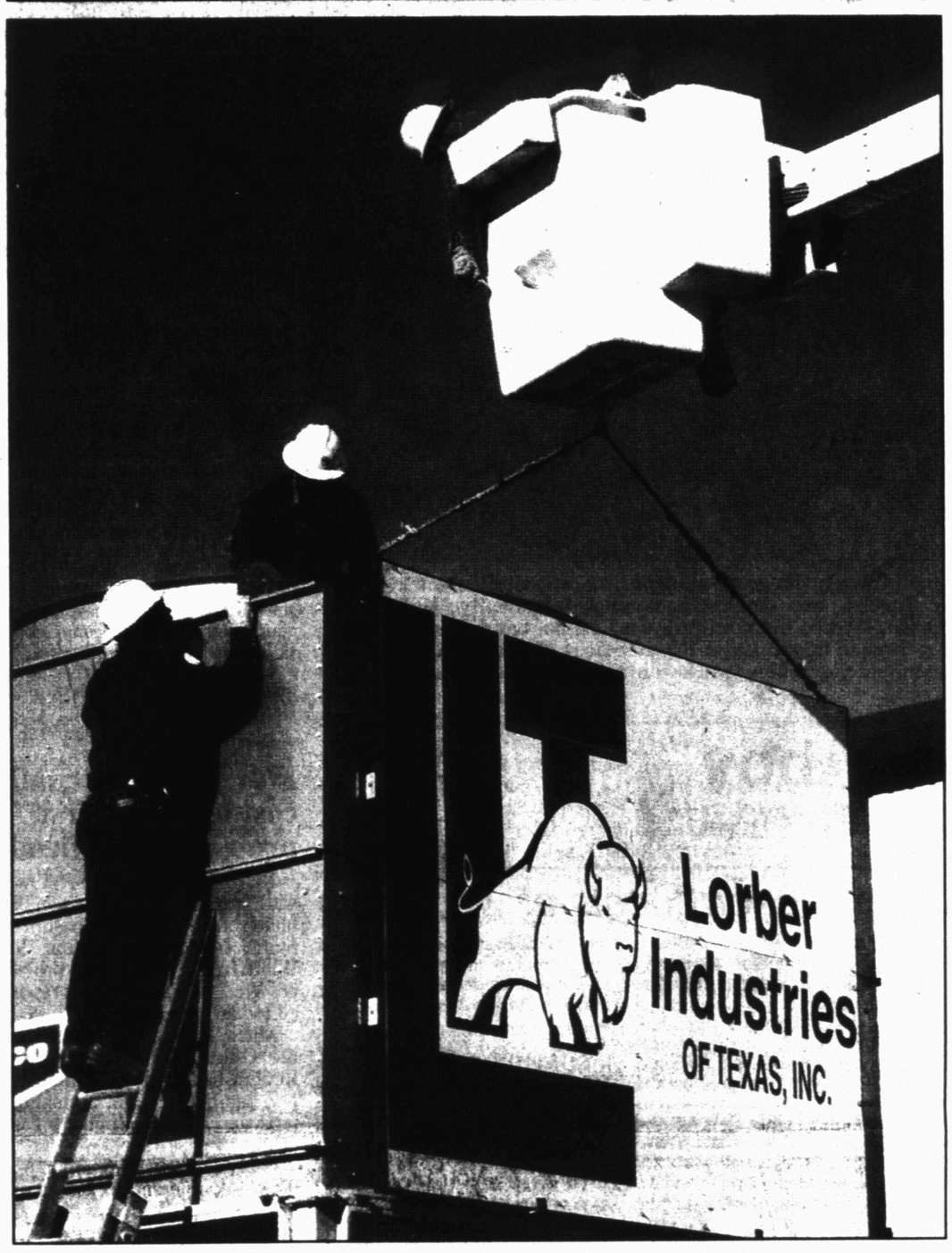
In the attack, the gunman slipped past security at Jibla Baptist Hospital, 125 miles south of the capital San'a, cradling his hidden gun like a baby. He entered a room where the director was conducting a meeting and opened fire at about 8:15 a.m. Monday, officials and witnesses said.

After shooting three people in the head, killing them instantly, the gunman headed to the pharmacy and shot the pharmacist in the abdomen. Yemeni authorities arrested a Yemeni suspect they identified as 30-year-old Abed Abdul Razak Kamel.

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention identified the dead as purchasing agent Kathleen A. Gariety, 53, of Wauwatosa, Wis.; Dr. Martha C. Myers, 57, of Montgomery, Ala.; and hospital director William E. Koehn, 60, of Arlington.

Myers — who had worked in Yemen for 24 years — and Koehn — who had planned to retire next October after 28 years at the hospital — were buried in a missionary cemetery on the hospital grounds today, Yemeni police said.

The hospital complex, surrounded by police and machine-gun mounted police cars since the shooting, was closed to outsiders. Townspeople, unable to attend the burial, gathered at the hospital gates.



SIGNS OF CHANGE — Big Country Electric Co-op employees from left, R.D. Hale, Arthur Hernandez and Rayland Goswich worked to remove a Lorber Industries of Texas Inc. sign from the spinning mill this morning in the industrial park. UCO Textiles, a Belgium firm, has purchased the facility and is set to resume production in January. (SDN Staff Photo)

Third quarter of 2002 sees many changes here

JULY

Scurry County purchased some 28 acres of land adjoining Winston Field as part of a remediation project for a leaking fuel tank on the airport's property.

The cost was $400 per acre.

The date for the AHNTECH open house was postponed a couple of times from July and finally set for August.

As it was getting closer to the Fourth of July, complaints about fireworks being discharged in the city became commonplace.

Snyder's city council had a marathon budget workshop early in the month as council members worked on the 2002-2003 budget.

Scurry County grand jury members returned seven indictments, including two for aggravated assault. Three persons were indicted for driving while intoxicated.

Towle Park again became the center of activity for the community and the area as the Snyder Chamber of Commerce sponsored a two-day Fourth of July celebration that drew a large crowd.

Texas, including Scurry County, received some beneficial rains early in the month as parts of the county recorded over two inches of moisture the night of July 4th and into the next day.

Janet Merritt, an employee of the Price Daniel Unit, was named the outstanding TDCJ employee for 2002. She was presented her plaque by Connie Rushing and Warden Wilhelmenia Howard.

Ira schools named Randy Jones as its new athletic director. Jones resigned his post in Klondike to become a Bulldog.

Robert Sims was the winner of a new Chevrolet pickup donated by Big Country Autoland to raise money for Western Texas College. Sims was presented the keys to the new vehicle by Bill and Nancy Wilson, owners of the dealership.

Snyder ISD's school board began their budget work and were originally looking at a drop in income of some $3 million. The loss in income was explained as a result from a drop in state funds due to fewer students in school, according to asst. supt. Karen Waller.

Long-time Snyder businessman and civic leader David Holt was named to the board of directors at West Texas State Bank.

Snyder citizens began work on a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant to make long-term improvements at Towle Park and other county parks. A meeting was held at the coliseum that attracted numerous representatives from a wide variety of organizations.

Scurry County Commissioners approved a request from District Attorney Dana Cooley for an assistant DA. Local attorney Ben Smith was later named to the post.

Local veterinarian Dr. Charles Church was appointed to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers to replace Nan Swanson who moved to California. Swanson had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs visited in Snyder at the DCOS offices.

Snyder ISD superintendent Gayle Lomax abruptly resigned

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New Year's Day...

Wednesday will be holiday for some

New Year's will prompt closings around Snyder, but the break will be a short one for most.

All five of Snyder's banks will close for the holiday Wednesday, to reopen at their regular times Thursday.

West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank all will observe the holiday.

Texas Savings also will close its drive-through at 3 p.m. today.

City and county employees also get the day off as city hall and the courthouse will close for the day Wednesday.

The landfill also will close New Year's Day as well as the county library.

No mail will be delivered or placed in boxes as Wednesday is a federal holiday. Regular delivery resumes Thursday.

Wednesday marks the end of Christmas break for some county students.

Ira schools are back in session Thursday morning. Hermleigh students hit the books Monday and Snyder teachers are to report back to campus that day also.

SISD students start the spring semester Tuesday.

Western Texas College offices open Monday and in-service begins Jan. 8.

Dormitories open Jan. 12 and registration begins Jan. 13. Spring classes at the college begin Jan. 15.

KTAB to stay on Cox cable systems

KTAB-TV and Cox Communications have reached an agreement to keep the Abilene station on the local cable TV menu.

The Abilene station and Cox signed a three-year agreement Monday after KTAB threatened not to allow the CBS station in Snyder, Abilene, Sweetwater, Winters and Ballinger.

The cable company ran a full-page ad in the Sunday Abilene Reporter-News stating KTAB had denied permission to Cox to air their CBS programming.

The TV station then ran a crawler across the bottom of their programming Sunday calling the ad false and misleading and encouraged viewers to call Cox's office to voice the opinion that KTAB was worth a dime a month.

Charlie Moore, vice president of operations for West Texas, said a sister station of KTAB, KMID-TV in Midland has asked for 25 cents per subscriber.

No details of the arrangement between Cox and the TV stations were released.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Have a great 2003."

Three years ago at this time, the entire nation was fretting about Y2K and the potential that all computers would crash and bring commerce and the national economy to an abrupt halt.

Trying to anticipate the future just doesn't work very well, and we don't know what the New Year will bring — but we're optimistic.

What did happen in 2001 was not computer related, but a terrorist attack on our nation that temporarily did bring commerce to a halt.

But the enemy underestimated the resolve of the American people. It put the nation on its knees, but not in the way that the enemy had anticipated.

Americans renewed their faith, their commitment to family, community and nation. Americans became united.

Actually, 2002 was a very good year, if not a banner year. America is still having to spend too many resources on fighting terrorism, but still things have been pretty good — even right here in Snyder, Texas USA.

Stable oil prices have not created a boom, but it has created work for contractors. The Snyder economy is enjoying major investment and work in two area oilfields. Kinder Morgan is spending big bucks in the SACROC unit and OxyPermian is investing millions in the Cogdell field.

And despite some strange characteristics of a gal called Mother Nature, Scurry County enjoyed the first decent crop in about six years.

And depending on the weather, we have the moisture in place to get another good ag start in 2003.

Lorber Industries filed bankruptcy in 2002, but hard work on the part of the DCOS and cooperation by many entities, the prospects of the cotton spinning mill being back in operation in the new year look good.

We've found Snyder's economy to be surprising resilient. It seems to be able to roll with the punches. Sometimes it's down, but never down for the count.

We don't pretend to know what all 2003 has in store for Snyder and Scurry County, but we suspect that 12 months from now, we will be able to say that "In spite of a limp, we ran pretty well."

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ASK US

Q—Why does the newspaper no longer run the DPS estimates of the number of persons projected to die on highways during holidays?

A—The Texas Department of Public Safety no longer issues those figures.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Tati Nail...

...moved to Snyder two years ago from Post and is secretary for the Development Corporation of Snyder. Her husband, Jack, works for Grimmett Brothers and the couple have two children. Jessica, 9, is a fourth grader at East Elementary and Jesse, 7, is in the first grade at Northeast Elementary. Tati enjoys hosting family and friends, but admits she's never the cook at any of the gatherings.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.
—James Russell Lowell

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Windbreak trees

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

New Years Eve at Thee Place

Come and worship the old year out and the new year in at Thee Place, 904 26th St., beginning at 8 p.m. today. There will not be a nursery provided. It is sponsored by His Joy Ministries.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include Saturday at 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 7, 9 a.m.,1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

FBC services televised

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

100th birthday reception

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

VFW auxiliary meeting

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

Support groups

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

Bass Club meeting

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

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

Lions Club meetings

Snyder Lions Club meetings on Jan. 7 and Jan. 14 will be held at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Benefit enchilada dinner

There will be a benefit enchilada dinner for liver transplant patient Carol Carrasco Garza from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 at West Elementary Cafeteria. For advance tickets for a $5 donation, call Mickey Carrasco at 573-3343.

SHS booster club fund raiser

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

Choir trip planned

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

Tigers Lair yearbook

Orders for 2002 Tigers Lair yearbooks are still being taken. The cost is $50 with additional options available. Call 574-6138 for information.

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.

Taxpayers could pay $165,000 to clear records in mass arrests

HOUSTON (AP) — City council members are considering hiring a law firm to help clear the records of hundreds of people arrested during an ill-fated drag-racing sting over the summer.

The council was scheduled today to consider whether to hire Winstead, Sechrest & Minick — which could cost taxpayers as much as $165,000 — to help expunge the arrests from the records of nearly 300 people arrested in August.

Though charges have been dropped, the arrests remain on police records.

The city is considering using private attorneys because the city's legal department is already representing Houston in several lawsuits stemming from the arrests.

"We are trying to rectify a wrong," said Robert Cambrice, a senior assistant city attorney. "We are trying to help out people who are trying to get into school or apply for jobs and are denied that opportunity because they have an arrest record."

Cambrice said that if the contract is approved those arrested will be notified of the service by mail. Records would be expunged at a cost to the city of $484 each.

But Randall Kallinen, an attorney representing some of those arrested, said he would advise his clients not to accept the offer because they need proof of their arrests to pursue wrongful arrest lawsuits against the city.

"This is nothing but damage control which they (city officials) are going to try and use in later court cases," Kallinen said. "(Arrest records) are evidence of their own wrongdoing. They are trying to reduce future claims."

The city faces several lawsuits filed on behalf of some 60 people arrested in the raids. The lawsuits accuse the city and two police officers of false arrest, false imprisonment and civil-rights violations. Two lawsuits seek unspecified damages while others seek millions of dollars in damages.

Capt. Mark Aguirre directed the sweeps of parking lots that led to the arrests outside a Kmart, a Sonic Drive-In, and a James Coney Island.

Aguirre planned the raid to crack down on drag racers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — West pre-kindergarten students in Robin Downing's and Vera Arredondo's classes recently presented a Christmas program for parents and other family members. From left are Tony Robles, Lexi Mireles, Albert Rodriguez, Bailey Garcia, Leia Romero, Eric Pool, Sydney Grimes, Michayla Haltom, Ryle Vaughan, Brendan Garza, Shanice Cobb, Diondre Green, Joe Marroquin and Liza Benavidez. (Contributed Photo)

NORTHEAST PUPPETS — Barbara Owen's fifth grade students at Norheast Elementary recently presented a puppet program. Kneeling from left are Samantha Medrano, Tye Holley, Aryn May, Raven Luna, Megan Thompson, Monica Clanton, Autumn Castillo, Sarah Parmer. Standing from left are Jonathan Kerr, Brance Scott, Javiel Rowe, Stacey Clifton, Meghan Cooley, Rachel Dupree, Kyra Lara, Eleanor Ashley and Meagan Downing. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Black is becoming basic for guests at weddings

DEAR ABBY: Re the letter about wearing black at weddings: I am a professional pianist/organist who has played for numerous weddings.

Last winter, I was asked to play for a large wedding. I chose a black dress with a fancy sequined jacket. Before the wedding, I dropped by to visit my 90-year-old mother, who questioned my black dress. I assured her that black was now appropriate.

My house was on the way to the church, and taking my mother's comments into consideration, I decided to change into a rose-colored dress. When I walked into the church, you guessed it — I was greeted by a sea of black. The groomsmen all wore black tuxes, the bridesmaids had long black dresses, and even the singers I was to accompany were dressed in black.

For a moment, I wanted to dash back home and change again, but I didn't. I just smiled at the irony. — **CHARLOTTE IN LAS CRUCES, N.M.**

DEAR CHARLOTTE: I hadn't realized that so many women now wear black to weddings that the few who don't have become "standouts." **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: In response to the woman whose mother thought wearing black to a wedding was taboo: That mom has obviously never been to a New York wedding, where wearing black is practically a requirement. My husband's family lives there, and at a recent wedding with more than 100 guests, I was one of only six women NOT wearing black. (Two of my three sisters-in-law had their bridesmaids wear black.) — **COLORFUL IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR COLORFUL: Interesting. However, let's be clear to all my readers. Nowhere is it written that black MUST be worn to a wedding — unless the bride requests it.

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DEAR ABBY: While wearing black may, indeed, be considered "classy" and "tasteful" by many women today, I personally find the trend depressing.

The last wedding I attended, only about five of us wore something other than black. When I looked out at the couples on the dance floor, it reminded me of television clips I had seen of the crowds in the Middle East. I have told my friends repeatedly, "We are not nuns, we are not Amish and we are not oppressed women! We have the freedom to wear and enjoy beautiful, joyful colors!" This is especially true at weddings, which should be happy occasions.

And by the way, to those ladies who shop so carefully to find just the right black dress — once you enter a room full of other black dresses, you're just another grain of sand on the seashore.

Whoever believes the myth that black dresses make one look slim — guess again. Sorry, girls, if you're fat, you're fat — that black dress isn't fooling anyone. — **LOVES COLOR IN OHIO**

DEAR LOVES COLOR: The old saying that color evokes emotion must be true, because from the tone of your letter it's clear you're seeing red. Please remember that what people wear isn't as important as how they feel in it. (It would be interesting to know what women in the Middle East would wear if their governments allowed them the choice we enjoy in this country — may I live to see the day!)

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Farewell to 2002 — and what a year this has been! Let's all say a prayer for world peace, and for our stalwart members of the military who are far from their loved ones today. It takes only a moment to send greetings to our troops stationed around the globe. Simply e-mail them at www.OperationDearAbby.net and wish them a Happy New Year. And to each of you, a happy, healthy 2003.

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

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Rep. Rangel calls for resuming military draft in event of war

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Charles Rangel, a veteran of the Korean War, says he plans to introduce legislation to resume the military draft in the event of a war against Iraq.

In an opinion piece published today, the Democrat from New York said he would ask Congress next week to support his proposal.

Rangel said the prospect of a draft would make Congress less likely to support a war.

Military service should be a "shared sacrifice" asked of all able young Americans, he said, noting that minorities make up a "disproportionate number" of enlisted members of the military.

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Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002

Today is the 365th day of 2002 and the 11th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, the first modern bank in the United States, the Bank of North America in Philadelphia, received its charter from the Confederation Congress. It began operating on Jan. 7, 1782.

On this day in 1808, Col. John Nixon, patriot and businessman who was appointed to conduct the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, died.

On this day in 1999, the Republic of Panama assumed full responsibility for the Panama Canal and the U.S. Panama Canal was officially dissolved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Cornwallis (1738-1805), British general; Gen. George C. Marshall (1880-1959), U.S. Army general-statesman; Anthony Hopkins (1937-), actor, is 65; John Denver (1943-1997), singer-songwriter; Ben Kingsley (1943-), actor, is 59; Diane von Furstenberg (1946-), designer, is 56; Donna Summer (1948-), singer, is 54; Val Kilmer (1959-), actor, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Dallas Cowboys played the Green Bay Packers for the NFL championship. The game, later dubbed the "Ice Bowl," was held in Green Bay, with temperatures dropping to 12 below zero and the wind blowing 14 miles per hour.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Morale is a state of mind. It is steadfastness and courage and hope." - Gen. George C. Marshall

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 26) and new moon (Jan. 2).

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War with Iraq could cost less than first projected by official

NEW YORK (AP) — A war with Iraq could cost between $50 billion and $60 billion, an estimate much below the amount the White House had initially projected, The New York Times reported today.

Mitchell Daniels, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, said the Bush administration had budgeted for both short-term and long-term military campaigns against Iraq.

"This is nothing more than prudent contingency planning," Daniels told the Times. "At this point there is no war."

The 1991 Persian Gulf War cost more than $60 billion, which would be equal to about $80 billion today. Unlike that war, which other nations helped finance, a conflict with Iraq would be paid for largely by the United States, diplomats told the Times.

The ultimate costs would depend on the number of troops used and the length of the war. The Pentagon has indicated it plans to deploy as many as 250,000 soldiers.

Lawrence Lindsey, President Bush's former chief economic adviser, said several months ago that a war could cost between 1 and 2 percent of the national gross domestic product, or $100 billion to $200 billion.

"That wasn't a budget estimate," Daniels told the Times. "It was more of a historical benchmark than any analysis of what a conflict today might entail."

Daniels also said he was anticipating a deficit in the fiscal 2004 budget, which he attributed to the nation's lagging economy.

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PIANO RECITAL — Students of JoAnn Snider were presented in a Christmas Piano Recital on Dec. 22 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Performers from left are Kailey Glenn, Meghan Cooley, Erin Cooley, Stacey Clifton, Eleanor Ashley and not pictured, Samuel Ashley and Samana Arizmendi. (Contributed Photo)

New acquarium means taking your gardening underwater

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Most people this time of year have taken their gardening indoors. A fortunate few, like me, got aquariums as early Christmas presents and we've taken our gardening underwater. More properly, we're aquascaping.

Most fish-keeping decisions are made long before connecting lights, filter and pump.

Marine tank or freshwater? The answer to that question means a huge difference in aquarium management. It dictates the kind of landscape you build, the kind of water you use and the kinds of fish you buy.

An estimated 12 million households have aquariums, containing more than 158 million fish, the University of Florida says. Marine or saltwater aquariums are considered harder to handle for beginners. Most opt for freshwater tanks.

Once the water and hardware decisions are made, approach your empty tank as you would an empty room. Consider the aesthetics — visual and practical.

Choose the proper backdrop paper. Dark colors show off your fish better.

Decide what you want for substrate, gravel or sand.

Select some props — driftwood, stones, bubbling pirate ships or all the above. Avoid symmetry and arrange the larger pieces slightly off-center. They'll serve as a focal point and provide the illusion of depth.

A few cautions: Clean driftwood and rocks to rid them of pollutants or saltwater. I placed a few favorite pieces in the dishwasher for a couple of cycles.

Soak the driftwood if you found it dry to make it waterlogged. That way it won't be floating around the aquarium.

Select rocks without any sharp edges, that won't crumble or affect the pH of the water. That means going with something like granite or slate.

Then decide what you want to do about plants — choose real or artificial?

"Real plants feed off nutrients in the water," says Chuck Wrobel, an aquatic specialist with Doctors Foster & Smith, a pet supply operation based in Rhinelander, Wis.

"Healthy live plants absorb algae growth in aquariums. Properly established aquatic weeds mean less (tank) work.

"The advantage with plastic plants is that they don't die. They don't need special lighting. You can customize your landscaping because you know exactly what you're getting."

Consider using a combination of both when setting up your new tank. Go with some artificial plants until you can get the live plants established. If you're looking for another compromise, choose some quick growing live plants. Hairgrass and water wisteria come to mind.

Arrange your tank as you would the flowerbed by your front entry: Taller items to the rear, smaller forward. "You typically try to replicate nature, but you can provide plants with some different color tones or leaf styles," Wrobel says.

Aesthetics aside, plants also provide hiding places for timid fish or the offspring of livebearers. Plants release oxygen into the water, providing more for the fish.

Aquarium plants root easily. Just press the stems or roots into the gravel. Add some floating plants, like foxtail. They provide a good medium for egg-scattering fish.

Lighting can be complicated, but plants need 10 or more hours of light per day.

Tall plants like fanwort can be used to screen from view filters, pumps and other equipment.

Low-lying plants like dwarf swordplant provide contrast.

Aquascaping has been described as 10 percent talent and 90 percent imagination. The nice thing about aquariums is that if you don't get the look you want the first time around, you're free to get your arms wet all over again.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Restaurateur trying to resurrect chicken chain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A restaurateur is trying to resurrect a fried chicken chain that bore the name of gospel singer Mahalia Jackson decades ago.

"I don't want the name to die, or the idea," said E.W. Mayo, who owns one of the original restaurants. "The time has come to expand, to open more — not just in Nashville, but across the country."

Mahalia Jackson's fried chicken stores opened in the 1960s, the black counterpart to Southern fried chicken restaurants that bore the name of Grand Ole Opry star Minnie Pearl in white neighborhoods.

When the chain dissolved in financial ruin in the early 1970s, all the Minnie Pearl outlets closed.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ Q 6
♣ Q 9 6

West
♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ K 3

East
♠ J 6 5 3 2
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ 10 7

South
♠ —
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K J 5
♣ A J 8 5 3 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002

The worst opening lead of all time?

By Phillip Alder

In tournaments, all pairs use conventional bids. When one occurs, the bidder's partner alerts the opponents that something strange has happened. Then, an opponent may ask for an explanation at his turn to call.

Look at the West hand and the bidding diagram. In this lengthy auction three diamonds, three hearts and three spades were alerted as conventional. What would you have led against six hearts?

You would like to know what those bids meant? Not, I am told, the national champion sitting West. Thinking he knew what the opponents were doing, and quick as a flash, he led the ... club king!

Immediately, North and South said that South had made a slam-try in clubs! (Three diamonds forced North to bid three hearts, then three spades announced the big club fit. And, yes, North's two-no-trump rebid was abnormal, but not liking his soft minor-suit holdings, he improvised.)

Declarer won with his club ace, drew trumps, ran the clubs to discard dummy's diamonds, and took all 13 tricks for a cold top.

On the bidding, a diamond lead stands out. However, note that if West had selected the club three, the contract would surely have failed. Assuming the lead was a singleton, South would have eventually finessed in clubs and lost to West's king.

Did this occur in a light-hearted game after an alcoholic dinner? No, it was during the Life Master Pairs at the Summer Nationals last July in Washington, D.C.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Dec. 20

1. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.

Births

Estevan and Jennifer Luevaro of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Sylas Luis Luevaro. Sylas was born, weighing eight pounds, five ounces, at 8:34 a.m. on Dec. 30 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Lucy and Alfredo Luevano of Grand Island, Neb. Maternal grandparents are Patty and Robert Terrazas of Snyder.

Star-studded secrets for a perfect smile

Everyone knows that a celebrity's popularity depends on their talent, their beauty...and their smile. Don't believe it? Take it from Julia Roberts, George Clooney or Mel Gibson. Those beaming celebs topped a recent Crest SpinBrush survey of favorite celebrity smiles.

The survey results revealed that almost half of American women identified "Pretty Woman" Julia Roberts as the actress with the best smile. Hollywood heartthrob George Clooney won best smile in the actor category with 30 percent of the vote. And, 26 percent of women say they would replace their man's smile with Mel Gibson's if given the chance.

"Celebrities know how important their smiles are to their careers and appearance-and they are disciplined with their oral care routines because a great grin is a big priority," says Los Angeles dentist Dr. Jennifer Holtzman. She gives the following advice for obtaining a star-studded grin:

• Eat right for a healthy, Hollywood smile.

Healthy eating habits lead to healthy smiles. Eat a diet rich in calcium to maintain strong teeth and choose nutritious snacks instead of sugary ones. Opt for raw veggies and fruits to provide the body with vitamins and minerals. Avoid dark beverages, like coffee and tea, which can stain the teeth. Drink plenty of water to assure that the mouth is well- hydrated and balanced.

• Get the best tools for a star-studded smile.

Floss daily and brush twice a day for two minutes with a fluoride toothpaste to achieve a healthy, beautiful smile. To

Julia Roberts

make the most of that time, try an electric toothbrush like Crest SpinBrush, which removes up to 40 percent more plaque than a manual toothbrush. It gives users the power of an electric toothbrush for just a little bit more than an ordinary manual toothbrush price.

• Visit the dentist like a movie star.

Dentists are in every celebrity's rolodex-and should top the charts as smile-giving celebrities in their own right. Visit the dentist for regular oral check-ups every six months, or as recommended by a dental-care professional. This will help keep smiles free of serious oral-care conditions that can impact its appearance.

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Goals and Decisions

Many will set new goals for themselves and make decisions about what they are going to try to do in the coming year. Some will lose weight, some will eat better and some will begin to read more instead of watching TV all the time. These are significant decisions that have an impact on our lives. We do make some decisions in our lives that have a huge impact on the outcome of life itself

Romans 6: 11 - 14 gives us a decision to make and a goal to set before us. The apostle Paul writes:

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God In Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to live; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

It is not an exciting decision or goal. At least it does not sound exciting. It is sort of plain vanilla stuff, I need to not offer my life to sin, but instead offer it to God to be used for righteousness. It may not sound exciting, but it is. If we are willing to make this decision, the New Year can be the best one we have ever had!

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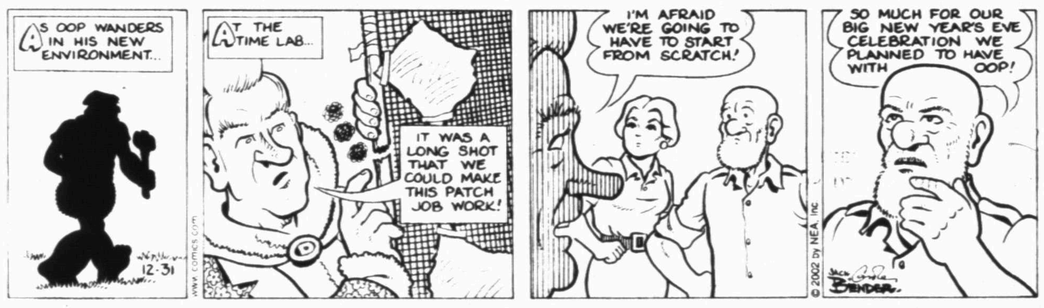

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ACROSS

1 Left, to a mule
4 Snatch
8 Loft filler
11 Retiree's kitty
12 Bank on
13 Sulk
14 Freight amts.
15 Like some curiosity
16 Years and years
17 Sums
19 Undercover agent
21 Wobble
22 Tree trunk
25 Playground time
29 El Dorado loot
31 Sari wearer
34 Elec. unit
35 Brew
36 Ship's position
37 "Cara —"
38 Bancroft of films
39 Formal attire
40 Hot
42 Map abbr.
44 Dept. store inventory
47 Checkout ID
49 Marshy inlets
51 Fill a trunk
54 Thrilled
56 Knicks' org.
57 Cause for liniment
58 Welles' Citizen —
59 Goal
60 Luau garland
61 Quiche need
62 Thing, in law

DOWN

1 Sword handle
2 Trellis
3 Squander
4 Window grating
5 Cincinnati nine
6 The works
7 Farewells
8 Motorcycle, slangily
9 Tarzan companion
10 Pro vote
13 Rochester clinic
18 Eagle's nest
20 "Sesame Street" network
23 Lake bird
24 Emerald Isle
26 Hunter's wear
27 Bahrain VIP
28 Warm up for a bout
30 "— Buttermilk Sky"
31 Wharf denizen
32 Grad
33 Coming up
35 Villain
40 Kitchen meas.
41 Pictures
43 Cook in a microwave
45 Sub detector
46 Blake of jazz
48 Dessert choice
49 Bell sound
50 Snead and Spade
51 Chum
52 King beater
53 Sweater letter
55 One-liner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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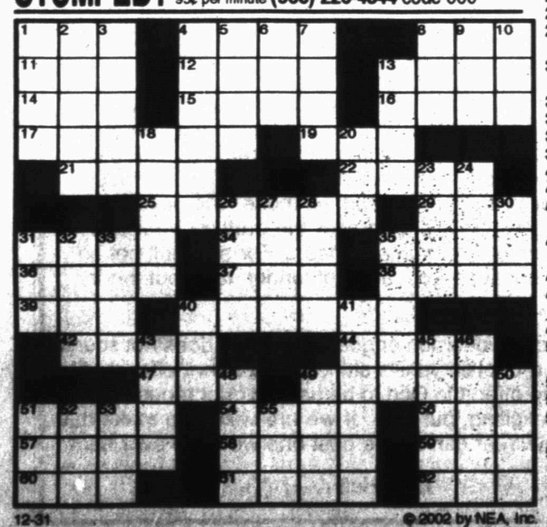

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SPORTS

Coughlin, LeBeau also ousted ...

Campo fired in the wake of 5-11 season

By the Associated Press

Dave Campo is out, along with Tom Coughlin and Dick LeBeau.

Meanwhile, Bill Parcells seems just about ready to take Campo's place in Dallas.

Campo was fired by Jerry Jones on Monday after three straight 5-11 seasons, as much, perhaps, Jones' fault as it was the fault of his coach. The Cowboys' owner, after all, is also the general manager and he assembled the talent — or what passed for it — that caused the demise of America's team.

So Jones changed his mind about control, enough so that Parcells, winner of two Super Bowls with the Giants and an AFC title with the Patriots, seems to be considering becoming Dallas' new coach.

If nothing else, it will be Parcell's first NFL coaching job outside of the Northeast — he also coached the Jets and began his pro career as linebackers coach with New England more than two decades ago.

None of the firings were unexpected.

Jones spent 11 hours in two separate meetings with Parcells over the last 10 days. The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site that Parcells and the Cowboys had agreed to a four-year deal at $4.5 million a year. ESPN, the network for which Parcells works as an NFL analyst, reported that there was no deal yet.

LeBeau's dismissal in Cincinnati probably won't bring a sudden turnaround for the NFL's worst franchise. The team hasn't had a winning record since going 9-7 in 1990 and winning the AFC Central title. LeBeau went 12-33 in three seasons, but team president Mike Brown said he wouldn't change the front-office structure.

Coughlin had served as coach and general manager during all eight years of the Jaguars' existence. He went 72-64 and twice took Jacksonville to the AFC championship game, but the Jags went 19-29 the past three years.

The firing with the most ramifications is Campo's, largely because the Cowboys are a high-profile team and because of Jones' approach to Parcells.

That is somewhat complicated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' demand for compensation if Dallas hires Parcells. The Bucs contend that Parcells signed a contract with them last year before backing out at the last minute.

The NFL said it is studying the merits of that claim.

"This change is more about a change in philosophy, not about what Dave didn't do," Jones said of Campo.

That philosophical change presumably would take Jones out of the coaching equation and off the sideline, where he often watches during games. Jones also has served as his own general manager and has made most of the personnel decisions.

DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS — Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones turns the podium over to deposed head coach Dave Campo during Monday's news conference announcing Campo's firing. Campo was one of three head coaches let go the Monday after the regular season ended. (AP Photo)

Utah stuns No. 1 Alabama

By The Associated Press

Top-ranked Alabama lost a game and No. 4 Arizona lost its star — again.

The Crimson Tide tumbled for the first time this season, missing a couple of shots in the final seconds and falling at Utah 51-49 Monday night.

"This won't break us. You walk into an environment like this, and it's tough," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "The place is sold out. There's no one for us except the guys on our bench."

Arizona beat Boston University 85-71, but watched Luke Walton hop off the court after re-injuring his right ankle.

Walton, a preseason All-American forward, stepped on teammate Jason Gardner's foot midway through the second half and sprained the ankle for the fourth time this season.

As the capacity crowd in Tucson fell silent, Walton pounded his fist on the court in a rare show of emotion.

"It seems like everything that has happened with him has been bad luck," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "It's not like there was a collision. It's a shame for him. It hurts us. When a guy is a fifth-year senior and this is a key year for him, he has just not been healthy."

Walton almost certainly will miss the Wildcats' Pac-10 opener at No. 9 Oregon on Thursday.

"We won't know until tomorrow, but my guess is it will be difficult for him to be ready to play this week," Olson said.

In other games, No. 6 Notre Dame beat Vanderbilt 76-63, No. 7 Texas defeated Louisiana Tech 58-50, No. 8 Mississippi State topped South Alabama 85-74, No. 10 Oklahoma stopped North Carolina-Asheville 100-64 and No. 11 Illinois beat Coppin State 63-37.

Also, No. 12 Florida downed Florida A&M 91-58, East Carolina upended No. 13 Marquette 73-70, Toledo topped No. 14 Michigan State 81-76, No. 16 Missouri beat Valparaiso 65-47, No. 20 Kentucky defeated Tennessee State 115-87, No. 21 LSU got past New Orleans 69-57 and No. 23 Wake Forest beat Bethune-Cookman 96-54.

Alabama (9-1) found itself in a defensive struggle against the Utes, and the game was tied at 19 at halftime.

Nick Jacobson scored 13 points, including two key free throws with 24.2 seconds left, to lead Utah. The Utes (8-3) got the 1,500th win in school history.

Alabama had a chance to tie it in the final seconds, but Erwin Dudley missed a putback in the lane. Utah's Richard Chaney grabbed the rebound as time expired.

Chaney hugged the ball and sprinted to midcourt as the Utes celebrated the upset.

"I never get into that No. 1 stuff. I'm happy the team showed heart," Utah coach Rick Majerus said. "The wins count all the same. Until they count one win for two wins, I won't give it any more attention."

No. 6 Notre Dame 76, Vanderbilt 63

Chris Thomas scored 19 points and Matt Carroll added 15 as Notre Dame won at home. At 11-1, the Irish are off to their best start since going 12-1 to open the 1978-79 season.

The Irish built a 20-point lead in the first half before Vanderbilt (6-4) closed within six.

No. 7 Texas 58, Louisiana Tech 50

Texas coach Rick Barnes got his 300th career victory as the Longhorns won at home.

Brandon Mouton scored 16 points for Texas (8-2). Darrian Brown had 13 points for Louisiana Tech (3-4).

No. 8 Mississippi St. 85, South Alabama 74

Timmy Bowers and Derrick Zimmerman each scored 21 points and Mississippi State won at South Alabama.

Mario Austin had 16 points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Bulldogs (9-1). Malerick Bedden led South Alabama (6-5) with 17 points.

Mavs blow big lead, fall to Bucks at home

DALLAS (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks went into Dallas struggling. So they played to the Mavericks' strength — and won.

Tim Thomas hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 9.9 seconds remaining as the Bucks rallied from a 17-point second-quarter deficit and handed the Mavericks only their second home defeat of the season, 110-107 Monday night.

The Bucks showed they could keep up offensively with the Mavericks, the league's highest scoring team at 102.9 points per game before Monday. Milwaukee entered as the NBA's third-highest scoring team at 99.3 points.

"We played against a team equally able to score," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We got beat at our own game."

Thomas, a 31 percent 3-point shooter at the start of the night, worked along the baseline, getting free in the left corner for the decisive jumper.

"I was just trying to get open," Thomas said. "I started running the baseline, nobody played me and I was able to hit it."

Dirk Nowitzki, who matched his career high with 40 points, made two free throws with 2.9 left to cut the deficit to 109-107, but Thomas hit one of two foul shots with 2.6 seconds to play.

Dallas, 14-2 at home, seemed ready to take control when Michael Finley hit a baseline jumper with 1:09 remaining.

Local cagers prepare for second half

Area cagers are gearing up for the second half of the basketball season, with a few games scheduled for this week.

The Tiger varsity boys and girls were scheduled to take on Midland Greenwood today, with the Lady Tigers traveling to play the Lady Rangers and the boys tipping off at home at 2:30.

The Lady Tigers travel to Denver City Friday with a 6:30 p.m. start scheduled for the varsity. The boys will host Andrews at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, then open district next Friday against Sweetwater.

Hermleigh, already underway in district play, will square off against the Gorillas at Trent Friday, with a 6:30 start slated.

The Ira Bulldogs varsity squads will host Grady in their district opener Friday, with the ladies tipping off at 6:30 p.m. and the boys starting at 8.

The Snyder freshmen boys A team heads out to the Andrews tournament Thursday and Friday.

Rams beat 49ers in meaningless finale

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It was the perfect playoff tuneup for the San Francisco 49ers. For a half, anyway.

Then, the St. Louis Rams came up with a point-scoring frenzy reminiscent of their dominant three-year run as the Greatest Show on Turf.

Dre' Bly returned a fumble 20 yards for the go-ahead touchdown as the defending NFC champions scored 28 fourth-quarter points to go out as winners, beating the playoff-bound 49ers 31-20 Monday night.

"It ended the season in a perfect way," Bly said. "It's a tremendous way to finish, and it's a great feeling."

The NFC West champion 49ers (10-6) played a game of keep-away in the first half, taking a 17-0 lead as they tuned up for next week's wild-card playoff game against the New York Giants. Then coach Steve Mariucci took out several of his first-teamers, and paid the price.

"That was an unusual game to coach, and to play," Mariucci said. "I was really happy with the first half. We played a very energetic, smart game in the first half."

Some of the Rams players felt it was a hollow triumph, even if it did deny the 49ers a clean sweep of the NFC West — San Francisco finished 5-1.

"We did a good job of beating their second team," wide receiver Isaac Bruce said. "But it's cool. It's always good to win."

CFB Bowl Schedule

Monday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14
Seattle Bowl
$1 million
Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Iowa State (7-6) vs. Boise State (11-1), Noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
$1.35 million
Washington (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (8-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
$1.6 million
Maryland (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
San Francisco Bowl
$800,000
Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2.55 million
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$3 million
LSU (8-4) vs. Texas (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.6 million
Notre Dame (10-2) vs. North Carolina State (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$5.125 million
Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Washington State (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
$11-13 million
Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
$11-13 million
Southern California (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Atlanta at Green Bay, 8 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 5
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12
TBD at Tennessee
TBD at Oakland
TBD at Tampa Bay
TBD at Philadelphia

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
AFC Championship and NFC Championship
3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At San Diego
6:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, TBA

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	23	9	.719	—
Boston	18	12	.600	4
Philadelphia	18	12	.600	4
Orlando	18	15	.545	5½
Washington	13	17	.433	9
New York	10	17	.370	10½
Miami	11	19	.367	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	22	8	.733	—
Detroit	20	10	.667	2
New Orleans	18	14	.563	5
Milwaukee	13	17	.433	9
Atlanta	12	18	.400	10
Chicago	10	20	.333	12
Toronto	8	23	.258	14½
Cleveland	6	27	.182	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	25	5	.833	—
San Antonio	19	12	.613	6½
Utah	17	13	.567	8
Houston	16	13	.552	8½
Minnesota	17	14	.548	8½
Memphis	9	21	.300	16
Denver	6	24	.200	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	23	9	.719	—
Portland	18	11	.621	3½
Phoenix	19	12	.613	3½
Seattle	16	15	.516	6½
L.A. Lakers	13	19	.406	10
Golden State	12	18	.400	10
L.A. Clippers	12	18	.400	10

Monday's Games
Orlando 112, Washington 95
Miami 93, Atlanta 84
New York 96, San Antonio 95
Portland 85, Detroit 74
New Jersey 102, Cleveland 88
Minnesota 104, Phoenix 98
Milwaukee 110, Dallas 107
Utah 107, Toronto 85
Seattle 79, Denver 77
Golden State 104, Philadelphia 98

Tuesday's Games
Memphis at Boston, 2 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 8 p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Miami at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7 p.m.

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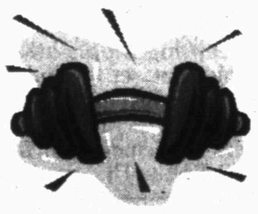
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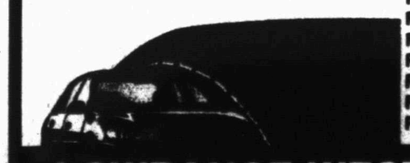

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Financial finagling but no fraud found during Tyco investigation

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Tyco International Inc. pushed the limits of accounting regulations to inflate earnings in recent years, according to an internal investigation into the embattled company's bookkeeping.

The report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday said Tyco's accounting since 1999 has been within the law, if not always within generally accepted accounting practices.

"Aggressive accounting is not necessarily improper accounting," the report declared.

It said the money incorrectly accounted for last year was a small amount for a company with $36 billion in annual revenues, though the errors prompted an additional $382 million in charges for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. Tyco makes everything from telecommunications equipment to home alarm systems.

The company's accounting remains under review by the SEC, and several former top executives, including chief executive Dennis Kozlowski, face criminal charges of fraud and corruption.

Tyco launched its investigation after Kozlowski's abrupt resignation in June, one day before he was indicted on charges of evading New York sales tax on art purchases. The investigation was expanded in August to include accounting practices back to 1999.

In September, the company told the SEC it had found tens of millions of dollars in unauthorized payments to dozens of employees.

Also in September, Kozlowski, former chief financial officer Mark Swartz and former general counsel Mark Belnick were indicted on charges they improperly reaped millions from Tyco. All have pleaded innocent, and their lawyers have said any money they received was approved.

The internal investigation found Tyco managers were encouraged to make corporate acquisitions look better on paper.

One document cited in the report suggests Tyco could realize $72 million from "financial engineering" related to mergers in 1999 and $52 million in each of the next two years.

"Be careful!! — I wouldn't want this to get out," reads a handwritten note on the presentation document cited in the report.

In its annual report, also released Monday, the company warned negative publicity hurt employee morale, its stock price, and customer relations. It said some suppliers now ask for letters of credit before shipping orders.

The report suggested corrective action, some already taken, including improving documentation of accounting decisions; requiring formal approval for charitable donations, employee compensation and employee loans; and centralizing control of employee relocations, travel and expenses.

Philadelphia mayor proposes malpractice insurance bailout

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a bid to keep disgruntled doctors from walking off the job Wednesday, Gov.-elect Ed Rendell unveiled a proposal to cut physician payments to a state malpractice insurance fund by two-thirds.

The plan, released days before scores of doctors said they would stop work rather than continue to pay high insurance premiums, would cut physician contributions to the MCare fund by $220 million.

Instead, the state's health insurers would be forced to pay a one-time "special assessment" to finance the fund, which helps pay court damages to patients who have been injured by a doctor's negligence.

Rendell, who takes office next month, called the plan a temporary fix for doctors hit hard by rapidly rising malpractice premiums, and noted that it needs approval from the state Legislature before it could take effect.

But in a joint press conference, Rendell and departing Gov. Mark Schweiker asked doctors to consider the plan a "show of good faith" that permanent reforms are in the works, and urged them to keep working.

"This ought to be enough to keep you practicing in Pennsylvania," Rendell said. "We hear you. Help is on the way. Everybody is serious about this."

Doctors reacted warmly to Rendell's proposal Monday, but it was unclear whether it would keep many of them from stopping work on Jan. 1.

Scores of physicians in eastern Pennsylvania have said they intend to close their practices Wednesday to protest high malpractice insurance premiums, which have gone up more than 50 percent for thousands of doctors this year and can run as high as $200,000 annually.

The proposal received a sharper reaction from health insurers.

Capital Blue Cross Chief Executive James Mead said he was "disappointed and troubled" by the proposal.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Abdominal aortic aneurysms are serious

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have saved my husband's life and I shall be eternally grateful for the service you provided.

Some time ago, you wrote a column on abdominal aortic aneurysms. My husband's father had one, and it was successfully repaired. So, we thought we'd mention it to our family physician, who immediately ordered an ultrasound exam. Much to our surprise (and his!), the test showed a 5-centimeter aneurysm. This led to surgery. At that time, the wall of the aneurysm consisted of soft, spongy tissue that could have blown open without warning.

Since the operation, my husband has felt fine. The doctor noted that anyone with a family history of AAA should be tested every five years, because the trait is inherited. Should my husband have such testing post-operatively? He is a keeper.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your kind compliment. I am truly gratified that my column spared your husband the catastrophe of a ruptured or leaking aneurysm.

Abdominal aortic aneurysms are basically a stretching (dilation) of the aorta, the muscular artery that distributes blood to most of the body's organs. For unknown reasons, in some people as they age, the aortic wall painlessly dilates and thins. Genetic factors appear to play a role in this situation. Once the artery has stretched to 5 cm. or more, the wall becomes too fragile to withstand the aortic pressure, and blood may begin to leak into the abdomen (causing pain). Or, in some instances, the aorta can rupture, leading to abdominal hemorrhage and death.

Modern vascular surgeons are especially skillful at removing the weakened portions of arterial wall and substituting a Dacron graft, a permanent cure that will never stretch.

The primary consideration in this scenario is, as you have discovered, early diagnosis. If the diseased artery can be replaced before symptoms appear, the likelihood of success is 100 percent. You and your husband are to be congratulated for providing medical history that was vital to a favorable outcome. Once again, this confirms the value of such information for any physician and any patient.

I should add that not all AAAs need immediate repair. The stretching process may take years to develop before it reaches the critical 5-centimeter limit. Therefore, patients with aneurysms should have periodic ultrasound examinations. I believe that an annual exam is appropriate, but I won't argue with your doctor's opinion that every five years is OK. Because your husband had a successful repair, I don't believe that he needs particularly close supervision. This is a decision that I will leave to the physicians and surgeons who are the best resources, because they are familiar with your husband's health matters. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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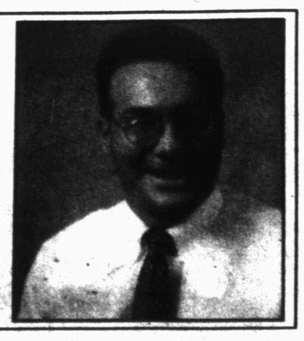

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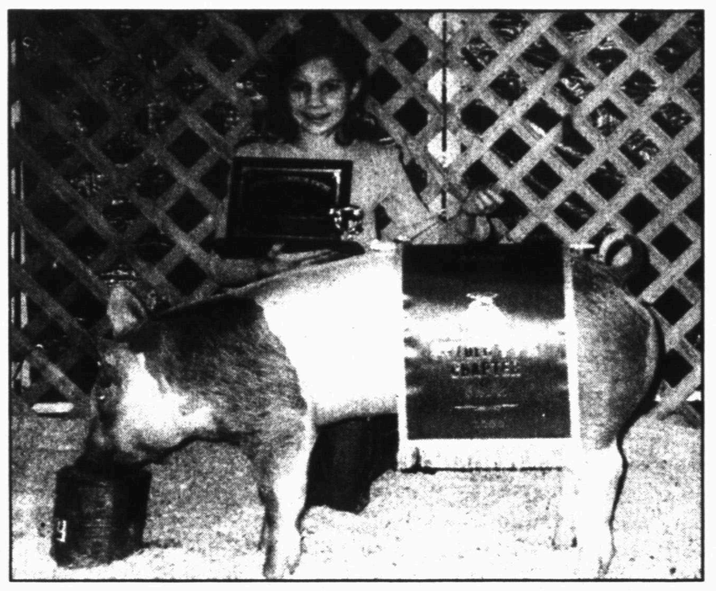
Many animals entered in Snyder FFA Stock Show

Snyder FFA recently held its annual chapter livestock show at the Scurry County Coliseum annex. The judge for the 2002 show was Brad Bevel, ag science teacher at Stamford High School.

With over 200 animals at this year's show, the competition was tough, said David Frazier, FFA advisor. When the dust settled, grand champion honors went to Emma Nunley's pig; Chris Ward's hog; Aryn May's goat and Meggan Minor's lamb.



Snyder FFA's grand champion pig was exhibited by Emma Nunley.

Reserve grand champion status was earned by Chris Ward's steer; Jake Strickland's hog and lamb; and Jake Riley's goat.

Frazier said, "This was one of the largest turn outs that we have had in years. We are very proud of our students and families for working so hard with their projects."

"When it is all said and done, each of these young people are winners because they are willing to accept the responsibility of raising and showing animal projects.

Warren Beard also serves as FFA advisor. Following is the list of winners in the 2002 Snyder FFA Chapter Show.

Steer Show

British: First and breed champion, Chris Ward.

European: First and reserve champion, Chris Ward.

Grand champion: Chris Ward

Reserve grand champion: Chris Ward.

Swine show

Berks

First, Jacinda Judah; second, Jacinda Judah and third, Tyler Thompson.

Reserve champion: Jacinda Judah

Reserve breed champion: Jacinda Judah

Chester

Light weight

First, Jackie Thompson; second, Rusty Smith; and third, Shane Kitchens.

Heavy

First, Remington Bloom; and second, Chelsea Young

Breed champion: Jackie Thompson

Reserve breed champion: Remington Bloom

Duroc

Light

First, Ashton Wall; second, Logan West; and third, Sarah Carpenter

Medium

First, Jacinda Judah; second, Marvin Butler; and third, Dylan Early

Light heavy

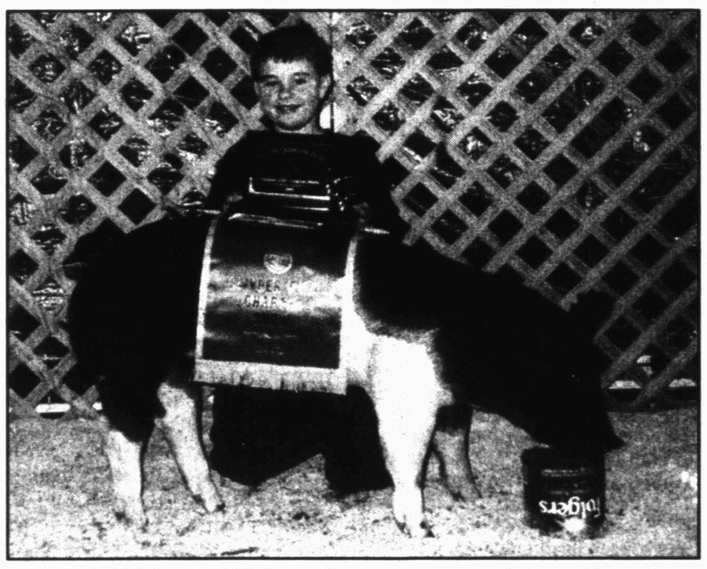
First, Kasey Krop, second, Remington Bloom; and third, Ricky Early

Heavy

First, Meagan Thompson; second, Jacinda Judah; and third, Sydney Glass.

Breed champion: Jacinda Judah

Reserve breed champion: Meagan Thompson



Jake Strickland exhibited the reserve grand champion pig.

Hamp

Light

First, Jenna Neff; second, Logan West; and third, Michael Parsley

Medium

First, Jake Strickland; second, Samvel Margaryan; and third, Beth Parsley

Light heavy

First, Jonathan Browning; second, Ashton Burton; and third, Ashton Burton

Heavy

First, Jacinda Judah; second, Tanner Bloom; and third, Jacinda Judah

Breed champion: Jake Strickland

Reserve breed champion: Jacinda Judah.

Landrace

Light

First, Kendra Tidwell; second, Kendra Tidwell and third, Tanner Bloom.

Heavy

First, Kendall Tidwell; second, Chance Tatum; and third, Will Banks

Breed champion: Kendra Tidwell

Reserve champion: Kendra Tidwell.

Poland

Light

First, Shane Kitchens; second Chris Ward and third, Chance Tatum.

Heavy

First, Tanner Bloom; second, Sydney Glass; and third, Conor Johnson

Breed champion: Shane Kitchens

Reserve breed champion: Tanner Bloom

Spots

Light

First, Marvin Butler; second, Stanley Forbes; and third, Ricky Early.

Heavy

First, Jacinda Judah; second, Jenna Neff; third, Ricky Early.

Breed champion: Marvin Butler

Reserve breed champion: Jacinda Judah

York

Light

First, Logan West; second, Ashton Burton; and third, Darrell Cook

Medium

First, Sydney Glass; second, Ty Burton; third, Conor Johnson

Light heavy

First, Emma Nunley; second, Chris Ward; and third, Chance Young

Heavy

First, Keagan Herrley; second, Ricky Early; and third, Dylan Early

Breed champion: Logan West

Reserve breed champion: Sydney Glass

Cross

Light

First, Emma Nunley; second, Matthew Fernandez; and third, Michael Parsley

Light medium

First, Samvel Margaryan; second, Logan West; and third, Ricky Early

Heavy Medium

First, Jacob Rodriguez; second, Rusty Smith; and third, Samvel Margaryan.

Light heavy

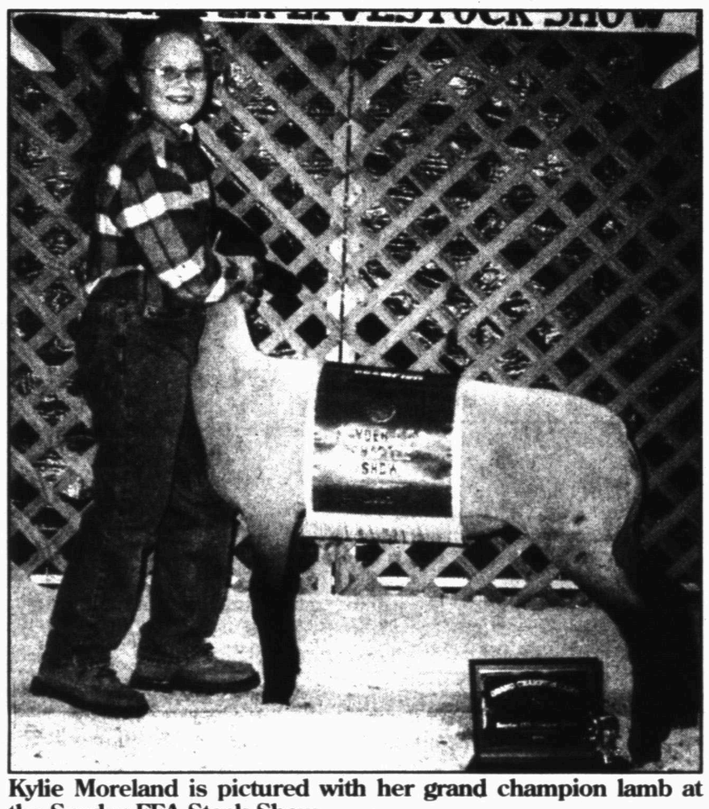
First, Stetson Kincheloe; second, Ty Burton; and third, Shane Kitchens

Heavy

First, Stanley Forbes; second, Keagan Herrley; and third, Matthew Fernandez.

Breed champion: Emma Nunley

Reserve breed champion: Samvel Margaryan



Kylie Moreland is pictured with her grand champion lamb at the Snyder FFA Stock Show.

The reserve grand champion lamb was exhibited by Jake Strickland.

Grand champion overall: Emma Nunley, cross

Reserve grand champion, overall: Jake Strickland, hamp

Lamb

Finewool

First, Kylie Moreland; second, Bailey Minor; and third, Jake Strickland.

Breed champion: Kylie Moreland

Reserve breed champion: Bailey Minor

Finewool cross

Light

First, Tye Holley; second, Kelissa Craig; and third, Tamara Taylor

Heavy

First, Bailey Minor; second, Jake Riley; and third, Meggan Minor

Breed champion: Bailey Minor

Reserve Breed champion: Jake Riley

Southdown

First, Kylie Moreland; second, Bailey Minor; and third, Rainie Moore

Breed champion: Kylie Moreland

Reserve breed champion: Bailey Minor

Medium wool

Light

First, Tye Holley; second, Meggan Minor; and third, Kelly Moore

Medium

First, Jake Strickland; second, Dylan Early; third, Tamara Taylor

Light heavy

First, Kylie Moreland; second, Beth Parsley; and Michael Parsley

Heavy

First, Meggan Minor; second, Jenna Neff; and third, Bailey Minor

Breed champion: Kylie Moreland

Reserve Breed champion: Jake Strickland

Grand champion overall: Kylie Moreland, medium wool

Reserve grand champion overall: Jake Strickland, mediumwool.

Goat show

Light

First, Colton Brewster; second, Kelly Moore; and third, Stetson Kincheloe

Light medium

First, Brance Scott; second, Brance Scott; and third, Paige Anderson

Medium

First, Aryn May; second, Aryn May; and third, Kayli Brewster

Light heavy

First, Paige Anderson; second, Paige Anderson; and third, Kelly Moore

Heavy

First, Paige Anderson; second, Paige Anderson; and third, Jenna Neff

Grand champion overall: Aryn May

Reserve grand champion overall: Brance Scott

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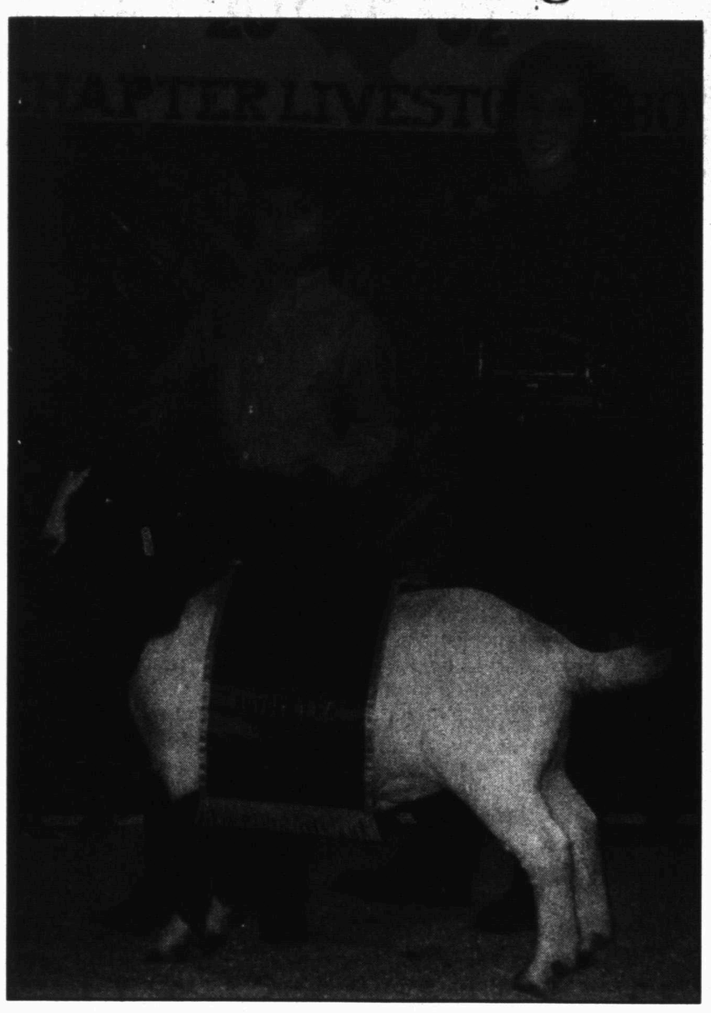
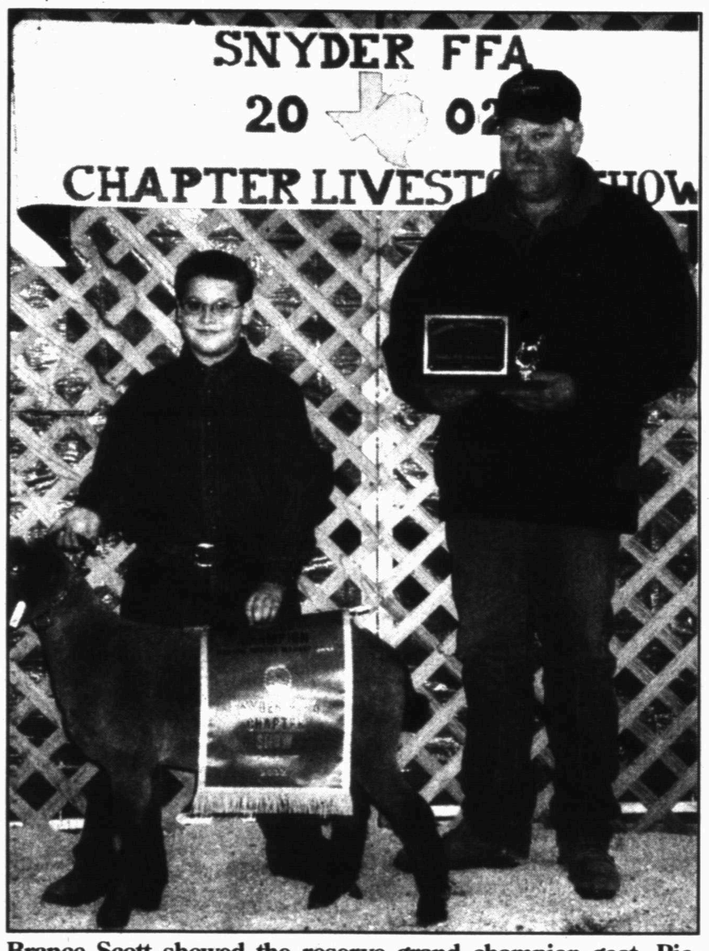
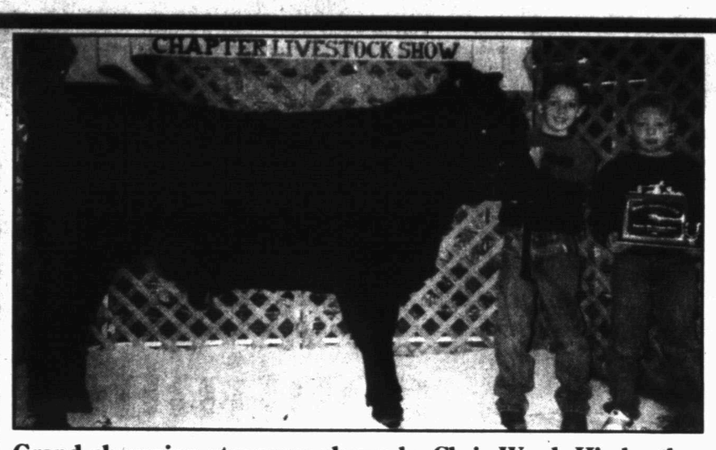


Aryn May was the exhibitor of the grand champion goat. Holding the trophy for Aryn is Jenna Neff.



Brance Scott showed the reserve grand champion goat. Pictured with Brance is his father, Darby Scott.



Grand champion steer was shown by Chris Ward. His brother Hunter Ward is also pictured.

Chris Ward is pictured with his reserve grand champion steer at the 2002 Snyder FFA chapter show. Along with Chris is his brother, Hunter Ward.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003

In the year ahead there are good possibilities that your circle of friends, associates and business contacts might be greatly enlarged due to someone new you will meet shortly. It could all start with this one person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There are strong indications that today you could benefit greatly from a situation of a confidential nature. Chances are a trusted ally will be the one to bring it to your attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It will be difficult for persons with whom you're involved not to have a good time with you today. Your dynamic presence will inspire others and your warm humor will be contagious.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Success is apt to be more achievable today by guiding others rather than pushing them, so although you may have definite goals in mind, you need to approach them cleverly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should you run into a challenge today, trust your knowledge and have faith in yourself. This will make you more than equal to the task at hand and able to overcome adversity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may take a bit of hard work and clear thinking, but joint ventures of a material nature look more promising than usual today, especially if your input is your ability and not your cash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Intent in any agreement is very important and should never be discounted. Today, however, it would also be wise to team up only with those whose ideals are closely akin to yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are not apt to goof off today as some others may do. Your time will be spent productively and utilized on specific projects or endeavors that are very important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Try to move around a bit today rather than confining yourself to any particular group or activity. Chances are you'll have too much bubble and effervescence for mere routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What starts out as a small task could blossom into a major project under your hands today, but one you'll put your heart into. A great idea could turn into something quite exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You'll be equally adroit and skilled at both mental and physical pursuits today. Try to use your brains and brawn in constructive ways that join the two together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't discount something you perceive today that could be a vehicle for making extra money. Chances are it may be one of your better ideas and should be given serious consideration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If possible try to get involved in a situation that needs direction and, where you can, utilize your leadership abilities. You'll function better in that role than in a subordinate one.

Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Today's chuckle

New building will have 13th floor

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Union Pacific is not braking for superstition when it comes to its new 19-story downtown building.

Bob Turner, the company's vice president of corporate relations, said the building will have a 13th floor.

"As long as 13 comes after 12, we're going to call it 13," Turner said.

The new headquarters for the nation's largest railroad is scheduled for completion in 2004.

The new 40-story First National Tower, just a block away, went from the 12th to 14th floor but not because officials were trying to ward off bad luck.

The number of floors would have ended at 39 based on the First National Tower's square footage, said Brenda Dooley, president of the company's building division.

Building managers decided to skip naming the 13th floor in the interest of capping out at an even number, Dooley said.

Police misidentify shooting victim

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — George and Jane Denison were devastated when police showed up at their house in Middletown with the news that their son had been killed in a drive-by shooting.

"The feeling, it was something that goes beyond describing," Jane Denison said.

But the police were mistaken — the victim was not Mark Denison, but a friend who had borrowed Denison's car.

Before the error was discovered 12 hours later, Denison's parents had told their two traumatized grandchildren that their father was dead. And George Denison had called his son's boss to tell him that Mark had been killed.

Mark Denison happened to be sitting next his boss at the time.

"They should have done a little more investigation before they tear somebody's family apart," Denison, 37, told WTIC-TV on Monday.

Police made the mistake after finding Denison's license and registration inside the car's glove box.

Diana Ross arrested for allegedly driving drunk

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Singer Diana Ross was arrested early Monday on suspicion of drunken driving, police said.

A breath test showed the pop diva with a blood-alcohol level of 0.20 percent, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent, Tucson police Sgt. Judy Altieri said.

Police pulled Ross over after someone alerted them to a swerving vehicle, Altieri said. She added that the arresting officer said Ross was polite and cooperative.

Ross, 58, received misdemeanor citations for driving under the influence; driving with a blood-alcohol content over 0.08; and extreme DUI, or having a blood-alcohol level greater than 0.15 percent. Her initial court appearance was set for Jan. 13.

After arresting Ross, police gave her a ride to where she was staying, Altieri said.

Ross' Los Angeles-based publicist, Paul Bloch, had no immediate comment, his office said.

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from his post making the announcement on a Wednesday and making his resignation effective on the following Friday. Jim Kirkland, former Perryton superintendent, was later named the interim superintendent – a post he still holds.

Spring and summer rains also brought out mosquitoes and the city began in intensive spraying program to get ride of the pests.

Taxable values were released in July and all but one entity, Ira ISD, saw their values increase.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers approved the 2003 budget in the amount of $33.4 million.

Temperatures finally reached 100 on July 25.

Work began in earnest on the renovation and cleanup of Deep Creek. The project is being coordinated by the chamber of commerce.

Plans were also made to move the Engine No. 5 locomotive from Towle Park to a spot on the coliseum grounds.

AUGUST

Northeast Elementary was again named an exemplary campus by the Texas Education Agency.

Margaret Dillaha served as chairman of the Scurry County Museum's annual Taste of Scurry County. The event is an annual fundraiser for the museum.

Six people charged with driving while intoxicated were among 14 indicted by the August session of the grand jury.

The grand jury refused to indict two individuals who formerly worked at Scurry County head start and who were held responsible by the agency for leaving a small child on a bus for eight hours. Both had been suspended immediately following the incident.

The community welcomed AHNTECH and the Lone Star Electronic Scoring site to Snyder. Located at Winston Field, the facility scores B-1 and B-52 bombers in mock bombing attacks.

A confirmed case of West Nile Virus was reported in Haskell and officials were urging horse owners to get their horses vaccinated.

The 40-year-old brother of a Snyder resident drowned at Lake Alan Henry. Fermin Arrello was swimming near the main boat ramp when he tried to save a five-year-old girl from drowning, and lost his life in the process.

A rash of burglaries in the community came to an end as Snyder police officers recovered stolen items from a number of businesses and Northeast Elementary.

Snyder ISD trustees approved the district's new budget in the amount of $17.7 million — a drop of $3 million from last year.

Also approving their budget was the Western Texas College trustees in the amount of $8.6 million — an increase of some $240,000 over last year.

SHS grad Brad Maule was inducted into the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame in Lubbock.

Bobby Allen was named the sports editor of the Snyder Daily News replacing Eric Drennan. Drennan is now on the staff of the Temple Daily Telegram.

SEPTEMBER

City employees received a 2.7 percent pay raise during the city council's September meeting. The raise came on a split vote as Terry Martin and Stephanie Ducheneaux voted against it.

Dan Cotton was named Snyder's municipal judge following Ben Smith's resignation to become an assistant DA.

Tammy Tyrell came on board at the county health unit to perform investigative work concerning communicable diseases.

Randy Ward was named the new manager for Oncor, formerly TXU Electric. Ward transferred from the Odessa district.

Local residents commemorate the attacks on the World Trade Center and The Pentagon with a number of ceremonies.

Scurry County commissioners approved the county's 2003 budget in the amount of $26.6 million. The approval came on a split vote as Ralph Trevey voted against it.

Western Texas College started off the fall semester in style as 300 more students were in class than the previous year.

The Scurry County United way set its goal for the new fundraising drive at $85,000. Stephen Covey is the president of the organization.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church held its annual fundraising event for the church and had a good turnout.

Snyder High School named its homecoming candidates and on the court were Jackie Beccue, Hailey Putnam, Ira Gonzales, Laura Hager and Amanda Hartzog. Gonzales was named the queen at the halftime of the Fort Stockton game.

Jones Bros. Construction was awarded the contract for the Huffman Ave. overpass with work expected to get underway in the spring.

Two people arrested on several warrants

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 50-year-old man on U.S. 84 at 8 a.m. Monday on outstanding warrants from Stonewall County.

At 9:40 a.m., officers arrested a 46-year-old female at the Best Western motel on Taylor County warrants.

Thefts

Heraclio Juarez reported his Social Security card and birth certificate stolen Monday afternoon and officers submitted an offense report for stolen property.

County Attorney Mike Hartman contacted police Monday after a forged check was turned over to him and a report for theft by check was submitted.

Yolanda Lawry reported a tennis bracelet and ring stolen from 502 33rd Street and a report for Class A theft was filed.

Jay Bearden reported a stolen cellular phone at 6:42 p.m. Monday and officers advised a report for theft would be submitted.

Accident

A two-vehicle minor accident report was filed at 12:44 p.m. Monday at the scene of an mishap involving a 1991 Olds driven by Thomas Simmons, 18, of 1312 17th Street and a 1998 Honda driven by Bhupendrakumar (Bob) Bhakta, 38, of 1001 25th Street.

Criminal trespass

A woman in the Western Crest Apartments requested officers at her apartment to serve three men with criminal trespass warnings. One of the men was served at the scene and officers advised they would attempt to locate the others.

A man requested an officer at a residence on Ave. M Monday evening and reported another man was arguing with his mother. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

Close patrol

A woman in the 3000 block of Beaumont requested a close patrol of her residence at 11 p.m. Monday after hearing a loud noise in the area.

At 2:09 a.m. today, a woman on 40th Street reported someone tapping on her bedroom window. Officers checked the area and advised a close patrol was initiated.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $10 just before 5 p.m. Monday.

Shreveport woman missing after burning car found

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A car found burning with the keys still in the ignition late Monday belongs to a missing Shreveport woman.

Aquanita Lynette Turner was last seen at about 7:30 p.m. Monday at her home. Her red 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier was found burning in the Cedar Grove neighborhood after 10 p.m.

Turner, 20, is a private first class in the Army and is due to return to Fort Hood near Killeen, on Wednesday.

Obituaries

Raymond Stansell

1935-2002

Raymond D. Stansell Sr., longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, Dec. 29, at his home in the Dunn community after a sudden illness.

Service for Mr. Stansell, 67, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Vernon Groce, pastor of the Church of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Stansell

Born on Aug. 10, 1935 in Wheeler County, he married Vera Shifflett on Dec. 7, 1956 in Snyder. He was a truck driver for Ashland Oil Co. and attended the Church of God in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, James Stansell, Luke Stansell and Glen Ray Stansell.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Stansell of Dunn; two sons, Raymond D. Stansell Jr. of Dunn and Barney Stansell of Canyon City, Colo.; a daughter, Rebecca Irwin of Lubbock; a brother, Bill Stansell of Fluvanna; a sister, Velda Padilla of Wichita Falls; and seven grandchildren.

Raquel Benson

1975-2002

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

Services for Mrs. Benson, 27, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on April 19, 1975 in Rotan.

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

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Russell Loveall

1924-2002

MOUNT VERNON — Russell Loveall, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Dec. 29, at Mount Vernon.

Service for Mr. Loveall, 78, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon with Dale Jordan officiating. Interment will follow in the Providence Cemetery.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1924 in Chilowee, Mo., and was preceded in death by a daughter, Belinda Loveall on Feb. 10, 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Loveall of Mount Vernon; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donny and Edie Loveall of Snyder and Dean Loveall of Arizona; two daughters, Rhonda Loveall and Sandra Loveall, both of California; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorris and Jack Martin of Snyder; 10 grandchildren including Lexi, Ralston, Caycee and Randy Loveall, and Zach and Zane Green, all of Snyder; and a great-grandchild, Caitlin Green of Snyder.

Syble Howell

1926-2002

SAN ANGELO — Syble Cummings Howell, 76, of San Angelo died Friday, Dec. 27, in Regency House Care Center.

Funeral service was held Monday at Lawnhaven Mausoleum with the Rev. Buddy Trull officiating.

She was born on July 7, 1926, in Inadale to the late Edgar Nicklos and Gladys Chandler Cummings. They lived on a farm and her father worked for Mr. Olenbush in a general merchandise store.

Mrs. Howell started school in Pyron and attended various schools in the Pyron and Roscoe areas and graduated from Pyron High School in 1944. Mrs. Howell worked in Washington, D.C., during World War II.

She married James Murray Howell on Jan. 14, 1949, in Odessa. Mr. Howell was recalled to duty in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and they lived in various locations. They have lived in San Angelo since retiring in 1972.

Survivors include her husband, James Murray Howell of San Angelo; one son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Connie Howell of Denton; five grandchildren, April Feuge of Houston, James Howell of Dallas, Kory Howell of Comanche, Amanda Howell Miller of Corpus Christi and Ashley Howell of Dallas; seven great-grandchildren; and four nieces.

RJ Bryant Jr.

1979-2002

FORT WORTH — RJ Bryant Jr. of Fort Worth, son of former Snyder resident Rodney Bryant, died Sunday, Dec. 22, at his Fort Worth residence.

A family visitation was held at Calvary Funeral Home in Irving on Dec. 26.

Born on Nov. 12, 1979 in Artesia, N.M., he graduated from Artesia High School in 1998. He was a member of the Artesia Bulldog football team winning state three years that he played on the varsity team. After graduation, he attended college in Roswell for two years before moving to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He was a waiter at Tony Roma's.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Rodney "Bear" and Patsy Burney Bryant of Sonora, formerly of Snyder; and two stepbrothers, Kevin Shifflett and Tyson Shifflett of Sonora.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3
57/26	53/22	58/29
Mostly sunny skies with gusty winds developing during the afternoon.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 20s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 5:49 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 5:49 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 5:50 PM

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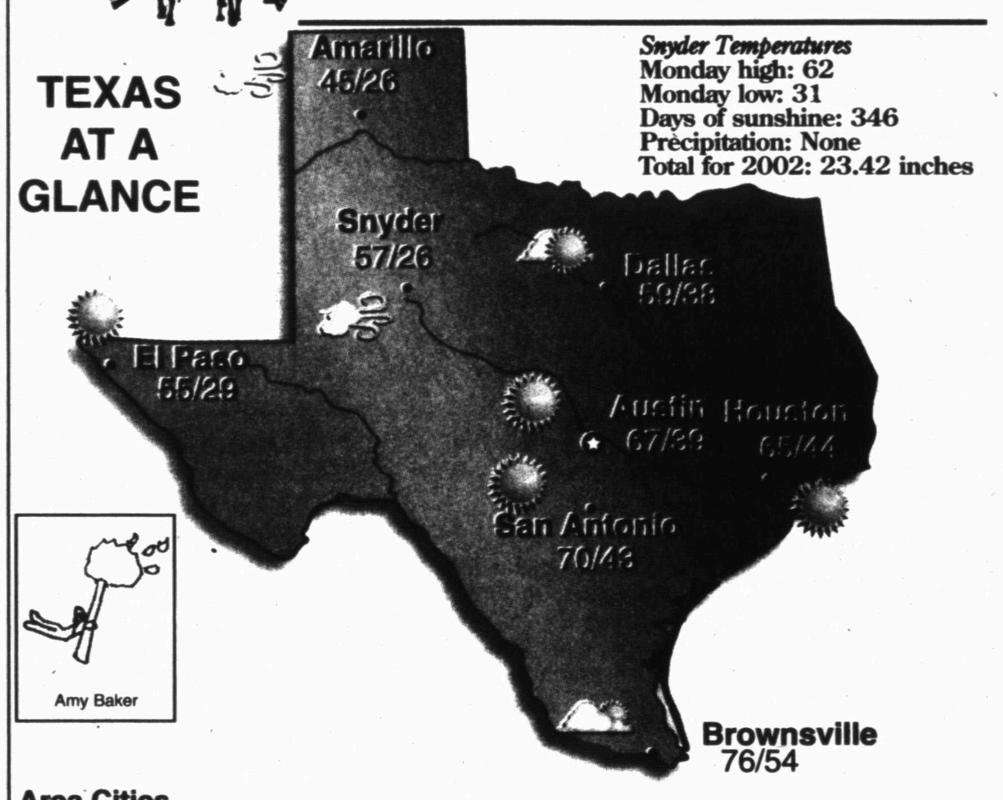

Snyder Temperatures
Monday high: 62
Monday low: 31
Days of sunshine: 346
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 23.42 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	61	33	windy	El Paso	55	29	sunny	Midland	59	30	windy
Amarillo	45	26	windy	Fort Stockton	63	32	windy	Raymondville	75	48	pt sunny
Austin	67	39	sunny	Gainesville	55	30	mst sunny	Rosenberg	65	44	sunny
Beaumont	64	43	sunny	Greenville	55	32	mst sunny	San Antonio	70	43	sunny
Brownsville	76	54	pt sunny	Houston	65	44	sunny	San Marcos	68	40	sunny
Brownwood	65	34	sunny	Kingsville	73	47	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	33	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	71	48	mst sunny	Livingston	63	39	sunny	Sweetwater	62	30	windy
Corsicana	60	37	sunny	Longview	58	36	mst sunny	Tyler	60	40	mst sunny
Dallas	59	38	mst sunny	Lubbock	54	27	windy	Weatherford	57	31	mst sunny
Del Rio	71	41	sunny	Lufkin	62	42	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	58	33	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	39	rain	Houston	65	44	sunny	Phoenix	66	42	mst sunny
Boston	41	31	pt sunny	Los Angeles	71	49	pt sunny	San Francisco	56	47	cloudy
Chicago	34	28	cloudy	Miami	80	68	t-storm	Seattle	47	44	rain
Dallas	59	38	mst sunny	Minneapolis	29	24	sn shower	St. Louis	40	28	cloudy
Denver	42	18	flurries	New York	41	29	cloudy	Washington, DC	48	40	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 27	Jan 2	Jan 10	Jan 18

UV Index

Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3
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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