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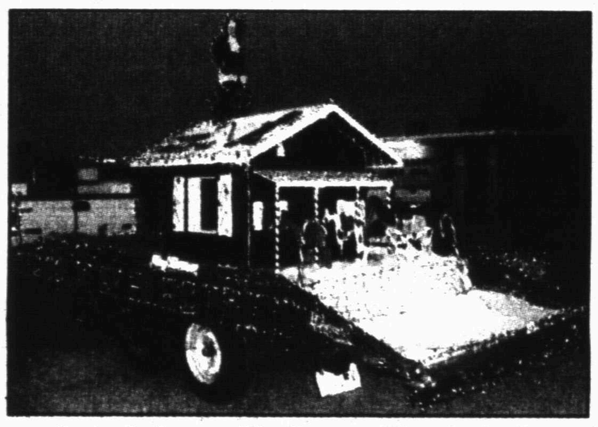
It's looking like Christmas...

MERRY CHRISTMAS — Santa Claus waves to the children from the fire truck he rode in the lighted Christmas parade Saturday evening. Santa heard Christmas wishes of children at the courthouse gazebo prior to the parade. Wal-Mart won the $100 first place prize in the lighted parade. Big Country Electric won the second place $75. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

First place — Wal-Mart



Second place — Big Country Electric Co-Op

Sunday morning...

Man arrested for aggravated kidnapping

A 24-year-old Snyder man was arrested for aggravated kidnapping Sunday morning after a brief standoff with three Snyder police officers.

Taken into custody on the felony charge was Israel Tavarez of 3901 Ave. O, Apt. 103. Police Sgt. Keith Ward said the case remains under investigation.

Dispatchers received a call at 7:50 a.m. from a man in the 300 block of 20th Street, reporting a disturbance at a neighbor's house.

Officers responded and were held at bay for about 15 minutes by Tavarez, who was wielding a box-cutter type knife, according to Ward.

Tavarez was charged with kidnapping because he also was holding his 24-year-old estranged wife in the home against her will.

"You don't have to take a person from point A to point B to be charged with kidnapping," Ward said. "Not allowing someone to leave against their will can be kidnapping."

Tavarez allegedly entered the woman's house while she was at work during the night, then "assaulted her and held her by force," the sergeant said.

Ward, along with officers Dennis Young and Lee Ortiz were eventually able to get the door open and enter the home where they took the subject into custody. "But it was definitely not a surrender," Ward said.

Tavarez and the woman were the only two in the home at the time of the incident. Ward said the couple have children, but they weren't at the residence.

Tavarez was booked on the kidnapping charge, but Ward said that is subject to change pending further investigation and that the case would be turned over to the district attorney for review.

"There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered," Ward said. "But it was a pretty tense situation for a few minutes."

Ira ISD trustees have varied agenda

Ira school trustees will meet at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and among the items to be considered is the state-mandated yearly district improvement plan.

Trustees also will hear the Texas Education Agency TAAS test report as presented by Mike Duke, principal.

An early-release date for February will be discussed, along with a revision of the school handbook as related to the responsibilities of class sponsors.

The district's new law firm from Fort Worth will have a board training session, and the trustees will discuss the district's property and casualty insurance that is up for renewal.

One item related to the hiring of the district's new superintendent also is on the agenda and that is a contract with the JR3 Company.

Interim superintendent James Bible said Ira's new superintendent, Dr. Larry Devitt, is actually retiring from the Mexia ISD and would draw retirement pay from the Teacher Retirement System. A recent state law allows retirees to go back into the profession, but their salaries must be made to a third-party company such as JR3 that in turn pays the retiree after various deductions.

"This law went into effect during the last legislative session," Bible said.

Trustees also have an executive session planned to discuss personnel evaluations.

"Basically, we'll be looking at who will be doing the required evaluations," said Bible, noting it would be difficult for the new superintendent to conduct them. The meeting will be in the Ira Community Building.

Two years of heavy losses force United Airlines to file bankruptcy

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines made the largest bankruptcy filing in aviation history today, saying it was the only way to keep the world's No. 2 airline flying after two years of heavy losses.

The Chapter 11 filing also was one of the top 10 ever as measured by assets. The suburban Chicago-based company has lost $4 billion in the last two years due to a slumping economy, flawed business strategies and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It faced debt payments of $875 million later this week.

"We're in control of United's destiny," United CEO Glenn Tilton said in a telephone interview. "We've made a good decision for United. It is in fact Chapter 1. ... This is a tremendous opportunity for United to transform this company and to emerge stronger than ever."

Tilton told customers and employees at O'Hare International Airport that the carrier would keep flying. "We are now going to take this occasion to create a new beginning for United," he said.

Tilton said he expects the bankruptcy process to be completed within 18 months.

At a bankruptcy hearing at 7 a.m., Chief Judge Eugene R. Wedoff issued orders allowing United to keep operating until another hearing today when he is to issue further orders allowing the airline to continue its operations.

United said it obtained $1.5 billion in financing from several banks to continue operating. The airline said it has $800 million in cash on hand.

The airline has promised to keep flying while it sheds costs under the auspices of a bankruptcy judge and overhauls its business plan to try to become profitable again.

United operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. flights. It has the most extensive worldwide route structure of any airline.

The bankruptcy filing will come at a steep price for the 83,000 employees who own 55 percent of the company. A bankruptcy court judge is almost certain to order wage and job cuts and could dissolve the employee stock ownership plan.

Two of United's unions, the Air Line Pilots Association and the Association of Flight Attendants, said both sides must work together during restructuring.

"Any successful restructuring of United in bankruptcy must involve continued cooperation and collaboration among ALPA, United management and all of the company's labor unions," the pilots' union said. We look forward to those discussions."

The carrier's stock, which reached $100 a share in 1997, fell 12 cents to 81 cents a share in late-morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange today.

The bankruptcy restructuring also is likely to result in fewer flights. Experts say frequent-flier miles and basic fare levels are likely to be retained for the short term, although fare hikes are likely over the longer haul.

A spokesman for United's pilots union urged passengers Sunday not to abandon the airline during a bankruptcy filing.

"This is going to be painful for the stockholders and the employees, but the airline's going to keep flying and we're going to come out of this stronger," pilot Herb Hunter said. "The passengers shouldn't notice any difference."

Airline consultant Robert Mann said the company will have to keep the morale of United's workers from falling too low.

"It's certainly demoralizing to employees, and the risk is that it will somehow translate into less friendly service — in effect getting customers in the middle of an emotional problem," said Mann, of R.W. Mann & Co. in Port Washington, N.Y.

On pace to lose an industry-record $2.5 billion this year, United had pinned its last hopes of avoiding bankruptcy on getting federal backing for $1.8 billion of a $2 billion loan that banks wouldn't otherwise provide. But the Air Transportation Stabilization Board, created last year to help the airline industry recover after Sept. 11, rejected United's request on Wednesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer declined to comment on the bankruptcy filing. Fleischer said the Bush administration would not second-guess the stabilization board's decision.

The linchpin to United's proposal was $5.2 billion in labor cutbacks by 2008, but the three-member federal panel said the airline's business plan was financially unsound and a loan guarantee would have risked U.S. taxpayers picking up the tab.

Scheduled for today...

Civil trial cancelled as parties settle suit

A panel of 110 prospective jurors called for a civil trial scheduled to begin today in 132nd District Court was notified late Saturday that the parties involved had settled and the trial cancelled.

Details of the settlement weren't disclosed.

Maggie Yruegas of Abilene filed suit against Bell Dairy Products Inc., Bell Gandys, Bell Dairy, Dean Foods, all of Lubbock, and Joe Ramos of Abilene.

The suit claimed the defendants were negligent when a pallet of milk was dropped, striking and injuring Yruegas. The incident occurred Oct. 4, 1999 at Snyder's United Supermarket.

The case was to have been heard by District Judge Ernie Armstrong. Plaintiff's attorney was Victor M. Torres of Midland and defense attorney was James L. Gorsuch of Abilene.

ASK US

Q—If UCO Textiles reopens the Lorber facility, will they rehire the people who were working with Lorber when it closed?

A—That is 100 percent up to UCO, but we would have to assume textile work experience would be a plus in getting a job.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Cynthia Jackson...

...is a lifelong resident of Snyder and graduated from SHS in 1978. She is secretary to the county judge. Her husband, Joe, is president of Snyder National Bank and the couple have two children. Son, Cole, is 20 and a senior at Devry University in Irving and daughter, Brooke, is 15 and a sophomore at SHS. Cynthia enjoys snow skiing, playing golf and spending time with her family.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You only have to do very few things right in your life so long as you don't do too many things wrong.

—Warren Buffett

Christmas band concerts planned for Thursday

Snyder Independent School District's Christmas band concert is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

The concert will last about an hour and will feature the sixth grade's beginning band, the junior high band and the high school band.

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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.

Tigers Lair yearbook

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

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.

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.

Child welfare board

A meeting of the Scurry County child welfare board will be held at 7 tonight at the Texas Department of Human Services conference room at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

AARP banquet

The AARP banquet is set for 5.30 p.m. today at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bring an unwrapped toy for Christmas for Kids 2002.

Sam Soleyn to speak here

Sam Soleyn, a radio and TV evangelist from Albuquerque, will speak at 7 tonight in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum. For more information, call 573-1263.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Nicodemus: How a Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "Christians Use of the Old Testament."

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.

Choir concert

The junior high Christmas concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium.

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 services televised

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

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. 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. Thursday at 2504 Ave. W.

Cookie dough delivery

Cookie dough ordered from SHS student publications will arrive Thursday and will be then be delivered as quickly as possible.

Madrigal dinners

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

Snyder Wheels' toy drive

Snyder Wheels will have a toy drive for Christmas for Kids from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic Drive In. Everyone is encouraged to bring a toy.

Retirement reception

There will be a retirement reception for Mary Brandon and Julia Juarez at East Elementary from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 in Room 13.

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.

Trinity Bible study

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

Escapees' prosecutor voted best in state

DALLAS (AP) — Toby Shook, a Dallas assistant district attorney who led the prosecutions of three Texas prison escapees sentenced to death for killing a police officer, has been named the state's best prosecutor.

In choosing Shook, the Texas District and County Attorneys Association cited his work in cases prosecuting six prison inmates who escaped in 2000 from a South Texas prison.

Shook will lead next month's prosecution of the fourth escapee charged in the Christmas Eve death of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was shot to death as he interrupted the escapees' holdup of an Oshman's SuperSports USA store.

Rob Kepple, executive director of the prosecutors' association, said Shook is the first recipient of the Lone Star Award, which will be given annually.

Some 25 district attorney's offices around the state sent in nominations for the award, the first that honors prosecutors who have distinguished themselves in service to the Texas public, Kepple said.

The panel that picked the recipient included a law professor, the commander of the Department of Public Safety, judges and former district attorneys from across the state.

"Toby really defines what it means to be a prosecutor, and it's about time for an award to recognize people like him," Kepple said.

Irving police Sgt. Jeff Spivey, one of two lead investigators in the capital-murder cases against the escapees, said Shook went to work immediately after Hawkins' death.

Shook met Oshman's witnesses and exuded an air of confidence, creating trusting relationships with the victims and helping ease their fear of reliving the crime at trial, Spivey said.

Dallas defense lawyer Dan Hagood, a former prosecutor who once mentored Shook and now faces off against him in court, said Shook has no weaknesses in court.

"His strengths are trial preparation, a photographic memory, an ability to connect with the jury and remarkable intelligence," Hagood said. "In my mind, he is the best prosecutor in the United States."

But one of the attorneys who helped defend escapee Michael Rodriguez said that many of the prosecutor's cases have been slam-dunk wins.

"How hard can it be to win when you can pick your opponent every time, especially if you have cases like the Texas Seven?" Phil Wischkaemper said.

Shook, who has been with the Dallas County district attorney's office 19 years, said the most satisfying work he's done received no publicity.

One case involved the brutal rape of a woman taking her 6-year-old son for dinner in the Fair Park area.

"This guy pulls her into an alley and rapes her in front of her child," Shook said. "We got the guy convicted and sentenced, and then 12 years later I was at Blockbuster renting a movie. This young kid was behind the counter and he said, 'Aren't you a prosecutor?' And I said, 'Yeah,' and he goes, 'You helped me and my mom years ago.'

"It was the little boy, and he remembered me," Shook said. "A great majority of the time, the victims of violent crime are poor, uneducated people who don't expect much from the criminal justice system, and when you put a whole lot of work into their cases, they're so grateful and you really feel like you've affected their lives."

Parishioners shocked after priest found in fire was shot to death

CLEVELAND (AP) — Parishioners were stunned to learn that a Roman Catholic priest was shot to death before his body burned in a rectory fire.

The Rev. William Gulas, 69, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Cleveland, died of a single gunshot wound to the chest Saturday, the Cuyahoga County coroner said Sunday. His death has been ruled a homicide.

Police said they still were investigating a motive and had no suspects.

"It's unreal. I don't understand how anyone could do that, especially to someone like him," parishioner Richard Drewnowski said. "He was a wonderful person."

A preliminary investigation showed Gulas had been shot and suffered a blow to the top of his head before Saturday's fire, Coroner Elizabeth Balraj said.

The fire department had not determined the cause of the fire; the arson unit was investigating. Two others inside the rectory had escaped.

Fire officials said Gulas' body was burned beyond recognition.

Drewnowski said Gulas was an approachable priest who was loved by parishioners.

"I used him for advice in the past on problems I had in my life. He was very helpful with that," Drewnowski said.

The diocese planned a prayer vigil today evening in front of the rectory.

"It is with deepest regret that we now learn that Father William's death was the result of a senseless act and a horrifying disrespect for life," Bishop Anthony Pilla said in a statement Sunday.

Gulas came to St. Stanislaus in 1993 and led a campaign to renovate the 129-year-old church in the city's Slavic Village neighborhood. Mass at St. Stanislaus is sometimes celebrated in Polish, and a third of the 1,500 parishioners speak the language.

"Father Gulas was very well liked in the community and he had a number of friends, so this is really a mystery," said Celeste Glasgow, spokeswoman for Mayor Jane Campbell.

Ben Stefanski, whose family has been part of St. Stanislaus since its inception, said Gulas helped raise money that not only paid for the church's recent $1.5 million restoration, but also paid off a $400,000 debt.

He said Gulas was instrumental in helping start the Pulaski Franciscan Community Development Corp., with the goal of rehabilitating the neighborhood around the church.

"He was a typical ethnic pastor, concerned about everybody in the neighborhood."

Date Book

Monday, Dec. 9, 2002

Today is the 343rd day of 2002 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1793, the American Minerva, New York's first daily newspaper, was established by lexicographer Noah Webster.

On this day in 1958, the John Birch Society was founded to fight the perceived threat of communist infiltration into American society.

On this day in 1987, the first riots of the Palestinian intifada (which means in Arabic, uprising or awakening) began. The day before, an Israeli truck had crashed into a van carrying Palestinian workers, killing four and injuring seven. Palestinians saw this as an intentional act of retaliation for the killing of a Jew a few days earlier.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 61; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 60; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, the New York Giants, playing on a frozen field against the undefeated Chicago Bears, returned from half-time wearing basketball shoes. They went on to win the game 30-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Give me liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties." — John Milton

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

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Today's chuckle

Birthday party held at dump

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When 6-year-old Michael Wong-Sasso grows up, he wants to be a trash collector.

So naturally, he wanted to have his birthday party at the local dump.

About 40 children and their parents gathered Saturday at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to celebrate Michael's seventh birthday.

"I like the big trucks," he said. "I like putting trash where it belongs. I like making the world cleaner."

For safety and sanitary reasons, the party was held in a small valley on the landfill's outskirts, away from bulldozers and strange smells. The partygoers were surrounded by scores of potted trees, which are used to landscape the landfill.

The children fashioned flour-dough animals with the help of recycled materials such as cardboard and colored paper and frolicked on a big pile of "clean" dirt, playing with toy backhoes and earthmovers.

"We don't know where this interest in trash came from," said Michael's mother Sophia Wong. "He's been this way since he was 2."

Having a party at a dump is "definitely different," said Scott Krause, who brought his 6-year-old son, Trevor.

"It's not like you're saying, 'Oh no, not another birthday at the landfill,'" Krause said. "I mean, how many times can you go to Chuck E. Cheese's?"

People recognize Chris Noth as 'Mr. Big'

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Noth can't get too far on the streets of Manhattan without someone calling him out as "Mr. Big."

Noth played the character on HBO's "Sex in the City," but he wishes people would realize it's not his only acting role.

"Mr. Big has been sticking to me, and that makes me uncomfortable," Noth told Newsday in Sunday's editions. "I know it's meant well when people stop me in the street and say, 'Hey, Mr. Big!' But I don't ever want to be identified by any part I've played once it's over."

Noth currently stars in "What Didn't Happen," a new play that opens this week.

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RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 11-14-18-33-36-48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 9-7-8
(Night) 0-9-1
Cash Five
1-2-3-10-23

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Chevron will drill the No. 3426 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 14, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 4316 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

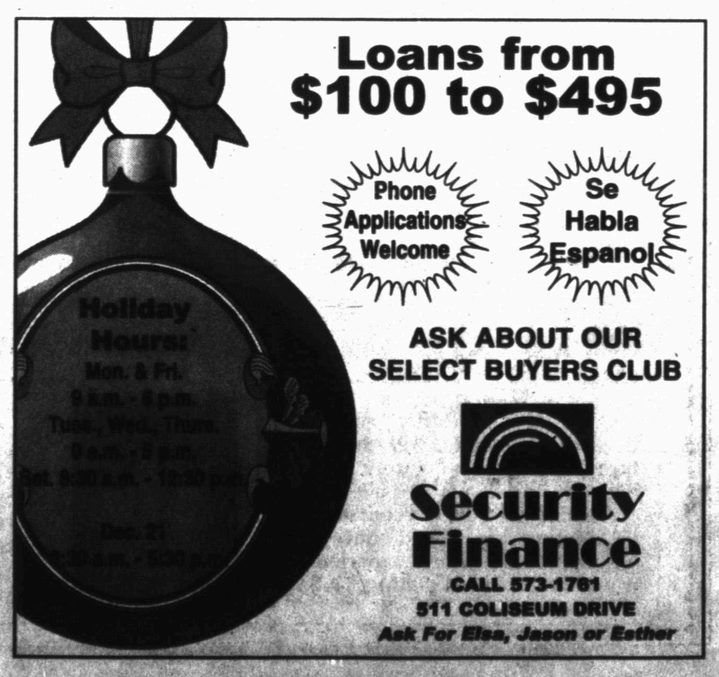
Chevron will drill the No. 4317 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Also planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 22, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-E EZJ Ranch, an 8,100-foot wildcat located 17 miles southwest of Colorado City. Drill site is in Section 26, Block 19, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Howard County

LCS Production Co. has completed the No. 1 Reddell in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. The venture was finaled to produce 20 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,628-634 feet, and location is in Section 15, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.



California targets fireplaces in fight against smog

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Residents of California's agricultural heartland for years have blamed their thick layer of smog on exhaust from cars and trucks in the San Francisco Bay area. Now, air regulators are proposing a solution that hits much closer to home: a ban on traditional wood-burning fireplaces.

Many in the state's Central Valley are incensed.

"With our energy costs going through the roof, you have to keep the house warm with a supplemental fire," says Doug Vagim, 59, a Fresno resident and former state Air Resources Board member who opposes the ban.

Under proposed rules that would take effect next year, most wood-burning fireplaces and stoves would be banned in new homes. Masonry fireplaces would have to be permanently disabled, converted to natural gas or upgraded to expensive soot-containing models before homes could be sold.

Also, on bad air days during the winter, many Central Californians would be prohibited from lighting up their existing wood-burning stoves and fireplaces in a concerted effort to get the smoggy valley to comply with the Clean Air Act.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's plan, drafted under pressure from the Environmental Protection Agency, provoked angry reactions at a series of public hearings.

"I have a problem with you telling me I can't light my fireplace," Bakersfield resident Pat White said. "You're telling me what I can and can't do in my home. That's not fair."

But state officials say they have few alternatives.

Air regulators have tried for years to promote a voluntary no-burn program on days when weather patterns prevent the valley's skies from clearing. "It hasn't been quite successful," said Janis Parker, a district spokeswoman.

The valley consistently has failed to meet the federal standard for small particle pollution, and burning wood accounts for 30 percent of the problem, releasing particles one-seventh the size of the width of a human hair that can lodge in lungs, triggering headaches, allergies and asthma.

The district, which covers 23,000 square miles from Lodi to Bakersfield, is expected to approve the proposal by next April. About 500,000 homes have stoves or fireplaces subject to the ban.

Nationwide, only traffic-congested Los Angeles has dirtier air than the San Joaquin Valley. Hemmed in by the 14,000-foot high Sierra Nevada and two other mountain ranges, the valley's bowl-like topography traps pollution blown in from the Bay area.

The district had considered a wood-burning ban a decade ago, but the "air board has never really had the political backbone to pass some of the most needed regulations," said Kevin Hall, a local Sierra Club member.

Still, residents say they should have the right to burn.

"The lifestyles of the folks in this valley don't have to be impacted by a Nazi-type era upon us to keeping us from burning in our homes," Vagim said.

Under the proposal, air regulators would notify homeowners through the media, its Web site or a hot line to stop burning on bad air days, which could amount to between five and 20 days each winter.

The district may set up a phone line people could use to report any illegal burnings, and violators could be fined.

The proposed rule would exclude homes that rely solely on wood for heat, houses above 3,000 feet and buildings where no natural gas or propane service is available. Gas-burning devices also are exempt.

Meeting the new requirements could be costly for homeowners. Gas stoves can cost from $1,500 to $3,000, not including installation, and converting traditional brick fireplaces to natural gas can cost thousands of dollars. The pollution-controlling inserts can cost between $2,200 and $3,400.

The costs are a real blow to many homeowners, who depend on wood to save energy costs, said Dawn Keeton, who co-owns a wood-burning stove business in Fresno County, where unemployment is as high as 30 percent in places.

"I know we are all attracted to the ambiance, but I believe for most of us, it's a necessity," Keeton said.

Denver imposed a similar ban on non-federally certified fireplaces or wood stoves and is one of several cities with a no-burn rule in the winter. Initially, air officials there found it difficult for homeowners to stop sparking fires on chilly nights, but compliance increased as the city began issuing fines of up to $300.

Many bought gas stoves — and realized how convenient they are, said Christopher Dann, a Colorado Air Pollution Control Division spokesman. "Anytime they want, they can have a fire," he said.

Landrieu wins Louisiana runoff

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Sen. Mary Landrieu's campaign workers searched in bowling alleys, supermarkets and beauty parlors. They looked just about anywhere for Democrats who hadn't yet cast a ballot on election day.

The strategy appears to have paid off.

Landrieu defeated Suzanne Haik Terrell in a runoff Saturday, overcoming an intense last-minute campaign blitz by prominent Republicans including President Bush and former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Donna Brazile, a Democratic campaign strategist who worked on Landrieu's re-election campaign, said Landrieu countered with support from two key areas: John Breaux, Louisiana's senior senator, and the state's black political leaders.

But Brazile said the big reason for Landrieu's win was voter turnout in New Orleans, a Democratic stronghold where campaign workers worked throughout election day to find people who hadn't voted, then goaded them to the ballot box.

"I saw a lot of Democrats go down this year, but we got back into the streets for this one. We had the bodies on the street," said Brazile.

Republicans launched a "72-hour" plan, with Bush, Giuliani and other heavyweights leaving recorded phone messages that urged likely Republican voters to get to the polls.

But the Democrats were more successful, particularly among blacks.

Complete but unofficial returns had Landrieu with 643,359 votes, or 52 percent, to 603,293 for Terrell. Landrieu carried 35 of the state's 64 parishes.

Landrieu took the urban areas with heavy black voter concentrations and Terrell won most of the suburbs.

Terrell's campaign was boosted by Bush and other national Republicans, but Landrieu got help inside Louisiana — particularly from black lawmakers and religious leaders. State Sen. Cleo Fields, a prominent Democrat from Baton Rouge, initially withheld his endorsement. But 48 hours before election day, he lent his voice to telephone messages and radio ads, urging voters to choose Landrieu.

Black leaders from Lafayette, Shreveport and Monroe also recorded pro-Landrieu messages, as did Rep. William Jefferson of New Orleans.

Terrell's loss was a turnaround for Bush, whose campaign appearances in the midterm elections were credited with nationwide Republican victories that gave the GOP control of the Senate.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Jilted teenager struggles to mend her broken heart

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school. I dated this great guy for more than a year. He broke up with me a couple of weeks ago, and he's already seeing another girl. I know I will get over this — but it's just so hard.

I have a class with him, and it hurts me to see him every day. I want to get over him, but how? I want this hurt to go away. He was my everything. I gave him my all. And now I don't have him. I have no one to turn to. What am I supposed to do? — **DEPRESSED ON THE DELTA**

DEAR DEPRESSED: Recognize that seeing him every day in class makes getting over him more difficult. At the end of the quarter or semester, ask your teacher or school counselor to transfer you into a different class.

Keep busy. Don't give yourself time to brood. Join school clubs and activities. Get a part-time job. Expand your social circle. And remember above all that before you find Prince Charming, you'll kiss a few frogs. This, too, shall pass.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from Thelma King Thiel of the Hepatitis Foundation International caught my attention. Hepatitis C is, indeed, a dreadful disease. However, Mrs. Thiel failed to mention (as you did) that the great majority of hepatitis C sufferers contracted it from contaminated blood transfusions prior to 1990. Before then, there were no tests to isolate hepatitis C.

Stating that people contract this disease because of drug use or sexual contact stigmatizes a great number of people. Hepatitis C victims include doctors, lawyers — people from all walks of life — who have NOT used dirty needles. Please set the record straight. — **CAROLYN IN ARLINGTON, VA.**

DEAR CAROLYN: I have received a stack of angry letters and e-mails pointing out this omission. Mrs. Thiel reports that she, too, has received letters and phone calls because of her oversight. My apologies to my readers.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm worried. I think my niece is abusing her 19-month-old son. I went trick-or-treating with them, and saw my niece repeatedly pick him up by one arm and yank him up the front steps of houses. She also scolded him for not walking fast enough and kept him out until the very end of the evening. The child was completely exhausted and crying before his mother would call it a night.

My niece is stubborn and difficult to approach with suggestions. How can I approach her tactfully? I need to know exactly what words to use so she doesn't get mad and reject the idea. Please help. — **FEARFUL AUNT IN CARNEGIE, PA.**

DEAR FEARFUL AUNT: Schedule a quiet visit with her — perhaps a luncheon away from the house and baby. Tell her that you love her and are speaking not critically, but out of concern for her — and give her a book on child development. It appears she's expecting too much too soon from her little boy. It would be a kindness — and no one can fault you for being concerned.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-09-02
♠ K Q 5 4
♥ A J 3
♦ Q 4
♣ K 10 7 5

West
♠ 8 6 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 10 8 7 6 3
♣ 9 4 2

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

South
♠ A J 10 3
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ A J
♣ 8 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 2

Brazilian Gabriel Chagas saw one chance. At trick two, he cashed the club ace, trying to look like a man who had started with a doubleton. Then he shifted to the diamond nine.

The declarer assumed that if the diamond finesse lost, West would give East a club ruff. So, South won with his diamond ace, drew trumps ending in hand, and played a club to dummy's 10. Imagine his surprise when Chagas produced the club queen and cashed the diamond king to defeat the contract. Brilliant!

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Monday, Dec. 9, 2002

Controversy and history in bridge

By Phillip Alder

An interesting new book has just been published: "The New York Times Bridge Book" by Alan and Dorothy Truscott (St. Martin's Press, 2002).

The majority of the book was written by Alan, who has been the bridge columnist for The New York Times since 1964. Dorothy and Alan each contributed to an autobiography of their bridge careers.

The book is primarily a history of the game, but it will be controversial because Alan discusses famous cheating scandals in Europe.

The authors think this deal features the best defensive play of all time. Look only at the North and East hands. Defending against four spades, your partner (West) leads the club two: five, jack, three. How would you continue?

One no-trump promised 13-15 points. North's Stayman sequence guaranteed a four-card major. Since North hadn't raised hearts, he had to have spades, which explains South's correction to that suit game.

There seemed to be no hope for the defense, but the mercurial

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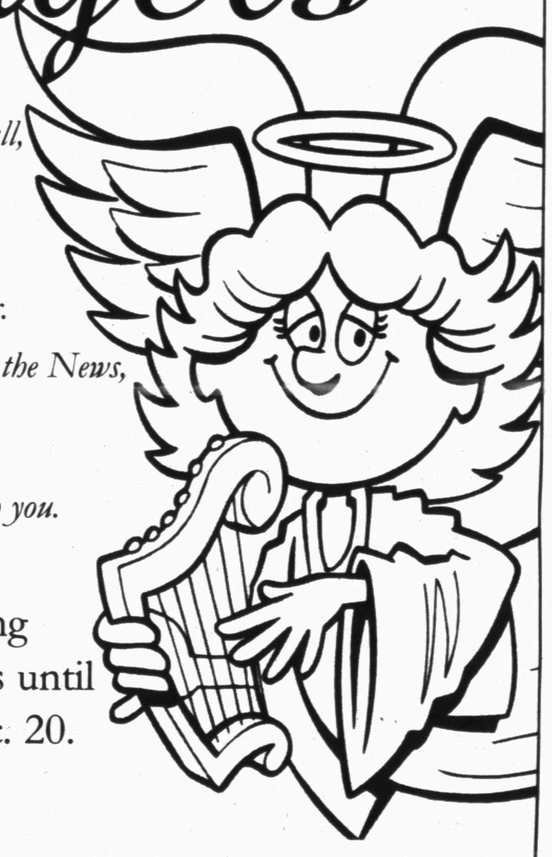

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The SDN will be taking Christmas Angel messages until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

The Christmas Angels will be in the December 24th edition of Snyder Daily News.

Submit your angel's photo, a short message and $15 (Group Pictures $20) to:
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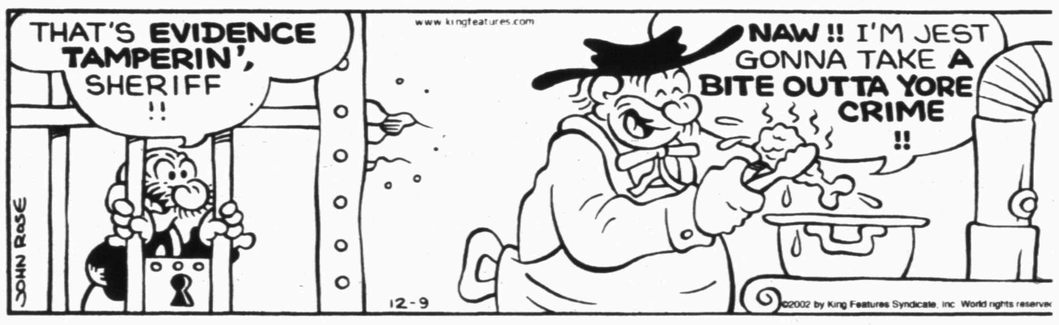

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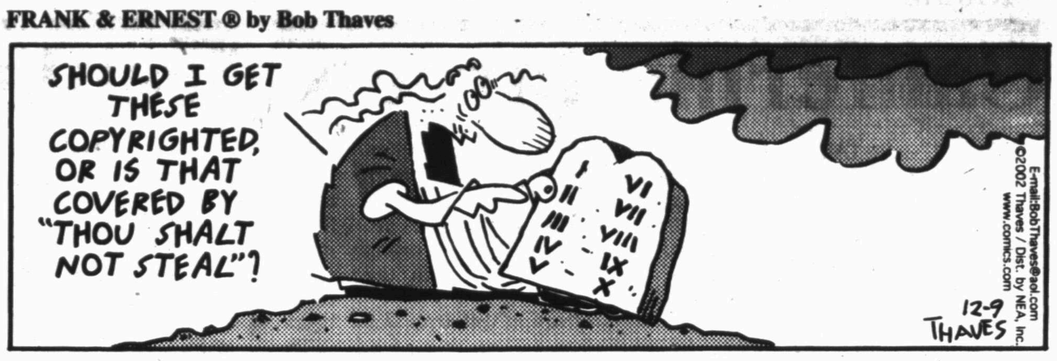

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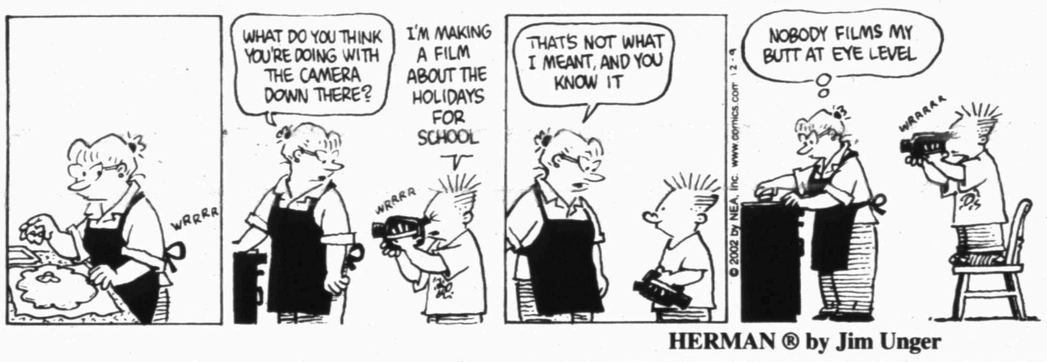

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ACROSS

1 Physique
4 Wedge
8 Harsh cry
11 Places
13 Staffer
14 Half of "deux"
15 Quaker pronoun
16 On top of
17 Hwy.
18 Unexpected
20 Sacked out
21 Ms. Thurman
22 Common query
24 Do a double-take
27 Yell
30 Foundation
31 Remain unsettled
32 Card game
34 Devotee
35 Connect up
36 Baja fast food
37 Aerie builders
39 Fervor
40 Use a calculator
41 Caesar's 21
42 Seductive woman
45 Discount
49 Mature
50 Talking bird
53 Sorrowful cry
54 Cashew or filbert
55 Well-ventilated
56 Went away
57 Observe
58 Resorts
59 Airport info

DOWN

1 Diner short orders
2 Waikiki locale
3 Recolored
4 Steam room
5 With-it
6 Wedding vow (2 wds.)
7 Uncles and fathers
8 Check
9 Wager
10 Hoe
12 Entice
19 CPR pro
20 Leather-working tool
22 Beep
23 Along in years
24 Baseball stat
25 Relaxation
26 Movie canine
27 Coop denizens
28 Exclamation of yore
29 "Miami Vice" cop
31 — Piper
33 Neither's follower
35 DA's degree
36 Like some elders
38 Come unzipped
39 Hatchet
41 ER pictures (hyph.)
42 Commuter vehicles
43 The chills
44 — out (distribute)
46 Nautical position
47 27th President
48 This, to Jose
50 Kettle and Bell
51 Sharp bark
52 Brady Bill opposer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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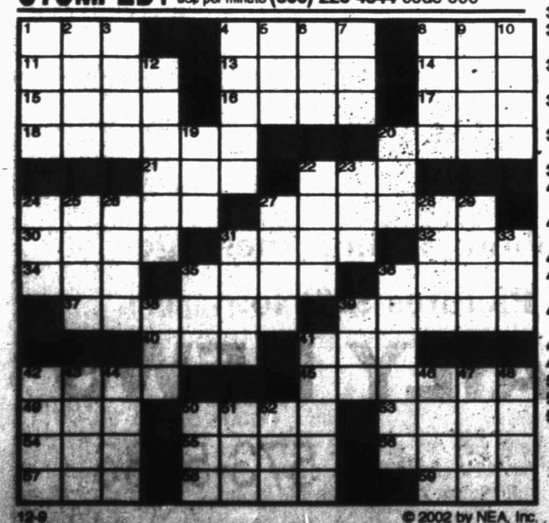

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"He hates it when someone uses his bowl."

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SPORTS

Record untainted at 10-0...

Lady Tigers capture Lamesa tournament with strong defense

LAMESA — The old axiom that defense wins championships held true for the Lady Tigers Saturday, as they held Lamesa to two fourth quarter free throws in capturing the Lamesa tournament trophy, 50-35.

Snyder reached the championship game with a 50-35 victory over Odessa Permian, running its record to a spotless 10-0 on the season.

Zipporah Peoples, who was named Defensive MVP of the tournament and to the all-tournament team, dominated the Golden Tors in the championship game, scoring 15 points with 12 rebounds, four steals and six blocked shots.

Snyder's defense held Lamesa to 10 second-half points, after a halftime adjustment put Sirena Medrano on Lamesa's top offensive threat.

"We put Sirena on their best scorer and she shut her down," assistant coach Stephanie McKnight said. "The girls were tired going into the championship game. They played outstanding 'D', and we are very proud of them."

"Our defense was solid throughout the tournament," Head Coach Mike Martin said. "We struggled offensively early in every game, but I'm pleased with the way our defense is keeping us in games."

All-tournament selectee Hailey Putnam had nine points, two assists and two steals against Lamesa, and April Lollar put in eight points.

Medrano contributed on the offensive side of the ball as well, hitting for seven points.

The girls advanced by whipping Permian earlier in the day.

Putnam hit for 14 points, and Sequoya Powell added 10 as the Lady Tigers came out a bit winded in the first half, according to McKnight.

Medrano and Peoples added nine points each, as the second half defense again put Snyder in positions for easy baskets.

The girls will host Andrews Tuesday night at 6:30, and Martin said the Lady Mustangs return the same team that beat Snyder twice last year.

"They are very athletic," he said. "It will be a tough game."

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS — The Lady Tigers proudly hold up the trophy they claimed at the Lamesa tournament Saturday. The Lady Tigers are, clockwise from back, April Lollar, Sirena Medrano, Seqouya Powell (with trophy), Desiree Braziel, Erin Burleson, Hailey Putnam, Dara Chambers, Zipporah Peoples and Anna Henson. (Contributed Photo)

Lady Bulldogs take Blackwell tourney

BLACKWELL — After a slow start, which netted them but eight first half points, the Lady Bulldogs got rolling in the second half, capturing a 40-32 triumph in the championship game of the Blackwell tourney over host Lady Hornets.

"We weren't aggressive on offense in the first half," Head Coach Brent Parr said. "In the second half we started executing and we played well."

Parr said the defense kept the team in the game, when the offense foundered early.

"The defense played well the whole game," he said. "Anytime you can hold a team to 17 points in a half, you're defense has done the job."

The win gave the Lady Bulldogs their sixth consecutive victory after starting the season 0-3. "I'm really happy for them," Parr said.

Celeigh Sterling led all scorers with 20 points, and Lindsey Wilson cashed in with 10 points, as the Ira offense made key baskets down the stretch.

All Ira players got in the act, with Amanda Calley scoring four, and Michelle Nettles, Alana Pulis and Whitney Payne recording two each.

All Ira teams play host to Rotan Tuesday.

Shaq on his game as LA posts second straight win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal had 32 points and 11 rebounds and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Utah Jazz 110-99 Sunday night to post consecutive victories for the first time in two weeks.

Kobe Bryant had 25 points and 14 assists and showed no ill effects from the pulled groin he sustained in Friday's amazing comeback against Dallas when he scored 21 points in the final 12 minutes.

Bryant punctuated Sunday's victory with a driving dunk with four seconds left.

The Lakers parlayed the momentum from that 27-point fourth-quarter rally — second-biggest in NBA history — into back-to-back victories for just the third time this season.

O'Neal in particular was on his game early, scoring 16 points in the first quarter. It was his most productive outing since returning from foot surgery on Nov. 22.

Jr. high Gold teams both advance to championships

SLATON — The seventh-grade Gold girls squad got 23 of their 30 points from Audrey Jones, capturing the Slaton tournament championship with a 30-29 nail-biter over host Slaton.

Jones was the dominant force of the game, grabbing 14 boards to go with her game-high scoring total.

Alex Urias had a big game, snatching five rebounds, stealing three balls and dishing out three assists.

Kelly Holdren, Devin Davidson and Caylea Rhodes also pulled in important rebounds, as the junior Lady Tigers used a 13-point fourth quarter to close the deal.

Rhodes also had four steals in the contest.

The team advanced to the championship game by virtue of a 23-7 whipping of Sundown.

The seventh graders shut out Sundown in the second and fourth quarters, getting all the points they would need in a 15-point first period.

Jones was a difference maker in the semi-final game, posting 10 points and swiping 11 boards to go with two steals and an assist.

Urias was also a key contributor, recording six steals and five points.

Jordan Derryberry and Allison Sharrock helped the cause with timely rebounds, and Amanda Martinez put in two points and captured a steal and a rebound.

The Gold team will host Sweetwater tonight at 5.

The eighth-grade Gold girls team dropped a heartbreaker in the championship game at Slaton Saturday, falling, 41-37, in a tough, smartly-played contest against Slaton.

"The game was very hard-fought, and I felt it matured the girls as a team," Head Coach Catina Rhodes said. "I'm very proud of their effort."

Katy Crenwelge paced the team with 14 points, and Terann Ragland had 11 points, seven assists, four steals and two rebounds in a well-rounded effort.

The team collected 24 rebounds on the contest, with every member of the team getting at least one board.

Jordan Stansell had seven rebounds, while Crenwelge garnered six. Brianna Bernal added four to complement her four points on the day.

The eighth graders hung on against Sundown, 29-20, before stomping Lorenzo, 59-20, in the semi-final game to reach the title game.

The eighth-grade Gold will host Sweetwater tonight at 6:30.

Sports Briefs

Rams eliminated from playoffs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The St. Louis Rams' three-year postseason run, which included two Super Bowl appearances and one championship, came crashing to a halt in a 49-10 defeat to Kansas City, the third-most lopsided loss in team history.

Martin quietly reaches milestone

Curtis Martin became the 16th player in NFL history with at least 10,000 yards after he finished with 57 in the New York Jets' victory over Denver.

Gannon making case for MVP

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon set an NFL record with his 10th 300-yard passing game of the season, breaking out of a tie with Dan Marino, Warren Moon and Kurt Warner.

Klitschko moves closer to title shot

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In his first major test of a ranked heavyweight in the United States, Wladimir Klitschko showed he belonged among the heavyweight elite when Jameel McCline's corner refused to allow him to continue after the 10th round to retain his lightly regarded WBO title.

American runner dies after finishing marathon

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — American runner Jim Lindstrom, 59, collapsed and died Saturday shortly after receiving his medal as one of the top finishers in the Reggae Marathon.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder frosh girls vs. Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder junior high boys and girls vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira junior high boys and girls vs. Dawson, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh junior high vs. Highland, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity boys at Pecos, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity girls vs. Andrews, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira JV and varsity boys and varsity girls vs. Rotan, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh varsity vs. Southland, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys vs. Wylie, Abilene Wylie tournament.
Basketball: Snyder varsity girls at Wylie tourney.
Basketball: Snyder frosh boys at Andrews tourney.

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Garcia leads 49ers to NFC West crown

IRVING (AP) — Jeff Garcia has shown he can rally like Joe Montana and run like Steve Young.

Now, Garcia has also led the 49ers to an NFC West title.

Garcia threw his three touchdowns in the fourth quarter Sunday, the game-winner an 8-yarder to Terrell Owens with 12 seconds left, as the 49ers overcame a 10-point deficit for a 31-27 win over the Dallas Cowboys (5-8).

San Francisco (9-4) won its first division title since 1997, two years before Garcia followed in line behind Young and Montana, both two-time NFL MVPs and Super Bowl MVPs who won 13 division crowns in 17 years.

The 49ers clinched the title after Garcia rallied San Francisco to win in the fourth quarter for the fourth time this season, and eighth in his career, and St. Louis lost 49-10 at Kansas City.

"That's not something you want to keep doing, having to come back in the fourth quarter," Garcia said. "It was an amazing finish for this team. It was a struggle."

It sure didn't seem that way at the end.

Garcia completed 36 of 55 passes for 276 yards — including 14 of 21 for 129 in the fourth. He also had a team-best 50 yards rushing, including a 21-yard TD in the second quarter and two third-down keepers for first downs on the game-winning drive.

Running back Garrison Hearst left the game with a hyperextended knee.

"No. 5 (Garcia) was the difference in the game," Dallas coach Dave Campo said.

Packers, Vikes play heated game at freezing Lambeau

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — For all but the final few minutes, the Minnesota Vikings looked like they were the ones accustomed to freezing conditions and not the Green Bay Packers.

But Tony Fisher's 14-yard touchdown run with 1:06 left gave Green Bay its first lead of the game and a 26-22 victory over the Vikings on Sunday night.

Darren Sharper picked off Daunte Culpepper's desperation pass as time expired and returned the ball 66 yards before finally going down at the Minnesota 16.

The bad blood between the border rivals boiled over at that point as Vikings tight end Jim Kleinsasser gave a two-handed shove to Packers safety Marques Anderson near the Minnesota bench.

As players from both teams converged to break up the fracas or join in, Vikings defensive tackle Chris Hovan jawed with Packers quarterback Brett Favre near the Packers' tunnel.

Then, Hovan made several obscene gestures as he was escorted from the field to a chorus of boos.

The victory by the Packers (10-3) enabled them to keep pace with Philadelphia and Tampa Bay for homefield in the NFC playoffs.

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Bumbling Texans saved by defense vs. Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Houston Texans were so outgained, so overwhelmed, so inept offensively, they set an NFL record for futility.

David Carr was under such pressure, he all but quit throwing early in the second half. The running game produced barely a yard per carry. The offense never crossed midfield under its own power, only by a penalty and a turnover.

Yet on a Sunday of one-sided numbers rarely seen in an NFL game — the Pittsburgh Steelers had 24 first downs to the Texans' 3 and outgained them 422-47 — the most remarkable was on the scoreboard.

Texans 24, Steelers 6.

How could a team be so dominating, so in control of the time of possession and the tempo, and lose? How could a team not gain 30 yards in either half and win an NFL game? How could an offense's only scoring drive be of minus-5 yards?

Pittsburgh quarterback Tommy Maddox knows.

"They scored 24 points, and I gave them 21," said Maddox, who generated far more points for Houston than for his own team. "This game was as simple as three plays."

All three were turnovers — all by Maddox — and all ended up in Pittsburgh's end zone. Maddox inexplicably fumbled without anyone around him on the Steelers' first possession, and Kenny Wright returned it 40 yards for a touchdown.

Not four minutes later, cornerback Aaron Glenn stepped in front of a Maddox pass and took it 70 yards for another score, making it 14-0.

Glenn wrapped it up in the fourth quarter with his fifth career interception score, of 65 yards.

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Rebuilding agency prepares new designs

NEW YORK (AP) — As officials prepare seven alternative plans for reconstruction of the World Trade Center — including a memorial in the sky and the world's tallest tower — doubts about who is in charge of the process threaten to muffle the fanfare.

"Things are very unclear," said Mark Ginsberg, a leader of New York New Visions, a coalition of architects and planners. "There are all these different agencies coming out with different plans — hopefully with some coordination."

The Lower Manhattan Development Corp., a city-state agency created after last year's terrorist attacks to guide downtown redevelopment, plans to unveil seven new designs Dec. 18.

Several of the plans include a tower that would be the tallest in the world, said a redevelopment official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Malaysia's Petronas Twin Towers, at 1,483 feet, are now the world's tallest.

All of the plans include memorials to the victims of the Sept. 11 attack, the official said. One plan places it on top of a building, while another incorporates a formal, sunken garden.

"They're inspiring. I think they are exactly what we need," said Roland Betts, a board member of the development agency who has seen early versions of the plans.

But as the plans near public release, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the 16-acre trade center site, says it expects to produce a separate master plan early next year.

The development corporation released its first batch of six proposals for the trade center last July. The plans all featured office buildings grouped around a memorial to the Sept. 11 victims — and all were dismissed as bland and boring.

The agency then put out a call for new architects to produce designs with relaxed requirements for the amount of commercial space the new buildings must accommodate.

A final plan is to be chosen in February, and a design for the memorial is to be selected in a separate process by next Sept. 11, the second anniversary of the attack.

The development corporation and the Port Authority have promised several times to cooperate, only to have their efforts later diverge.

Port Authority Executive Director Joseph Seymour said last month that his agency's plan for ground zero would focus on nuts-and-bolts concerns such as transportation improvements.

Appearing to contradict Seymour, development corporation head Louis Tomson said last week that the authority's architect would not release his own plan but would work with the development corporation's staff "to review the plans that are presented by the seven architects."

Tomson acknowledged "many spirited debates" between the two agencies but said they are working together. How the two agencies' plans will be merged is unclear, although an official familiar with the rebuilding process said Sunday the agencies reached an agreement last week on a single integrated master plan process.

Some independent urban planners worry that none of the government agencies will produce a design worthy of the challenge.

Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association, said he recently joined a group of civic leaders touring comparable projects in Europe such as Berlin's Pottsdammer Platz.

"Everywhere we went, business leaders, government leaders said that there are very, very high expectations for what we're going to deliver at the trade center site," he said. "The world is watching."

Several arrested over weekend

Arrests

Sheriff Darren Jackson arrested Scott Bradshaw, 26, of 3406 44th Street at 7:08 p.m. Saturday on a warrant for parole violation.

At 2:13 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 20-year-old man in the 3700 block of Highland for public intoxication and evading arrest.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 3 a.m. Sunday in the 3700 block of Highland for alcohol and drug-related offenses. Arrested were a 19-year-old man for possession of narcotic paraphernalia and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and a 20-year old man for possessing alcohol as a minor and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Deputies arrested a 34-year-old man at 8:11 p.m. Sunday on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check.

Accident

Dispatchers received several 9-1-1 calls at 10:15 p.m. Saturday reporting a pickup striking Roe's Furniture. Involved in the mishap was a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Allen, 17, of 9674 CR 3155. No injuries were reported.

Thefts

A back door was reported open at Jack and Jack Realtors Saturday. A digital camera and two cordless drills were reported stolen and officers submitted a report for burglary of a building.

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Brandy Wells reported $400 stolen from her wallet the previous night.

Wayne Webster reported the theft of some rig signs at FM 1611 and CR 264 Sunday. Deputies advised that a report for Class B theft would be submitted.

Criminal mischief

Deputies responded to a woman's residence on CR 1117 at the request of a security company reporting an alarm. It was advised nothing was missing from the residence, but a report for criminal mischief was submitted for damage done to some outside window screens.

•Disturbance

A man reported a family disturbance at a residence on 26th Street Sunday afternoon, but officers contacted a man and woman and advised only a verbal altercation had occurred.

Officers requested

An employee at Cogdell Hospital requested an officer in reference to a female patient in the emergency room who had been shot by a BB gun. A city officer responded, but advised the incident occurred outside the city limits so a sheriff's deputy filed a report for accidental gunshot.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the amount of $12.05.

A drive off worth $10 was reported from the Allsup's in Hermleigh Saturday afternoon.

A $3 fuel drive off was reported from the Allsup's on College Ave. at 5 p.m. Saturday.

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off at 6:49 p.m. Saturday.

At 7:42 p.m. Saturday, a clerk at Town and Country East reported a $20 drive off and advised the vehicle traveled on Coliseum Dr. toward U.S. 84.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Milano and Krause are 'Charmed'

Q: Could you give me some information on Brian Krause and Holly Marie Combs of "Charmed"? Do you know if they are married to each other in real life? If not, are they married to anyone? How old are they?

And to whom are Frankie Avalon, Troy Donahue and Deborah Walley married? **— C.C., Waterloo, Iowa**

A: Krause is 33 years old and Combs is 28. Both are divorced. They are not dating each other in real life, but Krause once dated his "Charmed" co-star, Alyssa Milano.

Avalon has been married to Kay Diebel since 1962. Donahue and Walley died last year, but before that they were both divorced. Donahue died of a heart attack, and Walley died of cancer.

Q: Is a video of the movie "I Climb the Highest Mountain," with Susan Hayward, available? I called two nearby Blockbuster stores. Neither of them knew anything about getting a copy. **— E.W., Adairsville, Ga.**

A: The name of that 1951 film is "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain." I know it's a minor difference, but leaving off that one tiny "d" and an apostrophe could have been enough to confuse Blockbuster's database. (So much for technological superiority.) Call again with the full name. If they still come up empty, you can buy the movie from Movies Unlimited for $17.99. Call (800) 668-4344, or check out their Web site at www.moviesunlimited.com.

Q: "American Idol" is over. Kelly was great, but Justin had all the moves, the smile and the facial expressions. He was great. I sure hate to see good talent go to waste. What will happen to him? I wanted him to win, but he seemed proud of Kelly for winning. I wish they could have made a team. This concerns me deeply. Can I write to him? **— C.P., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: Don't worry too much about Justin. He's on tour now, but only time will tell if his exposure on "American Idol" will be a springboard for a lasting career. You can write to him through FOX at P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

Q: I recently saw James Caviezel in "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "High Crimes." Not only is he a great actor, but isn't he a hunk? Can you tell me anything about his personal life? Is he married or single? Where does he come from? Has he done any other movies? **— L.L., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: I'll refrain from commenting on Caviezel's "hunkitude," because I'll only make myself sound sillier than usual, but I can tell you a bit about him.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1968, in Mount Vernon, Wash., and is 34 years old. He has been married to a woman named Kerri since 1997. Caviezel grew up with four siblings in a devout Catholic family, and his film debut was as an airline clerk in the 1991 movie "My Own Private Idaho." His breakthrough role came seven years later in "The Thin Red Line." You might have seen him in "Wyatt Earp," "G.I. Jane," "Frequency" and "Pay it Forward."

TRIVIA: James Caviezel performed his first on-screen love scene with Jennifer Lopez in "Angel Eyes."

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Senior Center News

Our Senior Center Christmas meal will be served at 11:30 Dec. 20th. Seniors are asked to preregister for this meal just as you did for the Thanksgiving meal. Registrations will be taken from today through Dec. 18th. Please add your name to the list in the dining room or call 573-4035.

We have a small fundraiser scheduled for Dec. 17th at 10 a.m. Volunteers are asked to donate homemade candy for our "Coffee Can Candy Sale." Please bring the candy to the center before 10 a.m. Individuals can choose an assortment of candies at a cost of $3 per can.

Cancellations for the month of December include the Community Sing and the dance/game night. These activities will resume in January.

The December computer classes at the Senior Center have started, but there are a few openings for any senior citizen that would like to participate. Call the center at 573-4035 and speak to Valerie if you are interested.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. The Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the center at 2603 Ave. M from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon. All senior citizens are encouraged to visit their meetings and consider joining them.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies may play pool beginning at 9 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome for any of the activities at the center. Volunteers are available to help learn the games. Get your exercise by stretching and bending with Juanita at 11 a.m., line dancing at 1 p.m., and clogging at 2 p.m. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Sunshine Choir members will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Join us for game night beginning at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. volunteers begin the blood pressure clinic and seniors may play party bridge. Exercise and eighty-eight both begin at 11 a.m. We encourage all seniors to be at the center by 11:30 a.m. to enjoy the music presented by the West Elementary Honor Choir.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	8.00	7.57	7.58	—.42
AOL TimeWrn	13.81	13.28	13.30	—.70
AT&T Corp rs	28.17	27.75	27.99	—.01
Albertsons	22.90	21.96	22.19	+.07
Alltel	51.37	50.40	50.70	—.88
AmEl Pw	27.20	26.50	27.12	+.57
AndarkPtr	50.00	49.01	49.64	+.15
ATMOS Egy	22.83	22.79	22.79	+.04
Aviall	8.80	8.62	8.69	—.11
BP PLC	39.59	39.09	39.20	—.33
BakerHughes	33.72	32.85	33.57	+.35
Bank of Amer	68.70	67.62	68.35	+.11
BellSouth	27.00	26.51	26.54	—.83
BurlNoSFe	26.00	25.70	25.80	—.20
Caterpillar	46.17	45.62	45.98	—.19
CenterPoint	6.96	6.75	6.94	+.09
ChevronTex	68.98	68.30	68.79	+.44
Citigroup	37.15	36.60	36.64	—.92
CocaCola	45.69	45.06	45.36	—.04
ColgatePal	53.75	53.07	53.28	—.20
CmclMetals s	16.33	16.10	16.13	—.08
ConocoPhill	50.75	50.15	50.40	+.48
Cooper Inds	36.95	36.35	36.52	—.57
DaimlrChry	33.35	32.56	32.75	—1.10
DeltaAirl	13.14	12.70	12.71	—.69
Dillards Inc	17.08	16.35	16.44	—.63
DowChem	29.43	29.09	29.21	—.54
DuPont	43.46	42.83	43.00	—.80
EastmanChem	37.71	37.05	37.28	—.49
EstKodak	36.90	36.22	36.88	+.22
EDS Corp	16.89	16.40	16.50	—.39
Entergy	44.29	43.15	44.28	+1.05
ExxonMobil	35.35	35.01	35.22	+.07
FstBksAm	40.47	40.47	40.47	+.01
FootLocker	12.72	12.45	12.50	—.21
GenDynam	81.78	81.20	81.31	—.11
GenElec	26.64	25.51	25.53	—.52
GenMills	44.80	44.18	44.69	+.60
GenMotors	37.12	36.50	36.60	—.65
GaPacific	17.10	16.55	16.75	—.35
Goodrich	17.27	16.99	17.14	—.11
Goodyear	7.57	7.28	7.29	—.22
GtAtlPac	7.42	7.14	7.19	—.04
Halliburtn	20.50	19.46	20.26	+.07
Hanson ADS	22.82	22.68	22.68	—.61
HarteHanks s	18.70	18.32	18.33	—.37
HomeDepot	25.95	25.75	25.77	—.33
HoneywellIntl	24.20	23.81	23.87	—.50
IBM	81.33	80.20	80.36	—1.96
IntlPaper	37.25	36.54	36.68	—.68
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KinderMorg	41.50	41.00	41.39	+.24
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TexInd	26.78	26.41	26.49	+.01
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Textron	42.00	41.52	41.74	—.45
TrinityInds	19.89	19.48	19.48	—.51
TylerTech	4.85	4.65	4.77	+.04
UnionPacif	60.01	59.53	59.53	—.48
USSteel	13.86	13.60	13.63	—.17
UnitedTech	61.81	60.85	61.13	—.88
Unocal	31.38	30.95	31.27	+.12
VerizonComm	39.76	39.05	39.23	—.96
WalMart	53.04	51.94	52.14	—.90
WellsFargo	46.27	45.70	45.98	—.07
WstnGasRs	36.95	36.21	36.70	+.35
WinnDixie	14.38	14.01	14.24	—.21
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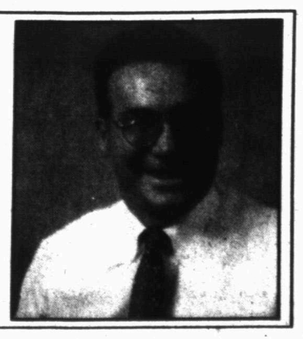

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NAFTA's results not as great as expected

DALLAS (AP) — A decade after U.S., Canadian and Mexican leaders signed the North American Free Trade Agreement, predictions that the deal would lift Mexico into the so-called First World, or that it would vaporize jobs in the United States and keep wages low in Mexico have yet to become reality.

Much of Mexico remains trapped in poverty, but trade has ballooned, raising incomes and sheltering Mexico from economic woes throughout Latin America.

NAFTA's significance goes beyond economics. The agreement launched an era of economic, political and social intimacy between the United States and Mexico, two countries whose long, uneasy coexistence once won them the sobriquet of "distant neighbors."

The leaders who forged the agreement — President George Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari — will mark the 10th anniversary of NAFTA's signing at a conference today and Tuesday at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

"NAFTA has created a new dynamic between the United States and Mexico," said Grant Aldonas, the undersecretary for international trade at the U.S. Commerce Department, who encountered a more prickly relationship as a junior diplomat in Mexico City 20 years ago.

"The level of interaction between U.S. and Mexican officials on a range of issues that have to be discussed by neighbors has risen dramatically," he said recently.

Analysts are still debating the agreement's effects. NAFTA has helped generate unprecedented opportunities. But it also has visited economic dislocation on thousands.

Integration between the United States and Mexico has led to job losses for automobile workers in the Midwest to textile workers in El Paso.

Meanwhile, scores of Mexican companies that had survived behind closed borders went out of business in the face of U.S. competition, a process also fueled by a severe economic crisis in 1994, the year NAFTA took effect.

Mexico still has millions of people whose poor education limits their ability to profit from free trade. Some critics south of the border argue that the losses outweigh the gains.

"We lost more jobs than we gained because of the closure of companies that couldn't compete," Bertha LujDan, a former labor leader who is now the Mexico City comptroller, said in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"Preference was given to multinational companies with advanced technologies but few jobs," she said. "The crisis in the countryside got worse, and the export of labor to the United States grew."

NAFTA has been a bonanza for some companies, chiefly in the automotive industry.

Mexico is now a key country in the global supply chains of such giants as General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Delphi Corp. Mexican automotive companies such as Sanluis CorporaciDon SA and Grupo Desc SA have also profited.

But other industries are catching up. Mexico is the largest foreign market for Dallas-based corporate giants such as Mary Kay Inc.

Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim controls Dallas-based CompUSA. Grupo Bimbo SA, which is based in Mexico City, owns Mrs. Baird's Bread and a host of other bread brands throughout the western United States.

U.S. exports to Mexico grew from $45.29 billion in 1993 to $113.77 billion in 2001. Mexican exports to the United States rose from $42.85 billion to $140.3 billion in the same period.

Two-way commerce between Canada and Mexico is small compared with the U.S.-Mexico trade flow, but it increased from $2.74 billion in 1993 to $7.3 billion last year.

Boston's embattled Cardinal Law in Rome

BOSTON (AP) — Cardinal Bernard F. Law quietly slipped away to Rome amid the deepening church abuse scandal, raising speculation that he may be seeking advice on filing for bankruptcy or possibly stepping down.

Boston Archdiocese spokeswoman Donna M. Morrissey acknowledged Sunday that Law was at the Vatican, but she refused to discuss the purpose of his trip.

Published reports in Boston, citing unnamed sources, said Law was in Rome seeking counsel from church officials on two issues: whether the archdiocese should file for Chapter 11 protection, or if Law — buffeted by mounting calls for his departure — should resign.

An archdiocese financial panel on Wednesday gave Law permission to file for bankruptcy on behalf of the archdiocese. He would need permission from the Vatican before doing so.

It's Law's second unannounced trip to Rome this year. In April, he met with Pope John Paul II and offered to resign, but came away determined to clean up the clergy sexual abuse scandal.

It was not known when Law left for Rome, or when he planned to return, although he is scheduled to be deposed in a civil clergy sex abuse suit Dec. 17. On Sunday, he was spotted by John L. Allen Jr., the Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, dining at Ristorante Cecilia Metella with Bishop James Harvey, the highest-ranking American on Pope John Paul II's personal staff.

The trip came just days after the release of several potentially damaging documents about the Boston Archdiocese. The files contained allegations that a priest fathered at least two children; another traded cocaine for sex with boys; and one had sex with teenage girls studying to become nuns.

Law has been the target of heavy criticism since the abuse scandal began in his archdiocese this year, but he has deflected repeated calls for his resignation for months. Now, some priests are adding to the calls.

Boston-area priests have been circulating a draft statement calling for Law's resignation. The petition, which originated at a gathering of priests at a Newton parish, praised Law for his leadership, but said the release of damaging internal church files last week makes his resignation "a necessary step."

"(The) events of recent months and, in particular, of these last few days, make it clear to us that your position as our bishop is so compromised that it is no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church of Boston," the petition reads.

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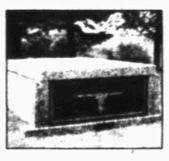

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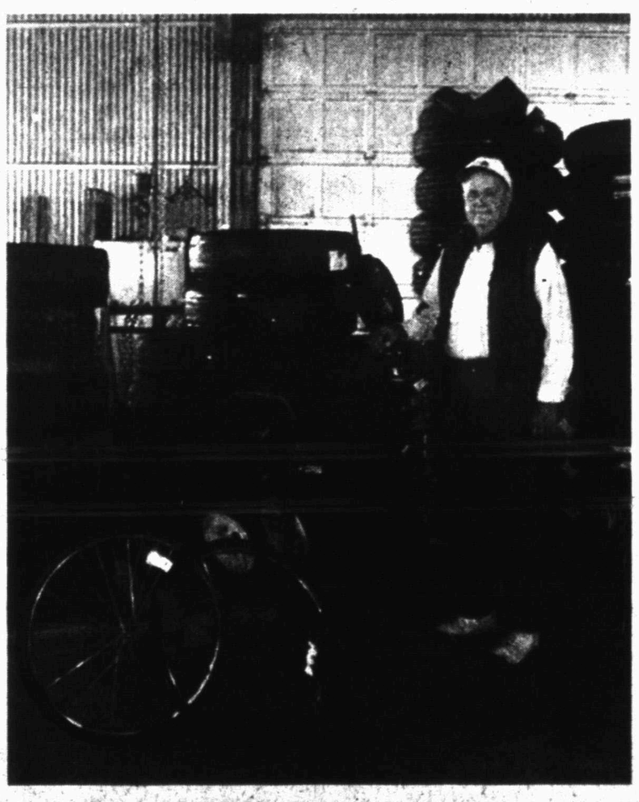

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Trips abroad no longer carefree fun for Israelis

JERUSALEM (AP) — It's a rite of passage of sorts. Young Israelis out of the army grab backpacks and head for deepest Asia or South America to clear their heads of the violence at home.

Now, attacks on Israeli tourists in Kenya have darkened that once carefree escape, and the government is warning Israelis to postpone unnecessary trips abroad.

"Being Israeli or Jewish is having a target on your back," said Shai Agmon, 28, manager of a backpackers' store in Jerusalem and a traveler himself.

In the twin attacks on Kenya's Indian Ocean resort Nov. 28, thought to be the work of Osama bin Laden, suicide bombers slammed a carload of explosives into a hotel crowded with Israelis. The blast, near the city of Mombasa, killed 10 Kenyans and three Israelis.

Moments earlier, two shoulder-launched missiles barely missed an Israeli airliner taking off from Mombasa with 271 people aboard.

Some 2 million of Israel's 6.5 million citizens go abroad each year, according to Tourism Ministry data. Many are young people fresh out of the military, sometimes taking yearlong trips before heading to college or jobs.

The custom took off in the 1990s, the heyday of Mideast peacemaking, when previously unfriendly countries such as India and China were opening up to Israel. For Israelis, it felt like the lifting of a 50-year siege. Now the peace effort is in disarray, and an Andean or Himalayan trek represents escape from the daily horrors of conflict with the Palestinians.

With international terrorism rampant, however, overseas no longer feels so safe.

A few hours after the Kenya attacks, the Foreign Ministry's Web site posted warnings against going to several places in Africa or traveling with airlines that fly over countries hostile to Israel.

The advisory had a special section on Thailand, one of the most popular destinations, urging travelers to disguise their Israeli identity.

A cartoon in Wednesday's Haaretz newspaper showed three Israelis at London Bridge, wearing T-shirts with Hebrew lettering. "Hey guys, drop the Hebrew!" Says one of the three.

Some are undeterred. Standing on Khao San Road in Bangkok, Thailand, two Israeli backpackers reasoned that it's more dangerous at home, where radio stations broadcast terrorism alerts almost as casually as weather forecasts.

"I have seen cars explode, dead children on the streets when I was a soldier. But we are not afraid," said Gali Gadanian, 22. "I wear my necklace which has a Star of David on it. It is my religion and I am proud of what I am."

Thai authorities have stepped up security at tourist resorts like Koh Pha Ngan island, where thousands of Israelis party all night on the beach.

Israeli terrorism expert Shaul Shay believes extremists among Thailand's Muslim minority and Arab immigrants make it fertile ground for southeast Asian militant groups with ties to bin Laden. A front-page headline in the Maariv newspaper Wednesday said: "Bin Laden targets Thailand."

"For bin Laden," Shay said, "tourists symbolize the Western culture ... corrupting the local population."

A caller to an Israeli radio program, Gabi Shani, said she ditched plans to go with seven friends to Thailand.

"There is definitely a reason to be afraid," she told Israel's Army Radio. "There are attacks all over the place."

Travel is also getting tricky for Israel's national soccer team.

On Wednesday, citing unidentified security sources in Rome, the Yediot Ahronot newspaper reported warnings that al-Qaida had planned an attack on a soccer match between Israel and Malta on Oct. 12, the same day that bombers killed nearly 200 people on the Indonesian island of Bali.

Israeli players were told the day before the game in Malta that an al-Qaida member had just been arrested on the Mediterranean island, said a team coach, Shaul Eizenberg.

At the backpackers' store, Agmon has taped up the latest travel warnings, but hopes people keep touring, lest the terrorists win.

"Terror — what it means is fear," he said. "You don't have to kill everyone to win this war. You just have to make them all afraid."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002

If you are alert and enterprising in the year ahead, there are excellent chances you will be able to accomplish something rather large and rewarding. It can actually change your lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take advantage of today's conditions being basically favorable for you. Get involved in something personally important and try to finalize any projects you might have underway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This may be one of those rare times when more is better, so don't be afraid to take on several assignments simultaneously. You actually need a variety of activities to keep you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When it comes to money matters, don't leave any loose threads dangling to trip over later. The possibilities for personal gain are far better today than they will be tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you are self-reliant and more dependent upon yourself than on anybody else today, what you hope to accomplish can be achieved. It's important to have faith in your own capabilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't ignore any insights you think you get today. Your perception could provide you with valuable vision that can't be derived through logical reasoning. Use both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Avoid being influenced by friends or associates when it comes to making a determination regarding someone new who enters the scene today. Your judgment will be the better call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you rationalize up front that a difficult job is impossible to accomplish, you won't put forth the necessary effort required to achieve the task. You'll be defeated before you even try.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Practice what you preach today, or else others aren't apt to be interested and will pay little attention to your philosophies or suggestions. It's only the example that will count.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be money minded or commercially conscious today, because you'll have excellent possibilities to profit from a source other than your usual channel of income. Keep your eyes open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — People tend to mirror your behavior, so if you wish others to be cooperative and friendly, first show a willingness to be so yourself today. This is a good way to develop pleasant associations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — In order to gratify your inner urgings today, you need to become involved in something that you deem to be constructive and worthwhile. Work has many rewards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something you thought might cause you complications today is not likely to manifest itself and, as a result, this should turn out to be a rather pleasant day for you.

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

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Myeloma not related to lung cancer

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 74-year-old ex-smoker who had 40 percent of my right lung removed two years ago because of cancer. Now, without any warning or reason, I have been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. The doctor told me that the two cancers are unrelated. I've always lived life carefully. How, therefore, could I have developed myeloma?

DEAR READER: No one knows the cause of multiple myeloma, a form cancer that affects plasma cells, a type of blood corpuscle. Presumably, nothing you did (or didn't do) caused this malignancy, which alters blood proteins and leads to anemia and kidney failure, among other consequences.

The good news: Chemotherapy is ordinarily effective, enabling patients to live many years in remission.

The fact that you have had two apparently unrelated cancers suggests an underlying abnormality in your immune system. Some experts believe that cancer cells grow when the body fails to identify such abnormal tissue and, therefore, cannot destroy it.

You must closely follow your physician's instructions about how to monitor your myeloma (with blood tests) and what treatment is appropriate.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss proteinuria. What is the cause, the treatment and the prognosis? What type of diet should I follow?

DEAR READER: The kidneys are designed to filter out waste products from the blood and excrete them in the urine. In addition, the kidneys also conserve many substances and prevent them from being eliminated. Protein is one such substance that should not be present in the urine.

When protein is discovered, usually during a routine urinalysis, the term for it is proteinuria, and doctors worry about the possibility of serious medical conditions, such as infection, diabetes and primary kidney disorders. Actually, proteinuria may reflect a whole host of medical ailments, ranging from cancer to lupus nephritis.

A person with urinary protein should be thoroughly tested with blood analysis and imaging studies to determine the cause of the problem. Only then can appropriate therapy be brought to bear. Ordinarily, diet is not particularly important (except in the treatment of diabetes and kidney failure) because protein is leaking from the bloodstream into the kidneys, a situation unrelated to diet.

I advise you to discuss your renal problem with your doctor. Depending on the amount of protein you are excreting, you may need further examination and evaluation by a nephrologist, a specialist in kidney diseases.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two years ago, I was diagnosed with atopic dermatitis and am a collection of itchy sores from head to toe. Various steroid creams and a host of other medications haven't helped. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Regrettably, I don't. Atopic dermatitis is a chronic, severe, itchy inflammation of the skin. The cause is unknown, but the affliction usually affects people with a strong history of allergies. In my experience, topical (or, in advanced cases, oral) steroids are the most effective therapy. In my view, patients with this condition should be under the care of dermatologists.

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Man convicted of murder in woman's death

EL PASO (AP) — A man whose older brother asked him to kill his pregnant wife avoided the death penalty after a jury convicted him of murder rather than capital murder.

Rodney Reister, 26, was found guilty Saturday in the slaying of his sister-in-law, Fort Bliss Army Capt. Lynn Reister. He faces up to 99 years of prison when the punishment phase begins today.

Former Fort Bliss Sgt. Roger Reister, 28, was sentenced last year to life in prison for asking his younger brother and two Army soldiers to kill 30-year-old Lynn Reister. The pregnant woman was found in her home with her throat slashed in May 2001.

Rodney Reister told prosecutors his brother offered him $1,000 followed by more money from Lynn Reister's $250,000 life insurance policy in exchange for killing the woman.

Prosecutors said Roger Reister was afraid his wife would get custody of their son in a divorce and that he might be punished by the Army for adultery.

"I was happy that the jury was able to see what the truth of the matter is," said Dolph Quijano, Rodney Reister's defense attorney.

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Bush taps Snow as new Treasury chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today nominated John W. Snow, chairman of the transportation and railroad conglomerate CSX Corp., to replace Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and lead an economic team retooled for the president's re-election drive.

"John Snow has excelled as a business leader, an expert on economic policy, an academic, and as a public servant," Bush said. "He'll be a superb member of my Cabinet."

Snow, 63, a former Ford administration official whose company has helped fund the campaigns of Bush and other scores of other GOP politicians, will be the point man as the president presses a new tax-cutting economic package.

"In a varied and productive career, John Snow has shown consistent qualities of foresight and integrity and public spirit," Bush said. "He's led one of our nation's largest railroads with skill and success."

Snow credited Bush with shepherding the economy through "one of the shortest and shallowest" recessions. "Yet, I strongly share your view that we cannot be satisfied until everyone — every single person who is unemployed and seeking a job — has an opportunity to work," Snow said.

Bush nominated Snow just three days after firing O'Neill and White House economic adviser Larry Lindsey as part of a shake-up designed to control political damage from the ailing economy. Harvey Pitt, criticized for failing to shield Bush politically from the corporate abuse scandals, resigned on Election Day as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The president is close to naming successors to Lindsey and Pitt, aides said. Lindsey, who attended the announcement, was asked what's next for him. "I'm going to Disney World," he replied.

O'Neill, angered by his abrupt ouster, was not in the room.

Democrats seized on the shake-up as evidence that Bush's tax-cutting economic policies have hurt the economy.

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Lawmakers: Bush must decide soon on release of data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Democratic senators are calling on the Bush administration to make public intelligence information bolstering its case that Iraq holds or is developing weapons of mass destruction.

"We are in possession of what I think to be compelling evidence" of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's weapons program, Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Bob Graham, D-Fla., said Sunday.

Timing of its release "is going to be an important strategic decision for this administration," Graham told CBS' "Face the Nation." He compared the situation to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when the Kennedy administration came forth with information on Soviet missile sites in Cuba.

In submitting a 12,000-page document on arms programs to the United Nations on Saturday, Iraq denied it was producing or stocking weapons of mass destruction. President Bush has rejected that and warned that continued attempts to hide the arms could lead to military retaliation.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said last week the United States would provide intelligence to U.N. inspectors. He did not say what the evidence was.

"It may very well be that the advice of our allies will be that we ought to go very public, that we ought to have worldwide opinion," said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "I think these are delicate judgments."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota told CNN's "Late Edition" that he supported going public with information that contradicts Saddam's denials. "We have to put our best evidence forward, especially if it's a question of Saddam Hussein again denying all of these assertions," he said.

U.S. intelligence, the Iraqi arms documents and the results of U.N. inspectors must be scrupulously analyzed before the United States decides its next course of action, Daschle said.

Former Vice President Al Gore acknowledged on ABC's "This Week" that the administration "is really facing a difficult situation here" in deciding whether to stick to a multilateral, inspections-based approach or take unilateral action in response to Iraqi deceptions.

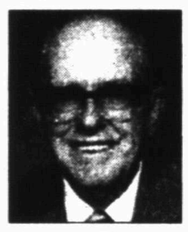
But, he said, if it could be proved that Iraq is hiding weapons of mass destruction, the United States would be justified in using military force regardless of whether the United Nations had voted its approval.

Obituaries

Lester Bryce

1912-2002

Lester Cleo Bryce, longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Dec. 8, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.



Lester Bryce

Funeral service for Mr. Bryce, 90, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 16, 1912 in Roscoe, he married Geneva Franks on Nov. 14, 1939 in Snyder.

Mr. Bryce was a retired propane operator for Sun Oil and he had served as a deacon of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Bryce of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Lannie Lee of Snyder and Nolene and Eddie Lloyd of Alice; four sisters, Lillie Underwood and Annie Bell Israel, both of Odessa, Ina Lee Thompson of Dallas and Eutha Faye Watson of Roswell, N.M.; four grandchildren, Angla Richardson and Skipper Sutton, both of Orange Grove, LaTrisha Spain of Dallas and Lyndell Lee of Abilene; and one great-grandchild.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Leatherwood

1942-2002

Betty Leatherwood, 60, died Saturday, Dec. 7, at a health-care facility in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for for Mrs. Leatherwood is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Betty Leatherwood

Born March 21; 1942 in Snyder, she married Woodard Leatherwood on Aug. 20, 1960.

A lifetime resident of Snyder, she was a homemaker and had attended Green Hill Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Woodard "Pudd" Leatherwood of Snyder; a daughter, Delta Holloway of Wolfforth; four sons, Lynn Leatherwood of Kountze, Scottie Leatherwood of Abilene, Billy Leatherwood of San Angelo and Stevie Leatherwood of Snyder; several brothers and sisters; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Jesus Alaniz

1910-2002

Jesus Alaniz, 92, died Saturday, Dec. 7, at his home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Alaniz will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh

Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 16, 1910 in Kenedy, he married Elizabeth Vasquez in July, 1945 in Sweetwater. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Alaniz was a track supervisor for Santa Fe Railroad for 30 years and was a Catholic.

Survivors include a son, Richard Alaniz of Snyder; a sister, Pauline Alaniz of Snyder; and four grandsons, Cody J. Alaniz, Michael J. Alaniz, Aamon J. Alaniz and Jessie J. Alaniz.

H.A. Smith

1925-2002

Graveside funeral service for Harley Alfred Smith Jr. will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma, Texas. Mike Brown will officiate.

Mr. Smith passed away at 3:48 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Cogdell Hospital, Snyder.

He was born in Snyder on Dec. 7, 1925 to Harley and Lena Weathers Smith. He married Dorothy Lockhart on Nov. 8, 1949 in Snyder. He worked for the Snyder Fire Dept., for the State Highway Dept. and for Snyder ISD. He was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He was a Mason with Scurry County Lodge 706, a member of Canyon Gun Club, Texas State Rifle Association, and National Rifle Association of America.

He is survived by his children, Jo Anne and Johnnie Ezell of Coahoma, Alfred and Nelda Smith of China Spring, Texas, and Alan and Mary Smith of Colorado City; his grandchildren, John Ed and Libby Ezell of Coahoma, Sarah Smith of Colorado City, Heath Smith of Huntsville, Jeff Smith of Mt. Home, Ark., Mandy Smith of China Spring, Jason and Lana Smith of Snyder, Lindsey and Blake Stauber of Crawford, Jennifer Petty of Colorado City; and great-granddaughter, Mallory Ezell of Coahama.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be made to the Senior Citizen Center Meals on Wheels Program of Snyder, 2603 Ave. M

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Kenton Gordon

1933-2002

AUSTIN — Kenton Wayne Gordon, a native of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 5, in Austin.

Funeral service for Mr. Gordon, 69, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills in Austin with Tim Ayres, minister, officiating.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born June 28, 1933 in Snyder to William and Francis (Lopur) Gordon, he lived in Snyder and Lamesa before moving to Lubbock where he had been a resident for 28 years.

He was retired from Lutheran Social Services, and had managed western wear stores for 35 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother, Francis Gordon of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Darwin and Wanda Gordon of Taylor; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Linda Gordon of Austin.

Max Martin

1920-2002

ABERNATHY — Max Martin, the grandfather of three Snyder residents, died Sunday, Dec. 8.

Services for Mr. Martin, 72, are pending at Abell Funeral Home.

Survivors include three grandchildren from Snyder — Kim McFatridge, Kathy Bloom and Kirk Blumenstock.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 12/10	Wed 12/11	Thu 12/12
51/32	**53/36**	**49/30**
Mostly sunny skies. High 51F. Winds light and variable.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:35 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:36 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM	Sunrise 7:36 AM / Sunset 5:38 PM

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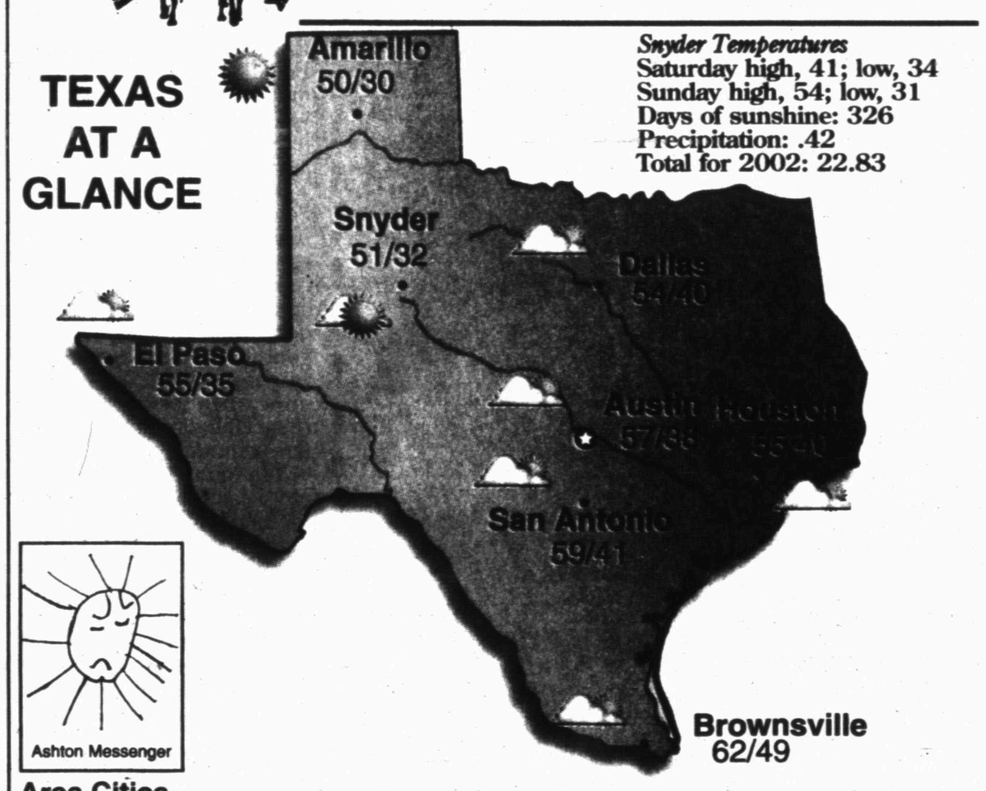

Snyder Temperatures
Saturday high, 41; low, 34
Sunday high, 54; low, 31
Days of sunshine: 326
Precipitation: .42
Total for 2002: 22.83

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	51	37	mst sunny
Amarillo	50	30	sunny
Austin	57	38	pt sunny
Beaumont	54	38	pt sunny
Brownsville	62	49	pt sunny
Brownwood	54	35	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	59	44	pt sunny
Corsicana	54	38	pt sunny
Dallas	54	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	61	44	pt sunny
El Paso	55	35	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	56	38	mst sunny
Gainesville	51	33	pt sunny
Greenville	51	35	pt sunny
Houston	55	40	pt sunny
Kingsville	60	43	pt sunny
Livingston	52	34	pt sunny
Longview	50	34	rain
Lubbock	53	32	sunny
Lufkin	52	37	rain
Midland	53	35	sunny
Raymondville	61	43	pt sunny
Rosenberg	55	40	pt sunny
San Antonio	59	41	pt sunny
San Marcos	58	39	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	52	35	pt sunny
Sweetwater	52	35	mst sunny
Tyler	53	39	rain
Weatherford	53	34	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	53	36	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	43	38	rain
Boston	38	30	pt sunny
Chicago	46	34	mst sunny
Dallas	54	40	pt sunny
Denver	53	25	pt sunny
Houston	55	40	pt sunny
Los Angeles	67	53	mst sunny
Miami	81	69	t-storm
Minneapolis	43	31	pt sunny
New York	39	31	pt sunny
Phoenix	68	46	mst sunny
San Francisco	57	46	pt sunny
Seattle	47	42	rain
St. Louis	51	36	pt sunny
Washington, DC	41	29	cloudy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 12/10	Wed 12/11	Thu 12/12
Low	Low	Low

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

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