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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT — The Ritz Community Theatre and the Western Texas College theatre department will jointly present *The 1940s Radio Hour* by Walton Jones. Rehearsing a scene above are WTC students, from left, Jacob Brumley, Meagan Bailey and Chris Hensley. The play opens Friday. (Contributed Photo)

U. S. says Iraq has destructive weapons ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said today it possesses solid evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, and rejected Baghdad's denials, saying they have no credibility.

President Bush, asked if the United States is headed toward war, said: "That's a question you should ask to Saddam Hussein."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer declined to say what evidence the administration has on Saddam's weapons, but said the United States will provide intelligence to United Nations inspectors.

"The president of the United States and the secretary of defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they have that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction if it was not true, and if they did not have a solid basis for saying it," Fleischer said. "The Iraqi government has proved time and time again to deceive, to mislead and to lie."

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told ABC News that "we don't have weapons of mass destruction. We don't have chemical, biological or nuclear weaponry, but we have equipment which was defined as dual use."

Fleischer responded: "That statement is just as false as statements that Iraq made in the late '90s when they said they had no weapons of mass destruction, when it was found they indeed did. There is no basis to that."

Bush addressed the Iraq crisis during a Cabinet Room meeting with the leaders of Kenya and Ethiopia.

On the prospects that the United States will go to war to force Saddam, the Iraqi president, to surrender his weapons of mass destruction, Bush said: "For the sake of peace, he must disarm. There are inspectors inside the country now and the inspectors are there not to play a game of hide and seek. They're there to verify whether or not Mr. Saddam Hussein is going to disarm."

Bush administration officials expect tricky and troubling deception from Saddam in response to a U.N. Security Council deadline this weekend for listing any hidden chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and long-range missile programs.

The assumption within the administration is that Saddam wants to hold on to the weapons and hopes to shift the burden of proof to the United States, a senior U.S. official said Wednesday. What Saddam is most likely to do is to provide thousands of documents on such peripheral issues as dual-use equipment and commercial material of potential military application, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The schedule set by the Security Council calls for a full weapons declaration. In Baghdad, a senior Iraqi official said the list would be turned over to U.N. and International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors on Saturday, a day ahead of the deadline.

If the declaration is patently false, the administration may try to rally a consensus on the Council to explicitly approve using force against Iraq.

Iraq protested sharply Wednesday over U.N. weapons inspectors' surprise intrusion into one of Saddam presidential palaces, accusing the arms experts of being spies and staging the palace search as a provocation that could lead to war.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Briseendine

When most folks think of animal rights activists, they picture trendy and often goofy celebrities who take risqué photos arguing against wearing fur.

But there are several animal rights groups in our country that are beginning to perpetrate violent tactics akin to what we have come to expect from al-Qaida and more well known terrorist organizations.

We grew up scoffing at the off-the-wall antics of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), but we recently learned of some other groups, which take PETA's smear campaigns to new and frightening levels.

ELF (Earth Liberation Front) and ALF (Animal Liberation Front) are two of these wacko groups. A quick look at either organization's website will shock almost anybody.

The ELF website goes as far as providing instructions on committing arson and even further, on how to get away with it. Instructions also are included on how to poise ones' self if questioned by the FBI.

Both sites threaten everyone who does not agree with their stance. The FBI, by the way, acknowledges ELF as one of America's most dangerous terrorist organizations.

Reports of terrorism are so constant these days, they're almost becoming routine. But the terrorists we're getting used to reading about are, for the most part, foreign zealots who target us for our beliefs.

ELF's terrorists don't give a hoot what we believe in, however. Instead they are more concerned with what we ate for dinner last night.

A recent report focused on a commercial produced and funded by PETA, which ran in only one television market in the country. The spot showed supermarket shoppers browsing the isles when a nervous-sounding store manager's voice chimed in on the store intercom and informed the patrons they were hostages.

They were threatened with beheading, dismemberment and several other not-so-nice things. The commercial turned out to be an attempt at comedy when it was revealed the terrorist in charge of the store takeover was, in fact, a Thanksgiving turkey.

We're not so uptight that we can't find a little humor in irony, so the commercial isn't what we're writing about. We just think it illustrates how wacky these folks can be. Comparing Thanksgiving dinner to terrorism is a stretch.

We're just amazed that there are nuts out there who openly encourage violence to support conservation, which oddly enough should be a peaceful cause.

ELF members, or "elves" as they call themselves, have carried out more than 100 acts of destruction in recent years, causing an estimated $37 million in damage.

These folks are scary and they will become more violent as time passes. We can't understand how these people claim to love all living things so much, then cause destruction without remorse.

PETA hasn't been as violent, but definitely as strange, calling pet owners "slave owners."

One look at how the missus pampers our pooch and they might reconsider who the slaves are at our house!

Expanding sales tax in Texas is proposed by state think tank

AUSTIN (AP) — Expanding the state sales tax to include some services would create billions of much-needed dollars without hurting poor people, the leader of a think tank that tracks issues affecting low-income families said Wednesday.

Most taxes for state and local programs in Texas come from local property and sales taxes. The sales tax raised $14.7 billion, while $22.5 billion came from local property taxes in fiscal 2001. But services provided by lawyers, newspaper advertisers, stylists, child care centers and others are not taxed.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities proposes expanding the sales tax to cover those services while lowering the tax rate itself by .25 percent. Physicians and dentists would be exempt.

That would lift the burden on lower-income Texans and expand the tax base to include more people, center director F. Scott McCown said. It also would raise an additional $3.4 billion over the next two years.

Most of McCown's ideas involved raising or expanding taxes, including a $1 per pack increase on cigarettes.

Tom Ryan, a spokesman for Philip Morris Co., said higher excise taxes in other states have only boosted black market and tax-free Internet sales.

"We believe that an over-reliance on excise taxes is bad economic policy," he said.

Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, said his group also opposes any new taxes and wants lawmakers to focus instead on lower spending.

"Any talk of taxes at this point is premature," he said. "We think it's not going to be that difficult for the Legislature to balance the budget without new taxes."

McCown and the center also proposed using $600 million from the state's emergency Rainy Day Fund. "Now is what the fund's for — an economic downturn," he said.

But Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and Gov. Rick Perry have opposed dipping into the emergency fund, which is expected to total $1 billion by next year.

McCown's other suggestions include cutting wasteful spending, finding more efficient ways to do state business, closing business tax loopholes and improving local property tax collections.

His group does not advocate any one plan but hopes its research will encourage legislators to balance the next budget without cutting education funds.

SISD board to name finalist for top job in school district

Snyder ISD's search for a superintendent is expected to end this evening, as a finalist for the position will be named.

Trustees have called a 6 o'clock meeting with the only item being the selection of the superintendent finalist. This action will follow a scheduled closed session.

The district's vacancy occurred when Gayle Lomax abruptly resigned prior to the start of the school year. Lomax had been superintendent for seven years.

According to state law, the final vote on the new superintendent's contract cannot come until 21 days after tonight's meeting. This action is expected at the January board meeting.

Friday, Saturday nights...

SHS drama department will hold 'theatrefest'

Snyder High School drama department has scheduled a "theatrefest" Friday and Saturday night that will involve many students who do not normally participate in theatrical activities.

"Over 100 students will participate in the two-night event and we will have students from various departments such as ag, band, choir and athletes on stage," said SHS drama instructor Brad Vincent.

"This will get kids on stage who aren't normally there," said Vincent.

Vincent said four students who were actors in the drama department's production of Julius Caesar will direct plays.

"They'll have a chance to be on the other side," said Vincent.

Tanner Beard will direct a play he wrote titled, "Wouldn't It Be Great if Things Worked Out," while Clark Reed will direct "This is a Test".

Bobby Reed will direct "Voices," while Malorye Miller will direct "Up the Down Staircase."

Each of the productions will be presented Friday and Saturday evening beginning at 7 o'clock in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $2.

City will hold annual awards banquet tonight

Eleven city employees and a retiree will be honored tonight at the City of Snyder's annual awards dinner.

Retiree Bobby Hataway and 25-year police department veteran Jerry Parker will be recognized at the dinner that gets underway at 6:30 at the Snyder County Club.

Receiving recognition for 20 years of service to the city will be Kevin Fritz, Kyle Cox, Darrell Callahan and Darrell Craig.

Honored for 15 years of service will be Vic Frausto. Ten-year honorees are Anson Luna, Terry Luecke and David Holley.

Krista Abell and Tony Guerra will be recognized for five years of employment.

The welcome will be presented by Mayor Pro-tem Vernest Tippens and City Manager John Gayle will present the awards to the employees.

Cindy Nix will provide the entertainment.

ASK US

Q—Who is Snyder's first district opponent this year in basketball?

A—The Tigers take on Sweetwater Jan. 10 at home.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Pat Sterling...

...is in her third year at the Ira schools where she teaches the fourth grade. Her husband, Kirby, is a farmer and a former Ira school board member. They have a daughter, Celeigh, who is a senior at Ira. Son, Justin Donelson, lives at Stephenville. Pat likes to work in the yard as one of her hobbies.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I like people who refuse to speak until they are ready to speak.

—Lillian Hellman

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Angel project

The angel project done for Carole Haynes is a continuing effort and anyone who has a decorated angel may drop it off at Stanfield Elementary.

Community Services raffle

Scurry County Community Services is holding a drawing for a $75 gift certificate to United and $75 to Wal-Mart. Tickets are $1 and all proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children.

Senior dedication ads

The deadline for the Senior Dedication ads for the Tiger's Lair Yearbook has been extended to Friday. The cost is $45 for a message of 35 words and one color picture. Call 574-6138 for more information.

Santa's workshop at Dermott School

The Dermott School on the coliseum grounds will be open to the public from 2-4 p.m. Saturday with student artwork on display as well as student-made Christmas decorations. Santa's sleigh will be available for families to take pictures.

SISD choir concerts

The high school Christmas choir concert will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. The junior high Christmas concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium.

Ham dinner

Hermleigh High Beta Club will host a ham dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria. Cost is $6 for adults and $3 for children 8 and under.

Support groups

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

Scurry County 4-H horse club

Scurry County 4-H horse club raffle tickets must be turned in at Tuesday's meeting. For more information, call Laura King at 574-1378.

Canned food drive

Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services that ends Tuesday. Bring canned goods to the care center.

Ira School picture retakes

Ira School picture retakes will be Tuesday for anyone absent on the first picture day, new students or those wanting to get a new picture made. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high basketball teams and individuals. Envelopes for retakes and basketball will be passed out on Monday. Other pictures to be taken include high school class favorites, FFA, junior FFA, FCA, FCCLA, student council, NHS and the Combo.

FBC support groups

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

Hospice open house

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice staff and volunteers will have an open house from 4-6 p.m. next Thursday in the First Baptist Church garden room. Everyone is invited.

ARC garage sale

ARC will have a pre-Christmas garage sale from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. next Thursday at 2504 Ave. W.

Madrigal dinners

Christmas Madrigal dinners are set for 7 p.m. Dec. 13-14 at the high school student center. Tickets are $15 each. Call 573-6301 to make reservations.

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.

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

WTC PE building to close

The PE building at Western Texas College will close at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, for the fall semester and will reopen for the spring semester on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 a.m.

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.

Collapsed wall had looked like movie prop

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A five-story building's south wall that collapsed during renovation had been the subject of a complaint that it appeared as unstable as a movie set's backdrop, investigators said.

The city and the project's structural engineer had approved the downtown site of the former furniture company as safe two months ago despite the complaint about the free-standing wall.

Two people were hurt Wednesday, one critically, when the 500-ton terra cotta and concrete wall, built in 1900, collapsed and dropped bricks and other debris onto the downtown sidewalk. Rescuers used heavy equipment to sift through the 10-foot-high pile of debris in search of anyone else who might have been trapped.

The wall was being preserved as part of a $25 million transformation of the old Karotkin Furniture Co. Building into the upscale Watermark Hotel.

Officials concerned about the possibility of a second collapse also planned to demolish the Karotkin Building's north wall as soon as the wreckage of the other wall is cleared away. Investigators said the facade was secured in the same way as the wall that collapsed.

The building's south wall buckled shortly before 9 a.m. Wednesday and dumped broken steel and splintered timbers on the sidewalk below, critically injuring a man strolling along a covered walkway and hurting a construction worker.

"It looked like the building blew up," 19-year-old Darnell Wilkerson, who was waiting for a VIA bus less than a block away from the collapse, said.

The two injured men were taken to separate hospitals, one of them suffering from a broken back and shoulder, head injuries and fractured ribs.

A group of passers-by heard the screams of Robert Mancillas, 20, before emergency workers arrived. He was pinned underneath a heavy wooden board and bricks.

"All you could see was his legs," said Wilkerson, who was part of a small group of witnesses who lifted debris off Mancillas.

Mancillas was rushed to Brooke Army Medical Center, where he was expected to have surgery on his lower back later today.

The second victim, whose name hadn't been released, was taken to University Hospital, where he was in stable condition. A firefighter also was injured when he was hit in the back by falling debris. But he was treated at the scene and within an hour had resumed looking for other victims.

Falling bricks shattered the windows of a passing VIA bus, but the collapse did not damage other nearby buildings. Some nearby structures were evacuated as a precaution and firefighters blocked off some of the busiest downtown streets as morning rush hour traffic was snarled.

Adjacent streets were scheduled to remain closed today as the cleanup and an investigation by federal and city officials continued.

City officials told reporters late Wednesday they had taken the unusual step in September of examining the project's bracing after a woman complained the skin of the building looked like it was standing precariously.

"That was temporary bracing that we normally would not inspect," said Michael Clack, assistant director of development services.

But the city inspector determined that the braces were installed in accordance with the engineers' design standards.

The project's structural engineer, Cutler-Gallaway, also examined the bracing and informed the city it complied with its design, said City Manager Terry Brechtel.

After the collapse, at least one experienced structural engineer said bolts didn't appear adequate to tie the unreinforced wall securely to steel shoring.

"No wonder it fell down," was Per Schneider's first comment after seeing photographs of the shoring system.

But the president of the company building the project said he knew of no complaints and planned to hire a private engineering company to investigate.

"We don't believe there were any building code violations," said Jack Dysart, president of Lyda Builders Inc., a company that employs about 150 workers and specializes in office buildings, corporate headquarters, hotels and resorts and health care facilities.

Confessed murderer executed for killing his brother and wife

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — After losing one sibling at the hand of another in 1994, Kent Rojas watched Wednesday night as his brother Leonard Rojas was executed in the Texas death chamber.

Leonard Rojas, 52, had no final statement before he was administered a lethal injection for the slayings of his common-law wife, Jo Ann Reed, 34, and his younger brother, David Rojas, 43.

During an interview prior to his execution, Leonard Rojas said he suspected his wife and brother of having an affair. He also thought the two were attempting to drug him to death.

"They wanted me dead, out of the way," Leonard Rojas said.

He said he had no regrets about shooting Reed between the eyes with a .32-caiber gun after one last sexual encounter and then turning the gun on his brother on Dec. 27, 1994 in a mobile home the three shared in Alvarado, near Fort Worth.

"I'll never regret it. Never," he said. "These people, they were just basically evil. They just wanted my money, wanted my drugs and they wanted to do me in."

Kent Rojas said it was too much to already have one brother in the ground. However, he said he constructed a casket for his brother prior to his execution and planned to bury Leonard Rojas near the family's South Texas hometown of Mathis.

"I'm not saying he should have taken the law into his hands," Kent Rojas said. "David and Leo, though they were loving brothers, used to fight all the time. It was pretty serious but I never knew it would escalate."

Leonard Rojas confessed to the killings after buying a bus ticket from Fort Worth to Atlanta, Ga., hours after the killings. He made it as far as Dallas, where he told a security guard at the bus station what he had done.

Today's chuckle

Trio of emus run away from home

NILES TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Authorities were on the lookout for two elusive but most definitely unarmed escapees.

A trio of emus — large, flightless birds that resemble ostriches and are native to Australia — ran off Monday from the home of their owner in Niles Township. One of the birds, named Andy, was caught Wednesday.

"They are fast. They have good traction in the snow," township police Officer Jeff Dunlap said. "They are definitely a hard one to catch."

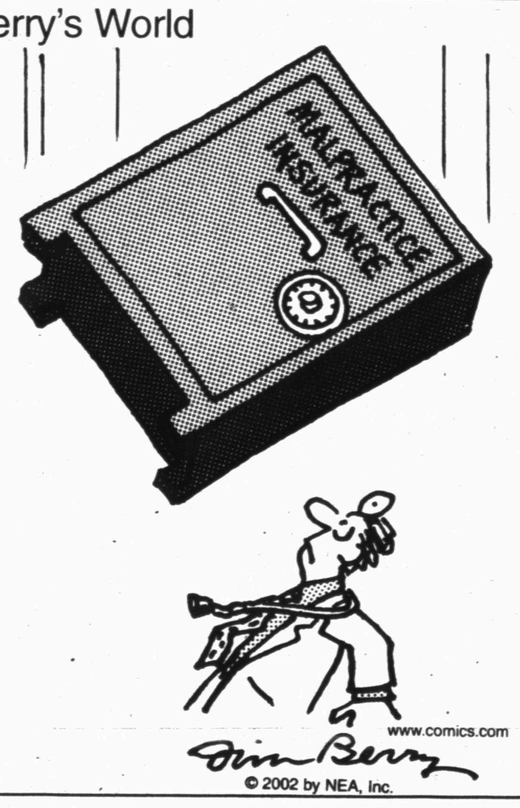
Two police officers, with help from three employees of the Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service, surrounded Andy after he was spotted in a yard. They bound his legs with duct tape and loaded him into a trailer donated by a veterinarian.

The bird suffered minor injuries, including a gouge on his knee.

Though generally docile, emus can become dangerous if they feel threatened, said Dr. Jeremy Goodman, a veterinarian at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend. He said anyone who sees the missing birds should call the police.

"If they were cornered and someone was trying to hold them down, they could certainly kick pretty hard," Goodman said. "I would not try to restrain them or approach them."

Berry's World



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Happy 40th Birthday

Laney A.

Love,

Tonja, Chase & Brad

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 6, 2002

The mantle of leadership may be thrust on your shoulders in the year ahead, both in social or business involvements. In either case, you'll handle things well and will feel at ease taking on the role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's important at this time that you be extra prudent and practical in all your financial dealings. Good management and control will help stretch your dollars down the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Whether today will be a productive or unproductive one rests solely in your own hands. The quality of your efforts will determine the size of your rewards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll function best today when left to your own devices. If there is a complication you need to work out, go off by yourself where you can be alone to think things out thoroughly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Loyal friends will stand by your side today because you've shown them your support when it was needed. Don't hesitate to request their backup when necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In order to achieve your career objectives today, you're going to have to get down to business and give it extra impetus as needed. Don't let down if the going gets a bit rough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is an excellent day to sit down and make plans for the future. Anything solid or of substance can be accomplished by organizing your actions ahead of time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If tough business procedures are called for today in order to work out a commercial transaction, wear that hat. Don't let others push you into a compromise that benefits only them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The attention and spotlight might be on your mate or partner today. However, you won't mind a bit, because you'll still be an essential part of the team and you know it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A proper attitude on how you approach your work today will work wonders. If you think something is hard, it will be; but if you think you'll have no trouble handling it, then this will be true also.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll be very effective in your dealings with youngsters today. When you make a point with them, the lesson they learn will be a quality one that will be long remembered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You'll enjoy entertaining at your place today where you can be in charge of events and able to select with whom you'll spend your time. Everyone will have a good time with you calling the shots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Involvements that require the full focus of your mental attributes will be the ones you'll be the most qualified to do today. Using your smarts spells success.

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

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events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

18-22-23-29-30-45

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

Pick 3
(Day) 3-3-5
(Night) 2-0-3

Cash Five
20-31-32-34-35

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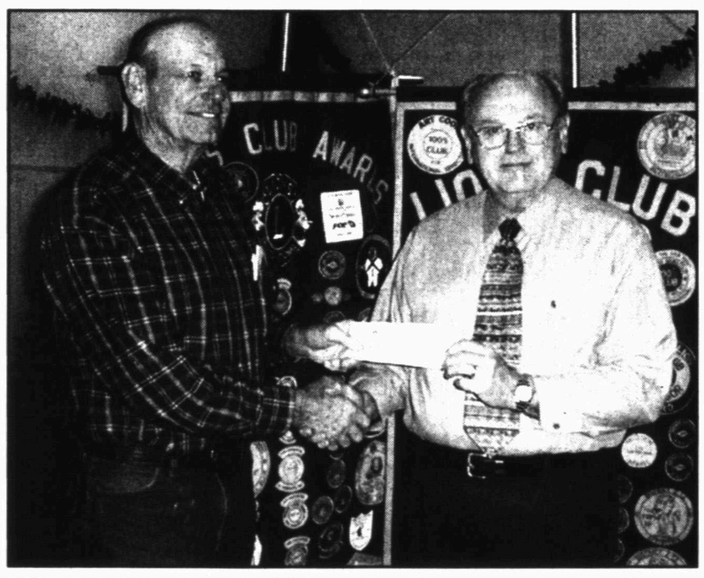
BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Laurie Huddleston, bride-elect of Joey Roland, was honoree at a bridal shower held Nov. 16 in the home of Elouise Lambert. From left are Janelle Pollard, the honoree's maternal grandmother; Shauna Huddleston, her sister; Connie Huddleston, her mother; the honoree; and Tina Roland, mother of the future groom. The couple will marry Saturday at the First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



LIONS HELD GOODFELLOWS — Postmaster Dale Lipsett, representing the Goodfellows, accepted a $200 check donation from Lions Club vice president Ted Crenwelge at the Lions meeting Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Goodfellows help provide Christmas dinner for those in need. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The custom of hanging up mistletoe at Christmas dates back to the Druids, an ancient people of Britain.

As always, victory finds a hundred fathers but defeat is an orphan.

—Count Galeazzo Ciano

The basic monetary unit of Vanuatu is the vatu.

Holiday Entertaining: use the apple

The holidays offer a winter wonderland of wonderful recipes. Apples and apple products help holiday party hosts get to the "core" of entertaining success.

This trio of holiday favorites, made luscious and delicious with Mott's Apple Juice and Apple Sauce, can delight the palate and dress up the table, welcoming in a sensational season.

HOLIDAY WASSAIL

1 gallon Mott's Apple Juice
1 quart orange juice
1 can (16 oz.) frozen pineapple juice, thawed
2 cups ReaLemon juice from concentrate
2 cinnamon sticks
2 tsp. cloves
1 cup sugar

Place all ingredients in non-aluminum pan, stir and heat to boiling. Simmer for one hour. Serve hot. Makes 24 servings.

APPLE SAUCE WITH CRUNCHY TOPPING

1¾ cups bran flakes
¼ cup finely chopped pecans
3 Tbsp. firmly packed light brown sugar
2 Tbsp. butter
1½ cups Mott's Apple Sauce, any variety

In medium bowl, mix bran flakes and pecans; set aside. In saucepan, over medium heat, heat brown sugar and butter until melted and blended. Remove from heat; add bran mixture, tossing to coat well. Cool. Spoon apple sauce into six 6-oz. dessert dishes; top with bran mixture. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY PUNCH

8 cups Mott's Apple Juice
8 cups cranberry juice cocktail
2 red apples, sliced
2 cups cranberries
3 liters 7 UP
Ice cubes, as needed

Pour apple and cranberry juices into punch bowl. Fifteen minutes before serving, add apple slices, cranberries, 7 UP and ice. Do not stir. 24 servings.

WAL-MART DONATES TO PD — Safe Neighborhood Heroes grant of $1,200 was presented by Wal-Mart manager R.J. Youngclaus to the Snyder Police Department, represented by Sgt. David Holley. The donation was made as a part of the company's bonus grant program to be utilized for programs in the community. Holley said the police department would use the money for equipment. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 12-05-02 ♠ 5 2 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ A K 10 6 5	
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	South ♠ K Q J 10 7 6 ♥ A J 3 ♦ Q J ♣ 7 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002

A bridge player's blow to the jaw

By Phillip Alder

Arthur Mullard, a British comic actor and boxer, said, "Boxing got me started on philosophy. You bash them, they bash you, and you think, what's it all for?"

In bridge, we try to bash them, they try to bash us, and we know what it's all for: to make or break a contract. But we do have one technique in common with boxing: the uppercut.

In pugilism, an uppercut occurs when a boxer brings his fist vertically up to his opponent's exposed jaw. In bridge, it happens as in this deal — how?

North had an unappealing rebid over three spades. Since he didn't have a diamond stopper, he couldn't bid three no-trump. Without six clubs (or a very strong five), he didn't want to rebid his suit. South couldn't have four hearts, because he hadn't rebid three hearts; so four hearts was out. By a process of elimination, that left four spades.

West led the diamond ace: six, eight, jack. He continued with the diamond king: seven, four, queen. What should West do now?

First, West checked the points. This assessment strongly suggested that South held the heart ace. And if so, the defenders had taken all possible side-suit tricks. West therefore continued with a low diamond, and when East ruffed with the spade nine, it effected an uppercut. South had to overruff, but now West's trump holding was worth two tricks, not the one it had been at the beginning of the deal.

One last note: If you have two trumps and believe partner is trying for an uppercut, ruff high.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; business meeting at 4 p.m., followed by a workshop of decorating gourds and pine cones for Christmas for the nursing homes; Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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.

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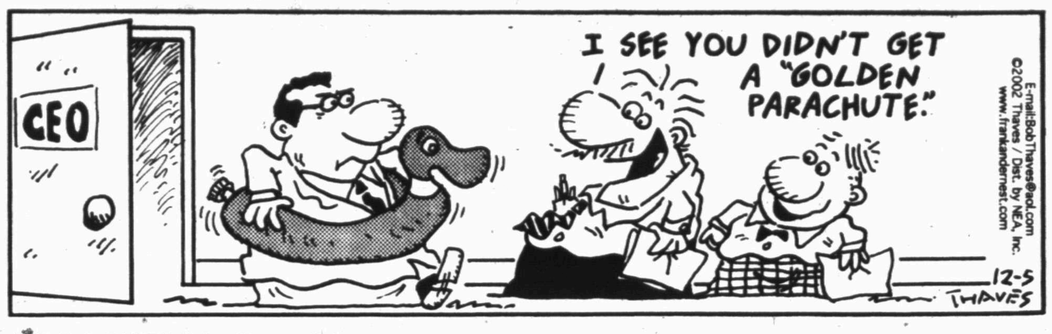

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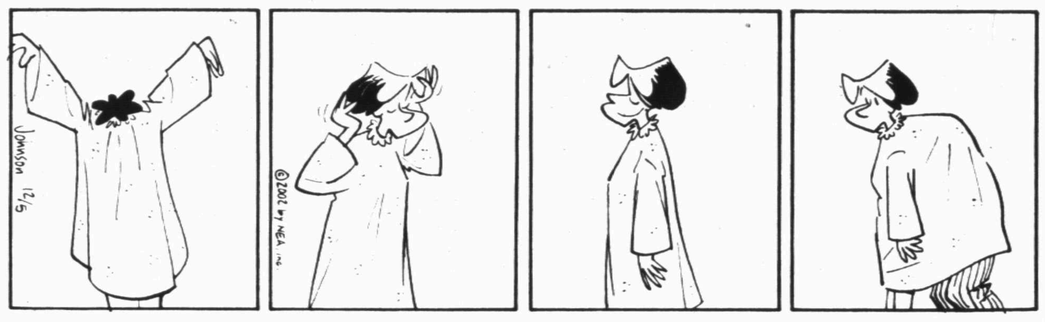

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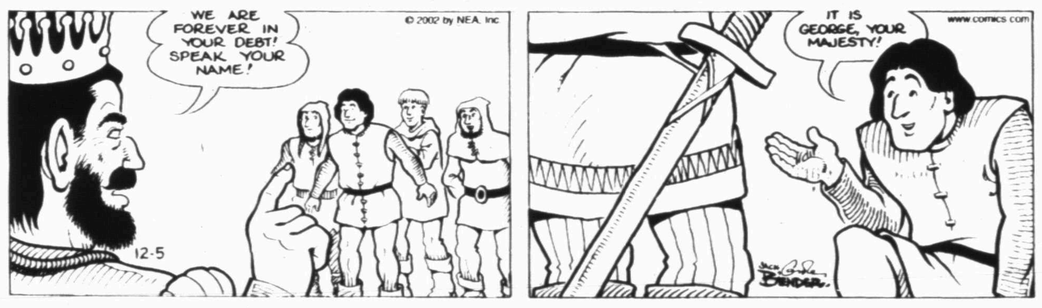

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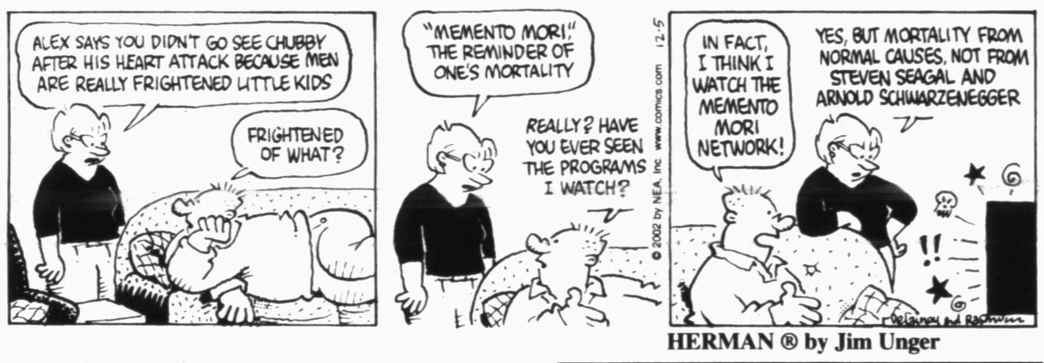

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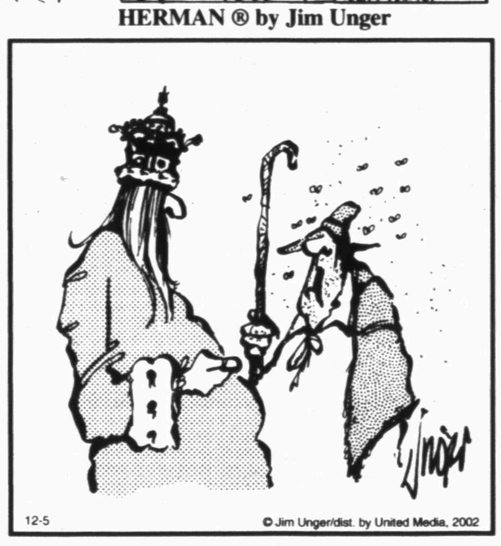

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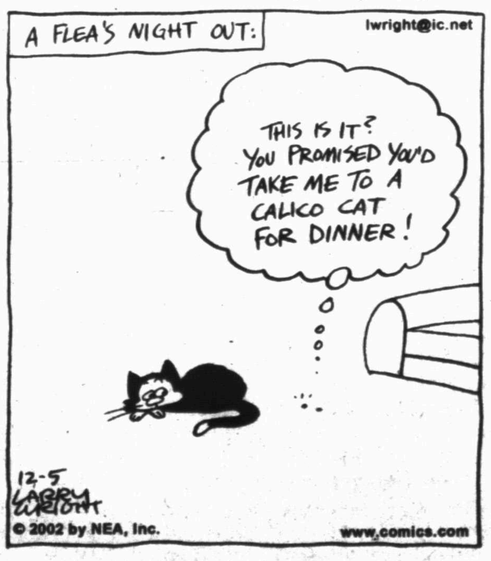

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18 Social Register word
19 Type
21 Lennon's wife
22 Film script writer James —
23 Heap
25 Volcanic dust
28 Leaf of grass
30 Food additive
31 Reuben bread
32 Dawn deity
33 Prefix for pod
35 Met production
37 Forest grazer
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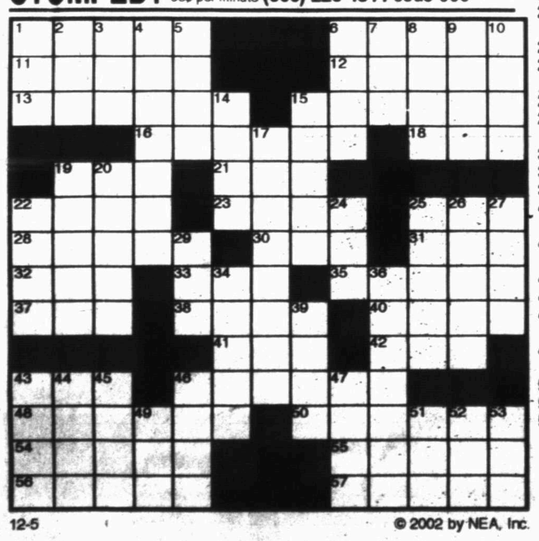

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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"...AND THIS, DENNIS, IS WHAT THE FUTURE USED TO LOOK LIKE."

SPORTS

Franchione to meet with A&M today

HOUSTON (AP) — Alabama coach Dennis Franchione is expected to meet with Texas A&M officials in the wake of R.C. Slocum's firing and could be an Aggie by week's end, according to published reports today.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News of a planned meeting between Franchione and A&M officials in College Station later today. The Mobile Register also cited unnamed sources detailing a scheduled meeting with university officials.

A source close to the A&M board of regents, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Chronicle a proposed five-year contract for Franchione to take over the Aggies football program is under discussion. Terms of an offer to Franchione were believed to be in the range of $10 million to $11 million.

New A&M athletic director Bill Byrne, who was hired from Nebraska Tuesday, was believed to have met Wednesday with Craig Kelly, Franchione's legal representative, to talk about a proposed deal.

An Aggie source close to discussions, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Franchione wants to leave Alabama for A&M and that university officials are firm that Franchione is the preferred choice to replace Slocum, who was fired Monday by A&M president Robert Gates.

A source close to the Alabama coaching staff told the San Antonio Express-News that Franchione has asked his assistants their thoughts on the Texas A&M position.

University officials did not return telephone calls early today from The Associated Press on the reports, which said a decision could be reached before the weekend.

Franchione canceled speaking engagements Wednesday night in Columbus, Ga., and on Thursday in Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama athletic director Mal Moore said he granted A&M officials permission to talk to Franchione, but wanted the coach to stay with the Crimson Tide.

"I will not impede Coach Franchione in any manner if he wishes to talk to A&M," Moore said in a statement. "However, I wish to stress that we want Coach Franchione to finish his coaching career at the University of Alabama. We have made what we feel is a strong and fair contractual offer to him."

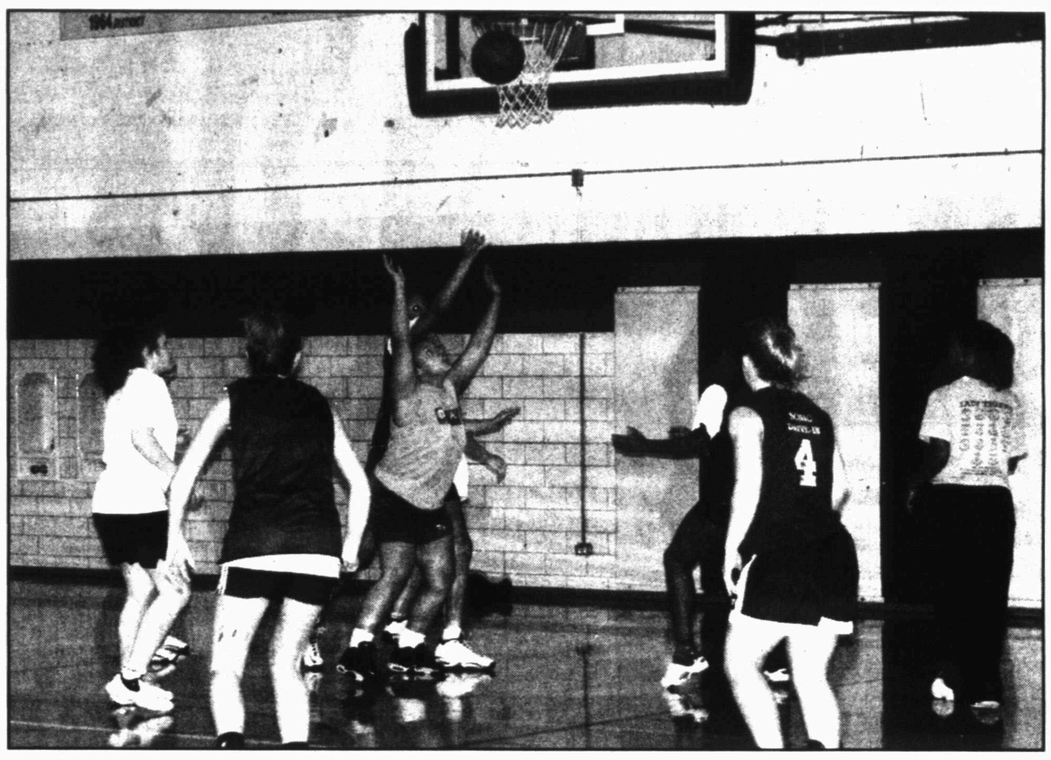
Franchione coached at TCU before taking the Alabama job three years ago and remains under contract at Alabama through 2007 at $1.1 million per season plus incentives. He led Alabama to a 17-8 record the past two seasons, finishing 10-3 this season.

But Alabama, on NCAA probation for recruiting violations that occurred before Franchione took the job, isn't eligible for a bowl game this year or next. Franchione hasn't signed a contract extension with Alabama reportedly worth $15 million over 10 years.

Franchione met for about three hours Wednesday afternoon with Moore and members of the Alabama board of trustees, then left without commenting.

Told that AD Moore said A&M officials had received permission to talk with Franchione, Gates replied, "That sounds reliable."

Gates declined to discuss plans for replacing the 14-year head coach but said he had offered Slocum the position of special adviser to the president.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Anna Henson boxes out for the rebound during a Lady Tigers' practice. The team is 6-0 on the season, and will put its perfect record on the line when it plays in the Lamesa tournament today through Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kingsbury named Big 12 player of the year

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach has trumpeted quarterback Kliff Kingsbury's talents for the past three seasons.

But Leach didn't just talk about how good Kingsbury was. The coach gave the 6-foot-4 senior quarterback plenty of opportunities to display his throwing ability with a pass-oriented offense.

Kingsbury was the nation's leading passer — 447-of-669 (67 percent) for 4,642 yards and 42 touchdowns — and on Wednesday was named The Associated Press Big 12 offensive player of the year.

"I think he definitely deserves it," Leach said. "It's something that he's worked hard for and he certainly had a great year this year."

Kansas State senior cornerback Terence Newman was the overwhelming choice as the league's defensive player of the year. Newman is also a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which goes to the nation's best defensive player, and the Jim Thorpe Award, which goes to the best defensive back.

The league's newcomers of the year, as voted by a panel of media members who regularly cover the Big 12, were Missouri freshman quarterback Brad Smith and Oklahoma junior linebacker Lance Mitchell.

Kingsbury, whose talent at reading defenses meshes well with Leach's aerial offense, predominantly used short, quick-hitting routes in passing to 15 receivers. After three seasons of airing it out, Kingsbury is the No. 4 all-time passer in Division I with 12,054 career yards.

He also holds seven NCAA records, including his 447 completions this season; most career completions (1,199); and career pass attempts (1,840).

Before the season began, Kingsbury was named the conference's preseason offensive pick. He easily lived up to that expectation, but knows he didn't do all of the work alone.

"That's a huge honor because the Big 12 is considered the best conference in the country," Kingsbury said. "But in an offense like we have everybody plays such a huge role. All I did was get them the ball and they made the big plays. As a unit, our offense had a great year."

Kingsbury narrowly edged out Colorado running back Chris Brown for the offensive player of the year honor. Others receiving votes were Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin and Rashaun Woods of Oklahoma State.

Even before the season began, Texas Tech was touting Kingsbury as a Heisman Trophy candidate with a campaign that included a Web site and an interactive CD-ROM. But the Red Raiders' 2-2 start took away much of the national spotlight.

Twice this season, Kingsbury threw six TD passes in a game, against New Mexico in September and then in a 42-38 upset win Nov. 16 over then-No. 4 Texas, the highest-ranked opponent the Red Raiders have ever beaten.

When he first threw the six TDs against New Mexico on Sept. 27, it was a Big 12 record. But that record fell the next week when Texas A&M's Dustin Long threw seven, in a game that Kingsbury threw for 474 yards and five TDs in Tech's wild 48-47 overtime win against the Aggies.

Kingsbury's worst game was in the regular season finale, when he had a season-low 187 yards in a 60-15 loss to Oklahoma that decided the Big 12 South division champion.

Defensive player of the year Newman is also the Big 12 sprint champion in both 60-meter and 100-meter sprints. With speed that allows him to keep up with the fleetest receivers, Newman had five interceptions and broke up 14 passes even though opponents tried to avoid throwing his way.

Mavs rip Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks made it look easy against the Portland Trail Blazers.

Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 20 points, five assists and four rebounds as the Mavericks beat the Trail Blazers 103-88 Wednesday night.

"When we're rolling, we're tough to stop," Nash said. "We were opportunistic and capitalized on their defensive mistakes."

Michael Finley had 15 points and 10 rebounds as the Mavericks improved to 17-1 with their third straight victory.

If the Blazers were bothered by the beating they had just absorbed, it was hard to tell in the locker room afterward.

After getting soundly beaten by the league's best team, some of the Blazers gathered around a TV to watch the closing minutes of the Indiana-Seattle game before showering.

Bonzi Wells was soliciting bets as to what Seattle's Gary Payton would do with the ball in the final minute, and others were talking trash about Ron Artest.

When Payton made a shot to give the Sonics the lead, Rasheed Wallace, Wells and others cheered loudly, prompting reserve Antonio Daniels to mutter, "We just got beat by 20, and they're cheering on a team in our own division."

When co-captain Scottie Pippen emerged from the shower to see what was going on, he immediately turned off the TV and closed the cabinet, even though the game was tied with seconds remaining.

When asked why he did it, a cautious Pippen said, "Players have got to address the media, and you've (the media) got to talk to the players."

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity, JV and frosh girls at Lamesa tourney.

Basketball: Ira varsity boys and girls at Blackwell tourney.

Basketball: Hermleigh at Patton Springs tourney.

Basketball: Ira JV at Sands tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney.

Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Snyder tourney.

Basketball: Snyder varsity, JV and frosh girls at Lamesa tourney.

Basketball: Ira varsity girls and boys at Blackwell tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.

Basketball: Ira JV boys at Sands tourney.

Basketball: Hermleigh at Patton Springs tourney.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio.

Colorado wants to avenge loss in Big 12 championship game

HOUSTON (AP) — Colorado made too many mistakes to beat Oklahoma the first time the two teams played this season. They've been eager for a second chance and they'll get it Saturday in the Big 12 championship game.

Colorado stumbled at the start of its game on Nov. 2 against the Sooners and lost 27-11. In the first half, the Buffaloes lost two fumbles, had a pass intercepted, muffed a pooch kick and had a field goal blocked.

They've wondered since then, what might have happened if they had eliminated those mistakes at the start of the game.

"We didn't give ourselves much of a chance, you can't play a team like Oklahoma and expect to win when you turn the ball over," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said Monday. "We never threatened to win the game, we just got a little respect.

Another Sooner interception helped Oklahoma take a 27-3 lead early in the third quarter. After that, Colorado kept the score respectable.

"That was important but we just didn't get it," Barnett said. "We got snuffed out in the red zone. We made a good show, but that's all it was, a show."

Oklahoma quarterback Nate Hybl knows the Sooners did enough to win the game.

"I'm not one to read what people said, but the feeling I got was they left some plays on the the field and we didn't finish the game like they were expecting us to," Hybl said. "We made enough plays and we did get a little conservative. I don't know how they reacted but we deserve a lot of credit."

Colorado (9-3) had its toughest times early in the season when the Buffloes lost its opener to Colorado State and to Southern California 40-3 in the third game of the season before putting together a five-game winning streak that ended with their loss to Oklahoma.

The Sooners (10-2) saved their downers for late in the season with losses to Texas A&M on Nov. 9 and Saturday when they lost to Oklahoma State for the second straight year, 38-28.

"This championship is won through the year," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "That's why the conference games count. They are sitting here with a great record and one loss (in Big 12) and they've beaten some awfully good teams. We were fortunate to beat them.

"It's who's hot now."

Hybl threw three touchdown passes against Colorado in drives that covered just 39, 24 and 9 yards.

"They feel they still have a lot to prove to us and we welcome that challenge," Hybl said. "It was a cold and rainy day so I look forward to a perfect setting. Defensively, they present a lot of different things. They'll bring a lot of people into the box and try to stop our running game."

Colorado enters the game with a three-game winning streak. They beat Nebraska 28-13 on Friday.

Sports Briefs

Arizona court clears stadium construction

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Supreme Court has cleared the way for construction work to begin in earnest on the Arizona Cardinals' new stadium.

Brad Parker, a spokesman for the Tourism and Sports Authority, said the decision also gives the go-ahead to Cactus League baseball projects in Phoenix and Surprise and construction of a new youth sports facility.

Shanahan apologizes for cheap hit

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Denver Broncos guard Steve Herndon and coach Mike Shanahan apologized to San Diego Chargers defensive tackle Jamal Williams, whose season was ended by a questionable hit by Herndon on Sunday. Williams dislocated his left ankle and was put on the injured reserve list.

Palmer wins QB award

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Southern California's Carson Palmer won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, given annually to the nation's top senior quarterback.

Yanks re-sign Ventura

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees reached a preliminary agreement on a $5 million, one-year contract with third baseman Robin Ventura.

Orioles hire two GMs

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rather than put just one person in charge as general manager, the Baltimore Orioles hired Jim Beattie and Mike Flanagan to turn around a franchise mired in a record run of five consecutive losing seasons.

Beattie was picked as executive vice president of baseball operations. He will work with Flanagan, who was tabbed as successor to Syd Thrift as vice president of baseball operations.

AP Women's Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Duke (42)	5-0	1,098	1
2. LSU (1)	5-0	1,018	3
3. Connecticut (1)	5-0	963	5
4. Tennessee	5-1	959	4
5. Stanford	4-0	932	7
6. Purdue	5-0	884	6
7. Kansas St.	5-1	840	2
8. Vanderbilt	4-0	789	9
9. Notre Dame	2-0	753	10
10. Texas Tech	2-1	635	12
11. Penn St.	4-1	599	13
12. Minnesota	5-0	576	14
13. Arkansas	4-1	544	17
14. Georgia	2-1	490	8
15. Louisiana Tech	2-1	482	15
16. North Carolina	4-1	407	11
17. Texas	1-1	359	16
18. Oklahoma	5-2	340	23
19. BYU	3-0	280	22
20. Mississippi St.	4-1	269	19
21. Arizona	2-1	213	—
22. Boston Colleg	3-1	170	18
23. South Carolina	4-0	167	—
24.GWU	2-1	109	21
25. Cincinnati	2-1	81	25

Others receiving votes: Iowa St. 61, Villanova 58, Virginia 45, UC Santa Barbara 43, Michigan 23, Colorado St. 17, TCU 16, Tulane 15, Arizona St. 9, Southern Cal 9, Temple 8, Colorado 7, New Mexico 5, Pittsburgh 5, DePaul 4, Auburn 3, Florida 3, Drake 2, W. Kentucky 2, Wis.-Green Bay 2, Wyoming 2, Harvard 1, Liberty 1, Ohio St. 1,

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
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District Office (s)

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In 21 months...

Jobless claims fall to lowest level

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment benefits plunged last week to their lowest level in 21 months, offering some cheer to workers as they head into the holiday shopping season.

The Labor Department reported today that new applications for unemployment insurance fell by a seasonally adjusted 13,000 to 355,000, for the work week ending Nov. 30. The decline left claims at their lowest point since the week ending Feb. 17, 2001.

It marked the third week in a row that new claims for jobless benefits went down, good news for workers who have been feeling the strain of the uneven economic recovery for much of this year.

The latest snapshot of the labor market was much better than analysts were expecting. They were forecasting a rise in new claims.

While the Thanksgiving Day holiday may have played a role in the decline of new claims last week, economists have noted that claims recently have been drifting lower, a positive sign.

In fact, the more stable four-week moving average of new claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, dropped to 376,500 last week, the lowest level since the week ending March 3, 2001.

Both the four-week moving average and initial claims have been below the 400,000 mark for three straight weeks.

"The downward trend in claims suggests that the labor market is improving and there may been some job growth in November," said Gerald Cohen, an economist with Merrill Lynch.

Today's report showing that layoffs are stabilizing may also bode well for consumer spending in the holiday shopping season.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States and has been the main force keeping the economy going all year.

Low mortgage rates, tax cuts, and extra cash coming from a refinancing boom have helped to support consumer spending this year, offsetting some negative factors including the roller-coaster stock market and the uncertain economic environment.

Even as layoffs slow, economists are not expecting companies to go on a hiring spree. Many economists believe companies, in the face of the struggling recovery and economic uncertainties, will keep their work forces relatively lean.

Economists believe around 35,000 jobs were added to the economy in November, an improvement from October's job cuts.

Economists are still forecasting a rise in the nation's unemployment rate in November to 5.8 percent from October's 5.7 percent rate. The government will release the employment report for November on Friday.

The economic recovery has been advancing this year, but in fits and starts, an environment that has made businesses wary about making big commitments in hiring and in capital investment. Fears about a war with Iraq, the turbulent stock market and other economic uncertainties have weighed heavily on companies and made workers who still have jobs anxious about keeping them.

The jobless report also showed that the number of unemployed people who are continuing to collect unemployment benefits dropped to a four-month low of 3.49 million for the work week ending Nov. 23, the most recent period for which the information is available.

Economists said it was encouraging that the number of people continuing to draw benefits went down, but they still believed that those who are unemployed will have a hard time finding a job in the months ahead.

Wanting to energize the economic recovery, the Federal Reserve last month cut a key interest rate by a bold half a percentage point to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent. It marked the first rate reduction of this year and the 12th since January 2001. Analysts believe the Fed will hold rates at that low level at its meeting next Tuesday.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

What is the significance of drugs expiration dates?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm really confused about the expiration dates on drug prescriptions. If my medicine exceeds this date, should I discard it? Is expired medication dangerous?

DEAR READER: This pertinent question is more than appropriate; it is highly significant, given the high cost of prescription drugs. No one wants to discard medication if that action is unnecessary, nor do we want to risk unpleasant complications from out-of-date medicines.

According to the Oct. 28, 2002, Medical Letter, the news is good.

The expiration date on the manufacturer's package is based on the stability of the drug in its original closed container. Such expiration dates ordinarily span two to three years after the date of manufacture. Liquid medications tend to be less stable than pills or capsules. However, with the exception of a few specific drugs (such as Captopril and Theo-Dur), most medications remain stable long beyond their expiration dates, providing they are stored in appropriate environments (dry, cool and dark).

Therefore, while you may wish to review your specific concerns with your physician or pharmacist, you can probably use medication that is up to five years beyond its expiration date, sometimes even longer, according to the Medical Letter. Few reports of toxicity have been published. Taking medicines exceeding that limit is not harmful, but the drugs may have lost potency. This does not appear to be the rule, though.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take medication for high blood pressure. Until about five years ago, I also took hormone replacement therapy for the symptoms of menopause. Now I am losing scalp and pubic hair at an alarming rate. I also suffer from insomnia and loss of sex drive. I've discussed these problems with my physician; he doesn't seem concerned. Could they be related to the medication?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. Although most drugs for hypertension are effective and safe, an occasional patient may experience side effects from them. Insomnia and diminished sex drive are two relatively common complications.

On the other hand, before blaming your blood pressure medication for your symptoms, consider that they — especially your hair loss — could be the natural result of menopause.

Finding the cause of your problems may be challenging but, in my opinion, your symptoms should not be dismissed.

Because your doctor appears unconcerned, I suggest that you seek a second opinion from a physician who is more sensitive to your needs. In particular, I believe that a gynecologist could be of real value. He or she can interview and examine you and then work with your primary care practitioner to find solutions to your problems.

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Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002

Today is the 339th day of 2002 and the 75th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, America's first collegiate fraternity, was founded.

On this day in 1933, Prohibition came to an end with the ratification of the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

On this day in 1955, the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, precipitated by Rosa Park's arrest and protesting the city's segregation and the country's brutal racism, began.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), U.S. president; George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. cavalry officer; Walt Disney (1901-1966), film producer; Strom Thurmond (1902-), U.S. senator, is 100; Joan Didion (1934-), writer, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Marcus Allen won the University of Southern California's fourth Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs." — Joan Didion

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 4) and first quarter (Dec. 11).

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	8.11	7.04	7.70	+ .66
AOL TimeWrn	14.11	13.35	13.98	+ .14
AT&T Corp rs	28.09	27.88	27.90	—.16
Albertsons	22.78	22.33	22.55	—.23
Alltel	52.38	51.30	51.51	—.52
AmEl Pw	28.12	27.25	27.40	+ .06
AndarkPtr	49.00	48.40	48.47	—.08
ATMOS Egy	23.20	22.88	22.90	—.05
Aviall	8.90	8.65	8.70	—.02
BP PLC	39.87	39.35	39.37	+ .29
BakerHughes	33.22	32.20	32.40	—.39
Bank of Amer	69.10	67.88	68.05	—.80
BellSouth	27.58	26.95	27.02	—.29
BurlNoSFe	25.58	25.40	25.44	—.04
Caterpillar	47.01	46.26	46.41	—.32
CenterPoint	7.10	6.90	7.03	+ .17
ChevronTex	69.00	67.50	67.60	—.20
Citigroup	38.23	37.34	37.45	—.40
CocaCola	45.79	45.02	45.28	—.36
ColgatePal	53.65	52.71	52.91	—.20
CmclMetals s	16.49	16.26	16.26	—.23
ConocoPhill	49.72	49.40	49.46	+ .21
Cooper Inds	37.10	36.30	37.03	+ .49
DaimlrChry	34.90	33.85	33.97	—.82
DeltaAirl	13.19	12.46	12.72	+ .36
Dillards Inc	17.36	16.71	17.02	—.09
DowChem	29.90	29.47	29.69	—.16
DuPont	43.93	43.35	43.47	—.43
EastmanChem	36.71	36.27	36.31	—.36
EstKodak	36.30	36.00	36.23	+ .14
EDS Corp	17.15	16.33	16.58	—.49
Entergy	44.62	43.52	43.57	—.48
ExxonMobil	35.00	33.50	34.51	—.26
FstBksAm	40.46	40.46	40.46	
FootLocker	13.10	12.58	12.61	—.34
GenDynam	82.89	81.30	81.93	—.96
GenElec	26.78	25.97	26.02	—.50
GenMills	44.60	44.15	44.21	—.23
GenMotors	38.75	38.06	38.27	—.14
GaPacific	17.25	16.85	16.96	—.39
Goodrich	17.95	17.35	17.37	—.28
Goodyear	7.79	7.61	7.68	+ .03
GtAtlPac	7.78	7.21	7.29	—.19
Halliburtn	20.10	19.50	19.75	
Hanson ADS	23.91	23.65	23.69	—.09
HarteHanks s	18.70	18.45	18.45	—.18
HomeDepot	26.40	25.65	25.98	—.03
HoneywellIntl	25.45	24.52	24.53	—.47
IBM	84.99	83.20	83.50	—.19
IntlPaper	37.73	37.02	37.14	—.34
JohnsonJn	56.94	55.75	55.89	—.84
vjK mart	.60	.58	.59	
KinderMorg	41.47	40.91	40.95	—.20
Kroger Co	15.60	15.32	15.34	—.26
LockheedM	52.13	50.77	51.25	—.49
Lowes Cos	41.61	40.90	41.20	—.40
Lubys	3.91	3.80	3.80	—.13
LucentTech	1.79	1.66	1.70	—.03
MarathonOil	20.57	20.24	20.33	+ .22
MayDeptStr	23.49	22.70	23.04	—.44
Medtronic	46.65	46.00	46.38	—.17
Motorola	10.40	9.93	10.06	+ .08
NCR Corp	25.18	24.75	24.85	—.19
Navistar	28.24	27.19	27.80	—.10
PNM Rescs	22.79	22.40	22.45	—.16
Penney JC	23.63	22.70	22.91	—.54
PepBoys	11.72	11.59	11.69	+ .07
PepsiCo	43.57	42.97	42.99	—.38
Pharmacia	42.25	41.75	41.89	+ .14
PhelpDodge	31.14	30.17	30.17	—.72
PilgrmPrd B	8.14	8.00	8.00	
Praxair	56.98	56.20	56.57	—.36
ProctGamb	87.50	85.93	86.14	+ .09
RadioShack	22.30	21.40	21.78	—.25
RoyalDut	43.00	42.33	42.38	—.18
SBC Comm	26.60	25.98	26.10	—.35
SaraLee	23.49	23.11	23.17	—.32
Scripps EW	78.84	78.52	78.79	+ .29
SearsRoeb	27.42	26.28	27.09	+ .16
SherwinW	28.03	27.70	27.84	—.03
SouthernCo	26.89	26.30	26.36	—.02
SwstAirl	15.94	15.25	15.89	+ .29
SprintFON	15.07	14.71	14.72	—.25
SprintPCS	5.80	5.62	5.72	+ .09
Sunoco Inc	31.25	30.90	31.17	+ .91
TXU Corp	15.18	14.87	14.87	—.21
TempleInland	45.99	45.39	45.47	—.33
TexInd	26.17	25.90	26.10	+ .08
TexasInst	18.84	18.02	18.05	—.18
Textron	42.45	41.50	41.70	—.44
TrinityInds	19.62	19.35	19.41	—.21
TylerTech	4.59	4.48	4.56	+ .05
UnionPacif	59.40	59.00	59.21	—.05
USSteel	14.15	13.86	13.98	—.15
UnitedTech	62.97	60.81	61.25	—1.50
Unocal	30.86	30.50	30.65	+ .15
VerizonComm	40.10	39.45	39.51	—.41
WalMart	54.46	53.39	53.77	—.67
WellsFargo	46.65	46.04	46.21	—.24
WstnGasRs	36.49	36.00	36.09	+ .11
WinnDixie	14.38	14.20	14.32	+ .12
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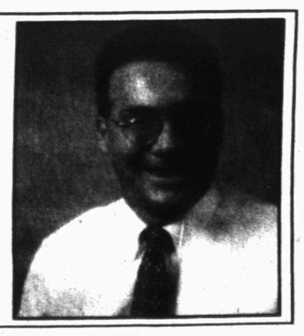

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New theory: Water on Mars came after impacts of asteroid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mars never had oceans as some researchers have claimed, but instead is a cold, dry planet that was pounded by water-bearing asteroids and showered with scalding rain that carved vast gullies and valleys. This suggests the Red Planet was a less than favorable place for life as we know it, a new study claims.

The study, appearing this week in the journal Science, sheds new light on a continuing debate by Mars researchers about how much water there was on Mars, where did it go and how did it form the planet's intricate pattern of canyons, river beds and deltas.

Using Mars photos and computer simulations, researchers at the University of Colorado at Boulder concluded that immense asteroids pounded Mars some 3.6 billion years ago, bringing vast quantities of water to the young planet and releasing powerful shock waves of heat that melted existing underground deposits of ice.

Owen B. Toon, senior author of the study, said at least 25 craters on Mars were gouged out by asteroids 60 to 150 miles in diameter. The impact of such large space rocks would have propelled into the atmosphere millions of tons of superheated rock vapor and melted ice. It also would have unleashed a blast wave heated to more than 4,000 degrees and blanketed the entire planet with heated rock several hundred feet thick.

"The atmosphere would be hotter than a self-cleaning oven," said Toon. "When the water was released from the atmosphere, it would fall as scalding rain."

The blanket of hot rocks "would be a global thing, causing rivers to form anywhere. The ice would be melting all over the planet," he said.

Based on the erosion features on Mars, the researchers estimated that after a major impact, more than 150 feet of water would flow in some areas, carving the riverine features. By some calculations, they said, there could be many decades with rainfall of 6 feet per year.

Between impacts, Toon said, Mars would eventually cool, turning again into a dry, chilled planet with water present only as subsurface ice.

"We believe these events caused short-periods of a warm and wet climate, but overall, we think Mars has been cold and dry for the majority of its history," said co-author Teresa Segura.

Toon said that since the moist and warm periods were short, the conditions were not favorable for life to evolve on the planet's surface.

Peter H. Smith, a University of Arizona planetary scientist, said that if warmth and liquid water were available on Mars only episodically, "then you have a pretty gloomy picture for life."

But he said there were other forces on the planet, particularly volcanic action, that may have created subsurface pools of water where microscopic life could have lived.

"In my opinion, they haven't closed the book on the prospects for the evolution of life on Mars," said Smith.

He applauded the study, saying, "Assuming their calculations are correct, this must have happened on Mars."

Ronald Greeley, a planetary researcher at Arizona State University, said the study by Toon, Segura and others "has the potential to tie together several loose ends regarding Mars surface history." Water ejected into the atmosphere by asteroid impacts, he said, "could account for many of the apparently water-eroded features."

Quake fault found under unfinished school

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A $160 million high school that has never been finished because of soil gas problems also sits atop an earthquake fault that likely precludes use of two buildings, the school superintendent said.

The new problem discovered at the downtown Belmont Learning Center site appeared to all but doom efforts to revive the project in its current form.

Extensive removal of topsoil on the site and the presence of buildings and streets on adjacent land prevented seismologists from finding unspoiled earth with which to determine whether the fault is active or inactive, Superintendent Roy Romer said Wednesday.

That means Los Angeles school officials have to assume it is active, he said. State law says a school may not be built within 50 feet of an active fault.

"That is the bottom line, that the design that we had for Belmont and we're trying to execute isn't gonna work, it straddles the fault. We have to reconsider what we were planning to do here," Romer said.

Much of Belmont was built before fears about toxic gases rising from the old oil field on which it was built brought construction to a halt in January 2000.

Romer said the fault was discovered while tests were being done to determine whether the gas problem could be solved.

An independent panel of environmental and construction experts had recommended mitigating the gas problem by placing a thick plastic membrane underneath the campus, then venting the gas through a network of pipes while monitoring the site for any buildups. The estimated cost would be $15 million.

Seismic tests are continuing but Romer said those results were unlikely to be definitive.

The Belmont site has six buildings. The administration building and a classroom building for one of Belmont's four "academies" would be unusable if the fault is active. The two structures stand in the middle and southern sections of the site.

"We will have to abandon these buildings if we cannot prove this is an inactive site," Romer said.

James McConnell, the district's chief facilities executive, said $160 million had been spent on Belmont as of March. Since then another $6 million has been sent to study the feasibility of reviving the campus, seismic studies and legal work.

Romer said alternatives were being considered that included reconfiguring buildings at the site and taking safety measures that could cost $70 million

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Couple rekindling romance escape a parking violation

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle when I read the letter from "J.D. in California," who said she enjoyed "parking" with her husband. Your answer was right on when you advised that it is against the law in most places.

My husband and I also suffered from the "same old routine" boredom. We found a great spot to park and just as things were really heating up, my husband looked out the window and spied a deputy sheriff's car pulling to a stop.

Thank goodness the young officer was sensitive. He gave us time to get our clothes back on before approaching the car. He checked our IDs and ran the car's plates. He told us that he and his wife had been busted for parking before they were married, apologized for disturbing us and went on his way. We always think fondly of him, because he could have arrested us.

We can laugh about it now. However, we are more careful about where we spice things up these days. — **ADVENTUROUS IN MATTOON, ILL.**

DEAR ADVENTUROUS: Other couples who consider steaming up the car windows should take that advice to heart.

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DEAR ABBY: Your answer to the woman who regained her interest in sex by parking with her husband was good as far as it went. She may like "danger," but she may also NOT like sex in the workplace, which is what her home has become for her — a place where she's expected to behave with wanton abandon on sheets she has washed, in a bed she has made and under which there may be dust she needs to clean.

I was determined to prove this to my husband, so I showed up at his office wearing nothing but a trench coat and spike heels. To my surprise, he eagerly locked the door and performed right there on the desk. That's when I realized that men think differently than women. — **NOW SEPARATED IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.**

DEAR SEPARATED: Vive la difference!

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DEAR ABBY: I got a "memory charge" out of the letter from the woman who enjoys intimate relations in public places. On my 34th birthday many years ago, my husband promised to make me feel "half my age." We had a lovely dinner, saw a good movie, and on the way home, he drove into a dark parking lot where we proceeded to make out like the dickens! Sure enough, as promised, I felt like I was 17 again! Thanks for letting me share. — **LUCKY "TEEN" WIFE, OLYMPIA, WASH.**

DEAR LUCKY: You're welcome. Times marches on, but some "instincts" appear to be timeless.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the wife who found a cure for her lagging libido by parking with her husband, I ran to read it to my husband. We both laughed because it could have been written by us!

We've been married 19 years, and a few years ago my libido began losing its "spark." We discovered that parking helped. We also found that when our budget allows, a hotel room for a night works, too. And it's a lot safer than a parking lot.

I'm glad you told her there was nothing "wrong," and I'd like to add that she should feel fortunate they discovered a remedy that didn't require the hours and cost of therapy. — **HAPPY IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR HAPPY: Right on! There's nothing like "do it yourself"!

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Street renamed in honor of Chick Hearn

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A street adjacent to Staples Center has been renamed Chick Hearn Court in honor of the Los Angeles Lakers broadcaster.

Hearn was the Lakers' only play-by-play announcer in Los Angeles from the team's move from Minneapolis in 1960 until his death at 85 on Aug. 5, from head injuries suffered in a fall. The radio-television voice of the Lakers had a streak of broadcasting 3,338 consecutive games.

Hearn's wife, Marge, removed a Lakers banner to reveal the blue "Chick Hearn Ct" street sign Tuesday. She said it seemed appropriate because her husband of 64 years "never went anyplace that he could ever find the street."

Mayor James Hahn, City Council members who approved the name change, Laker players Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher, and team officials took part in the ceremony.

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Union wants worker protections in program for smallpox vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest union representing health care workers said Wednesday that various protections are needed for nurses and others set to receive smallpox vaccinations three decades after the United States stopped using the vaccine.

Officials with the Service Employees International Union met with top Bush administration officials Wednesday, seeking assurances that workers who get sick from the vaccine can take time off and that people offered the vaccine will be properly screened for a variety of conditions first.

"Without better protections, the proposed plan could put hospital patients, caregivers and the public at risk," the union, which represents 710,000 medical workers, said in a statement.

Jerry Hauer, the top bioterrorism official at the Department of Health and Human Services, said the federal government shares many of their concerns. But he added that some of the questions fall outside the government's power to address.

"Many, not all, of the issues they talked with us about are things we have been very aware of and have been working on or have addressed," said Hauer, who attended Wednesday's meeting.

In the coming days, the administration is expected to announce its plan for resuming smallpox vaccinations, part of the effort to prepare for a possible bioterror attack with the virus. The disease was declared eradicated in 1980, but experts now fear it could be intentionally released by terrorists or a hostile nation like Iraq. Sick patients cannot be cured, and about 30 percent of those infected will die.

But the vaccine itself is risky, too. Based on studies from the 1960s, experts estimate that one or two out of every 1 million people getting the vaccine for the first time will die, and about 15 will face life-threatening injuries.

Officials say the Bush plan will offer the vaccine in stages, beginning with those most likely to encounter a contagious patient, including those who would be needed to help investigate suspicious smallpox cases and those who would vaccinate others if the disease were to return.

Health care workers are at the top of the list. Under the plan, during the first stage of vaccinations, the shots would be offered to people who work in hospital emergency rooms, and the second stage would cover all other health care workers.

The plan has advocates for nurses and other medical workers demanding assurances that they will be protected. Among their concerns:

—Time off: Some people who receive the vaccine will feel sick afterward, and the union wants to be sure they can take time off with pay. Hauer said hospital administrators will have to address this because the government cannot require that workers be given time off.

Another concern is that if the inoculation site is not properly sealed, the live virus in the vaccine could escape and, theoretically, infect patients, injuring them. Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that, as long as proper bandages are used, there's no reason nurses and others can't go to work.

—Compensation: Congress has shielded people and institutions who give vaccines from legal liability if patients are injured or killed, partly an effort to protect nurses who will be giving the shots. Injured parties will only be able to sue the federal government in federal court for damages. But the union says victims need a simpler and fairer compensation system, such as an existing fund established to compensate people injured by other vaccines.

Hauer said the issue was being examined but made no commitments.

—Screening: People who have compromised immune systems face particular risk and should not get the vaccine absent a certain risk of infection. That includes people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but many who have HIV don't know it. The union wants confidential HIV tests available on the spot.

—Right to say no: The federal plan will be entirely voluntary, but the union wants to be sure that workers can decline the vaccine without suffering any discrimination at work.

Washington state gun shop and owner's home reported searched

SEATTLE (AP) — Agents from the Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms searched a Tacoma gun shop and the store owner's home, teaming up in a new investigation into how a rifle got into the hands of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad.

The joint investigation arose from a civil probe during which the ATF sought to determine whether Bull's Eye Shooter Supply had been properly documenting gun sales, Martha Tebbenkamp, an ATF spokeswoman, said Wednesday.

She declined to comment further, except to say that owner Brian Borgelt was present during the search at his shop and "was being very cooperative."

Another group of IRS and ATF agents, assisted by Lakewood police, searched Borgelt's home southwest of Tacoma, The News Tribune of Tacoma reported for a story in today editions.

An IRS spokeswoman refused to provide details about that agency's part of the investigation.

The .223-caliber Bushmaster XM15 semiautomatic rifle that authorities believe was used in the sniper shootings was delivered to Bull's Eye on July 2. The store has not been able to produce records showing the gun was sold, even though gun dealers are required to keep such records.

Muhammad is awaiting trial in Prince William County, Va., in the Oct. 9 death of Dean Meyers outside a Manassas-area gas station. A second sniper suspect, 17-year-old John Lee Malvo, is charged with the Oct. 14 shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin in neighboring Fairfax County.

In all, the two men have been accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Neither suspect could have purchased a gun legally in the United States. Muhammad was the subject of a domestic violence protective order; Malvo was an illegal immigrant from Jamaica and a juvenile.

Borgelt has offered a $2,000 reward for information on how the Bushmaster wound up in the car in which Muhammad and Malvo were arrested Oct. 24 in northern Maryland.

"We're still doing things here as far as compliance," he told The News Tribune. "We're trying to do whatever we can."

Also on Wednesday, a juvenile court judge rejected efforts from Malvo's court-appointed guardian to obtain criminal investigative records in the case.

Judge Charles Maxfield also denied a request by prosecutors to have the guardian removed from the case. Prosecutors had argued that state law does not require a court-appointed guardian for a juvenile who already has court-appointed lawyers.

Film giants fighting company that refills single-use cameras

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Film giants Fuji and Eastman Kodak want a New Jersey company out of the disposable camera picture.

Jazz Photo Corp. is accused of reloading single-use cameras made by Fuji and Kodak and reselling them under a different name at a discount.

On Monday, a civil jury in federal District Court in Newark found that the company had violated Fuji's patent for 38 million reloaded cameras that Jazz sold between 1995 and August 2001. The jury awarded $25 million in damages to Fuji Photo Film USA, based in Elmsford, N.Y., the American subsidiary of the Japanese film manufacturer.

The award is not final, and must be approved or modified by the presiding judge, Faith Hochberg. Jazz, based in Piscataway, N.J., may also appeal the award, said Jeffrey Kaplan, Jazz's lawyer.

"They say we're stealing their technology," Kaplan said. "Our position is, we're not stealing anything."

Even before filing the patent infringement suit in 1998, Fuji brought a similar complaint against Jazz regarding cameras it was reloading overseas and importing to the United States. That complaint was brought before the International Trade Commission, which sided with Fuji.

Jazz appealed, and the decision was essentially upheld by a federal appeals panel in Washington D.C., which drafted strict criteria for legally reloading and reselling single-use cameras originally manufactured in the United States, said Jonathan File, Fuji's general counsel. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

The ITC decision only involved imports, however, and did not compensate Fuji for Jazz's prior imports. So file said Fuji brought the lawsuit in Newark that resulted in Monday's award.

Fuji and the Eastman Kodak Film Co., which licenses the single-use technology from Fuji, both recycle the cameras by melting down and remolding the plastic cases. The cases are collected from film labs by middlemen, who sell them to Fuji, Kodak or Jazz, which does not melt them, but merely reloads and relabels them, and sells them for less than the two big film companies.

Convicted killer to join father on death row

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A man convicted of helping to torture and murder his friend's adoptive parents will join his father on death row.

Jurors deliberated three hours Wednesday before sentencing Landon D. May, 20, to death for his role in the murders of elementary school principal Lucy Smith and her husband, Terry, on Sept. 6, 2001.

The same jury convicted May last week of two counts of first-degree murder.

The decision came despite the contention of May's attorney that the defendant suffered from a "brain dysfunction" that prevented him from thinking normally. The lawyer said May also once required medical treatment for depression and anxiety.

May's father, Freeman May, was sentenced to death in 1995 for a 1982 murder.

Lancaster County Assistant District Attorney Craig Stedman forcefully laid out the gruesome details of the crime in his two-hour closing statement Wednesday during the trial's penalty phase.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Snow and icy roads plague South

By The Associated Press

A deadly winter storm glazed roadways, closed schools and left more than a million people in the South without power today, then moved north, dumping snow on cities along the East Coast.

The first flakes started to fall in the Northeast before dawn, and up to 8 inches could pile up in parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey before it's finished.

In Philadelphia, all public and parochial schools were closed before the storm even arrived. District of Columbia public schools also were closed, as were almost all public schools in Maryland, most in West Virginia and those in at least 240 districts in New Jersey.

The storm spread freezing rain and up to a foot of snow from the Texas Panhandle to Virginia on Wednesday. It was blamed for at least 13 deaths, mostly from traffic accidents: six in Kentucky, three in Missouri, two in Arkansas and one each in Tennessee and North Carolina.

"We've got wrecks everywhere," said Sgt. D.A. Shaver, spokesman for the Virginia State Police. "We're calling troopers in to handle the influx, but it will get worse before it gets better."

The Carolinas, where freezing rain coated trees, sending limbs crashing onto streets and power lines, were among the hardest hit. Downed branches snarled travel in neighborhoods, and more than a million customers were without power in North Carolina alone.

In one wooded neighborhood in Raleigh, N.C., the steady cracks of pines and oaks buckling under the weight of ice today sounded like gunshots during hunting season.

A 30-foot section of a pine tree crashed into Richard Wallace's roof.

Bush, African leaders meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, meeting with leaders of Kenya and Ethiopia, expressed his condolences today for last week's attacks on Kenya, and pledged to join with the Horn of Africa nations to combat terrorism.

Flanked by President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya and Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia in the White House Cabinet Room, the president said, "We welcome two strong friends of America here. Two leaders of countries which have joined us to fight the global war on terrorism."

Bush's meeting with two of Africa's most prominent leaders was planned before last week's twin attacks on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast that killed 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and three bombers.

"Our country mourns the loss of life in Kenya, the tragedy that befell your country as a result of killers trying to terrorize freedom-loving people," Bush told the Kenyan.

He said the United States will share intelligence with both countries if their citizens are threatened by terrorists. "The best thing we can do to help secure your countries is to help chase the killers," the president said.

The Kenyan leader replied that security is the most important issue facing the Horn of Africa. Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia told Bush, "I appreciate your support and leadership."

Zenawi told reporters afterward that he and Bush had discussed drought relief, though the two leaders did not mention specifics.

Dozens of protesters chanted anti-Zenawi slogans outside the White House gates, and surged after his mini-motorcade as it left

Snyder officers arrest three

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested Salvador Ramiro Castillo, 27, of 5400 College Ave., Apt. 104 at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday on a felony warrant for parole violation.

At 8:25 p.m., deputies took Robert Bobby Estrada Jr., 24, of 604 19th Street into custody on felony charges of parole violation.

Arrested at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday in the 2800 block of Ave. T was a 25-year-old woman on outstanding local warrants for speeding and failure to maintain liability insurance.

Theft

Catarino Guerrero reported Wednesday afternoon that his cellular phone was stolen from his vehicle in Lubbock Tuesday, but no report was requested.

Found property

Officers found a bicycle stolen in August and returned it to its owner and submitted a report for found property.

Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol of his residence Wednesday morning on 42nd Street because of a dispute with his son-in-law over a computer.

A man in the 1100 block of 17th Street reported a suspicious subject walking after 9 p.m. Wednesday and requested a close patrol.

Obituaries

Modine Johnston

1917-2002

Modine Johnston, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Johnston are pending at Bell Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 4, 1917 in Robert Lee, she married Marcus D. Johnston in April, 1943 in Corpus Christi. He died June 4, 1987.

Mrs. Johnston was a homemaker and a longtime Dunn area resident before moving to Snyder in April, 1993. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Norm Trepke on Aug. 2, 2002; two grandsons, David Trepke in 1975 and Ted Trepke in 1997; and a grandson-in-law, Roy B. Davis on June 18, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Staton and husband Bobby of Dunn and Charlene Trepke of Boulder, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Jo Ashley of Snyder; a brother-in-law, Tom Machen of Snyder; two other sisters-in-law, Pauline Ashley of Dunn and Lillian Ashley of Snyder; three grandchildren, Tammy Davis and Mark Staton of Weatherford and Terri Boroviak of Westminister, Colo.; and six great-grandchildren.

Mildred Carpenter

1914-2002

Mildred Carpenter, longtime Snyder resident, died this morning in the Windcrest Alzheimer facility in Abilene.

Services for Mrs. Carpenter, 88, are pending at Bell Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 22, 1914 in Cleburne, she was married to Edgar F. Carpenter who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Carpenter was a homemaker and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Sylvia Ann Carpenter of Snyder; and a sister, Lois Davis of Snyder.

Flora Hembree

1963-2002

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service for Flora Elizabeth Hembree is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Manning officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hembree, 39, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, in an automobile accident near Westbrook.

Born Jan. 3, 1963 in Lamesa, she was reared in Patricia and attended school in Lamesa. She married Michael G. Hembree on Nov. 3, 1980 in Andrews.

She was a member of the Morningside Baptist Church in Snyder and was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mary and Euless Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Michael G. Hembree of Colorado City; a son, Michael J. Hembree of Colorado City; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hembree of Colorado City; her parents, Roy and Sandra Harris of Lebanon, Mo., and several stepbrothers and sisters.

Lawson Payne

1967-2002

LEVELLAND — Lawson Payne, the brother of the Rev. Buddy Payne of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 1.

Funeral service for Mr. Payne, 35, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Levelland with the Rev. Jesse Hodge officiating. Burial will follow in the Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Born April 2, 1967 in Levelland, he graduated from Levelland High School in 1985 and from South Plains College and the University of Texas.

He married Bonnie R. Rogers on Nov. 9, 1996 in Austin. A resident of Rosenburg, he worked as a consultant for Kane Environmental Engineering and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors also include his wife, Bonnie Payne of Rosenburg; his parents, E.C. and Jimmie Lea Payne of Levelland; and two sisters, Sheri Belyeu of Lubbock and Susan Bradley of Crosbyton.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Exes Scholarship Fund, Box 7278 in Austin, 78713.

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Aggressive police questioning to be reviewed by court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The case of a grievously wounded farmworker who was shot five times by police and then questioned by them while awaiting medical treatment prompted Supreme Court justices to ponder what limits should be placed on interrogations.

How coercive could questioning be if someone had information that would thwart a terrorist attack or solve a kidnapping?

Such hypotheticals seem far from the circumstances of a November 1997 police shooting in Oxnard, Calif., but justices seemed interested in them as they considered the case Wednesday.

The decision could have implications for counterterrorism interrogations, when building a criminal case may take a back seat to gathering intelligence.

In the case, California farmworker Oliverio Martinez was shot repeatedly by police and then subjected to a lengthy interrogation as he awaited medical treatment. He was never told of his Miranda right to remain silent, and he says Oxnard police Sgt. Ben Chavez kept questioning him even after he said twice that he did not want to answer.

Martinez, who was never charged with a crime, was left blind and paralyzed.

He filed a civil rights lawsuit against the City of Oxnard, which includes Chavez as a defendant.

The specific matter to be decided is whether Chavez can be sued. A federal district judge and the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said he could be. The Supreme Court is considering Chavez's appeal of that decision. Martinez's lawsuit has been delayed pending the Supreme Court appeal.

During oral arguments, Justice Antonin Scalia questioned whether police could use extraordinary means to get information about a plot to blow up the World Trade Center.

Attorney R. Samuel Paz, representing Martinez, tried to steer the discussion toward his client's tragic circumstances.

"The terrorist situation is a difficult one," Paz said. "It's not our case."

Lawrence S. Robbins, Chavez's lawyer, and Deputy Solicitor General Paul D. Clement told justices that the failure to give a Miranda warning should not be an issue since Martinez was never prosecuted.

"Miranda concerns in this case are an utter red herring," Robbins said.

The Bush administration, police organizations, the state of California and more than 50 California cities are siding with Chavez.

At one point Justice Stephen Breyer seemed to agree with Robbins. "No one is talking about weakening or overturning Miranda," Breyer said.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8
52/33	55/36	51/31
A few clouds from time to time. High 52F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Light rain likely. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:32 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:33 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:33 AM, Sunset 5:38 PM

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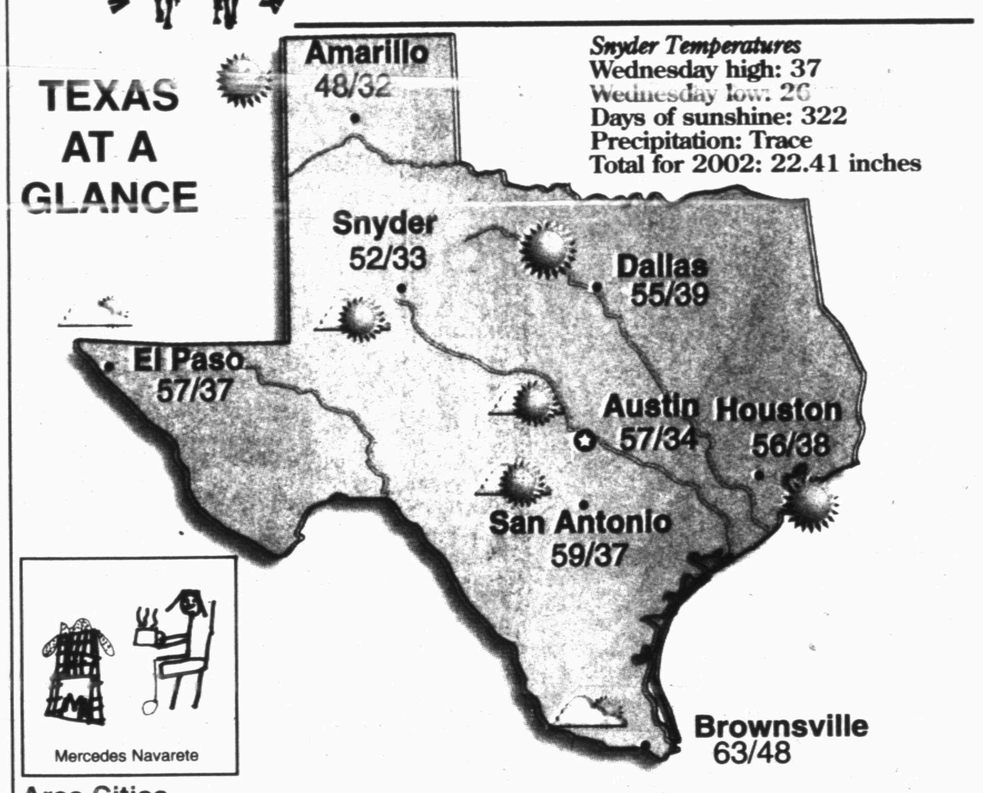

Snyder Temperatures
Wednesday high: 37
Wednesday low: 26
Days of sunshine: 322
Precipitation: Trace
Total for 2002: 22.41 inches

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	36	sunny	El Paso	57	37	pt sunny	Midland	54	35	mst sunny
Amarillo	48	32	sunny	Fort Stockton	57	38	mst sunny	Raymondville	61	43	pt sunny
Austin	57	34	mst sunny	Gainesville	50	35	sunny	Rosenberg	56	38	sunny
Beaumont	55	36	sunny	Greenville	53	34	sunny	San Antonio	59	37	mst sunny
Brownsville	63	48	pt sunny	Houston	56	38	sunny	San Marcos	58	35	sunny
Brownwood	57	33	sunny	Kingsville	60	42	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	33	sunny
Corpus Christi	58	43	mst sunny	Livingston	54	32	sunny	Sweetwater	54	34	mst sunny
Corsicana	56	37	sunny	Longview	52	31	sunny	Tyler	55	37	sunny
Dallas	55	39	sunny	Lubbock	53	34	mst sunny	Weatherford	54	33	sunny
Del Rio	60	41	mst sunny	Lufkin	55	34	sunny	Wichita Falls	51	36	sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	46	22	pt sunny	Houston	56	38	sunny	Phoenix	71	49	pt sunny
Boston	34	27	sn shower	Los Angeles	68	54	pt sunny	San Francisco	57	48	rain
Chicago	32	26	pt sunny	Miami	77	61	t-storm	Seattle	50	40	cloudy
Dallas	55	39	sunny	Minneapolis	36	23	mst sunny	St. Louis	40	31	pt sunny
Denver	53	26	mst sunny	New York	35	24	pt sunny	Washington, DC	39	24	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 19	Dec 27

UV Index

Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8
Low	Low	Minimal

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