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Home of Brad English

Stock show underway at coliseum

Almost 500 animals will be shown by local youth during the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale underway at the county coliseum.

Swine were brought to the show site Wednesday afternoon and steers are to be weighed at 1 p.m. today followed by lambs and goats at 3:30 p.m.

The show continues through Saturday evening with the buyers' meal, awards presentation and premium sale.

Judging was set to begin at 5 p.m. today with Cody Hill, Parmer County agent, evaluating the hogs.

Friday action will begin at 5 p.m. with the judging of steers and heifers. Lambs are to be judged 30 minutes after the steer show and goats will follow a half-hour after the judging of lambs.

Jerry Bearden of Mason, with more than 30 years experience as an ag instructor, will judge both the lambs and the goats.

Michael Schertz, extension agent in Denton County, is to judge steers and heifers.

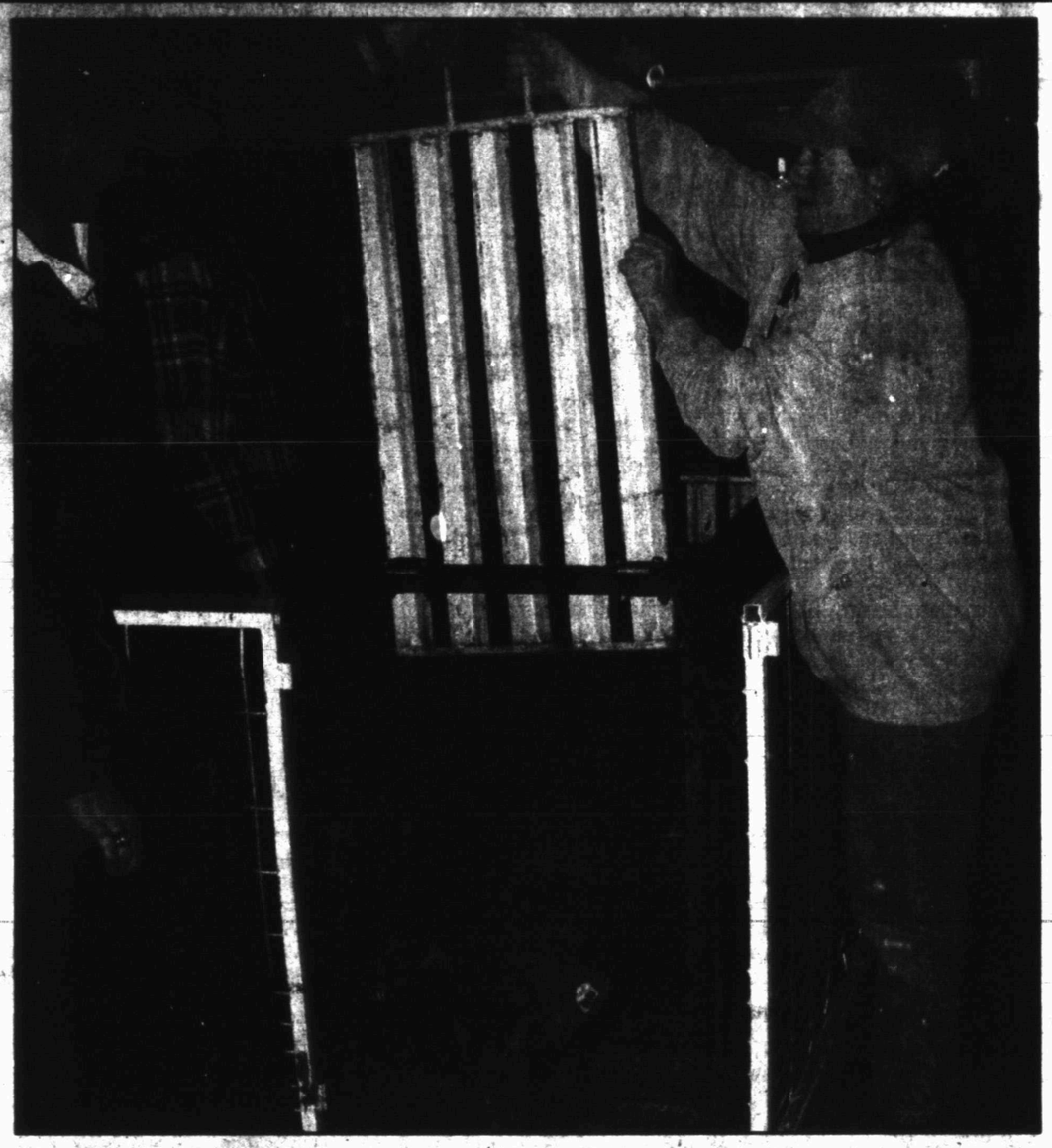
Buyers will be treated to a meal at 5 p.m. Saturday, followed by the awards presentation at 6:30. The premium sale follows at 7 p.m.

Kirby Sterling is president of the association, while Ricky Miller is the vice president. Susan Blackard is secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are Billy Grimmett, Jerry Boyd, Skip Craig, Jeff Gilbert, Wetonia Neff and Lonnie Blackard.

Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira schools.

Many of the participants in this week's local show will be showing their stock through March as they enter major shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston.



WEIGHING IN — The Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale got underway at the Scurry County Coliseum Wednesday afternoon with the weigh-in of hogs. Warren Beard, left, and Lovida Hamilton were operating the scales. (SDN Staff Photo)

Security, economy puts pressure on State of Union talk

WASHINGTON (AP)— Public focus on national security and the economy has pushed aside most other issues, says a new poll that suggests heightened interest in President Bush's upcoming State of the Union address.

A majority in the poll — 54 percent — said the president's State of the Union address later this month is more important than in past years. That's twice the number who said that in surveys in the last couple of years.

President Bush will give the State of the Union address Jan. 29 and will need to focus on the two issues that dominate public attention — security and the economy. The poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press suggests that interest in issues like the environment, crime and health care issues has dropped.

"Some issues are getting dramatically lower priority from the public as it's so focused on the war and the economy," said Andrew Kohut director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. "We haven't been hearing a lot about health care issues, entitlements and crime. And the public is not responding to those issues the way they did in the past."

The war against terrorism was seen as a top priority for government by more than four in five. Almost that many placed the economy as a top priority. Just below anti-terror efforts and the economy, education remained a strong concern, along with Social Security.

Bush's job approval remained strong at 80 percent, about where it's been in other recent polls. Six in 10 approved of the job Bush is doing on the economy.

People were about evenly split on whether he's doing as much as he can to help the economy. Only about a fifth of the public in 1992 thought Bush's father, who was then president, was doing as much as he could to help the economy.

More than half — 53 percent — said they expect Democrats and Republicans will work together in the coming year to solve problems.

Those public doubts about the elder Bush's economic efforts undercut his high poll standings after the Persian Gulf War.

The increased interest in national security includes an interesting twist on the gender gap. More women than men now say strengthening national defense is a top priority — by 57 percent to 46 percent. That's a reversal from longstanding poll patterns that showed men were more concerned.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Those who look forward to change stay young – no matter how long they live."

2001 was a tough year, so folks are eager that 2002 will be better. According to the experts, one way to make life more cheerful is to plan to be good to yourself. Here's some suggestions:

—Get up before the rest of the world and enjoy the peace and quiet. Take a walk.

—Rather than listening to bad news, listen to music while getting dressed or having breakfast. Eat breakfast.

—Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures. Being outdoors and raking leaves can be a morale booster.

—Smile more and more people will smile back. It is said that smiling triggers a chemical process that actually can make you feel better.

—Act happy, even if you don't feel it.

—Imagine. Picture a perfect setting, a peaceful scene like in the mountains or at the lake.

—Wear a favorite outfit. On a cloudy or sandy day, wear bright colors to brighten your outlook. Dress up more often.

—Take a friend to lunch or call someone in your past and just chat.

—Turn off the TV. An average adult can gain 30 hours a week by pushing the off button. Try reading instead.

—Plan for free time and block it out on your calendar. Don't always answer the telephone.

—Plan to do something special – especially something you haven't done in a long time.

—Take a short nap during the day and get a good night's sleep. Stressful times require extra rest.

—Clear away some clutter in your home or office.

—Spruce up your work environment. A picture of a spouse, kids, grandkids or even a favorite vacation spot will be helpful.

—Don't take your work troubles home. Home should be a haven of peace and quiet.

—Spend time with happy people, and avoid those who tend to drag you down and complain.

—If you don't have a kid to play with, volunteer to work with one. Think about adopting a pet.

—Be grateful. Even make a list. Experts say you'll be surprised how blessed we are.

—Look around. There are a lot of situations you don't have to deal with. More reasons to be grateful.

—Don't sweat the small stuff – like long lines or bad hair days that ruin an otherwise perfectly good moment.

—Sing more – even if it's in the shower.

—Day dream. More things are possible if you do.

Muslim woman sues over strip search at airport in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A Muslim woman and the American Civil Liberties Union are suing the Illinois National Guard and airport security officers following a strip search that they said amounted to discrimination.

It is the ACLU's first lawsuit in what it claims have been about 100 cases of airport discrimination against Muslims since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Samar Kaukab of Columbus, Ohio, alleges she was strip-searched at O'Hare International Airport before a Nov. 7 flight simply because she was wearing a Muslim head scarf.

Kaukab, a 22-year-old U.S. citizen who was born in this country to Pakistani parents, claims the black scarf — which covers her hair, shoulders and chest, but not her face — led a guardsman to instruct Argenbright Security guards to take her aside for a thorough search even though she tripped no metal detectors.

The lawsuit seeks a federal injunction forcing airport security firms to provide training so guards will not base searches solely on a person's religion or ethnicity.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from the National Guard and Argenbright.

Lt. Col. Larry Andrews, spokesman for the Illinois National Guard, said officials had not reviewed the lawsuit and would not comment.

Banks, post office will close Monday, but schools in session

Snyder financial institutions will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther. King Jr. Day.

Texas Savings Bank, Snyder National Bank, First American Bank, American State Bank and West Texas State Bank all are to resume regular hours Tuesday.

Western Texas College, Ira, Hermleigh and Snyder schools all will remain open Monday. City and county offices also will be open.

Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett said mail would be put in boxes, but will not be delivered to homes Monday.

The Chamber of Commerce also will close for the day.

The Scurry County library and museum both will be open for business. The city landfill also will operate with normal hours.

Martin promoted to senior vice president

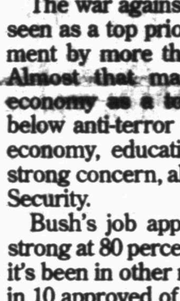
Jeffrey Martin, manager of American State Bank in Snyder for the past six years, has been promoted to senior vice president.

The announcement was made by W. R. Collier, president and chairman of American State Bank, headquartered in Lubbock.

Before joining American State Bank, Martin was employed eight years by Snyder Savings and Loan Association, now Texas Savings Bank.

"With this experience, Martin has a thorough knowledge of all phases of agricultural lending needs and requirements. Having someone like Jeffrey with such qualifications is critical in this business," Collier said.

Born in Snyder and reared in Fluvanna, Martin graduated from Borden County High School. In 1987, Martin earned his bachelor of science degree in agriculture economics from Texas Tech.



Jeffrey Martin

A member of the First Baptist Church, Martin is active in the Snyder Lions Club, Snyder Gold Coats and a director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Ritz Community Theatre.

American State Bank has 26 banking offices in 15 West Texas cities.

Area sales tax rebates

City	January '02	January '01	+/-	Year '02	Year '01	+/-
Abilene	$1,789,116.37	$1,734,468.21	3.15%	$1,789,116.37	$1,734,468.21	3.15%
Big Spring	$248,317.85	$249,781.08	-0.58%	$248,317.85	$249,781.08	-0.58%
Colorado City	$31,004.82	$30,947.69	0.18%	$31,004.82	$30,947.69	0.18%
Lamesa	$58,367.84	$58,448.94	-0.13%	$58,367.84	$58,448.94	-0.13%
Lubbock	$2,076,018.12	$2,029,634.21	2.28%	$2,076,018.12	$2,029,634.21	2.28%
Post	$18,020.54	$19,973.37	-9.77%	$18,020.54	$19,973.37	-9.77%
Roby	$893.41	$1,015.63	-12.03%	$893.41	$1,015.63	-12.03%
Rotan	$6,725.83	$7,856.55	-14.39%	$6,725.83	$7,856.55	-14.39%
Snyder	$111,771.67	$101,645.57	9.96%	$111,771.67	$101,645.57	9.96%
Sweetwater	$127,926.33	$120,823.99	5.87%	$127,926.33	$120,823.99	5.87%

SALES TAX REBATES — The sales tax rebate to the city of Snyder for the first month of 2002 is up 9.96 percent compared to the same month in 2001. Snyder's check is $111,771.67 compared to $101,645.57 last January.

ASK US

Q-When does the season start for the WTC baseball and softball teams?

A-Coaches are now recruiting players. Competition will begin next school year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 65 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Thursday; no precipitation for 2002.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low near 30; E winds 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy; high near 55; S winds 10-20 mph.



Priscilla Molinar
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 16 days in 2002, the sun has shone 16 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life.
—Edward Everett Hale

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Former SLA members charged in 1975 case

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — For nearly three decades, Jon Opsahl has relentlessly lobbied prosecutors to bring his mother's killers to justice.

Opsahl finally won something of a victory on Wednesday when five former members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, including former fugitive Sara Jane Olson, were charged with murder in a 1975 bank holdup outside Sacramento that killed Myrna Opsahl.

"Our family has waited 26 years for this day," said Jon Opsahl, who was 15 at the time of the killing. "I'm very happy that my mother's murder is getting the attention it deserves and I trust that justice will be served."

The charges mark the latest development in the government's long-running case against the SLA, the radical organization that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patty Hearst and is linked to a wave of violence in the 1970s.

The charges came two days before Olson's sentencing for her alleged role in a failed 1975 attempt to blow up Los Angeles police cars. Olson, 55, who was captured in Minnesota in June 1999 after two decades on the run, has denied any role in the holdup in Carmichael, Calif.

Olson, known as Kathleen Soliah at the time of the robbery, surrendered in Los Angeles, and three others were taken into custody at their homes, authorities said. The fifth suspect remained at large.

Olson, Emily Harris, ex-husband Bill Harris, Mike Bortin and James Kilgore were charged with first-degree murder, authorities said.

"It's about time," Jon Opsahl said, flanked by Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully and other law enforcement officials.

Opsahl has maintained a Web site in his mother's memory, posting letters to California Gov. Gray Davis and SLA members about his quest to have his mother's case tried.

"Being a pest sometimes goes a long way," he said. "This is kind of 'mission accomplished' as far as I'm concerned."

One of Olson's lawyers, Shawn Snider Chapman, said that in two years of investigating her case, "All I've learned and all I've read is that they consider this to be an unprosecutable case. All these people have been snatched from their homes for nothing."

Emily Harris, 54, was arrested in Los Angeles, while her 56-year-old ex-husband was picked up in Oakland, Calif. Bortin, 53, was arrested in Portland, Ore. Kilgore, 54, remains at large, as he has been since the 1970s. Authorities have long had a warrant for his arrest for possession of a bomb.

The four arrested suspects had been under surveillance for two days, Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas said. All four were jailed and were scheduled to be arraigned Friday in Sacramento Superior Court.

The three other SLA figures arrested Wednesday were not fugitives, and authorities have known their whereabouts for years.

Myrna Opsahl, a 42-year-old mother with four children, was shot while depositing a church collection at the Crocker National Bank. At the time, the robbers were widely believed to be members of the group that kidnapped Hearst as a 19-year-old from her Berkeley apartment.

Scully, citing Hearst's statements to authorities, named Emily Harris, Olson, Bortin and Kilgore as the alleged bank robbers, with William Harris and Steven Soliah acting as lookouts and Hearst as one of the getaway drivers.

Scully said FBI investigators had connected shotgun pellets from the shooting to those in shotgun shells found at an SLA hide-out in San Francisco.

Hearst, granted immunity for her admitted role in the robbery, later wrote about the holdup, saying Emily Harris shot Opsahl. But before Wednesday, only Steven Soliah had been charged in the case.

The case has been the subject of numerous investigations, including a 1976 federal court trial that acquitted Steven Soliah of robbery charges.

The SLA kidnapped Hearst in 1974 and demanded that her parents, Randolph and Catherine Hearst, distribute millions in food to the needy.

Ultimately, Patty Hearst became a member of the SLA. Two months after the kidnapping, she was photographed carrying a rifle during an SLA bank holdup in San Francisco.

Hearst, who claimed she had been brainwashed, was convicted of bank robbery and sentenced to seven years in prison.

events

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 $21 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 10-17-18-22-32-46

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $27 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-2-8

Oregon man accused of murdering family arraigned on charges

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — A man accused of killing his wife and three children and then fleeing to a Mexican resort showed no emotion during two court hearings, giving brief answers to a judge's questions before he was arraigned on aggravated murder charges.

Christian Longo, 27, joined Wednesday's hearings via closed-circuit television from Lincoln County jail. During the first hearing, he said "yes" when asked if he would like a court-appointed attorney and "no, I am not" when asked if was in a position to hire one.

Longo, who had been on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list before his weekend capture, was later arraigned in the deaths of his wife, MaryJane, 34, and children Zachery, 4, Sadie Ann, 3, and Madison, 2. He did not enter a plea.

Two attorneys were appointed to represent him, and his next court hearing was set for Jan. 23. Bail had been set at $2.5 million.

Attorney Ken Hadley said he would look into the possibility of having the trial moved out of Newport, where the family had lived and where two of the bodies were found.

Lincoln County District Attorney Bernice Barnett has said she's decided whether she would seek the death penalty, but refused to disclose her decision.

The bodies of Longo's wife and children were found in coastal inlets in Waldport and Newport between Dec. 19 and Dec. 27. On Dec. 27, he fled from San Francisco International Airport to Mexico. He first stayed at a youth hostel in Cancun and then moved to a beach camp in Tulum, a resort town 60 miles south of Cancun, around Jan. 7.

The FBI placed Longo on its "Ten Most Wanted" list Friday. A Montreal woman noticed his picture and remembered having seen him at a hostel in Cancun between Dec. 27 and Dec. 29. He was caught Sunday and waived extradition back to the United States.

Longo, who owned a construction cleaning business in Ypsilanti, Mich., moved with his family to the Newport area about three months before the bodies of his wife and children were found.

They reportedly left behind $60,000 in debts. Longo is named in six lawsuits seeking more than $30,000 and is wanted on two warrants in Michigan for probation violation and a larceny charge.

Date Book

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002

Today is the 17th day of 2002 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1949, in Berkeley, Calif., the first synchrotron was tested at full power for the first time. The machine was invented by Edwin McMillan, and was constructed in Schenectady, N.Y., at the General Electric Research Laboratory.

On this day in 1966, near Palomares, Spain, two U.S. warplanes collided, killing seven fliers. Four hydrogen bombs were on one of the planes. When three of the bombs fell to the earth, explosions caused massive radioactive contamination of hundreds of acres of farmland. The fourth bomb fell in the sea and was recovered 80 days later.

On this day in 1990, the Who, Simon and Garfunkel, the Four Tops, Hank Ballard, the Four Seasons, the Platters and the Kinks were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), U.S. statesman-publisher-inventor; David Lloyd George (1863-1945), British prime minister; Mack Sennett (1884-1960), film producer; Al Capone (1899-1947), racketeer; Betty White (1924-), actress, is 78; Moira Shearer (1926-), ballerina, is 76; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor, is 71; Shari Lewis (1934-1998), puppeteer; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxing great, is 60; Jim Carrey (1962-), actor, is 40.

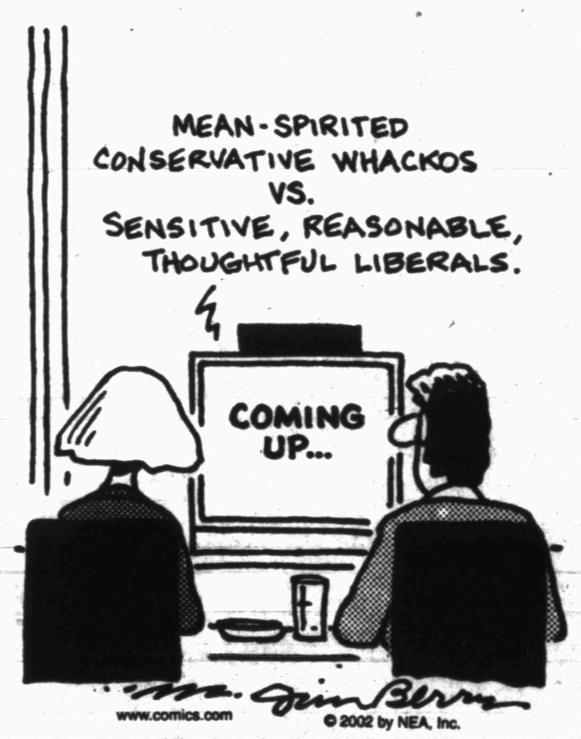
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Baltimore Colts won Super Bowl V by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 16-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young." — Benjamin Franklin

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 13) and first quarter (Jan. 21).

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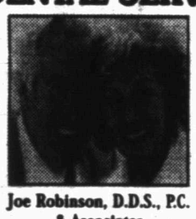
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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Mandy Leigh Heaton Welcher was honoree at a bridal shower Dec. 15. Pictured from left are Jo Baldon, grandmother of the bride of Wichita Falls; the honoree; Hope Heaton, mother of the bride; Sherry Parker of Lamesa, mother of the groom. (Contributed Photo)

Gen. Colin Powell leads crusade to help kids

He served 35 years in the Army, rising to the top rank of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He served as an advisor to three U.S. Presidents, and has been nominated by President-elect Bush to serve as the 65th Secretary of State.

But, General Colin L. Powell has a passion you may not know about: kids.

Not just his own, but the nation's. General Powell is the Chairman of America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth.

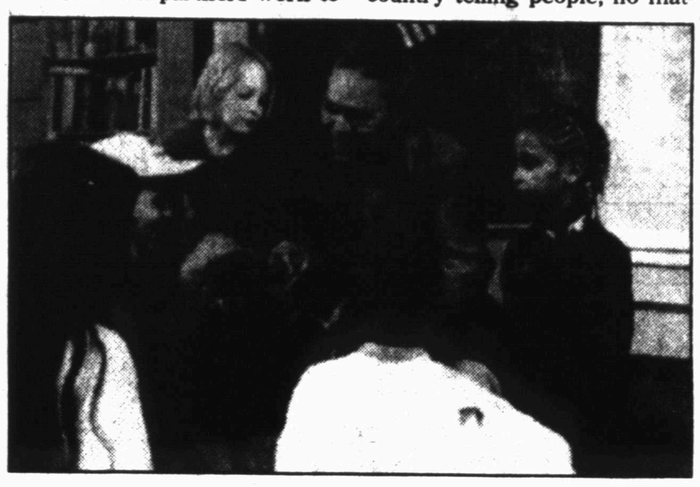
"America's Promise is pulling together the might of this nation to strengthen the character and competence of youth. And it's working," said General T. Powell.

The national non-for-profit was launched in 1997 with the participation and endorsement of every living President: Ford, Carter, Bush, Clinton and Nancy Reagan representing her husband.

"I'm leading a crusade to build the character and competence of young people," said General Powell. "And every American can help."

So far, lots of people have listened. America's Promise is supported by every sector of society-corporations, nonprofits, faith and educational groups, and government at every level. Hundreds of communities are on board, calling themselves "Communities of Promise." All partners work to fulfill Five Promises for young people:

1. Caring adults
2. Safe places
3. Healthy start
4. Marketable skills
5. Opportunities to serve



On Dec 16th, President-elect Bush nominated General Powell as Secretary of State. He accepted saying: "I have been working hard as Chairman of America's Promise...I am going to find a way to continue...and the President-elect has encouraged me to do just that."

He added, "I go around the country telling people, no matter how busy you are, you have time to give back to young people, and that's what I'm going to do as Secretary of State: to take this promise message around the world-so that all nations realize-we have nothing more valuable as a national asset, in anyone's country, than young people."

Help a kid in your own community. Visit www.americaspromise. org or call 1-888-55-Youth.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-17-02
♠ A J 9 8 7
♥ K 8 7
♦ 3
♣ A K 5 2

West
♠ K 10 5 2
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ Q 6

East
♠ Q 6 4
♥ 4
♦ K 9 8 6 2
♣ J 9 7 4

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♣ 6

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002

Another trip down the proboscis path

By Phillip Alder

Italo Calvino, an Italian author and critic, said in a lecture, "What Romantic terminology called genius or talent or inspiration is nothing other than finding the right road empirically, following one's nose, taking shortcuts."

Here is a deal — like yesterday's — in which the declarer smelled out the right line to make a contract. First, though, does West have a winning lead against six hearts?

North-South, Sabina Auken and Daniela von Arnim from Germany, use a strong-club system and open most 10-point hands. Two no-trump was game-forcing and guaranteed a club stopper. Three clubs revealed 1-4-5-3 or 1-5-4-3 shape. Four spades and five diamonds were control-bids (cue-bids) promising those aces.

West led a crafty club six. Von Arnim won with dummy's ace, cashed the spade ace, ruffed a spade in hand, played off her diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, trumped another spade, ruffed a second diamond, cashed the club king, and ruffed a third spade. Everyone was down to four cards. Declarer had the ace-jack of hearts, the diamond jack and club 10. West held only hearts. And dummy retained the heart king, the spade jack, and two low clubs. Von Arnim led her diamond, overruffing West with dummy's heart king. Now came a club from the dummy. West was forced to ruff her partner's trick and lead away from the Q-9 of hearts into declarer's A-J.

That was wonderful play, but West could have defeated the contract by leading any trump, even the queen!

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Shower honored Mandy Welcher

A bridal shower honoring Mandy Leigh Heaton Welcher, bride of Kyle Alan Welcher was held in the home of Janice Beard on Dec. 15.

The couple married Jan. 12 in Calvary Baptist Church.

Greeting guests along with the bride included Hope Heaton, her mother; Jo Baldon of Wichita Falls, her grandmother; Sherry Parker of Lamesa, mother of the groom; and Gail Phillips of Wichita Falls, his aunt.

Other hostesses included Rhonda Ward, Charla Marricle, Vicki Kallemeyn, LeeAnn Shields, Francene Noah, Gini Grimmett, Janell Rich, Debra McNair, Martha Dever, Shirley Newman and Rita Wolf.

They served red slush punch, spiced pecans, Christmas cookies, assorted cheesecake and hard candy on a table decorated in the bride's chosen colors, royal blue and silver.

The hostess gift for the couple was crystal tea goblets.

In a wedding ceremony, usually the maid of honor carries the same bouquet as the bridesmaids.

Luther Burbank introduces 69 new kinds of fruit, including stoneless cherries and white blackberries.

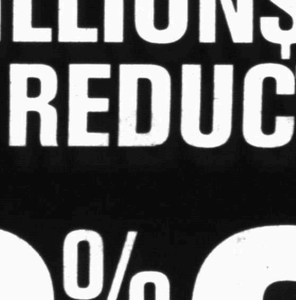
Births

Desiree S. Flores of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter, Angela Renee Flores, weighing three pounds, 9½ ounces. Angela was born at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Connie and Ernest Flores of Snyder.

David and Rachel Lopez announced the birth of their son, David Lee Dean Lopez, at 8:47 a.m. on Jan. 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was welcomed by a brother, Jonathan.

Paternal grandparents are Angel and Delfina Lopez of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Paula Rodriquez of Snyder and the late Jose Rodriquez.



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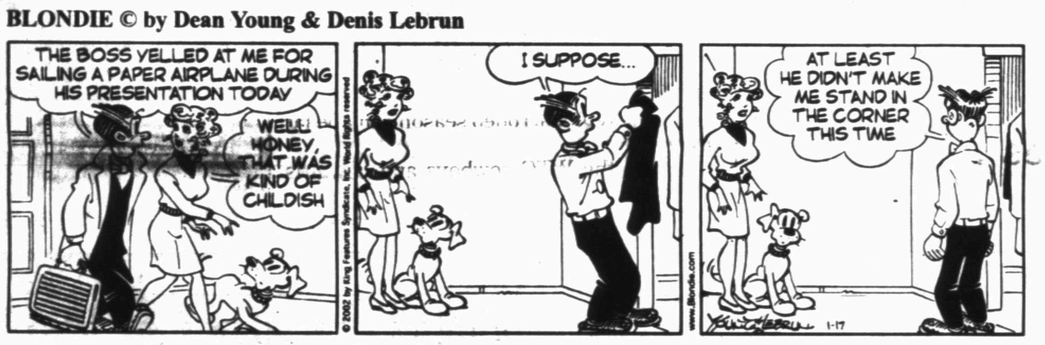
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1 Bakery lure
6 Damage
10 Fiesta item
12 Sky chart
14 Submitted
15 Kampala's nation
16 Volcanic rock
18 Cave, often
19 Impresses
21 Tobacco wad
23 Container
24 "Down under" bird
26 Slippery customers
29 Gold, to Pedro
30 Galley slave's tool
32 Breeze
34 Rome sacker
36 Halter
37 Meadow
38 Kind of miss
40 "— a girl!"
42 Sigh of content
43 Restaurant handout
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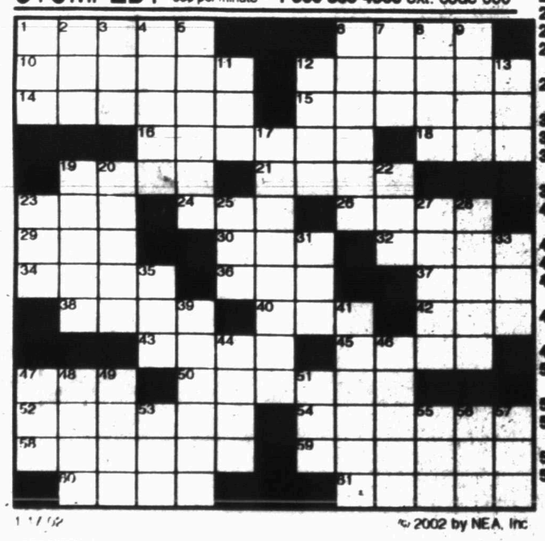
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3 — for the books
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7 Nabokov
8 Lemon peel
9 Produced
11 Pitches
12 Fearsome warrior
13 Preserve fruit
17 Fish habitat
19 Composer Copland
20 Dropped a line
22 Condensation
23 Run slowly
25 Throng
27 Spring fragrance
28 Kind of preview
31 Tell on
33 Not a dit
35 Overdoing actor
39 Warm over
41 Tarzan's counterpart
44 T-man Eliot
46 Improvise
47 Engine housing
48 Norwegian monarch
49 Doing nothing
51 Fem. honorific
53 Not well
55 "— been robbed!"
56 Zoo staffer
57 Chicago trains

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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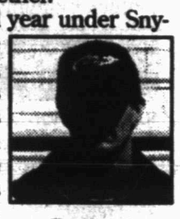
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SPORTS

Pollard, Lady Tigers set for track season

Jumping from eight participants to 23, the Snyder High School girls track program made huge strides last year. And with 31 athletes set to run this spring, the Lady Tigers hope this is the season they put everything together.

In its second year under Snyder native Todd Pollard, the SHS girls track team has quadrupled in size, and the coach believes increased numbers will help lead to success.



Pollard

"Last year, we were trying to figure out who fit best in each event, while still trying to get as many points as we could at the meets," said Pollard, a 1986 graduate of SHS. "This year I know the athletes better and I think we could surprise a few people.

"With this many girls wanting to run, it'll push the girls in practice. If they don't work hard, there's somebody waiting to take their spot in the event. It's going to make everybody a lot better."

The squad currently works out with 23 participants, with the other eight still busy with basketball. Pollard has 13 girls back from last year's squad, led by regional alternate Loryn Brown, and 10 of this season's members are brand new to the SHS track program.

"I think several things have contributed to the interest in girls track," Pollard stated. "I believe that the success we had at some meets last year, got the girls excited about the sport. A bunch of the girls are back from last year, and they've brought a buddy with them.

"Also, Coach (Sam) Tipton last year and Coach (Mike) Martin this year have been extremely supportive. And I think it helps that the girls and boys track coaches work together."

The Lady Tigers' first competition will come Feb. 22-23 at Frenship's ABC Relays, and Pollard hopes to use the opening meet as an evaluation tool.

"We're taking all 31 girls to Frenship, and then we'll use that meet to help determine our varsity squad," the coach said. "Right now, our goal is to find a spot for everybody, and to get our relays set.

"I really believe we have a chance to be pretty good in the relays this year. We have seven or eight girls who could run the relays, so they'll push each other to become better."

The Lady Tigers are scheduled for seven meets, including the Canyon Reef Relays set for March 9. The District 4-4A meet is April 12-13 at South Plains College in Levelland.

"If the girls continue to work hard, they'll keep improving with each meet," said Pollard. "And if they do that, then the district meet should be a lot of fun."

Lady Raiders top Baylor, end skid

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech stopped a streak and averted an unwelcome record with a convincing 83-63 victory over Baylor Wednesday night.

Jia Perkins scored 20 points to lead No. 15 Tech. It's big halftime lead was enough to withstand a late surge by No. 13 Baylor.

"We're thrilled to get the win," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "We really needed to do that. It was important for a lot of reasons. We won a conference game, and we got back on track and feel a little better about what is going on."

The Lady Raiders ended a three-game losing streak and kept Tech's record books safe from a first-ever, four-game league losing streak.

Going into Wednesday night's game, Tech (10-5, 2-3 Big 12) had dropped the past three games to Big 12 teams Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma. The last time Tech dropped three league games in a row was in 1986-1987 when the Southwest Conference was still around.

Tech led 48-26 at the break, and extended its advantage to 30 points. But Baylor (13-3, 1-3) got within 15 in the final seven minutes.

The Lady Bears played much of the game without coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson, issued back-to-back technicals and ejected.

With a little more than eight minutes left in the first half, Mulkey-Robertson argued with referee Jeff Caudle — while outside the coaches box — about what she believed was a foul that was not called. When she continued to argue and remain outside the box, Caudle gave her a second technical and Mulkey-Robertson was ejected.

"I don't know what effect (the ejection) had," said Sheila Lambert, who scored nine of her 24 points in a 23-6 spurt in the second half. "It might have affected some players and not affected some others. When things happen like that, we need to pull together as a team. I don't think we did that."

Steffanie Blackmon and Danielle Crockrom added 13 points apiece for Baylor.

Mulkey-Robertson said her team — while she was still on the court — lacked drive.

"In the first 10 minutes of the game, I don't think one kid on my team showed any heart or was ready to play," she said.

Perkins, who had a third straight game with 20 or more points, said the technicals gave the team a lift.

"I just think after that we were able to keep after them," she said. "At the same time, they might have been down, so we just kept the pressure up against them."

Amber Tarr added 15 points and Tanisha Ellison 12 for Texas Tech.

Rockets fall to Raptors, 109-103

TORONTO (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon had a difficult time playing against the Houston Rockets, the team he played on for 17 seasons. It will be even harder when he returns to Houston.

Olajuwon had six points and five rebounds in 31 minutes as the Toronto Raptors beat the Rockets 109-103 Wednesday night.

"It will be harder in Houston (March 5), to go back. But this was difficult, too," Olajuwon said.

Olajuwon, who led the Rockets to two NBA championships, wasn't a factor — Vince Carter led the way with 29 points — but he had a memorable night.

"It was very strange to be on the other side," Olajuwon said. "I was talking to the guys throughout the game, but at the same time I had to be serious. It was a different game."

Olajuwon is the Rockets' career leader in points, rebounds, games, steals and blocked shots.

"I was happy to see them," Olajuwon said of his former teammates. "I think they played very well. They can be proud of the way they played."

Rudy Tomjanovich said it was eerie watching Olajuwon play for the other team.

"I never thought it would happen," he said. "Never."

Alvin Williams added 21 points, and Jerome Williams had a season-high 18 for the Raptors, who shot 56 percent from the field.

Moochie Norris, filling in for the ailing Steve Francis, matched a career high with 28 points. The Rockets fell to 1-17 without Francis, who underwent tests in Washington, D.C., for recurring migraine headaches.

The Raptors led by as many as 18 points in the fourth quarter, but Houston narrowed the lead to one as Norris converted a three-point play, Eddie Griffin made consecutive 3-pointers and Norris made a jumper to make it 100-99 with 1:53 remaining.

Antonio Davis followed with two free throws with 1:30 left, giving Toronto a three-point lead. After Norris missed a layup, Jerome Williams made two free throws to make it a five-point game with 29 seconds left.

Griffin followed with another 3-pointer, but Alvin Williams made two free throws to make it a four-point game.

Oscar Torres made a free throw to pull Houston within three, but Carter made one of two with 10 seconds left, and Norris missed another jumper.

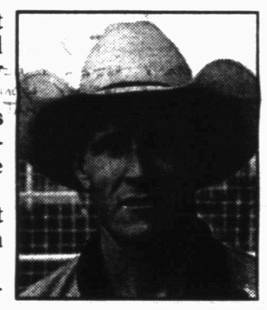
"Our skill level and heart is commendable, but we just can't get it done right now," Tomjanovich said.

WTC rodeo squads to resume practices

The first day of classes Wednesday at Western Texas College means the second half of the regional rodeo season can't be far away.

In fact, the WTC cowboys and cowgirls resume practice next week following a successful first half of the season, both in the arena and the classroom.

The Lady Westerners lead the Southwest Region point standings, while the WTC men are a close second to Vernon College.



Rhodes

Both teams also fared well in their academic endeavors during the fall semester. Right at 80 percent of the WTC students involved in rodeo carry a GPA of 3.0 or better, with the majority of those sporting a 3.3 or above.

"I tell everybody that wants to rodeo here that we expect to contend for the national title every year, and the only way we can do that is if they stay academically eligible," said Western Texas rodeo coach Greg Rhodes. "If kids just want to compete and not take the time to do well in school, then we don't want them here. We're going to do things the right way."

Both squads have five rodeos remaining prior to the conference finals, and Rhodes is eager to resume the season.

"I'm expecting a good year, and I'm ready to get it going again," the coach said. "The women's regional race is going to be really exciting down the stretch, and the men's competition is tougher than I first expected, so that's going to be a lot of fun, too."

The second half of the regional season opens March 21-23 at Odessa. WTC hosts its annual collegiate event April 11-13 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Mens and Womens NCAA Basketball Scores

MEN
EAST
Bucknell 56, Army 53
Cent. Connecticut St. 84, Quinnipiac 74
Colgate 46, Holy Cross 42
Connecticut 69, Providence 62
Drexel 69, James Madison 59
Georgetown 84, Seton Hall 58
La Salle 62, Duquesne 54
Lafayette 57, American U. 52
Navy 92, Lehigh 85, 2OT
Rutgers 79, West Virginia 66
Sacred Heart 75, Fairleigh Dickinson 63
Saint Joseph's 83, Fordham 72
St. Bonaventure 93, Temple 74
St. Francis, NY 85, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 73
UMBC 91, Long Island U. 70
Wagner 69, Monmouth, N.J. 61
SOUTH
Alabama 77, Georgia 72
Arkansas St. 57, Fla. International 56, OT
Bethune-Cookman 60, Canisius 53
Birmingham-Southern 65, Florida Atlantic 59
Centenary 82, Texas Coll. 59
Davidson 79, VMI 68
East Carolina 87, Louisville 77
Florida 102, LSU 70
Florida St. 81, North Carolina 71
Mississippi St. 92, Tennessee 91, OT
N.C.-Asheville 83, High Point 72
N.C.-Wilmington 58, William & Mary 56
Richmond 63, Massachusetts 54
UNC-Greensboro 85, N. Carolina A&T 67
Vanderbilt 73, Auburn 67
W. Kentucky 55, Middle Tennessee 45
MIDWEST
Ball St. 92, Bowling Green 79
Cent. Michigan 88, Marshall 84
Cincinnati 89, DePaul 72
Creighton 63, Illinois St. 56
Drake 63, Evansville 61
Kent St. 78, Akron 54
Miami (Ohio) 72, E. Michigan 56
Michigan St. 65, Purdue 56
Missouri 74, Texas A&M 50
Northwestern 58, Michigan 54
Ohio St. 76, Penn St. 57
Oklahoma 78, Nebraska 51
S. Illinois 55, Bradley 49
SW Missouri St. 80, N. Iowa 78
Toledo 89, N. Illinois 80
Wichita St. 64, Indiana St. 63
Wisconsin 73, Minnesota 64
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 73, Kansas St. 70
South Carolina 62, Arkansas 60
FAR WEST
Colorado 63, Iowa St. 61
San Diego 82, Santa Clara 73
San Francisco 63, St. Mary's, Cal. 46

WOMEN
EAST
American U. 92, Lafayette 56
Bucknell 79, Army 69
Holy Cross 103, Colgate 72
Lehigh 52, Navy 51
Siena 79, Marist 51
St. Joseph's 75, Fordham 50
Toledo 56, Buffalo 46
Villanova 59, Seton Hall 52
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Radford 56, Winthrop 53
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Texas 77, Oklahoma St. 64
Texas Tech 83, Baylor 63
FAR WEST
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UC Santa Barbara 79, Oregon St. 73

Sports Briefs

SHS football banquet

The Snyder High School football banquet is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

A chicken fried steak dinner will be served, and all SHS football honors will be awarded. A highlight video from the past season is also scheduled.

Tickets are $10 for the general public, and $5 for SHS football players. Tickets can be purchased at the Snyder High School athletic office or from Tiger booster club president Steve Rich.

Owners approve sale of Red Sox

PHOENIX (AP) — Baseball owners voted to approve the purchase of Boston for $660 million, which will separate the Red Sox from the Yawkey name for the first time since 1933.

Owners voted 29-0, with the New York Yankees abstaining, to OK a controversial deal that was agreed to on Dec. 20.

Strahan wins defensive player honors

NEW YORK (AP) — The sack is a major reason why Michael Strahan is The Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year.

Strahan, who set an NFL record with 221/2 sacks for the New York Giants, earned a seven-vote margin over Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher in balloting.

Injury halts Roddick at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — American star Andy Roddick fell on an already injured right ankle in a losing first-set tiebreaker and pulled out of the Australian Open in the second round.

No. 8 Pete Sampras lost his serve twice in the final set before winning 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 against Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela.

Arnaud Clement, last year's runner-up, sprayed shots wide and long in a loss to Argentina's Gaston Gaudio.

No. 7 Tommy Haas and No. 9 Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open winner, Marcelo Rios, the 1998 Australian runner-up, and No. 23 Nicolas Lapentti reached the third round.

On the women's side, Belgians Kim Clijsters, the French Open runner-up, and Justine Henin, the Wimbledon runner-up, both advanced. No. 4 Clijsters beat Austrian Barbara Schwartz 6-1, 6-1, and No. 6 Henin defeated Spain's Marta Marrero 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 7 Amelie Mauresmo beat Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik 7-5, 6-3, and No. 10 Meghann Shaughnessy ousted Australian Bryanne Stewart 6-2, 6-0.

USOC forecasts 20 medals for Americans

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The United States expects to almost double its 13-medal record haul at the Winter Games, with the U.S. Olympic Committee forecasting at least 20.

Haas, Chamblee lead Chrysler Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Back from a five-month break, Phil Mickelson shot an 8-under 64 to join a group one shot behind co-leaders Jay Haas and Brandel Chamblee after the first round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9
Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Sunday, Jan. 13
Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15
Baltimore 20, Miami 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 19
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Oakland at New England, 8 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 20
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at St. Louis, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 27
NFC Championship
12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.
AFC Championship
12:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 6 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	26	11	.703	—
Boston	23	14	.622	3
Orlando	20	20	.500	7½
Washington	18	18	.500	7½
Philadelphia	17	20	.460	9
New York	14	23	.378	12
Miami	10	26	.278	15½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	23	13	.639	—
Toronto	22	17	.564	2½
Indiana	21	19	.525	4
Charlotte	18	19	.486	5½
Detroit	17	19	.472	6
Atlanta	13	24	.351	10½
Cleveland	13	26	.333	11½
Chicago	7	30	.189	16½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	28	9	.757	—
San Antonio	26	10	.722	1½
Dallas	26	12	.684	2½
Utah	21	17	.553	7½
Memphis	12	25	.324	16
Houston	12	26	.316	16½
Denver	11	26	.297	17
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	29	9	.763	—
L.A. Lakers	27	9	.750	1
Seattle	19	18	.513	9½
Portland	19	19	.500	10
L.A. Clippers	19	20	.487	10½
Phoenix	19	20	.487	10½
Golden State	13	24	.351	15½

Wednesday's Games
Boston 101, New York 100
Toronto 109, Houston 103
New Jersey 111, Washington 67
Sacramento 112, Denver 107
Milwaukee 105, Indiana 100
Utah 95, Seattle 80
Portland 108, Phoenix 99
Miami 102, L.A. Lakers 96
Golden State 117, Cleveland 88
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Kmart shakes up top management

DETROIT (AP) — Amid speculation Kmart Corp. could seek bankruptcy protection, the troubled retailer today announced sweeping management changes and said it was continuing to review its finances.

Kmart announced that its president and chief operating officer, Mark S. Schwartz, has left the company.

The retailer also named James B. Adamson, one of its board of directors, to be chairman, replacing Charles Conaway, who remains as chief executive.

It said Adamson will serve as the principal liaison between the board and the company's senior management.

Kmart is the nation's third largest discounter behind Wal-Mart Stores and Target.

The retailer's board held a regularly scheduled meeting Monday and Tuesday, but until today's announcement, Kmart had refused to comment on its financial state.

Shares of Kmart rose more than 9 percent, or 15 cents a share, to $1.75 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. On Wednesday, the shares had tumbled for a sixth straight day, closing at $1.60, down 85 cents, or nearly 35 percent.

The downward spiral began last week after officials announced that 2001 results would break even at best because of disappointing holiday sales and suggested they may seek additional financing.

In today's release, Kmart said it continues to evaluate its finances and business plans for the 2002 and 2003 fiscal years. The company said it also is continuing discussions with its lenders regarding existing and possible supplemental financing facilities.

"We appreciate the loyalty Kmart has received from our customers and the continuing support shown by many of our vendors and other business partners," Conaway said.

On Jan. 2, Prudential Securities Inc. said it would not be surprised if Troy-based Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy "if trends do not improve" in the next six months. The financial organization downgraded the discount retailer's stock from "hold" to "sell."

Standard & Poor's, one of the nation's largest debt rating agencies, took Kmart off its 500 index at the market's close Wednesday. The move forces mutual funds modeled on the index to shed the stock.

Also Wednesday, S&P lowered the retailer's credit rating on certain lease transactions for the second time this week.

The discount retailer has been struggling to compete against the lower prices of rivals Wal-Mart and Target, battling the nationwide recession while mounting its own restructuring effort.

Kmart has about 275,000 employees and 2,105 stores in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Martha Stewart is Kmart's largest-volume producing label, generating more than $1 billion in sales. Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia has a provision in its contract that allows Stewart to exit Kmart in bankruptcy, but any such move would have to be approved by a bankruptcy judge, the company said.

Some call for Bush officials to be removed from probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because Enron's political reach was so wide, it is becoming difficult to find government officials without connections as federal law enforcement agencies and Congress pursue investigations of the collapsed energy-trading giant.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, one of Capitol Hill's biggest recipients of Enron campaign donations, is mulling whether to drop out of the congressional investigations into the company, which entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2. His wife, Wendy Gramm, is on Enron's board and audit committee and is named in a lawsuit by investors against Enron executives and directors.

Wendy Gramm, an economist, heads the regulatory studies program at George Mason University's Mercatus Center, which received $50,000 from Enron since 1996. Of that, $10,000 was donated in 1996, the year before Gramm came to the school. Enron's $50,000 contribution represents less than 1 percent of total corporate gifts to Mercatus, university spokesman Jeremy Lasich said today.

Phil Gramm "has not seen the scope of the proposed hearings and has yet to make a decision," said his spokesman, Larry Neal. He said Gramm, who is not running for re-election, has begun returning 2002 campaign cash to contributors.

Several Democrats in Congress and the private group Common Cause called Wednesday for the Securities and Exchange Commission's chairman — a securities lawyer who used to represent Enron auditor Arthur Andersen LLP — to remove himself from the SEC's investigation.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush "has full faith and confidence" that SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt and all members of the administration "will do the right things for the right reasons and will comply with all ethics provisions."

Pitt called a news conference for today to discuss regulation of the accounting business, including a proposal to create an oversight body that would include people from outside the accounting industry, SEC spokeswoman Christi Harlan said.

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said the head of the Justice Department's criminal investigation should step aside because his former law firm represented Enron. Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, who is leading the probe, told reporters he had no conflict of interest.

Attorney General John Ashcroft already has disqualified himself because he received campaign donations for his Senate bid in 2000 from Enron. Justice's entire Houston office also has bowed out.

In its heyday, Houston-based Enron contributed to many politicians. Enron and its employees have been the single biggest group of contributors to Bush's campaigns over the years.

The company enjoyed top-shelf access: Enron executives met six times with Vice President Dick Cheney or his aides on energy issues last year, most recently in mid-October just before the investing public realized the company was heading for disaster.

As SEC chairman, Pitt "has absolutely no business dealing with Enron or Andersen," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the private Center for Public Integrity. "His not recusing himself is just unacceptable."

The SEC is investigating Andersen's role in Enron's complex accounting, including questionable partnerships that kept about $500 million in debt off the energy company's books and allowed Enron executives to profit from the arrangements.

Andersen said Tuesday it was firing a senior auditor who organized a "rushed disposal" of Enron documents last fall after the SEC had requested information about the failing energy company.

Pitt, as a prominent securities lawyer before Bush named him last spring to head the SEC, had Andersen and the other Big Five accounting firms among his clients. As agency chairman, he normally would receive updates from SEC attorneys on the course of the investigation and would vote along with fellow commissioners on the enforcement action to be taken.

Construction crane mishap forces evacuation in 'Jersey'

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Hundreds of residents in a waterfront neighborhood were told they could be out of their homes for several days while a damaged construction crane teetering over their buildings is repaired.

Crews suspended efforts to right the crane until engineers from the firm that built the 470-foot crane arrive at the site today, said Deputy Police Director Edgar Martinez.

Repairs may take several days and about 1,000 residents who were told to vacate won't be allowed to return until then, he said.

"We were asleep and they asked us to get out of the building, that a crane was about to fall on it," said Ajith Nair, 24, a software engineer who lives nearby.

The crane is attached to the side of a building, which has 18 of 29 stories completed. An apparent electrical malfunction Wednesday caused the crane's boom to extend too far and it began to tilt, officials said.

The crane operator felt a movement, was warned by a computer that the crane was tipping and climbed to safety, authorities said.

About 137 people were immediately evacuated from a luxury housing development and the Double Tree Club Suites hotel. Most of the remaining residents were at work at the time, police said.

The Red Cross planned to provide residents vouchers for overnight hotel stays.

Charges are dropped against an Egyptian student who lied about aviation radio

NEW YORK (AP) — An Egyptian student accused of lying about an aviation radio found in his hotel room across from the World Trade Center has been released and the charges against him dropped after another hotel guest said the radio was his.

Abdallah Higazy, the 30-year-old son of an Egyptian diplomat, had been accused of interfering with the investigation into the terrorist attack, which demolished the 110-story twin towers. He had been in custody for a month.

Charges were dismissed on Wednesday after another hotel guest, who is a private pilot, told officials on Monday the radio belonged to him, said Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

"The FBI has verified that the aviation radio found in Mr. Higazy's room belongs to this other man," read a two-page document filed late Wednesday by prosecutors.

The radio, called a transceiver, is marketed for use by pilots, enabling them to communicate air-to-air and air-to-ground with other pilots or to monitor other pilot conversations.

Higazy had insisted he knew nothing of the hand-held radio, which was said to have been found in his room at the Millennium Hilton Hotel. The pilot was also a guest there.

The FBI had initially said a hotel employee found the radio in a safe in Higazy's room along with his Egyptian passport, a copy of the Quran and a gold medallion.

According to the document filed Wednesday by prosecutors, the employee later said he found the radio on a table in Higazy's room on the 51st floor.

Prosecutors said it was unclear how the radio may have gotten to Higazy's room from the 50th floor, where the pilot was staying, but a number of people had been in the room between Sept. 11 and when the radio was found. There had been no contact between the two hotel guests, prosecutors said.

Smilon said prosecutors asked that the charges against Higazy be dismissed after the pilot went to claim his belongings Monday, three days after Higazy was charged.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How to handle fainting from injections

DEAR DR. GOTT: My granddaughter faints when she receives injections or has blood drawn. A CT scan and brain wave test were normal. What's wrong?

DEAR READER: Even though being stuck with a needle is only minor trauma, many people - especially children - may become lightheaded or even faint during the procedure. This occurs because the blood pressure drops as a consequence of the anticipation, plus the slight discomfort. Most people eventually outgrow this. Until they do, the patient should lie flat when given inoculations or blood tests.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with venous insufficiency in my legs. What is this?

DEAR READER: I'm a little disappointed that your doctor didn't explain this to you. As I've written before, patients' primary care physicians are clearly the best resource for specific information about health issues. You should check with your doctor about your particular case.

Having said that, I'll give you a general answer. Veins transport blood from the tissues to the heart, where it is re-oxygenated and then pumped through the arteries back to the tissues.

Venous return from most parts of the body is usually not a problem. However, in the legs, because of the significant distance from the heart, the blood flow may be slowed. This can lead to the trapping of stale blood in the lower extremities, with resulting ballooning out of the veins, which may be visible (but not always) as varicose veins. Tiny valves in the veins weaken and stretch as the blood vessels dilate, resulting in even more venous pooling. This is known medically as venous insufficiency.

In its initial stages, the affliction produces no particular symptoms except, perhaps, for minor leg swelling and a feeling of slight pressure in the calves. However, as the condition worsens, tissues cannot receive adequate nutrition and oxygen and clots may form in the veins; often the legs are marked by swollen, tortuous veins. The skin over the involved areas tends to darken and dry; superficial ulcers may form. The legs may noticeably swell.

Initial therapy for venous insufficiency includes elastic support stockings, elevation of the legs when possible (thereby using gravity to drain the veins) and avoidance of prolonged standing or sitting.

More pronounced cases of venous insufficiency may require surgery to remove or shrivel the main offenders, allowing the blood return to proceed through alternative venous routes. Medicine (to rid the body of excess fluid) will usually reduce swelling. Skin ulcerations may need aggressive topical treatment. Should blood clots form in the deep venous system (as diagnosed by ultrasound examinations), anticoagulant medication may have to be used.

In summary, venous insufficiency in the legs is caused by blood that pools in dilated, malfunctioning veins. This can lead to tissue damage. Most cases can be treated conservatively with compression and elevation. In selected instances surgery may be indicated to remove abnormal veins.

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

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AT&T Corp s	18.73	18.45	18.46	—.01
Albertsons	30.43	29.90	30.39	+ .59
Alltel	57.35	57.00	57.24	+ .54
AmEl Pw	44.30	43.79	43.97	—.38
AndarkPtr	49.45	48.26	48.35	—.78
ATMOS Egy	21.34	21.10	21.22	+ .12
Aviall	6.64	6.25	6.25	—.25
BP PLC	45.13	44.72	44.85	+ .30
BakerHughes	31.61	30.70	31.05	—.05
Bank of Amer	61.50	61.03	61.30	+ .90
BellSouth	38.93	38.45	38.87	+ .52
vjBeth Steel	.53	.51	.52	+ .03
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Citigroup	50.25	49.70	49.90	+ 1.40
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Plan to inspect checked baggage not enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two leading House Democrats say the Transportation Department's plan for tougher airline baggage inspections, scheduled to begin Friday, falls short of what a post-Sept. 11 law requires.

Both House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, objected to Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta's announcement Wednesday that airlines would meet the congressionally ordered deadline in many cases by refusing to load luggage unless the passenger also boards.

"This decision amounts to a narrow interpretation of the statute and flouts the intent of a law designed to fundamentally change the air safety rules of our country," Gephardt said. "I'm afraid the secretary's announcement is little more than a perpetuation of the status quo."

The two lawmakers said the law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush in November requires bags to be screened for explosives. But only some luggage will be checked with explosive detection machines, bomb-sniffing dogs, hand searches by security agents, or handheld equipment that detects traces of explosives.

As an alternative to actual inspections, airlines can use a passenger-bag match — a strategy in which no bag will be loaded on an originating flight unless the passenger also boards.

If a passenger connects to a different plane, however, the airline does not have make sure he or she boards the second time before loading the luggage.

That amounts to "an Achilles' heel in the security system," Oberstar said. He said the inspection system "will add significantly to the security of checked baggage. However, it is disappointing that the program falls short of what the new law requires."

Deputy Transportation Secretary Michael Jackson said the law allows different methods to inspect luggage as officials work toward the Dec. 31 deadline to have all checked bags screened by explosive detection machines.

"That's the end game that we've got our minds on," Jackson said. "We'll get stronger every week and we'll deploy more tools."

Others praised Mineta's announcement.

"The measures are exactly what we called for in the law," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House aviation subcommittee. "There may be some slight delays as far as passenger boarding, but the traveling public is willing to sacrifice a little bit of time for additional safety."

Gephardt, though, said the passenger-bag match does not keep bombs off a plane.

"Under the administration's plan, only under rare circumstances will officials actually determine what is inside checked baggage as the law requires," Gephardt said. "The intent of Congress was to do much more to ensure that passengers are safe."

Jackson said the passenger-bag match has been used for many years to improve security on international flights. "This is an important tool that must be deployed," he said.

In addition to having their checked baggage screened, more passengers will be singled out for additional scrutiny by a computerized profiling system, and more travelers and their carryon luggage will be screened for explosives with handheld equipment at security checkpoints, Mineta said.

Man is found dead with 7 pet lizards

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Several flesh-eating pet lizards were found feasting on the corpse of their owner in his apartment, police said.

Police were called to Ronald Huff's apartment in Newark, Del., on Wednesday after a relative became worried because Huff failed to show up for work, investigators said.

Officers found Huff's body on the floor, with his pet Nile monitor lizards feeding on his flesh. The state medical examiner is investigating the cause of death.

Huff, 42, had last been seen Sunday, New Castle County police said.

Workers with the Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recovered seven lizards, the largest measuring 6 feet long and weighing 25 pounds.

"They're alive and well," said SPCA director John Caldwell. He added that one of the reptiles recovered was acting aggressively, "actually going toward you, mouth open."

Caldwell said the lizards have small but very sharp teeth and muscular, whip-like tails that can seriously injure a person. In the wild, they eat eggs, birds and other animals, he said.

"In captivity, we feed them raw chicken and liver. You can also feed them hard-boiled eggs," he said.

The SPCA will try to place the lizards with zoos or educational groups, Caldwell said. Barring that, they will be euthanized.

The lizards are considered exotic pets in Delaware and cannot be acquired without a permit from the state Department of Agriculture.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 18, 2002

An ambitious endeavor upon which you've been working can be finalized to your satisfaction in the year ahead. It'll be your good planning coupled with your resolve that will wrap it up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — More important than anything to you today will be your family and loved ones. Much to your credit, you'll spend your time and energy on their needs and desires. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It should be easier than usual for you today to advance your personal ambitions. You'll have a plethora of ideas and the necessary initiative to put your thoughts into action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though you'll be aggressive today in getting what's owed you, you'll do so in such a pleasant manner that others won't feel you are offensive or selfish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Everything should go exactly the way you want it to today. Although you are eager to achieve your aims, you won't step on anybody's toes, and, consequently, they'll end up helping you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're smart to keep your intentions to yourself today. Not that anybody wants to trip you up, but you'll be able to pace yourself better and make your points when you're ready.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be optimistic about the outcome of your involvements today, because conditions in general look pretty hopeful for you. Positive thinking will be your best ally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — No one is apt to bluff you today when it comes to competitive developments. You're the one with all the odds tilted in your favor, and you'll know how and when to play them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — As of today you could begin to see signs of improvement involving a frustrating condition that has been plaguing you for some time. It will be your wise thinking that will finally alleviate it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A business situation with which you've been slightly unhappy can definitely be improved, and you could start making the adjustments today. An associate will put you on the course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A partnership arrangement should work out exceptionally well for you today, because chances are you'll team up with someone who is even more ambitious and energetic than you.

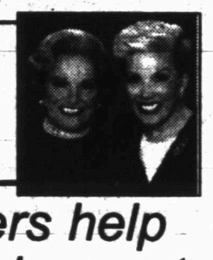
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if you don't get rolling early on at work today, by afternoon you'll slip into a gear that will not only makes up for lost time, but will accomplish even more than you had planned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A little friendly social competition today could have a favorable effect upon your outlook. If you don't have anything planned, call a friend and stir up a game.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Runaway hotline offers help to desperate kids and parents

DEAR ABBY: The holiday season is finally over — and a lot of people are breathing a collective sigh of relief. The pressure of trying to maintain a greeting-card kind of family facade is overwhelming for families already experiencing problems. Parents aren't going to stop fighting because it's suddenly the time for peace and love. And Johnny isn't going to stop acting out, no matter how much everyone wishes differently.

Family dynamics is the reason cited by nearly 43 percent of kids who have run away — or are thinking about running away from home.

Parents should be especially alert to changes in their child's behavior, including increased stress, withdrawal or overwhelming unhappiness. These are warning signs of a child in crisis, one who may run away to avoid stressful situations. Open communication with children is vital to keep them from turning elsewhere. Taking the time to listen now may prevent a serious problem later.

The National Runaway Switchboard is the federally designated communication system for homeless, runaway and at-risk youth. It is confidential, volunteer-based and not-for-profit.

Please, Abby, encourage young people who are considering running away, and those who already have, as well as parents with children in crisis to call our hotline, (800) 621-4000, before an act of desperation is committed. — **CATHLEEN CAROLAN, NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD**

DEAR CATHLEEN: Thank you for a timely and important letter. The streets of major cities are often the only "home" young runaways are able to find. Once on the streets, they are at risk for physical violence, disease and exploitation. They become victims of crime or even resort to crime themselves in order to survive.

Since 1971, the National Runaway Switchboard has been a valuable tool for runaway youth, teens in crisis and concerned friends and family members. It provides confidential crisis intervention and referral services on a 24-hour hotline. It also offers message relay between runaways and parents or legal guardians, education and outreach services, and administers the Home Free program in partnership with Greyhound Lines Inc. (All services are free.)

The National Runaway Switchboard publishes the Parent Information Guide, which helps parents identify signs that their child may be contemplating running away from home, what to do if a child runs away, and how to deal with the child's return. The guide is also free to anyone who contacts the hotline.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are planning our wedding and reception. Is it proper to invite guests to the reception only? We'd much prefer to keep the ceremony simple and private with only immediate family. — **BRIDE-TO-BE**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: According to "Emily Post's Complete Book of Wedding Etiquette," it's proper to invite guests to the reception only. This is often done in second marriages. In such cases, a verbal invitation is given for the wedding ceremony, while all guests receive a formal invitation to the reception.

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Powell: U.S. planning economic help

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— The Afghan prime minister told Secretary of State Colin Powell during a historic visit today that Afghanistan needs a long-term commitment from the United States so it can become a normal country after years of being run by terrorists. Powell promised, "We will be with you."

Powell told Hamid Karzai, head of the interim Afghan administration, that the United States would make a substantial financial commitment at next week's international aid donors conference in Tokyo.

He also vowed that U.S. forces would pursue the remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network and the ousted Taliban militia so they do not threaten Afghanistan's stability.

"We don't want to leave any contamination behind," Powell said of continuing military efforts in Afghanistan. "That is in the interests of the Afghan people and certainly the mission we came here to perform."

Powell's visit to Afghanistan was the first by a U.S. secretary of state since Henry Kissinger in 1976.

At a ceremony in which he formally reopened the U.S. Embassy, soldiers in full camouflage and flak vests stood on the podium as Powell mingled with children waving small U.S. flags. The Embassy began some operations in mid-December, 13 years after it was closed for security reasons amid Afghanistan's chaos.

Meanwhile, Ruud Lubbers, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said that the United Nations is ready to help some of the millions of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran return home in a "gradual" process. He did not elaborate.

In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross said its workers would hold private meetings with al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners flown from Afghanistan to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Red Cross will make public comments about prisoners' conditions, ICRC spokesman Darcy Christen said. Some human-rights campaigners have criticized housing the prisoners in cells open to the elements and less than 50 square feet in size.

So far, 110 prisoners have been flown out in less than a week to Guantanamo from a holding center at the Marines' base in the southern city of Kandahar.

In neighboring Pakistan, five men believed to be al-Qaida members were arrested after a high-speed car chase that began when a pedestrian was run down on a remote road, witnesses and Interior Ministry officials said today.

The five unidentified men, reportedly wearing women's burqas as a disguise, were speeding toward an area controlled by local tribes to seek refuge when they were detained Wednesday night outside Daoud Khel in western Punjab province.

Police and a Pakistani intelligence official in Lahore said the detained men included one Saudi, one Yemeni and at least one Pakistani.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops were supervising Afghan forces collecting weapons house to house in the southern town of Spinboldak, near the border with Pakistan.

Reopening of Hart building postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plans to reopen the Hart Senate Office Building, closed for three months due to anthrax contamination, were put on hold after a bag of gear used in the cleanup was found above a ceiling in the building.

Preliminary tests on the equipment revealed no evidence of the deadly bacteria, Capitol Police said. They said that as a precaution, work on preparing the Hart building for its reopening was suspended until final results are available, perhaps Friday, and 25 workers and emergency responders who were near the gear have been prescribed antibiotics.

In addition, several basement rooms in the adjoining Dirksen Senate Office Building have been closed until definitive test results are available. These rooms, temporarily used as offices by senators displaced from the Hart building, share a ventilation system with rooms in Hart where the potentially exposed workers had been taken.

The gear, contained in a bag, included gloves and protective suits, said Capitol Police spokesman Lt. Dan Nichols. The equipment was found in a hallway ceiling outside the sixth-floor Hart suite of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"We're trying to determine how and why this was placed above the ceiling tiles," Nichols said.

Nichols said the building's scheduled reopening for noon Friday is now unlikely. The nine-story structure holds offices of half the 100 senators.

The delay was the latest that has plagued efforts to reopen the Hart building, which has been shuttered since Oct. 17. That was two days after a letter to Daschle was opened that contained an estimated billions of spores of anthrax and a threatening note.

Daschle's letter was among several containing the bacteria that were delivered last fall. Ultimately, anthrax was detected in dozens of locations around Washington, New York and elsewhere, causing five fatalities and a national focus on bioterrorism.

In the initial days after the Daschle letter was opened, officials said the million-square-foot Hart building could be decontaminated and reoccupied by mid-November. It took three attempts at cleaning the building with poisonous chlorine dioxide gas and other techniques before it was finally declared "clean and safe" today by officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other agencies.

Maintenance crews had begun cleaning the building Wednesday in preparation for its reopening.

On the Net:
http://www.senate.gov/closings.html

Ex-law student who kills 3 tells judge he needs help

GRUNDY, Va. (AP) — A former law student who is accused of killing his dean, a law professor and another student told a judge today that he is sick and needs help.

Peter Odighizuwa shuffled into Buchanan County General District Court in leg chains, surrounded by police officers.

Hiding his face behind his green arrest warrant, Odighizuwa told Judge Patrick Johnson, "I was supposed to see my doctor. He was supposed to help me out. ... I don't have my medication."

Odighizuwa, a 43-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Nigeria, went to the Appalachian School of Law on Wednesday to talk to his dean, L. Anthony Sutin, about Odighizuwa's dismissal for failing grades, officials said. He shot Sutin and professor Thomas Blackwell, who taught Odighizuwa's contracts classes during the fall and winter, with a .38-caliber pistol, authorities and students said.

Also killed was student Angela Dales, 33, said State Police spokesman Mike Stater. Three other students were injured and were hospitalized in fair condition.

Prosecutors charged Odighizuwa with three counts of capital murder, three counts of attempted capital murder and six charges for use of a firearm in a felony.

A few minutes before his arraignment, Odighizuwa told reporters as he was led into the courtroom, "I was sick, I was sick. I need help."

When Johnson said he would appoint lawyer James C. Turk Jr. to represent him, Odighizuwa asked for another attorney who he named. But Johnson appointed Turk and said, "Once you've talked with him, I'm sure you'll see he can help you."

Odighizuwa will remain held without bond pending a preliminary hearing March 21.

Students ended the rampage by confronting and then tackling the gunman, officials said.

"He was angry. He thought he was being treated unfairly, and he wanted to see his transcript," said Chris Clifton, the school's financial aid officer.

"I don't think Peter knew at this time that it (dismissal) was going to be permanent and final," Clifton added.

The suspect, known around the rural campus as "Peter O," had been struggling with his grades for more than a year and had been dismissed once before. Clifton met with Odighizuwa a day earlier when the student learned he was to be kicked out of school.

Dr. Jack Briggs, who has a private practice a half-mile from the school, said Odighizuwa went downstairs from Sutin's and Blackwell's offices to a commons area and opened fire on students.

"When I got there, there were bodies laying everywhere," Briggs said.

Odighizuwa left the building and dropped his gun after being confronted. Students then tackled him and one who is a sheriff's deputy handcuffed him.

Odighizuwa kept saying, "I have nowhere to go. I have nowhere to go," said student Todd Ross, 30, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Officers make two arrests Wednesday

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested Jimmy Ramiro, 42, of 709 27th Street at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on felony charges for motion to revoke probation.

A 29-year-old man was taken into custody on 29th Street Wednesday afternoon for Class C assault and family violence.

Assault

Sheriff's deputies submitted an offense report for assault Wednesday morning concerning a disturbance that occurred Tuesday. Police officers were handling the case, but turned it over after investigation revealed the assault occurred outside the city limits.

Disturbance

9-1-1 operators received a call at 1 p.m. Wednesday from a man who requested officers at his residence on 29th Street, but would give no more information.

Officers were dispatched and contacted the man and a woman. The officers advised a report would be submitted for Class C assault and family violence. The man was arrested.

Close patrol

Joe Salinas requested a close patrol at the bowling alley at 8:15 p.m. after noticing four juveniles acting suspiciously.

Noise disturbance

Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Browning Ave. because of loud music in the area. A man was contacted and advised of the complaint.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Tiger Mart called 9-1-1 at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday to report a $14 gas drive off. Officers contacted the driver and advised her to return to the station to pay for the fuel.

Obituaries

J.B. Bowling

1924-2002

POSEY, Calif. — J.B. Bowling, a native of Hermleigh, died Jan. 8 in Hanford Hospital in California after a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Bowling, 77, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Blue Mountain Cemetery in Woody, Calif.

Born Oct. 25, 1924 in Scurry County, he married Dorothy Reilly on Oct. 23, 1959 in San Diego, Calif. She preceded him in death.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Nellie Bly Bowling; a brother, Jack Bowling; a sister, Darlene Bowling; and a stepson, Tommy Cooper.

Mr. Bowling was reared in Fluvanna and Snyder and was retired from the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Ron Bowling of St. Cloud, Fla.; two daughters, Darlene Porter of Orlando, Fla., and Marcia Madden of Posey; three stepsons, David and Robert Cooper of San Diego and Bill Cooper of Portland, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Drama booster club

The SHS Drama booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the Texas Savings Bank meeting room.

West reading night

West Elementary's family reading night will be from 5:30-7 today. Refreshments and childcare will be provided, New activities are planned including computer training for parents and students.

Candidate breakfast

The public is invited to a breakfast with Republican Drew Darby from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Friday at Rudy's. Darby is a candidate for District 72 State Representative.

Museum reception Sunday

A reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum will open displays of international kites and Kay Smith's original watercolor paintings. Smaller kites will be exhibited at the museum and the larger kites will be displayed at the Student Center, Fine Arts Theatre, Learning Resource Center and the Administration Building on the WTC campus.

Bible study

The public is invited to Bible study at the Iglesia de Cristo from 7-8:15 p.m. Monday. The church is located at 501 N. College Ave.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be Tuesday and again, Tuesday, Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Seniors' swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. start Tuesday at the Western Texas College pool.

MAWC monthly luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be made at Ira School Wednesday. Also, each class group, K-12, will be photographed. Each student will also be photographed. The friendship pictures have a sitting fee of $2 per person in the picture. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be received. Call 573-2628 for more information.

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland for Stanfield Elementary students and their familes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Five tickets for $1 will be on sale at the school from 8 to 8:30 next Thursday and Friday. Entry is through the gym door and is sponsored by the Stanfield Parent-Teacher Council. For more information call 573-5841 or 573-2159.

Sing-a-long

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene, will join Post and Levelland in an old fashioned sing-a-long at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the church in Post, 202 W. 10th.

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Feb. 1. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC have resumed. The classes are held from 8 a.m. until noon and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday, Feb. 12. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.

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.

Ira grant input

Ira ISD is in the planning phase of a TIF Community Networking grant. Persons wishing input into the grant should contact David Brown at 573-3645.

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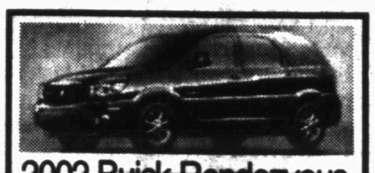
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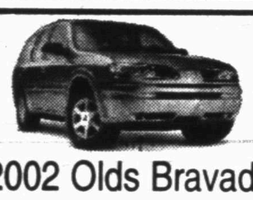
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2002 Buick Rendezvous
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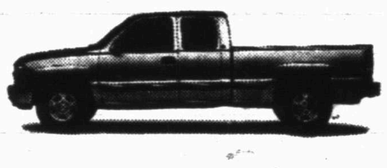
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All Wheel Drive #OL3260
Overdrive Price
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MSRP	$35,125
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2002 Full Size Reg. Cab
Shortbox, TxOk. Pkg. #TC3771
Overdrive Price
$14,513

MSRP	$17,413
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$898
Overdrive Price	$14,513



2002 1/2 Ton Ext. LS
V-8, #TC3854
Overdrive Price
$21,694

MSRP	$26,131
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$2,435
Overdrive Price	$21,694



2002 Suburban LS
#C4096
Overdrive Price
$31,483

MSRP	$36,958
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$3,473
Overdrive Price	$31,483



2002 Olds Alero
#OL3806
Overdrive Price
$15,393

MSRP	$18,055
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$660
Overdrive Price	$15,393



2002 Avalanche Z71
#TC3435 Demo
Overdrive Price
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MSRP	$34,325
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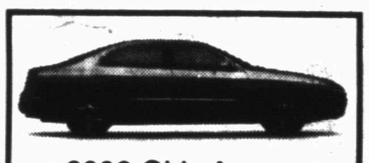
2002 S10
CD Player #CS3803
Overdrive Price
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MSRP	$16,040
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2002 Tahoe LS
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Overdrive Price
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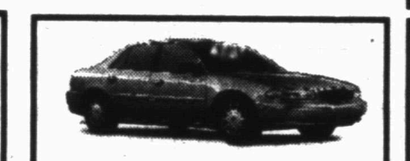
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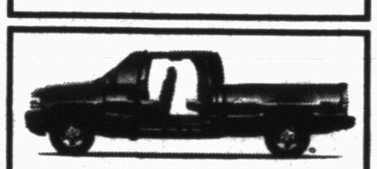
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#CP3938
Overdrive Price
$12,929

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Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$584
Overdrive Price	$12,929



2002 Buick Century
#B3782
Overdrive Price
$18,262

MSRP	$21,590
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
Extra Discount	$1,326
Overdrive Price	$18,262



2002 Ext. Quad Z71
1/2 Ton, #C4094
Overdrive Price
$26,006

MSRP	$31,021
Overdrive Rebate	$2002
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Overdrive Price	$26,006

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