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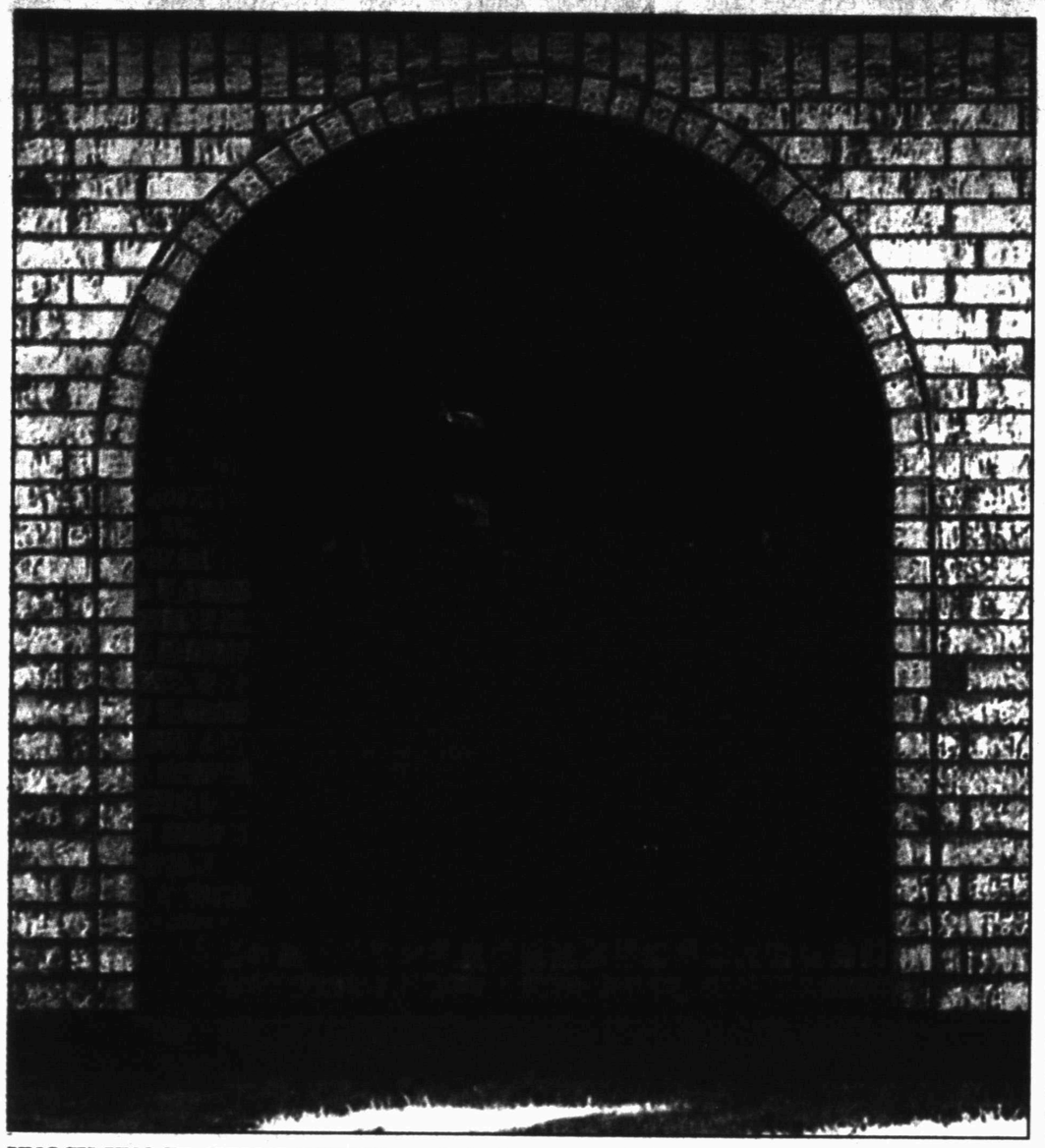
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KNOCK KNOCK, WHO'S THERE? — Nobody answered the door for these two wild turkeys seen going door to door on Towle Park Road Wednesday afternoon. Half a dozen of the wild birds have been seen in the area in recent weeks. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lieberman to announce as Demo candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost everything about Sen. Joe Lieberman's situation suggests very strongly that he's running for president — except his closest aides won't confirm it.

The 60-year-old Connecticut senator has told fellow Democrats he's running and that he's planning an announcement of his decision Monday at the high school he attended because "it's the place where my dreams started."

His aides are poised to hire staff and put travel plans into motion once he announces his plans to run.

That would seem to add up to certain confirmation — but earlier this week, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle was in an almost identical position, leading almost everyone to believe he would run.

The South Dakota Democrat said Tuesday he will not run; as recently as Sunday night he had said he was leaning toward a presidential campaign. Daschle aides had already scheduled an event to announce his candidacy and were planning trips to states with early contests.

So all signs are pointing to Lieberman running — but until the senator or those closest to him say so, he remains simply a very likely candidate.

Veteran campaign activists caution that potential candidates can take all the necessary steps and say they're running over and over, but they still must do one last bit of soul searching in the days before they commit to two grueling years of campaigning against tough odds.

Daschle said he decided in the last 24 hours, after telling people in his home state all weekend that he would run.

Those around Lieberman say they're almost certain he will go.

Leading Connecticut Democrats say Lieberman told them Monday that he plans to run. Several said they were virtually certain he will, based on his recent actions and comments.

Connecticut Democrats said Lieberman, during the 90-minute meeting at a New Haven hotel, talked about the importance of his ties to Connecticut and described some factors he has had to consider.

"The discussions were about the process, the decision, the challenges," said John Olsen, head of the state AFL-CIO.

Audit report is on Snyder board agenda

Snyder ISD trustees will hear a review of the district's 2001-2002 audit when they meet this evening at 6 o'clock.

The board also will review several Texas Association of School Board policy updates, and hear a report on the 2001-2002 Academic Excellence Indicator System.

A closed session is planned to review the evaluations of SISD administrators.

The meeting will be in the boardroom at the administration building.

Injured June 24...

Teenager heading to class following accident

TYLER (AP) — Seven months ago, doctors gave a Wiley teenager only a 5 percent chance of surviving a church bus accident on Interstate 20 near Terrell.

Four teenagers and the bus driver died in the June 24 accident, and Jeremy DeShazo, 18, required 30 pints of blood, numerous surgeries and skin grafts.

It was only after 20 days in intensive care at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler that he regained consciousness.

DeShazo suffered severe head injuries, broken ribs, four pelvic breaks, broken bones in his right leg and both feet, and a ruptured spleen. The lower half of both lungs had collapsed, and he had chemical burns over 30 percent of his body.

After getting out of the hospital, he was in a wheelchair until September and was in rehabilitation therapy until recently at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas.

His mother, Terry DeShazo, said it's a miracle that her son is almost back to normal. He plans to enroll later this month in Richland Community College in Richardson, where he will major in music education, with his sights set on teaching.

His mother and stepfather, Kevin Arnett, took him back to Mother Frances Hospital to visit the doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who helped save his life.

Wednesday was reunion day for the 6-1, 205-pound graduate of Wiley High School as he hugged caregivers who helped save his life, some with tears rolling down their face.

"I love Tyler," Terry DeShazo said in today's Tyler Morning Telegraph. "We are going to buy some land here. This is a remarkable town. I had people coming up to me I didn't know and tell me they were praying for me and my family. The spirit of love in Tyler is amazing."

She said a motel provided rooms for two weeks, restaurants were offering free meals "and love was coming from everyone, from the volunteers to the transportation people. Tyler and the people here really are good."

Discussing the start of a Christian retreat, Jeremy said that at the time of the accident, he had his eyes closed on the chartered bus listening to music.

"The last thing I remember is putting on my headphones, turning on my CD and then falling asleep. The first thing I remember after the bus accident was that I was on the third floor here in the hospital," he said.

"That was 20 days after the accident. I just looked up, looked at the left side of the room, up and over, and thought I'm not where I am supposed to be at," he said. "This is not a state university campus, this isn't a motel, this isn't a gymnasium, this isn't right. I was dumbfounded. My mom was in the room and her first words were in an upbeat tone, 'Hi Jeremy. how are you doing?'"

Probation is revoked on assault charge

A 32-year-old Fort Hood soldier will now serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a probation revocation hearing Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Ruben S. Oliva Jr. of Killeen was charged with the aggravated sexual assault on July 30, 2000.

Oliva was originally sentenced to 10 years in prison with deferred adjudication and fined $1,500.

Because of Oliva's failure to report to probation authorities, failure to pay monthly installments of court costs and restitution and failure to participate in sex offenders counseling — the guilt was adjudicated Tuesday before District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

John Greene named president of WTSB

After serving just over a month as interim president, directors of West Texas State Bank this morning named John Greene at its president and chief executive officer.



John Greene

Greene, an employee of WTSB for 40 years, is a Scurry County native and 1962 graduate of Snyder High School.

Greene replaces Bill Parker, president the past 16 years, who resigned Nov. 26.

Greene, who also serves as a bank director, has been the institution's executive vice president since 1981.

Greene began working for West Texas State Bank while a senior in high school. He started in bookkeeping, filing checks, and held a variety of positions including teller and note department. He was named a loan officer in 1970.

In terms of years of service, Greene is the senior loan officer in Snyder.

Greene's wife, Carolyn, is employed by Patterson Energy. Daughter Ninette Arena lives in Abilene and the Greenes have two grandchildren, Blake and Alec Arena.

Superintendent search topic of HISD meeting

Hermleigh ISD trustees will review guidelines for hiring a superintendent when they meet at 7 this evening.

Trustees will discuss the method and timeline for hiring a replacement for Jerry Church who retired at the end of the year, and the length of the contract for the new superintendent.

James Bible is serving as the interim superintendent at Hermleigh, and the trustees will adopt a resolution adding his name to the check signature card at Snyder National Bank.

Bible was the interim superintendent at Ira during fall semester while that district conducted a search for a new school chief.

The meeting will be in the high school building.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine



We've noticed a sad trend that's gaining momentum in our country over the past few months — organizations using terrorism as an advertising tool.

Scare tactics have long been a way of peddling goods and services, mostly unnecessary ones. But these days, it doesn't seem prudent.

Americans are still trying to grasp the idea of someone wanting to hurt us simply because of the life we enjoy.

We're pretty new at this whole terrorism bit, although it's been a way of life in other areas of the world for millennia.

We wrote of a distasteful commercial around Thanksgiving produced by a nutty animal rights group. The commercial portrayed frightened grocery shoppers taken hostage by a threatening Thanksgiving turkey.

We didn't care for the parody, but we also can take a joke and passed it off as a goofy jab by a goofy group scoffing at holiday traditions.

This week though, we heard of a new set of commercials by a different group. These TV spots don't tickle the funny bone.

We haven't seen the spots and they probably won't run in any television market near here.

The plot of the 30-second spot is to liken owning an SUV to supporting terrorists.

Yes, you read that correctly. According to the new commercials, your suburban is funding Osama bin Laden and his maniacal buddies in the Middle East.

That's more than a far stretch. It's a bold-faced lie.

We have seen the commercials that link buying illegal drugs to supporting terror-minded subjects. We don't know if that's true either, but we can kind of understand it.

But we refuse to believe that driving our Ford to work in the morning somehow makes life easier for the next homicide bomber in the West Bank.

The folks responsible for the latest round of insulting commercials is called The Detroit Project.

The goal, according to the group's founder, is to "encourage customers to connect the dots and make socially responsible consumer choices."

We connected enough dots to figure out that the $225,000 worth of donations it took to produce and run the ads could have gone to help actual victims of terrorism instead of demonizing Americans who own SUVs.

We'd be interested to know how these folks get to and from work and how they run errands away from the office. We bet they're not walking, so it's probably safe to say they're burning gas.

We'll boil it down a little further and call it like we see it — they are hypocrites. And we've never liked hypocrites.

In fact, we see it just the opposite. One of the reasons foreigners have such distaste for Americans is because of the perks we enjoy.

We think that new SUV in the garage is sending a message to those terrorists that they can't scare Americans into running for the caves and changing our ways of life.

Heck, two SUVs would really drive the point home.

Now all we have to do is convince our banker we're not splurging when we ask for that new car loan — we're fighting terrorism!

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ASK US

Q—When and where will the state basketball tournament be held this year?

A—The boys' and girls' tournaments will be held at the Erwin Center in Austin with the girls Feb. 27-March 1 and the boys March 6-8.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Pauline Alvarado...

...is a non-foods manager at United and a lifelong resident of Snyder. Her husband, Frank, is a foreman for E.D. Walton. The couple have a son, Michael, of Snyder and a five-month-old granddaughter, Aubrey. Pauline's favorite things now include playing with her grandbaby and also with her three dogs.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We are drowning in information but starved for knowledge.

—W. Edwards Deming

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry County welfare board

The Scurry County welfare board will meet at 6 p.m. today at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

District-wide academic meeting

A district-wide advanced academic meeting will be at 6:30 this evening at Stanfield Elementary's lounge.

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.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the senior center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, will be the guest speaker."

SISD Family Literacy Program

Snyder ISD's Family Literacy Program will resume Monday. Openings are available for ESL, reading and computer classes. Call 574-6012 to enroll.

Support groups

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

Deadline extended dedication ads

The deadline for senior dedication ads for the Tiger's Lair Yearbook has been extended until 8:30 a.m. Friday. Cost is $45 for one color photo and 35-word message. Call 574-6138 for more information.

Lions Club meetings

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

Relay for Life

A team captains' rally for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary cafeteria.

Benefit enchilada dinner

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

WTC testing dates

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

Women's Bible study

A 10-week Bible study at First Baptist Church will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The class is on "Beloved Disciple, the Study of the Life and Ministry of John" by Beth Moore. All women are invited. For more information, call Linda Franklin at 573-0397.

SHS booster club fundraiser

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

Tiger's Lair Yearbook

Orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook are still being taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Fed judge halts sonar testing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In response to a lawsuit filed by environmental groups, a federal judge blocked scientists from studying the impact of a newly developed form of sonar on migrating gray whales.

Environmentalists say the high-frequency sonar could disorient whales and separate calves from their mothers during their migration.

The testing by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution of Falmouth, Mass., and Scientific Solutions Inc. of Nashua, N.H., was set to begin Wednesday a mile off the central California coast near San Luis Obispo during the whales' southward migratory season.

The National Marine Fisheries Service approved the experiments last year.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti set a new hearing for Jan. 17, when he is expected to decide whether to make Wednesday's temporary order permanent or allow the three weeks of testing to begin.

"How do we know it's doing any damage to the whales?" Conti asked.

It was the third time in as many months that a San Francisco federal judge has halted underwater sound testing amid concerns over marine life.

The whale-finding sonar that was to be tested could be used to keep vessels from ramming the sea creatures.

Unemployed workers welcome benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last of Scott Carmichael's state unemployment benefits are dribbling toward extinction. So, without much faith in Congress, he cashed in his retirement pension.

After tax penalties, his $27,000 account probably won't amount to more than $17,000, but Carmichael, 45, of Rowlett, Texas, thought he had little choice. Counting on an extra 13 weeks of federal benefits was just too risky.

The laid-off WorldCom worker, watching Congress open its new session this week on C-SPAN, was stunned to see at the top of the legislative agenda a $7.25 billion plan to extend federal benefits to 1.6 million people like himself — victims of an ailing economy who would become eligible if they exhausted their state benefits before June 1.

Even more startling was the speed at which the legislation sailed through, landing on President Bush's desk Wednesday.

"I think it's great," said Carmichael, whose wife is a stay-at-home mom to their children, ages 1 and 3. The biweekly check of $574 helped them keep their home. "It's about time they did something."

Bush's signature also renewed 13 weeks of federal emergency benefits that were cut off Dec. 28 for more than 750,000 jobless workers who hadn't exhausted them. Congress adjourned late last year in a stalemate over the program and let it expire.

But the swift action this week means checks will be issued on time without a lapse in benefits, the Labor Department said. Bush placed his signature on the bill a few hours after it cleared the House on a vote of 416-4. The Senate unanimously passed the measure Tuesday.

Carmichael, a Bush supporter, said he mostly blamed Republicans — but not the president — for neglecting the nation's unemployed by waiting until January to extend the program.

He also said he is eager to learn more about the "re-employment accounts" that Bush proposed this week to help people with job-search expenses. The debate in Congress also gave Carmichael a new perspective on a Democrat he didn't much care for — New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"She swayed me with the way she spoke," he said. "She was definitely for the people. She was very instrumental in it."

For the millions of Americans looking for work, the aid won't come a minute too soon. The nation's unemployment rate has soared to match an eight-year high of 6 percent in November. December's figures will be released Friday by the Labor Department.

Lawrence Taylor, 27, of Philadelphia, said the threat of losing federal benefits has kept him up most nights. He was laid off in May from his job installing electric meters.

"If I told you I'm not worrying, I'd be crazy," said Taylor, who lives with his girlfriend and their 5-year-old son. "I've stayed up many nights, worrying where the money is going to come to pay the bills."

"It's a great relief," he said of the renewal Bush authorized.

Taylor said he's filled out 35 job applications, but no one is hiring. He's two months behind on the water, electric and gas bills. He used his last unemployment check, for $592, to pay the mortgage.

"I used to get up every morning and go to work. I like to pay my bills on time. I had excellent credit," he said of life before unemployment.

Jobless workers qualifying for the extra 13 weeks from the federal government receive the same weekly benefit that they got in state aid. The average weekly benefit was $249.92, according to the latest Labor Department data.

The average benefit was lowest in Alabama, where jobless workers got $165.03 per week. The highest was in Massachusetts, with a weekly average of $353.29.

Julia Jeffcoat, also from Philadelphia, is one of about 1 million unemployed people who won't get aid. She's already used all of hers, and Democrats in the House and Senate failed to persuade the new Republican-controlled Congress to offer another round of benefits to such people.

Jeffcoat, a single mother, lost her full-time security job in December 2001 and still can't find permanent work. She was evicted from her apartment and had to move in with relatives.

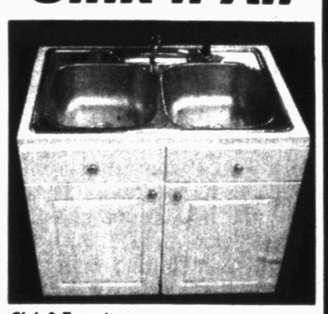
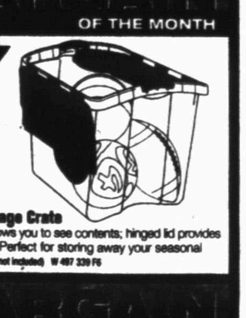
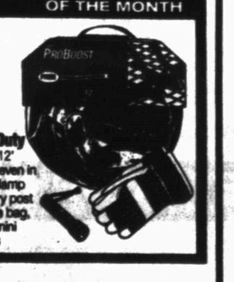
"We are in trouble," she said. "We need a hand until a job opens up."

The measure Congress passed was far more generous than House GOP leaders were willing to approve late last year, and more than even the Democrats were proposing in November.

The House had approved a five-week extension in federal benefits last fall, but only for the jobless in three high-unemployment states. Bush's late support for a more generous plan prodded House Republican leaders to accept largely the same compromise package crafted last fall by Clinton and Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 10, 2003

Chances are you'll be more of an originator and inaugurator in the year ahead than you have been in the past. Instead of letting your mind vegetate, you'll put it to work to achieve success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unless you're careful today you could step on the toes of an associate without realizing it. Should this happen, the person will be forgiving if you apologize immediately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It might be too easy today to step out of character for a few minutes and look for the worse in others rather than their nobler qualities. Don't let that bug bite you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Getting involved with a person who doesn't measure up to your standards could taint you in the process. It's okay to want to be nice to everybody, but pick and choose your activities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't let running into a difficult person spoil your entire day. You can't control this guy or gal's behavior, but you can control your attitude. Think of all the good pals you have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Of course you resent someone attempting to make you over in their image, but you're smart enough not to let it bother you. Keep being your sweet loveable self, even with him or her.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be very careful not to stick your nose into situations where you're neither involved nor invited to do so, no matter how curious you are. You could create a problem where none should exist.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should an old unresolved issue pop up today with your mate, don't rehash it. Give him or her a big kiss and change the subject to one that is more to your spouse's liking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your critical faculties are exceptionally keen today, but be careful not to use them to spot the faults of others. Even if you should see an imperfection, keep your observations to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Satisfy your restless urgings today by planning an activity for the evening. You'll be better able to do your work and be productive if you know you have something fun on the burner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you treat your family as your own personal army today, expect a rebellion in the ranks. Instead, get back in character and be your fair, harmonious self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It might only take a sideways glance from a detractor today to reduce you to anger or tears. If you know your pride or ego is a trifle vulnerable, don't allow your mind to dwell on yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Well-meaning friends could turn out to be poor financial counselors today. Size things up yourself instead of relying too heavily on the recommendations of others.

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Date Book

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003

Today is the ninth day of 2003 and the 20th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, Connecticut ratified the U.S. Constitution and became the fifth state to join the Union.

On this day in 1793, Jean-Pierre Blanchard made the first manned balloon flight in America. George Washington was on hand as a spectator.

On this day in 1959, "Rawhide" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carrie Lane Chapman Catt (1859-1947), women's right leader; Murat Bernard Young (1901-1973), cartoonist; Richard Nixon (1913-1994), U.S. president; Joan Baez (1941-), singer, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Brian Boitano was booed after receiving high marks from the judges for what was considered by many to be a weak U.S. Nationals performance.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Action is the antidote to despair." — Joan Baez

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 2) and first quarter (Jan. 10).

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $20 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 1-10-18-23-44-49.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $25 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 6-7-2
(Night) 4-5-2
Cash Five
12-20-25-30-37

Piano brings big bucks

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A white Knabe grand piano once owned by Elvis Presley sold this week for $685,000.

Memphis guitarist-music producer Robert A. Johnson and partner Larry Moss sold the piano Monday to Michael Muzio, chairman of Blue Moon Group Inc.

Muzio said he hopes to put the piano on a casino-sponsored promotional tour and then use it for an exhibit at a proposed rock museum in Walt Disney World.

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Study finds drinking in moderation helps heart

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press Writer

As little as half an alcoholic drink a day can reduce the risk of heart attacks, whether the beverage of choice is beer, red wine, white wine or liquor, new research shows.

Scientists have known that drinking can prevent heart attacks, but the study suggests that how often you imbibe is a lot more important than what or how much.

Whether you drink with your meal or at some other time also appears irrelevant.

"It was a surprise that — almost regardless of other factors associated with drinking — frequency of use seemed to be what reduced the subsequent risk of a heart attack," said Dr. Kenneth Mukamal of Harvard University Medical School, who led the study.

Those who drank at least three days a week had about one-third fewer heart attacks than did nondrinkers. And it made almost no difference whether the drinking consisted of half a drink or four. Those who imbibed only once or twice a week had only a 16 percent lower risk of a heart attack.

Some studies have indicated that alcohol raises the level of "good" cholesterol and also thins the blood, warding off the clots that cause heart attacks. But alcohol breaks down fairly rapidly in the body and its effects on red blood cells are short-lived, according to Mukamal.

Mukamal speculated that regular, moderate drinking is beneficial because it helps keep the blood thinned.

"We think it may be much like people who take aspirin every day or every other day. A little bit of alcohol on a regular basis helps keep the platelets from becoming sticky and prevents heart attacks," he said.

He noted that other studies have found that people with a gene that keeps alcohol longer in their system seem to benefit the most from moderate drinking. "That helps reinforce the notion that maintaining a low level of exposure is the way to go," he said.

The study was published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Mukamal and other doctors emphasized that the study applies only to moderate drinkers. The dangers of heavy drinking are well-established and include alcoholism, drunken driving, and damage to the liver and brain. Studies have also found that women who have two or more drinks a day are 41 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than women who do not drink.

"I don't think any doctor would advise a patient to start drinking to prevent heart disease," said Dr. Gary Francis, director of the coronary intensive care unit at the Cleveland Clinic.

"We all, both the media and physicians who see patients, need to be careful that this isn't construed as a license to drink heavily. Certainly we don't want to exchange one public health problem for another."

Mukamal and every other doctor interviewed for comment emphasized that people should talk to their physicians about drinking.

Doctors have long believed that red wine explains the so-called French Paradox — the fact that the French have fewer heart attacks than Americans even though their food is richer. But the new study adds to the evidence that it is the alcohol itself, and not something found only in red wine, such as red pigment, that is good for the heart.

Mukamal analyzed data from a long-term study of 51,529 male health professionals — doctors, osteopaths, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and veterinarians. He looked at 38,077 of them, eliminating people who had stopped drinking within the previous 10 years and those with histories of cancer and diseases of the heart or blood vessels.

Dr. Lynn Smaha, a cardiologist in Sayre, Pa., and a past president of the American Heart Association, said the study leaves some important questions unanswered. Among them: whether it would apply to a wider group than health professionals, who may take better care of themselves than the average drinker.

Smaha also noted that the overall rate of heart attacks — 1,418 cases out of 38,000 people — was very low, for reasons that were not clear.

Risk of high blood pressure might begin at birth

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press Writer

Some people appear to be born at risk for high blood pressure, with far fewer filters than normal in their kidneys, a study found.

Doctors do not know how big a role is played by this kidney condition, which occurs when a mother doesn't eat enough protein. Nevertheless, the small German study raises the possibility that for some, susceptibility to high blood pressure begins before birth.

Dr. Leslie Spry, a spokesman for the National Kidney Foundation, said the study offers the first anatomic evidence in people to back up a long-standing theory.

"I would have been a little bit of a doubter that they would find something like this," Spry said. But "it's very carefully done, very carefully documented, and it's quite believable."

The study, which appears in today's New England Journal of Medicine, was conducted by Kerstin Amann of the University of Erlangen-Nurnberg, and colleagues there and at the University of Heidelberg and City Hospital of Darmstadt.

The researchers found 10 men who had died in accidents and had had high blood pressure. Each was matched with another accident victim of the same age, sex, height and weight who had not shown any sign of hypertension.

Painstaking counts found that the kidneys of the healthier people had two to three times more filters — twisted masses of blood vessels called glomeruli — than their counterparts with high blood pressure.

The filter count ranged widely in healthy kidneys, but the midpoint total was 1.4 million, double that in the hypertensive kidneys. The filters in the hypertensive kidneys were also much bigger, an indication of overwork.

"This is certainly another piece of the puzzle that falls into place to make us more comfortable that we are on track to understanding the cause of hypertension," said Dr. Dan Jones, associate vice chancellor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Spry said he would like to see a similar study among blacks, who for unknown reasons are more likely than whites to have high blood pressure. Fewer glomeruli could be one explanation, he said.

The study also indicated that the best treatment for hypertension may be a combination of older drugs called diuretics and newer medicines that lower pressure within glomeruli, he said.

"If one conceptualizes that people with high blood pressure have big, old, fat glomeruli and not many of them, it stands to reason these big, fat glomeruli are under pressure," Spry said. "The good news is we have very good medicines to lower pressure within the glomeruli" — ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor blockers.

Amann said the findings also highlight the importance of diet during pregnancy, because a pregnant woman who does not get enough protein is likely to have a baby with fewer kidney filters.

"This is perhaps the only definite knowledge we have" about potential causes, she said.

On the Net:
National Kidney Foundation: http://www.kidney.org

When fate hands us a lemon, let's try to make lemonade.
—Dale Carnegie

Dreams are the touchstones of our characters
—Henry David Thoreau

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Scurry County Library; election of officers and a program "Iris: The Rainbow Flower," video tape from National Garden Clubs; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-09-03
♠ K J 7 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ Q 5

West
♠ Q 6
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K J 10 6

East
♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 7 5
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ A 3 2

South
♠ A 9 5 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 9
♣ 9 8 7 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

A whirlwind performance

By Phillip Alder

When Hurricane Lili was bearing down on the Gulf Coast last October, one wag in Louisiana boarded up his house and spray painted: "Lili, Texas is that way," with an arrow pointing west.

One of Egypt's best woman players is named Lily, and I had e-mailed her about the homophonic hurricane. She wrote back, "I heard about the Lili. I think it's me, but 20 years ago!"

Here is a sunny performance from Lily during the 1994 McConnell Cup women's world team championship in Albuquerque, N.M.

I don't mind opening with only two aces and a king, but I would need a better club suit. However, I do like the one-no-trump rebid, showing the hand-type and strength as quickly as possible. But if it is right for South to rebid one no-trump, North should check back for a 4-4 spade fit. Four spades makes easily.

Against three no-trump, Lily led her fourth-highest heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen, and East signaled an odd number by dropping her lowest, the five. Declarer played a spade to her ace and a second spade, scooping up Lily's queen with dummy's king. Now came a heart to South's king.

Lily wondered why declarer wasn't playing on diamonds. The only logical answer was that South held the ace. If so, declarer had nine tricks established. The only chance for the defense lay in clubs, despite South's opening bid. So, Lily won with her heart ace and shifted to the club six. Four club tricks later, the contract was one down.

Why no last name for Lily? It is Khalil, but everyone knows her and her partner simply as Lily and Maud.

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Hormone therapy products will soon receive new labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of post-menopausal women who are confused about whether to continue hormone replacement should consult with their doctors, the government said Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration issued that bit of guidance, and announced new labeling requirements for estrogen and estrogen with progestin products, after reviewing data from a landmark study that raised concerns about the risks of using the popular pills.

That study, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, was halted abruptly last July after researchers found that the risks, particularly increased risk of heart attacks and breast cancer, from long-term use of the hormone replacement products outweighed the health benefits.

FDA Commissioner Scott McClellan said Wednesday that the agency was issuing revised consumer labeling to reflect the study findings and requiring all makers of estrogen and estrogen with progestin products, including patches and topical medications, to update their product labels.

The new labeling requirement includes a new boxed warning highlighting the increased risks for heart disease, heart attacks, strokes and breast cancer. The warning also emphasizes that these products are not approved for the prevention of heart disease.

The patient information leaflet inside the product package also will be updated.

McClellan also stressed that post-menopausal women who are confused about whether to continue the treatment consult their health care provider about what's best for them.

"There are risks and benefits that women need to consider in their individual circumstances," he said during a a telephone conference call with reporters. "Women should consult their physicians and find the therapy regimen that works best for them."

Some 10 million post-menopausal women in the United States use estrogen and combination estrogen-progestin products to cope with the often uncomfortable symptoms of menopause, such as hot flashes and vaginal dryness, as well as to prevent osteoporosis, according to the FDA.

Today's chuckle

Writing vulgarities on checks angers judge

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — A judge is cracking down on people who write vulgarities on checks they use to pay traffic fines.



Judge John Pikkarainen sentenced one man to two days of community service for writing a vulgar insult on the memo line of a check. He charged someone else with contempt for similar prose. A hearing is set in that case for Jan. 14.

The chief judge of the 53rd District Court said the clerks who handle traffic fine payments shouldn't have to deal with obscene language.

"The issue as I see it is if someone came into the court and used that language in front of me it would be contemptuous," Pikkarainen told the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus for a story Wednesday.

Geoff Mann, 30, of Howell, spent his two community service days picking up trash at park-and-ride parking lots and volunteering at the Howell Humane Society.

The technical writer had sent Pikkarainen and the court a one-and-a-half-page apology letter, which he says was sincere. But he also says Pikkarainen abused his authority.

"I must say I would hesitate to write something so blunt on the check again, but I would definitely write something and choose my words carefully," Mann said.

He said his apology should have been enough to get the charge dismissed, and he thought the community service sentence was excessive.

"If what he was doing was trying to instill a little bit more respect for the court then he failed," Mann said.

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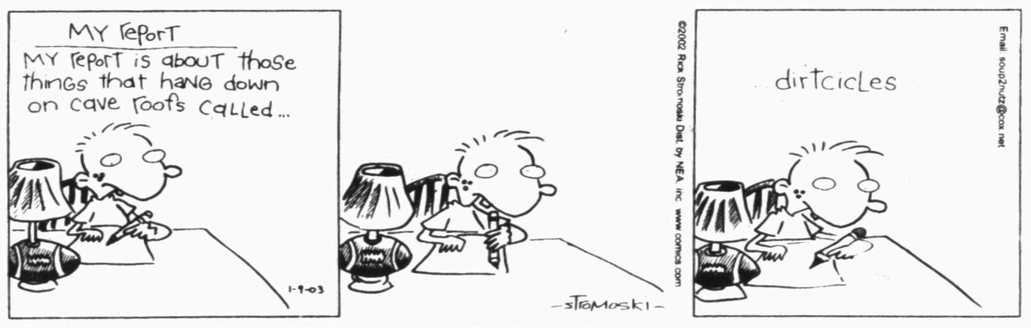
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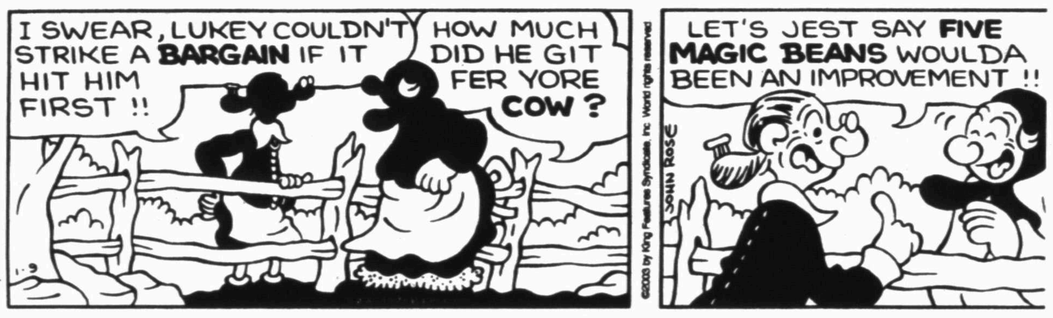
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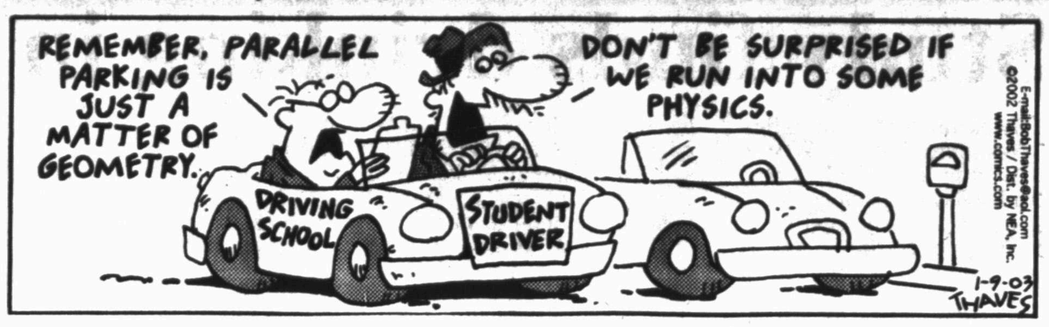
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ACROSS

1 Shooting marble
6 Paper toy
10 Flub
12 Without vacillating
14 Use
15 Creepy feeling
16 Raised the lid
18 "Mona Lisa" singer
19 Iceberg
21 Troubles, to Hamlet
23 Eight pts.
24 Telephone trio
26 Coup d'—
29 Computer language
30 PIN prompter
32 Mild exclamation
34 Prefix for half
36 Senorita's aunt
37 Yale athlete
38 Houston and Peckinpah
40 Shade tree
42 Clear, as profit
43 Barrooms
45 Sums for CPAs
47 Dusting cloth
50 Verdigris
52 Stop sleeping
54 Rock plant
58 Fix-it tool
59 Kung fu cousin
60 Iffy attempt
61 Planted seed

DOWN

1 Actor — Vigoda
2 Junk food buy
3 Economic ind.
4 Arctic dwelling
5 Married in haste
6 Ignite
7 Wrath
8 Forger's nemesis (hyph.)
9 Joy Adamson lioness
11 Ogle
12 Furnace's need
13 To date
17 Most clever
19 Slowly disappears
20 Andes ruminant
22 Sault — Marie
23 Traipse about
25 Consume
27 Model's need
28 Bedtime stories
31 Badly, for Pierre
33 Telegraph signal
35 Holy terror
39 Deluxe
41 Obsessions
44 Censors
46 Large: prefix
47 Kind of sheet
48 Cobblers' tools
49 Manner of walking
51 Kind
53 Mauna —
55 Half a bray
56 Monsieur's summer
57 Writer — Buntline

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Mavs ground Hawks, 117-99

ATLANTA (AP) — Dallas guard Nick Van Exel was dribbling harmlessly well behind the 3-point line, trying to set up a last-second play in the third quarter, when he heard the Atlanta bench yelling for a foul.

He never gave the Hawks a chance.

Van Exel hit a 3-pointer with 1.1 seconds left in the third, part of a 20-4 run as the Mavericks beat Atlanta 117-99 Wednesday night, improving the NBA's best record to 29-5.

"I heard them say, 'Foul him,'" he said. "I was already in my rhythm. It was a lucky shot."

Van Exel and Dirk Nowitzki combined for 18 points during the spurt to help Dallas win its fourth in a row and seventh in eight games. Nowitzki finished with 30 points and 14 rebounds, and Van Exel added 14 points.

The Mavericks opened a 15-point lead after one quarter, but Atlanta tied it at 58 at the break.

"We didn't want to give them a chance to get back in the game," Van Exel said. "We had a pretty good rhythm, but we let them back in the game."

Jason Terry scored 20 of his 27 in the first half for the Hawks, who got poor performances from Glenn Robinson and Shareef Abdur-Rahim to lose their sixth straight. They are 1-6 since coach Terry Stotts replaced Lon Kruger and 2-12 since evening their record at 10-10 on Dec. 7.

"They are the best team in the league for a reason," Stotts said. "We defended them well in spots. But a team with that many offensive weapons is difficult to sustain."

The Mavericks led by seven late in the third quarter before the game-changing run. Raef LaFrentz started it with a layup before Nowitzki and Van Exel took over and scored the next 18 points.

"That took away all of our momentum," Stotts said.

With time winding down in the third, Van Exel hit a 3-pointer from well behind the line to stretch the lead to 12, and then he and Nowitzki quickly scored eight in the final quarter to give the Mavericks a 20-point lead.

Stotts was screaming for Terry to foul Van Exel before the long 3-pointer, but before he could, Van Exel pulled up and shot it.

Dallas cruised from there.

"Those shots right there at the end of the third and at the start of the fourth were very deflating," Stotts said. "They got us on our heels."

Atlanta rookie Dan Dickau set career highs with eight points, 10 assists and 32 minutes. He was on the injured list for 20 games after knee surgery and was playing for just the second time since returning.

"It was tough, trying to get minutes as a rookie and then having the disappointment of getting hurt," Dickau said. "But I felt good out there, and all I could do was play hard and try to be myself."

Baytown QB rescinds committment to A&M

BAYTOWN (AP) — Baytown Lee quarterback Drew Tate, who set Texas high school records by passing for 12,180 yards and 113 touchdowns over four years, has rescinded his verbal commitment to Texas A&M.

Tate, who was recruited by former Aggies head coach R.C. Slocum, called A&M's new offensive coordinator Les Koenning on Wednesday and said he has decided to look elsewhere.

Texas A&M fired Slocum at the end of the season and named Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione to succeed him. Franchione brought Koenning, his offensive coordinator at Alabama, with him to Texas A&M.

Verbal commitments are non-binding. The first day a recruit can sign a national letter of intent is Feb. 5. Recruits can sign a national letter of intent up until April 1.

Tate said with the change in coaching staff he no longer considers Texas A&M a good fit, The Baytown Sun reported Wednesday.

Kevin Sumlin, who called the offensive plays for Texas A&M the last half of last season, was not retained by Franchione.

"The offense they're going to be running is going to fit Reggie (McNeal) more than me. When they had (Kevin) Sumlin in there, they were going to throw it more, and I would have the chance to get in there, show what I could do and compete," Tate said.

Rockets top Orlando despite poor shooting

ORLANDO (AP) — The Orlando Magic found a different combination for losing: poor offense ruining a solid defensive effort.

The Magic held Houston to 44 percent shooting while forcing 22 turnovers, but shot only 36 percent themselves in a 91-81 loss to the Rockets on Wednesday night.

Orlando entered the game averaging 97.5 points while allowing its opponents 98.4.

"Bottom line is, our defense was good enough to win, and it's kind of ironic that it's been vice versa the whole season," said Mike Miller, who shot 3-for-17 — missing his last 13 attempts — for eight points. "Tonight, it's our defense that's playing really, really well, and our offense is sputtering."

Tracy McGrady scored 27 points on 10-fo-26 shooting to lead Orlando. Darrell Armstrong had 14 points and Pat Burke 11.

"We took a lot of mid-range shots, which you should take against a big team, but when they don't fall early each shot becomes tougher," Orlando coach Doc Rivers said. "I thought by the third quarter, our guys were guiding every shot they took."

The loss snapped an 11-year home winning streak against Houston. The Rockets last beat the Magic in Orlando on Dec. 22, 1991.

"The last time we won here, Snoop Dogg was still a puppy," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Houston was led by Yao Ming, who scored 17 of his 23 points in the first half and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Yao let his presence be known early, sinking a first-quarter layup on Shawn Kemp then shouting "And one!" when the foul was called. He shot 8-of-14 en route to his 11th double-double of the season and second of the week.

Spurs make it look easy against Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Tim Duncan and Tony Parker made it look easy against the disorganized Seattle SuperSonics.

Duncan scored 23 points, and Parker had 10 of his 19 in fourth quarter as the Spurs won their third in a row and handed the Sonics their third consecutive defeat, 106-95 Wednesday night.

"We're not playing good basketball or working together, trusting, encouraging, supporting or playing as a unit right now," Seattle coach Nate McMillan said.

After starting the season 8-2, the Sonics have dropped seven of nine since Dec. 21 to fall two games under .500.

"We get paid to play hard every night," Seattle's Jerome James said. "We don't get paid to go out and play like babies. Any time you take an 'L' it is very, very frustrating. I can't think of anything we did good tonight."

When the game was on the line in the final period, the Spurs took over, especially Parker, the second-year point guard who is determined to give Duncan more help this season.

"I'm trying to be consistent," Parker said. "That's the key. You have to be consistent. In the second half, I had to wake up."

The 20-year-old Frenchman got support from veteran Steve Kerr, who also scored 10 points in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs led only 81-78 before going on a 13-0 run. Kerr opened the spurt with a 16-footer and Parker followed with a pair of layups before Kerr connected with a 3-pointer with 5:53 left.

Parker followed with another fast-break layup, a 15-footer and a driving 5-footer to put San Antonio ahead 96-78 with 3:11 to go.

"I just want to have good games every time," Parker said. "Not up and down. God gave me a lot of ability and they want me to do more this season. I have to show up every night."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich agreed with Parker's assessment.

"He's a talented kid," Popovich said. "It's a matter of consistency with him and he's learning."

Parker said he's benefited from the addition of Kerr, a 15-year veteran, to the Spurs this season.

"He's got the experience and he's a very good shooter," Parker said. "Every time he's got a wide-open 3-point shot, I try to find him. He was huge for us tonight."

Duncan, who also had nine rebounds and six assists, pointed out Parker made only one turnover in the second half after having five in the first.

Sports Briefs

Brooks named defensive player of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks is the crown jewel of the NFL's best defense and easily topped Miami end Jason Taylor for The Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year award.

Brooks led his team in tackles (170) for the fifth consecutive year and led the NFL with three interception returns for TDs. His four TDs on turnovers tied for second most in a single season in league history.

Jackson reaches 10,000 assists

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah guard Mark Jackson became the third NBA player to reach 10,000 career assists in the Jazz's game against the Phoenix Suns.

Jackson joined career assists leader and teammate John Stockton (15,425) and Magic Johnson (10,141) as the only players to reach the milestone. Jackson finished with five for 10,002.

NASCAR may prohibit autographs

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR is considering a plan to prohibit drivers from signing autographs in the garage area at tracks to reduce fan congestion.

Player's agent: Angels won't offer multi-year deals

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scott Spiezio's agent says the World Series champion Angels aren't considering multiyear contracts because of a possible sale of the franchise, a charge Anaheim general manager Bill Stoneman denied.

The Walt Disney Co. has been trying to sell the team, but no deal is in place.

Giants pitcher arrested for felony assault

MIAMI (AP) — San Francisco Giants pitcher Livan Hernandez was arrested Wednesday for allegedly trying to hit an elderly man with a couple of golf clubs during a street fight, police said.

Hernandez, 27, was charged with felony aggravated assault after he got into a "violent" scuffle Wednesday with the man, who received a minor cut on the back of his head, according to a witness account cited in a police statement.

The pitcher, who won the 1997 World Series MVP with the Marlins, then went into his car's trunk and pulled out two to three golf clubs, the unidentified witness told police.

Hernandez was still being questioned Wednesday evening and was to be sent to Miami-Dade County jail later in the day, police Lt. Bill Schwartz said. Attorney information for Hernandez was not immediately known.

Former SHS student...

Richardson III quits after brandishing gun

NASHVILLE (AP) — Nolan Richardson III resigned as men's basketball coach at Tennessee State University on Wednesday night, two weeks after he was indefinitely suspended for bringing a gun into the school's arena.

Richardson, 38, got into an argument with assistant coach Hosea Lewis on Christmas night concerning the time of practice after only four players showed up. Richardson admitted to campus police that he then went to his car and brought a handgun into the Gentry Center, the school's gym.

Assistant coach Christopher Graves said in a written statement to police that Richardson asked where Lewis was because he "had something for him."

Richardson, who told police the gun wasn't loaded, was suspended Dec. 26.

School officials said they will not pursue charges against Richardson for bringing the gun on campus.

"When a person engages in the type situation Nolan Richardson III engaged in — no one can visualize that," Tennessee State president James A. Hefner said. "What he did is something that was beyond belief in terms of anyone in higher education doing something like that.

"It's abominable. It doesn't make sense." he said. "We don't tolerate it. That's why he was suspended, and that's why I have accepted his resignation."

Richardson was not available for comment.

Davidson County District Attorney General Torry Johnson said it is a felony to bring a gun onto school property in Tennessee. But he said his office has no plans to prosecute Richardson unless the university or Lewis asks him to pursue it. Campus police never forwarded the complaint, taken the day after the incident, to Nashville police.

"I'm pleased that I can say the situation has ended," Tennessee State athletics director Teresa Phillips said. "I'm really ready to move forward and look to bring some positive, new leadership for Tennessee State men's basketball."

Richardson was 23-41 since being given his first head coaching job in April 2000. He had been an assistant under his father at Arkansas for 10 seasons.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
New Jersey	26	9	.743	—
Boston	20	14	.588	5½
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	7
Orlando	19	18	.514	8
Washington	18	17	.514	8
New York	12	20	.375	12½
Miami	12	23	.343	14
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	25	10	.714	—
Detroit	23	10	.697	1
New Orleans	20	17	.541	6
Milwaukee	14	20	.412	10½
Chicago	13	22	.371	12
Atlanta	12	22	.353	12½
Toronto	8	27	.229	17
Cleveland	7	29	.194	18½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Dallas	29	5	.853	—
San Antonio	22	13	.629	7½
Utah	20	14	.588	9
Houston	19	14	.576	9½
Minnesota	18	16	.529	11
Memphis	11	23	.324	18
Denver	8	26	.235	21
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	26	9	.743	—
Phoenix	22	14	.611	4½
Portland	20	13	.606	5
Seattle	16	18	.471	9½
L.A. Lakers	15	20	.429	11
Golden State	14	20	.412	11½
L.A. Clippers	13	22	.371	13

Tuesday's Games
Sacramento 101, Milwaukee 76
Houston 94, Minnesota 86
Phoenix 88, Portland 81
L.A. Lakers 119, Seattle 98

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 89, New York 87
Houston 91, Orlando 81
Washington 101, Chicago 98
Dallas 117, Atlanta 99
Detroit 103, Philadelphia 94, OT
Minnesota 102, Golden State 95
Utah 99, Phoenix 93
Denver 86, Miami 76
Boston 93, New Orleans 83
San Antonio 106, Seattle 95
L.A. Clippers 103, Memphis 95

Thursday's Games
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Philadelphia	21	10	8	1	51	95	84
New Jersey	22	12	2	3	49	92	79
N.Y. Islanders	18	16	5	1	42	114	116
Pittsburgh	17	16	3	5	42	119	124
N.Y. Rangers	16	21	6	1	39	108	137
Northeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Ottawa	25	10	5	1	56	138	94
Boston	21	14	4	1	47	123	109
Toronto	21	15	4	1	47	118	98
Montreal	16	16	5	4	41	112	125
Buffalo	10	23	5	2	27	89	113
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	18	15	5	3	44	116	116
Washington	18	16	5	2	43	107	113
Carolina	16	17	6	3	41	95	111
Florida	12	12	9	8	41	95	116
Atlanta	10	24	2	4	26	99	150
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Detroit	24	10	7	1	56	125	97
St. Louis	21	12	5	3	50	132	104
Chicago	19	13	8	1	47	96	90
Columbus	15	20	4	2	36	111	123
Nashville	12	18	7	4	35	89	111
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	25	11	5	0	55	133	105
Minnesota	21	14	7	1	50	111	98
Edmonton	19	13	5	5	48	113	110
Colorado	16	11	9	5	46	118	104
Calgary	14	18	6	3	37	89	110
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Dallas	23	10	10	1	57	133	87
Los Angeles	17	17	4	3	41	107	116
Anaheim	15	16	7	3	40	98	103
Phoenix	15	17	7	3	40	104	120
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Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0
N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 3
Carolina 3, Atlanta 3, tie
Toronto 5, Boston 2
New Jersey 3, Montreal 2
Nashville 2, St. Louis 1, OT
Dallas 7, Los Angeles 4
Calgary 4, Colorado 2

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 5, Carolina 1
Detroit 2, Florida 1, OT
Columbus 2, Minnesota 1
Phoenix 0, Chicago 0, tie
Vancouver 6, Ottawa 4
Edmonton 1, Anaheim 0

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
AFC
N.Y. Jets 41, Indianapolis 0
NFC
Atlanta 27, Green Bay 7
Sunday, Jan. 5
AFC
Pittsburgh 36, Cleveland 33 **NFC**
San Francisco 39, N.Y. Giants 38

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
AFC
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 12
NFC
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
AFC
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
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El Nino said in mature stage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Storms batter California. Snow piles up in the Northeast. Dry weather persists in the Ohio Valley.

Blame El Nino, the periodic Pacific weather phenomenon that has been disrupting weather worldwide.

Federal forecasters predicted today that it will continue through spring before easing back toward more normal conditions.

The El Nino phenomenon has reached its mature stage, the National Weather Service said in its monthly update.

The agency's Climate Prediction Center said sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean remained more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit above average in December. Temperatures below the surface were above normal in the eastern Pacific, while cold subsurface temperatures were recorded in the western equatorial Pacific.

"These sea-surface temperatures indicate the mature phase of El Nino is in place," said center director Jim Laver. El Nino occurs when sea-surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean remain above average for more than several months.

This can affect the atmosphere above the ocean, disrupting the powerful winds that steer weather patterns and potentially affecting weather around the world.

"Typically, El Nino impacts on the U.S. are strongest during the winter and early spring due to changes in the jet stream, and the pattern of storm activity," said Vernon Kousky, lead El Nino forecaster. He added this El Nino will continue to remain weaker than the strong 1997-98 version.

The forecasters say El Nino is likely to continue producing drier-than-average conditions around the Ohio Valley states and northern Rockies; wetter-than-average conditions along much of the southern tier of the nation; and warmer-than-average temperatures across the northern tier states and southern and southeastern Alaska.

Storms in recent weeks have helped ease drought conditions along the Gulf Coast and Southeast from Texas through Georgia, though some interior areas remain dry.

The precipitation has restored many wells and reservoirs in the East to near normal levels, with some even above-normal.

Rain and snow storms have battered California. The snowpack has increased to above-normal levels there, but drought conditions remain throughout sections of the interior West and Great Plains.

Drought has continued with little improvement in most of Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, the Weather Service said. Colorado has experienced early season snows, but much more is needed for significant drought relief, Laver said.

In addition, there has been below-normal rain and snow for the past few months in North and South Dakota and Nebraska and there has been little relief for drought-weary sections of Missouri and Kansas. Drought conditions extend from Michigan into southern Iowa, and could expand both northward and southward in coming months.

Pakistani police arrest 3 al-Qaida suspects

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani police working with the FBI raided a home on the outskirts of Karachi early today, arresting three suspected al-Qaida operatives and several other people after the surrounded fugitives threw grenades and opened fire with automatic weapons, police said.

None of the security officials were injured. Police said at least two foreigners, both apparently of Middle Eastern origin, were among those arrested in the raid.

Officials said they had received a tip about the home and had had it under surveillance for a month.

"Three suspected al-Qaida men, including two foreigners, are now in our custody," said Aslam Sanjrani, the top law-enforcement official in the southern province of Sindh. He said it remained unclear whether they were high-level members of the terrorist network.

A woman and a child who apparently lived in the home were also taken into custody, said Iftihar Ahmad, a spokesman for Pakistan's Interior Ministry.

The identities of the suspects were not immediately released. The two foreign men were believed to be from the Middle East, but their exact nationalities were not clear, Ahmad said.

The suspects were at a detention center in Karachi and were being interrogated today afternoon.

Witnesses said security agents stormed the house before dawn. Sanjrani said at least one suspect escaped, but police believe he was injured during the shootout. Authorities were searching for him.

The house where the raid was conducted is less than a half-mile from a plot where authorities last year found the remains of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was abducted and killed while working on a story about Islamic militants.

Four people have been convicted in his killing. There was no indication that today's arrests were linked to his death.

Intelligence officials say Karachi — Pakistan's largest city, its former capital and the site of a spate of attacks on foreigners last year — has become a haven for al-Qaida terrorists who have fled U.S. operations in neighboring Afghanistan.

In September, U.S. and Pakistani authorities in Karachi captured Ramzi Binalshibh, suspected of helping to plan the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

Pakistan has been a leading ally in the U.S. effort to track down al-Qaida fugitives. More than 400 suspected al-Qaida members have been arrested in Pakistan and handed over to U.S. authorities.

The biggest catch so far was the arrest in March of al-Qaida's suspected financier, Abu Zubaydah, who was taken into custody in the central Pakistani city of Faisalabad.

Shareholders seek to add Enron as defendant in class-action suit

NEW YORK (Dow Jones/AP) — Enron Corp. shareholders, having recently won a go-ahead for their class-action lawsuit against some of the company's lenders, are taking aim at the company itself.

To name the bankrupt company as a defendant in the class action, the shareholders have filed motions to ask the bankruptcy judge to lift the stay imposed on Enron upon its landing in bankruptcy court in December 2001. Such a freeze, designed to prevent chaotic scrambles for a debtor's assets, could shield a company from civil suits after its filing for bankruptcy.

Judge Arthur Gonzalez, who oversees Enron's bankruptcy proceedings, will hear the shareholders' motion today in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York.

To make the judge remove the bankruptcy shield, Enron shareholders have to prove that the litigation won't needlessly encumber the bankrupt company while it tries to reorganize to repay creditors.

The pecking order in bankruptcy, however, looks set to work against shareholders. According to the priority recovery rule, equity holders are among the last to get a crack at a company's assets. Enron's post-bankruptcy management, meanwhile, already has made it clear that any reorganization plan to be accepted by the bankruptcy court "will not provide the company's existing equity (holders) with any recovery."

So, even if Enron is named a defendant and found guilty of having defrauded investors with false financial statements, as alleged by the shareholders, the bankruptcy rule could mean zero actual payout from the company to shareholders.

The company and its creditors committee both have argued that the shareholders' request, if granted, would lead to a wasteful litigation for "a worthless judgment," according to court filings in New York.

William Lerach, chief lawyer for the University of California regents, the lead plaintiffs in the securities fraud class action, nevertheless argued, "How could you tell the Enron story without the company (being a defendant?)"

The class action claims some of the nation's major banks made loans to Enron disguised as commodity trades, with the effect of hiding the company's mounting debt from investors.

The suit also claims Vinson & Elkins, the former principal law firm of Enron, signed off on the legality of allegedly improper deals. All of them have denied the charges. The suit is seeking more than $29 billion over Enron's collapse.

Lerach said Enron stockholders have a claim against the company for the damages they suffered due to the alleged fraud. "That claim has to be quantified."

Shares of Enron, after a series of disclosures in late 2001 about millions of dollars in hidden debt, lost $68 billion in value from their peak in August 2000. The company restated $586 million in earnings.

Earlier last year, Gonzalez ruled to allow Enron to be named as a defendant in a pension fraud suit brought by Enron employees.

Man sentenced for child abuse

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A man convicted of fracturing a baby's skull 16 years ago, causing permanent brain damage and blindness, will spend more than a year in prison as part of a plea deal.

State District Judge Michael Vigil sentenced Dale Edward Hyde on Wednesday to nine years in prison but suspended six of those and awarded Hyde credit for time served in the Santa Fe County jail.

"This case is so disturbing," Vigil said. "Mr. Hyde, you probably deserve to spend much more time in prison than I can ever give you."

The judge said a series of inexplicable snafus left Hyde with a legitimate chance of having the case dismissed because his right to a speedy trial was violated. Because of that, Vigil said he accepted the plea agreement.

"This was the way I could ensure he would spend more time in jail," Vigil said. "I don't think this case could have survived a constitutional challenge."

According to court records, Hyde baby-sat 7-month-old John Kenneth Schramm on Nov. 2, 1986, while his mother, Danice Guthrie, was at work. When Guthrie returned home, she knew something was terribly wrong with her son.

Days later, a doctor told Guthrie that her son's injuries were not an accident.

Guthrie said she didn't know that Hyde — with whom she had a nine-month relationship — had a criminal history.

In 1977, Hyde pleaded guilty in Texas to involuntary manslaughter for killing his 14-month-old son — apparently from a blow to the head. He served about 31/2 years.

In February 1986, Hyde was charged with choking a 6-month-old boy in Nueces County, Texas, leaving that child blind. Hyde wasn't arrested on those charges until three days after he hit Schramm.

Hyde escaped from Texas custody shortly after his 1986 arrest. He was not found until 1992, when someone turned him in after seeing a true-crime television show.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	7.02	6.60	6.99	+.42
AOL TimeWrn	14.20	13.41	14.10	+.22
AT&T Corp rs	27.73	27.53	27.65	+.25
Albertsons	23.86	23.45	23.81	+.33
Alltel	54.49	53.77	54.47	+.99
AmEl Pw	30.37	29.41	29.70	—.09
AndarkPtr	46.67	46.03	46.25	+.15
ATMOS Egy	23.90	23.65	23.67	+.07
Aviall	7.94	7.77	7.83	+.08
BP PLC	40.50	39.89	40.36	+.21
BakerHughes	31.05	30.48	30.75	+.40
Bank of Amer	71.96	71.40	71.94	+.87
BellSouth	28.05	27.68	28.00	+.35
BurlNoSFe	26.79	26.55	26.74	+.32
Caterpillar	47.19	46.32	47.09	+.69
CenterPoint	8.23	8.10	8.21	+.07
ChevronTex	68.99	68.07	68.67	+.62
Citigroup	37.60	36.80	37.49	+.80
CocaCola	46.28	43.70	44.21	+.14
ColgatePal	53.44	52.98	53.30	+.10
CmclMetals s	16.25	15.85	16.00	+.15
ConocoPhill	48.04	47.35	47.83	+.24
Cooper Inds	38.19	37.56	37.99	+.55
DaimlrChry	31.01	29.92	30.93	+.03
DeltaAirl	14.00	13.50	13.95	+.60
Dillards Inc	16.50	15.50	16.42	+.68
DowChem	30.88	30.21	30.70	+.38
DuPont	44.19	43.65	44.10	+.52
EastmanChem	37.80	36.60	36.70	—1.47
EstKodak	40.52	39.05	40.50	+1.48
EDS Corp	20.55	20.40	20.53	+.18
Entergy	48.10	47.69	47.81	—.16
ExxonMobil	35.85	35.10	35.65	+.65
FootLocker	10.94	10.69	10.89	+.21
GenDynam	79.80	78.50	79.02	—.37
GenElec	25.95	25.65	25.85	+.35
GenMills	47.00	46.30	46.92	+.43
GenMotors	39.60	38.21	39.40	+1.19
GaPacific	17.11	16.56	16.89	+.50
Goodrich	19.50	19.12	19.48	+.46
Goodyear	7.03	6.95	7.01	+.09
GtAtlPac	7.42	7.20	7.26	—.06
Halliburtn	19.39	19.01	19.28	+.41
Hanson ADS	23.79	23.50	23.79	+.32
HarteHanks s	19.30	19.04	19.28	+.28
HomeDepot	21.50	21.19	21.27	+.11
Honeywellntl	25.28	24.85	25.19	+.89
IBM	86.47	84.70	86.25	+2.06
IntlPaper	36.45	35.53	36.12	+.69
JohnsonJn	56.70	55.92	56.67	+.94
KinderMorg	43.96	43.64	43.76	+.29
Kroger Co	16.18	16.01	16.12	+.13
LockheedM	55.93	54.33	54.54	—.91
Lowes Cos	38.40	37.58	38.04	+.87
Lubys	2.90	2.81	2.86	+.01
LucentTech	1.64	1.56	1.63	+.11
MarathonOil	21.53	21.23	21.49	+.26
MayDeptStr	25.24	24.50	25.05	+1.10
Medtronic	47.58	46.74	47.31	+.58
Motorola	9.94	9.70	9.88	+.22
NCR Corp	26.00	25.09	26.00	+1.07
Navistar	26.35	25.75	25.92	+.26
PNM Rescs	23.35	23.12	23.18	+.03
Penney JC	24.55	24.10	24.45	+.56
PepBoys	12.45	12.12	12.31	+.18
PepsiCo	43.29	42.50	43.08	+.38
Pharmacia	42.65	42.10	42.59	+.59
PhelpDodge	33.80	33.00	33.47	+.70
PilgrmPrd B	8.34	8.25	8.26	—.01
Praxair	59.24	58.55	59.09	+.65
ProctGamb	85.49	84.66	85.35	+.15
RadioShack	21.01	20.35	21.00	+1.00
RoyalDut	45.14	44.59	44.96	+.35
SBC Comm	29.40	28.78	29.40	+.62
SaraLee	22.99	22.60	22.99	+.09
Scripps EW	80.63	80.04	80.45	+.64
SearsRoeb	27.51	25.06	27.10	+2.05
SherwinW	28.74	28.24	28.74	+.49
SouthernCo	29.77	29.45	29.45	—.12
SwstAirl	14.44	14.06	14.40	+.32
SprintFON	16.28	16.08	16.26	+.18
SprintPCS	4.93	4.80	4.92	+.26
Sunoco Inc	34.15	33.45	34.03	+.67
TXU Corp	19.60	19.42	19.50	+.05
TempleInland	47.40	46.55	47.20	+.35
TexInd	24.79	24.40	24.77	+.37
TexasInst	16.37	16.10	16.23	+.23
Textron	44.43	43.69	44.27	+.77
TrinityInds	19.75	19.32	19.66	+.36
TylerTech	3.99	3.75	3.99	+.31
UnionPacif	61.79	61.02	61.60	+.50
USSteel	13.49	13.04	13.40	+.42
UnitedTech	64.45	63.30	64.27	+1.02
Unocal	29.90	29.60	29.76	+.16
VerizonComm	41.33	40.61	41.16	+.25
WalMart	51.28	50.28	51.15	+1.16
WellsFargo	48.63	47.92	48.60	+.75
WstnGasRs	35.99	34.80	35.06	+.31
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Newark police arrest woman in child abuse case

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The woman who was supposed to be taking care of the three brothers in a torture and abuse case, including a 7-year-old boy whose body was found stuffed in a plastic storage bin, was captured early today in a Newark apartment.

Sherry Murphy was found sleeping in the apartment around 2 a.m., police Lt. Derek Glenn said. Police said it was not her apartment, but offered no further details.

Murphy had been sought since the body of Faheem Williams was found Sunday, a day after his two brothers were found starving in a locked room.

Murphy, who was wanted on child endangerment charges, had been caring for the boys since their mother, Melinda Williams, was jailed on assault charges in March.

The FBI has also been preparing a warrant charging Murphy, a go-go dancer who is Williams' cousin, with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Newark police had been flooded with tips that Murphy left New Jersey.

Faheem Williams' twin brother, Raheem, 7, and another brother, Tyrone Hill, 4, remained hospitalized Wednesday in fair condition. When they were found, they were cowering under a bed soaked with urine, feces and vomit in the basement of a Newark rowhouse. They were using a jar for a toilet and their hair was infested with lice. They had not eaten in days.

Authorities did not know Faheem existed until Raheem said at the hospital that he hadn't seen his twin for a long time. They went back the next day and discovered Faheem's mummified remains in the purple storage box. He had been dead for more than a month.

No one has been charged in the death, but authorities have been looking for Murphy, 41, who took the children after Williams was jailed for child abuse.

Williams, 31, was hit by a car while rushing to see her children Saturday and is in critical condition at a New York hospital. Before Faheem's death, she told authorities she could not find Murphy or the children after she got out of jail months ago.

New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services had received 10 complaints about the family over the past 10 years, including one in October 2001 that Williams was beating and burning her children.

Three of the complaints were substantiated: Williams left the children alone in 1996 and 1999, and she failed to get medical attention for another child, 7-year-old Fuquan, after he cut his hand in 1998. The boy, now 11, is in a treatment center in New York.

Authorities say at least one of the boys also was molested. A friend of Williams was arrested Wednesday and charged with sexual abuse.

The state agency closed the case in February 2002, saying it could not find the boys. That month, Williams was jailed for child endangerment stemming from a 1996 incident and she entrusted the boys to Murphy, who was dancing in bars under the stage name "Ebony."

Police said Murphy has a crack habit but no criminal record.

When Raheem and Tyrone were rushed to the emergency room, they were weak and undernourished. Tyrone, who showed evidence of scars and burn marks, was put on a liquid diet because he could not handle solid food.

A cat in the apartment was immaculately clean and well-fed.

"The mere fact that he had food means he was better off than those kids," police Lt. Derek Glenn said.

Much of the mistreatment of the boys appeared to have happen while they were supposedly under the protection of the state child welfare agency. Investigators say they were subjected to nearly continuous abuse that included beatings and burnings with cigarettes and hot liquids.

"This is the most horrible story I have ever heard," said Mayor Sharpe James. "There's enough blame here to go around for a lot of people."

Gov. James E. McGreevey ordered an investigation of the agency and new procedures for investigating allegations of abuse. The supervisor in charge of the Williams case was suspended with pay Wednesday.

"It appears that's where mistakes were made in this case," said Micah Rasmussen, a spokesman for the governor. Neither the supervisor nor the caseworker has been identified.

New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services has 1,400 people to supervise some 47,000 children; the average caseload is 35.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Knee pain may be hard to diagnose

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a previously active man, 27, who has chronic knee pain and stiffness. The condition began about a year ago, and now I have severe pain, even on stair climbing. I have not been a runner and am in good health. X-rays, MRI scanning and blood analyses (including a Lyme test) were normal. I've seen two orthopedic surgeons. No help or diagnosis. I've taken many anti-inflammatory drugs. No help. I am depressed and frustrated. Any advice? My doctor is at his wit's end.

DEAR READER: Challenging diagnoses are a frustrating experience for patient and doctor alike — obviously, more for the patient. From your brief note, I assume that the common causes of knee pain have been ruled out by rather extensive testing. Therefore, you are in a special category. In a word, you are unique.

It also appears that you have exhausted the medical resources in your community.

In situations such as this, I have learned over the years to request help from super-specialists. As a result, I have forged valuable bonds with the staff members at the two medical schools in my state. And I have rarely been disappointed with the help they have provided for patients with obscure diagnoses.

Therefore, I believe that your best bet would be to make an appointment in a diagnostic clinic at a teaching hospital in your area. I did not suggest an arthritis clinic or an orthopedic clinic because I'm not at all sure that your pain symptom stems from arthritis. I'd rather make sure that your discomfort is not muscular or vascular. But I get ahead of myself.

The diagnostic clinic is, in my view, the place to start. Before your appointment, make sure that you have with you all the pertinent records from your own physician. A complete background, hand-delivered, will be of inestimable value to the examining physician, and will certainly save you much inconvenience and expense. (For example, you won't necessarily need to be re-tested with MRI and blood analyses if you have the films and lab reports with you.) Don't — I repeat don't — fax or mail this information in advance. Although I love tertiary medical centers, all too often incoming records get mislaid, misfiled or simply discarded. Guard your records carefully and turn them over only to a doctor.

I believe that you will be best served by this approach. I know that it has worked for me. For those physicians who may read this column and object, I say: Hey, I don't know everything. I often need help (even with inconsequential issues!). So it's nothing personal when I refer patients to specialists. What is important is that the patients get help; my ego doesn't suffer. And I am providing the kind of service that my patients expect and need. I'm just doing my job for the folks I care about.

Let me know what happens.

For those readers interested in information regarding arthritic pain send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 for my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis" to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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U.S. can hold citizens captured overseas as enemy combatants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush can order U.S. citizens captured overseas indefinitely detained as enemy combatants without the rights normally afforded citizens charged in criminal cases, a federal appeals court ruled.

"The safeguards that all Americans have come to expect in criminal prosecutions do not translate neatly to the arena of armed conflict," a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in the ruling Wednesday.

The decision marks an important affirmation of the Bush administration's contention that it can deny enemy combatants who are American citizens access to a lawyer or a chance to see the evidence against them.

"Detention of enemy combatants prevents them from rejoining the enemy and continuing to fight against America and its allies, and has long been upheld by our nation's courts, regardless of the citizenship of the enemy combatant," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in a statement.

The ruling focused only on those captured in hostile action overseas, stopping short of approving those same powers over Americans arrested on U.S. soil. Legal experts said that leaves a major question for courts to settle in the future.

"They have substantially cooled what has been a legal hot potato," said Michael Greenberger, a former senior Justice Department official in the Clinton administration who now directs the University of Maryland's Center for Health and Homeland Security.

The appeals decision overturned a lower court's ruling that 22-year-old Yaser Esam Hamdi, a Louisiana native captured in Afghanistan in November 2001, must see the government's evidence supporting its claims that he fought with al-Qaida and Taliban forces against the United States.

Courts, the judges ruled, must be "highly deferential" to the government during wartime, even an unconventional war such as that against global terrorism. Hamdi, they added, is being held under "well-established laws and customs of war."

Constitutional activists called the decision an abdication of the judicial system's duties to protect the rights of U.S. citizens. Some compared it to the decisions upholding internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, when the government was given broad latitude and later was forced to apologize for mistreating citizens.

"It's a we'll-look-the-other-way decision which undermines the system of checks and balances put in place in this country to ensure that power is not abused," said Elisa Massimino, who heads the Washington office of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

Other experts questioned the court's rejection of arguments that Hamdi should be either treated as a prisoner of war, subject to rights under the Geneva Convention, or prosecuted for crimes using traditional methods.

"This decision condones government's creation of a constitutional no man's land," said Susan Herman, law professor at Brooklyn Law School.

According to the government, Hamdi was captured after his Taliban unit was overrun by Northern Alliance forces. He was at the prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif where fellow U.S. citizen John Walker Lindh was captured and later was transported with hundreds of others to a prison at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Hamdi was transferred to the naval brig in Norfolk, Va., after it was discovered he was born in Louisiana to Saudi parents. Hamdi and his family returned to Saudi Arabia while he was a toddler, but he never renounced his U.S. citizenship.

The appeals court in Richmond, Va., agreed that the case raises serious questions about the rights of citizens but concluded that, in wartime, the government's authority is supreme in deciding who may be held indefinitely.

Hamdi was "squarely within the zone of active combat" when captured and was in possession of an AK-47 rifle, the judges said. They added that courts have only limited authority to intervene in such national security matters.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



For men of few words love is easier shown than said

DEAR ABBY: The letters regarding the use of the phrase "I love you" reminded me of a story. The Finns are reputed to be people who don't waste many words. An example:

"'Jussi' and 'Kaisa' had been married for 25 years. One day, Kaisa asked Jussi, 'Why don't you ever tell me you love me?' His reply: 'I told you "I love you" when we were married. If anything changes, I'll let you know.'" — **ARNIE HAKKILA, RIO VERDE, ARIZ.**

DEAR ARNIE: No wonder they say it's cold in Finland! Jussi may have been a man of few words, but I'll bet his wife had more than a few for him when she heard that reply. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: You may have missed something in your reply to "Hurt in Reno." Hurt told her fiance she loved him and would be devastated if anything happened to him, and was upset when all he said in return was he "probably" felt the same. She also said he was not affectionate, but was good to her son.

You said he might be a poor communicator.

What caught my eye was the line about how he treats her son. Is it possible her fiance is engaged to her so he can have access to the boy? My second husband turned out to be a molester. During the first year of our marriage, while I was pregnant, he began to "groom" my daughter to be his sexual partner.

Please urge "Hurt" to follow her gut instincts. It could save her son's future and years of guilt for herself. — **ALMOST SANE AFTER YEARS OF THERAPY**

DEAR ALMOST SANE: It's interesting how the letters in my column are interpreted through the filter of the reader's personal experience. Your warning should be enough to alert that mother.

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DEAR ABBY: PHOOEY! on that word "love"! Seventy years ago, when I was in my early 20s, I was engaged to a man who swore he loved me with all his heart. He did — until I became very sick. That was the end of our wedding plans.

Years later, I met a man I thought was interested in a mutual friend. I was shocked when he invited me to dinner and a movie. During dinner he said, "I'm not an articulate person." "That's OK," I flippantly replied. "Neither am I!"

We saw each other often after that and time seemed to fly. Then I had an attack of pain that came without warning. My doctor advised immediate surgery. When I told my friend, he listened, then put his hands on my shoulders. In a voice choked with tears he said, "I LIKE you. Will you marry me?" I was so astonished I couldn't speak, for we hadn't even kissed, as unbelievable as that seems.

"You do LIKE me, don't you?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," I whispered. I got no further because I was stopped by our first kiss.

I'm a widow now, and more than 90 years old, nearing the end of my life's journey. Please tell "Feeling Hurt" that a happy marriage CAN be built on two people "liking each other" at the start. My husband of almost 50 years didn't say "love" a dozen times, but by his actions, faithfulness, consideration and dozens of ways, he proved — not only to me, but also to the world — that he did.

Now I only want to be with him. — **MISSING MY MATE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR MISSING: Thank you for sharing your truly unforgettable love story. It touched my heart.

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By Richard L. Jackson, Universal Media Syndicate

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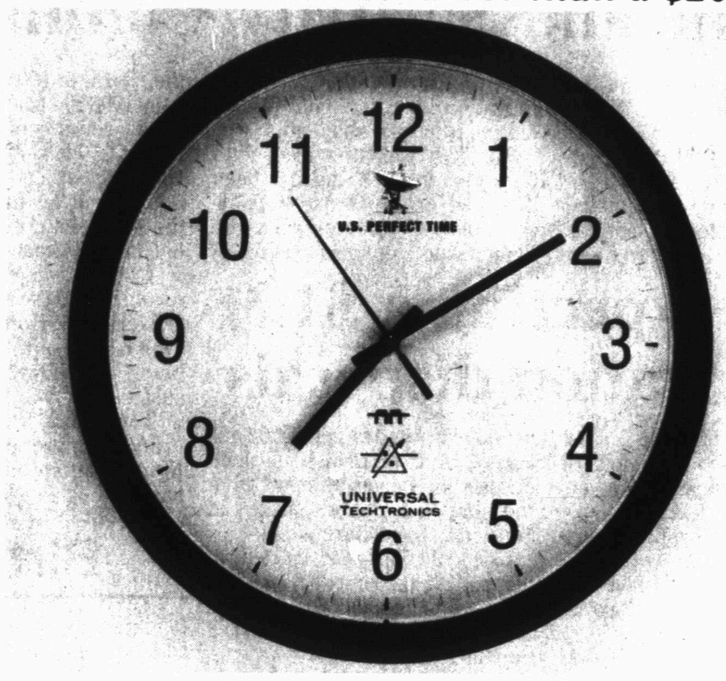


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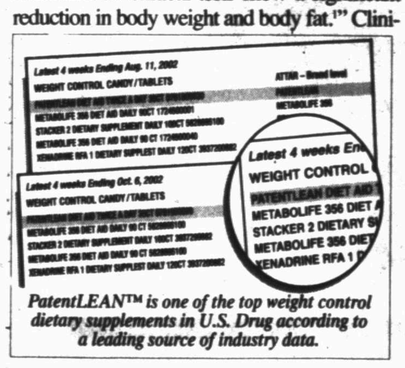
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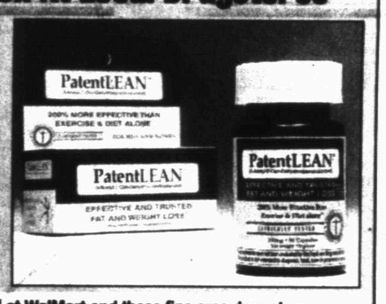
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Dr. John L. Zenk, a Board Certified Medical Doctor and Medical Director for the Minnesota Applied Research Center5 explains how PatentLEAN works: "The active-ingredient in PatentLEAN is a metabolite of DHEA, which occurs naturally in all of our bodies, but decreases in quantity as we age.

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PatentLEAN's active ingredient is patented for weight loss in the United States Patent Office.[6]

PatentLEAN's patented formula has been shown in two clinical studies to be an effective way to lose weight at a safe rate while not subjecting dieters to adverse effects.[7]

The results of one independent study, conducted over an 8 week period, using readings from the 7-point-caliper method, demonstrated that PatentLEAN is 3 Times more effective than diet and exercise alone.[7]

Designed to rule out differences in diet and exercise, this study showed persons taking PatentLEAN lost up to 11.2 pounds of body weight in just 8 weeks. The study results further showed that, on average, 80% of the body weight lost is body fat.[1]

With PatentLEAN, Carole Koudsi of Somerville, MA lost 12 pounds over 4 weeks.[8] "I wanted to share my success with you, as I am quite sure I was aided significantly by PatentLEAN," Carole says in an e-mail to the company.

PatentLEAN is now sold in over 20,000 retail pharmacies and drugstores nationwide. Or for your convenience, order direct from PatentHEALTH using the National Direct Order Line **(1-800-704-6467)** and receive an unconditional money back guarantee for up to an 8 week supply.[9]

With an offer this good, there are no more diet excuses. Enjoy! ■

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3 John M. Rex, M.D. is practicing in Salem, Oregon and is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH, LLC.
4 Results were achieved with 25mg once per day, 1800 calorie-restricted diet, and 150 minutes of exercise each week. Results may vary.
5 John L. Zenk, M.D. is former Chief of Medicine at St. Francis Hospital, Shakopee, Minnesota, and is currently employed as the Chief Medical/ Scientific Officer of the research firm which patented and manufacturers the active ingredient in PatentLEAN™.
6 The active ingredient in PatentLEAN is protected by United States Patent # 5,296,481.
7 Results were obtained in just eight weeks with 23 overweight adults, 9% men and 91% women. Daily consumption included 1800 calories per day and exercise for 180 minutes each week.
8 Results were achieved with 1500 calories per day and 180 minutes per week. Results may vary.
9 Unconditional Guarantee applies to Direct orders only, limit eight week supply. Retail refunds require proof of purchase at the retail pharmacy.
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Cox to head Homeland Security Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Christopher Cox, a senior member of the House GOP leadership, will head the newly created homeland security committee, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said Wednesday.

The California conservative will be the first chairman of the panel responsible for overseeing the giant new Homeland Security Department that President Bush signed into law late last year.

The department, to combine such security-related agencies as the Customs Service, Secret Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Coast Guard, is to take shape this year.

Cox, 50, was first elected to Congress in 1988 and has been the head of the House Republican Policy Committee since the Republicans captured control of the House in 1995.

In 1998 his party chose him to head a select committee to investigate China's alleged theft of U.S. nuclear and military technology and he has been one of the strongest critics in Congress of China's human rights record.

"Chris is an excellent candidate" to head the new committee, Hastert said. Homeland security "will be one of the largest issues before us" this year, the speaker said.

"I will work to make our government more effective in the fight against terrorism," Cox said.

ConocoPhillips is expecting a $1.3 billion charge for station disposals

HOUSTON (AP) — ConocoPhillips said Wednesday it expects to charge $1.3 billion against earnings in the fourth quarter to cover costs associated with shedding a "substantial portion" of its service stations and pulling out of certain geographic markets.

The nation's third biggest oil company did not specify how many stations would be shed or where they may be. It has 3,700 stations worldwide, including 2,500 in the United States.

The move to dispose of retail sites was expected as part of its plan to consolidate refining and marketing assets after the August merger of Conoco and Phillips, said Fadel Gheit, a petroleum analyst with Fahnestock & Co.

"That is part of what the company indicated they would do because of the merger," Gheit said. "They have to write off some things acquired from Phillips."

The company said its worldwide crude oil sales price for the fourth quarter is expected to be lower than in the previous quarter, while the realized average price for natural gas liquids sales will be higher.

Daily production for the quarter is expected to be in line with the previously stated target of 1.62 million barrels-of-oil-equivalent, despite any negative impact from the ongoing labor strike in Venezuela, the company said.

ConocoPhillips said its debt at the end of the fourth quarter is expected to be about $19.8 billion, versus $20.5 billion at the end of the third quarter.

Several major petroleum companies attributed third-quarter losses last year to lower profit margins in refining and marketing businesses, and Gheit said ConocoPhillips' outlook is in line with analyst expectations.

Snyder firefiighters respond to early morning house fire

•House fire

Snyder firefighters responded to a house fire at 309 25th Street at 1 a.m. today.

The house, occupied by Jauqin Jimenez and family, sustained moderate damage to a bathroom and bedroom, but no injuries were reported.

The fire started in a bathroom wall when a heater malfunctioned. Jimenez was awakened by the smoke and evacuated his wife and two daughters.

Eighteen firefighters responded with three trucks and remained on the scene until 2:30 a.m.

•Arrest

Officers arrested a 35-year-old man on CR 227 at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday on outstanding warrants from Bell County.

•Burglaries

Mickey Nunley reported items taken from work trucks at National Fuel, 2208 Ave. R. Officers filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Jose Ruiz requested an officer at 2906 Ave. L and reported his father's vehicle was broken into. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

•Assault

A woman on Ave. L reported that her son was injured by his father and a report for assault, family violence was to be submitted.

•Disturbance

A woman called 9-1-1 at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday then hung up before speaking with operators. Officers went to the residence in the 4400 block of Ave. U and found her involved in an argument with her boyfriend, but no assault had occurred.

The pair separated for the night and all was in order upon the officers' departure.

•Close patrols

A woman in the 2800 block of Ave. Q requested a close patrol of the neighborhood in reference to a prowler in her yard Tuesday night and her neighbor's dog being injured.

A school crossing guard requested a close patrol in the 2200 block of 42nd Street and reported drivers ignoring crosswalks and stop signs.

A man in the 3700 block of Ave. V reported problems with a neighbor Wednesday and requested a close patrol.

A woman in the 3700 block of Highland reported a prowler trying to kick in her door at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday A close patrol was initiated.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off in the amount of $8 at 6 a.m. today.

Births

Johnny and Kym Alaniz of Killeen announce the birth of their son, Reese Anthony Alaniz, at 12:40 p.m. on Jan. 3 in Darnell Army Medical Center in Killeen. He weighed six pounds 10 ounces.

Jamie Alaniz and Luis Alaniz both of Snyder are the paternal grandparents. Tommy and Brenda Trammel of Snyder are maternal grandparents.

Obituaries

Eddie Miller

1918-2003

Ernest Hoyle "Eddie" Miller, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Jan. 6, in the VA Medical Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Miller, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Roy Badillas officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary is set for 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 21, 1918 in Spencer, N.C., he married Wanda Bly on July 14, 1945 in Corpus Christi. She died Feb. 17, 1991. He owned Miller Chevron Service Station on College Ave. for many years. He had lived in Odessa before moving to Big Spring.

Two sisters also preceded him in death.

Survivors include four daughters, Martha Forkner of Odessa, Mary Pluff of Odessa, Sister Patricia Ann Miller of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Linda McCurry of Jayton; a son, John Miller of Kerrville; a sister, Emma Ruth Ashmore of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Gearald McGaha

1932-2003

Gearald Arlen McGaha, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, at his home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mr. McGaha, 70, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Ira Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Pigg, pastor of the Snyder Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 6, 1932 in Snyder, Mr. McGaha was a U.S. Army veteran. He had lived in Snyder most of his life and was a retired carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Judson and Frances McGaha; and a brother, Roaald McGaha.

Survivors include two sons, Gearald McGaha Jr. of Colorado City and Greg McGaha of Anchorage, Alaska; a daughter, Nawana Hernandez of Joplin, Mo.; and several grandchildren.

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Calvin Edwards

1933-2003

HOUSTON — Calvin Edwards of Lubbock, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 4, in Houston.

Funeral service for Mr. Edwards, 69, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Brookside Funeral Home Chapel. A memorial service in Lubbock will be held at 3:30 p.m. next Thursday at St. Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock.



Calvin Edwards

Born Sept. 30, 1933 in Clarksville, Mr. Edwards graduated from Lubbock Dunbar High School in 1951. He attended Prairie View A&M on a football scholarship and earned a degree in education in 1956 and a master's degree in 1965.

He was a member of the Prairie View football team that won the National Negro Football Championship in 1953 and he was inducted into the university's hall of fame in 1996.

He married Nettie Joyce Greenleaf on June 11, 1960.

Mr. Edwards moved to Snyder in 1960 as a math teacher at Lincoln High School where he started the school's first football program.

He moved to Lubbock in 1965 to become industrial arts teacher and head football coach at the new Struggs Junior High. He later transferred to Monterey High School where he taught math and coached football and wrestling, retiring in 1994.

While in Snyder he was deacon at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He then was a deacon and Sunday School superintendent of the Rising Star Baptist Church where the education annex was co-named in his honor.

Mr. Edwards was a member of the Hub City Kiwanis Club and a volunteer mentor and tutor at Posey, Parkway and Haynes Elementary schools.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie Edwards of Lubbock; a daughter, Vicki Edwards of Wilmington, Del.; a son, Dr. Victa Edwards of Houston; three sisters, Mary Sue Brown of Bryan, Martha King of Vallejo, Calif., and Carolyn Stewart of Houston; a brother, Dornell Edwards of Benicia, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the Calvin Edwards Memorial Student Scholarship fund at Wells Fargo Banks.

Jimmy Smith

1932-2003

ODESSA — Jimmy R. Smith, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Jan. 6, from injuries sustained in a fall in his back yard.

Funeral service for Mr. Smith, 70, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Immanuel Baptist Church.



Jimmy Smith

Graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Williams Cemetery in Smith County. Arrangements are under the direction of Frank Wilson Funeral Directors.

Born Oct. 11, 1932 in Hermleigh, he was a 1950 graduate of Hermleigh High School. A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he married Jerrie Williams on Dec. 27, 1955.

Mr. Smith completed court reporting school in December of 1961 and went to work for State District Judge George Kelton and then for Judge Ray McKim. In 1979 he began work for Federal Judge Lucius D. Bunton III, retiring in January, 1999. He was a member of the National Court Reporter's Association and the Texas Court Reporter's Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lillie Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Jerrie Smith of Odessa; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy Scott and Grace Smith of Odessa; a daughter and son-in-law, Tana Lynn and Steven Cooper of Chertz; three sisters, Mattie Belle Hays, Estelle Thompson and Billie Jo Farnsworth; two brothers, Harvey L. Smith and Bobby Smith; three grandchildren, Lillian and William Smith and Joseph McFarland.

The family suggest memorials to the Odessa Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary Look Good Feel Good program.

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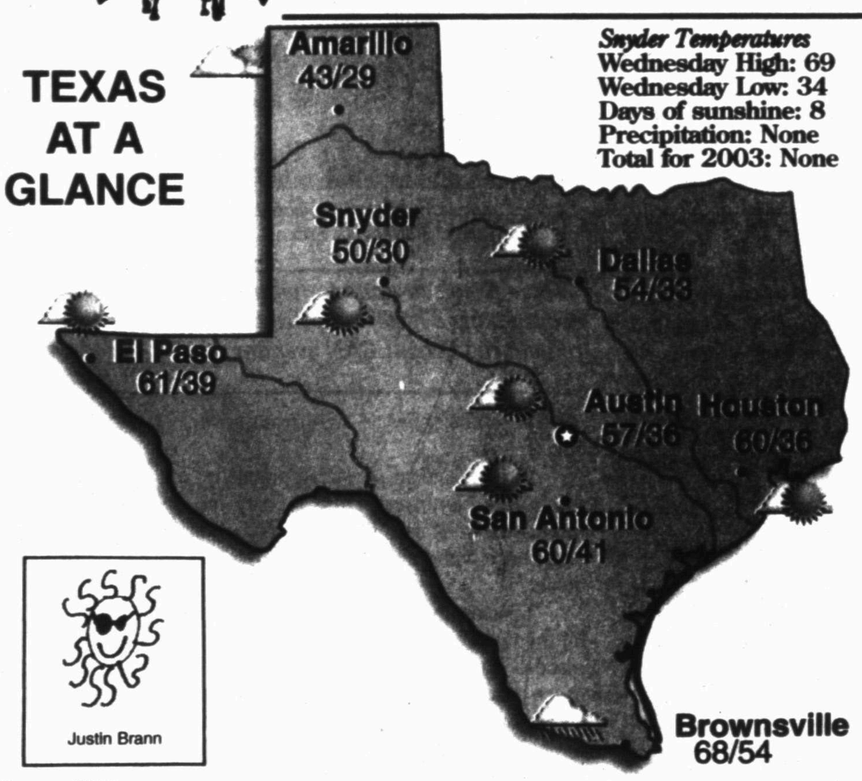
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Snyder Temperatures
Wednesday High: 69
Wednesday Low: 34
Days of sunshine: 8
Precipitation: None
Total for 2003: None

Justin Brann

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	52	34	mst sunny	El Paso	61	39	mst sunny	Midland	54	36	mst sunny
Amarillo	43	29	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	58	41	mst sunny	Raymondville	64	48	cloudy
Austin	57	36	mst sunny	Gainesville	48	26	mst sunny	Rosenberg	60	36	mst sunny
Beaumont	59	34	sunny	Greenville	49	25	mst sunny	San Antonio	60	41	mst sunny
Brownsville	68	54	rain	Houston	60	36	mst sunny	San Marcos	58	37	mst sunny
Brownwood	55	32	mst sunny	Kingsville	63	45	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	50	26	sunny
Corpus Christi	60	45	pt sunny	Livingston	58	30	sunny	Sweetwater	52	32	mst sunny
Corsicana	54	30	mst sunny	Longview	53	27	sunny	Tyler	55	32	sunny
Dallas	54	33	mst sunny	Lubbock	50	31	pt sunny	Weatherford	51	27	mst sunny
Del Rio	62	47	pt sunny	Lufkin	58	32	sunny	Wichita Falls	48	30	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	24	pt sunny	Houston	60	36	mst sunny	Phoenix	69	49	pt sunny
Boston	31	18	pt sunny	Los Angeles	64	51	cloudy	San Francisco	56	48	rain
Chicago	25	8	windy	Miami	81	62	pt sunny	Seattle	45	36	cloudy
Dallas	54	33	mst sunny	Minneapolis	18	1	windy	St. Louis	35	18	mst sunny
Denver	37	21	pt sunny	New York	37	22	pt sunny	Washington, DC	44	26	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12
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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