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WT-Int. Crude - $27.74
WTIC Posted - $24.00
Natural Gas - $4.155

# THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Dylan Bunch




**SLIPPERY WHEN WET — Slick roads were to blame for this accident Tuesday afternoon on Highway 180, west of Snyder. The 2001 Mitsubishi truck was driven by Jianjun Wang, 42, of Rowlan, Calif. and was also carrying one passenger, but neither occupant was injured. The truck was hauling produce and the weight shift in the trailer was believed to have caused the accident. (SDN Staff Photo)**

*Brownfield native...*

## Finalist named for Ira ISD superintendent

The present superintendent of the Mexia school system is the lone finalist for the superintendent's post for the Ira Independent School District.

Dr. Larry G. Devitt, 54, a native of Brownfield, was named the finalist following a called meeting of the Ira board this morning.

State law calls for the Ira board to wait 21 days before the actual vote on Dr. Levitt.

It is expected the date the new superintendent reports will be decided at that meeting.

Dr. Devitt graduated from Brownfield High School and Texas Tech University. At Tech, he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

He received his Doctorate of Education at California Coast University this year.

He began his teaching career at Brownfield in 1971 and moved to the Plains ISD in 1979.

At Plains, he served as an instructor, curriculum director, administrative assistant to the superintendent in charge of business operations, and elementary principal.

Dr. Devitt moved to Mexia in 1991 where he served as high school principal, assistant superintendent and as superintendent since 1998.

He and his wife, Linda, have three children.

The vacancy at Ira schools occurred when Jim Rumage resigned in the spring to head the Ozona school district.

James Bible is currently serving as the interim superintendent at Ira.

*High-speed Internet to be offered...*

## Cable reps promise no rate hike in 2003

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

An elderly audience member at Tuesday night's city utility committee meeting with Cox Communications summed up with one sentence what everyone else in attendance was trying to convey.

"I think everyone in Snyder just wants Cox's cable system to work as well as Cox's billing system," he quipped.

The two-hour meeting in the city council chambers yielded few answers for the cable customers in attendance, but the Cox representatives did have two bits of good news.

There will be no rate increase for any of Cox's available packages in 2003 and by the end of the first quarter, Snyder will have access to high-speed Internet access over cable lines.

"Because of the problems we have had with our system in Snyder, I can guarantee to you tonight that there will be no rate increase next year," said Connie Wharton, vice president and general manager of the company's West Texas system.

"We feel that this is the right thing to do and Snyder is the only community out of all of our systems that won't see a rate increase this year."

Wharton said her reason for being at the meeting was to dispel rumors that Cox "isn't concerned with the poor quality of some of our channels."

"I can assure you we're not happy with the reception problem in Snyder either," she said. "But we are working very hard to find a solution."

Mike Post, committee chairman, told the Cox representatives that the company needs to be "more proactive in communicating with its customers in Snyder."

"It seems that Cox hasn't tried to let us know what the problems are and what you're going to do," Post said. "I think you could scroll messages on Channel 2 or run ads in the newspaper to let people know that you are even aware there is a problem and also what you intend to do to fix it."

Questions also were raised about why certain stations' quality are suffering.

Committee member and city councilman John Reed said Channel 8 out of Dallas has been "impossible to watch" recently.

"There are a lot of people in this room and in this town that watch Channel 8 and we can hardly see it anymore," he said. "And I would also urge Cox to work hard to get our Lubbock stations working well, because more people in Snyder watch them than the Abilene stations."

The company's response wasn't what Reed or several audience members wanted.

Cox representative John Linton informed the committee that measures were being taken to improve the signal from the Abilene stations and that similar measures were cost prohibitive to improve the Lubbock stations' reception.

"We think we have a good fix on the problems with the Abilene stations," Linton said. "Unfortunately we don't have a good fix on Lubbock and the same solution we have for Abilene just isn't financially feasible."

Wharton even cautioned that if the company could not find a way to improve the Lubbock stations, they could be dropped entirely.

"If the worst happens and we can't improve the signal, we'll have to decide what else to do, but we're not close to that yet," she said. "It is not Cox's plan to get Abilene stations going and drop Lubbock. Hopefully we can find a way to deliver what Snyder is used to."

Committee member I.E. Martin said Snyder citizens expect better service.

"It's like a light switch," Martin said. "When I go to the wall and turn it on, I expect my lights to come on. When I turn on my TV, I expect to be able to see the channel I want to watch.

"I feel like we're paying for something we're not getting," he continued. "I try to watch the Cowboys on Fox on Sundays and it's nothing but snow and rolling pictures and I'm mad right then."

Wharton said Cox has invested more than $12 million in Snyder and the company will not be satisfied until the service improves, but she added "it's not quite as easy as flipping on a light switch."

Committee member Terry Martin voiced his view of what the cable reps were saying.

"I feel like you're telling us, 'We're doing the best we can, but it's not our fault. But, we're still charging you,'" he said. "Even though it's not your fault, you're still taking payment for your product."

Wharton and Linton both assured the committee Cox is working to fix the problems and would continue to do so until the company and its customers are satisfied.

"We need to make this work," Wharton said. "But we're asking for a little time."

### Rainfall Reports

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|---|---|
| **Snyder** | **.68** |
| **North of city** | **.70** |
| **East of city** | **1.10** |
| **West of city** | **1.10** |
| **CRMWD office** | **1.00** |
| **Lake Thomas** | **1.00** |
| **Hermleigh** | **.80** |
| **Fluvanna** | **1.30** |
| **Polar** | **1.20** |
| **Loyd Mountain** | **.50** |
| **Camp Springs** | **1.00** |
| **Dunn** | **1.10** |
| **Ira** | **1.50** |
| **Dermott** | **.95** |
| **Union** | **.80** |
| **Gail** | **.70** |
| **Gins** | |
| **Sc. County (W)** | **1.00** |
| **Inadale** | **.50** |

**Totals as reported by area residents for Tuesday.**

## Snow storm closes schools in Plains' states, moves East

By The Associated Press

A storm sweeping eastward out of the Plains closed schools, delayed flights and left thousands of homes and businesses without power as snow and freezing rain fell Wednesday in states from Texas to the Carolinas.

Storm warnings and watches were posted from Kansas to South Carolina, according to the National Weather Service. Several inches of snow covered the ground Wednesday morning in the Texas Panhandle.

"Everybody needs to stay home," said Oklahoma Highway Patrol Lt. Jerry Treadwell.

Police in western Kentucky were inundated with accident reports. "It's nasty — sleet, snow, freezing rain, a little bit of everything," said Shari Clapp with the Kentucky State Police in Mayfield.

In southwestern Missouri, a layer of ice covered with snow created treacherous driving conditions, said Bill Blevins, a dispatcher with the Greene County sheriff's department in Springfield.

Schools were closed in parts of Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and across much of northeast Arkansas, where snow, sleet and freezing rain had knocked out power to about 50,000 homes and businesses.

As far east as Georgia, two school systems said they would close early to get children home before the roads got slippery, and some schools closed in the Carolinas.

"We're playing it by ear," said Michelle Foster, spokeswoman for South Carolina's Lexington-Richland District 5.

Snow had started falling late Monday in New Mexico, where up to a foot accumulated in mountains east of Albuquerque, and some schools had to delay their opening on Wednesday.

By Tuesday, snow and freezing rain had moved into parts of Oklahoma. On Wednesday, more than 29,000 Oklahoma homes and businesses were blacked out, according to Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

Some motorists decided to wait out the storm, filling motels overnight in Guymon, Okla.

"It was pretty tough driving. The roads are real bad," said Dennis Anderson of the Super 8 motel in Guymon.

Because of the inclement weather elsewhere, Delta Air Lines canceled five flights this morning to Atlanta from airports in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, as well as three outgoing flights. American Airlines reported some flight delays between Atlanta and Nashville.

In Oklahoma, a pilot had to land his small plane in a field Tuesday because of severe icing. The plane flipped over on its roof after sliding about 150 feet, but pilot Charles Smith, 48, of Edmond, Okla., was unhurt, police said.

The stormy weather was caused by a combination of moist air flowing out of the Gulf of Mexico and frigid air pouring down from the north.

Detroit had a low of just 3 degrees Wednesday, tying its record for the date. Two men found outside in the cold there Tuesday both died. International Falls, Minn., had a low of 18 below zero.

## THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



Well, December is already here and Christmas 2002 is right around the corner. Time for Santa Clauses everywhere to break out their uniforms to see if they can still wear last year's model.

Locally, we haven't seen Snyder's Santa yet, but the jolly old man in the red suit has been sighted at area malls.

Recently, we read that some men and women have already attended a three-day Santa school. Call us naïve, but we never realized that a woman might be underneath all the white hair and beard and red costume worn by the Santas who listen to requests from children anxiously anticipating what they may find under their Christmas tree.

Tuition at the Santa school is high, $260 for newcomers and $130 for returning students. Apparently, there is a lot more to being Santa Claus than we ever thought. But the tuition is nothing compared to the cost of outfitting Santa Claus. Like $1,000 for a quality wool suit and from $500-$2,500 for a realistic wig and beard.

When we were very young, we fell for the Santa Claus story, hook, line and sinker. On Christmas Eve, we always left cookies and milk for Santa Claus. We never doubted that he had eaten them because we dutifully checked the plate and glass on Christmas morning — and they were always empty.

The part about Santa Claus coming down the chimney though had us worried because our mobile home did not have a chimney. However, we were assured that Santa had a special key. And it worked too because there were always presents under the tree on Christmas morning.

Since we were not always on our best behavior, we were sometimes afraid that Santa might substitute pieces of coal instead of the presents we asked for. Boy, were we relieved when he didn't.

Children today are much more sophisticated and catch on earlier to who Santa really is. But I reveled in blissful ignorance until a kid at school broke the spell by telling me the truth. Boy, was I crushed.

But there is more to Christmas than Santa Claus. When we were young, we helped to pick out a real tree and decorate it. Our favorite part was liberally applying icicles. In time, our younger sister, Helen, became the official tree decorator.

We had a mischievous seal point Siamese cat named Erik who just loved the Christmas tree too. It was so much fun to bat the ornaments around until they fell off, or climb to the top and topple the tree. He also loved to sharpen his claws on the bark, vigorously shaking the tree and tossing ornaments everywhere. We would hasten to upright the tree and rehang ornaments, all the while saying things like "Cats will be cats." But it's a good thing Erik could run fast.

We remember Christmas past for other things also. Our mother always stayed up way past midnight preparing our traditional holiday dishes.

Though it was usually cold, we attended Midnight Mass with our aunt Nena and when we returned home we'd move the presents from their hiding place and place them under the tree.,

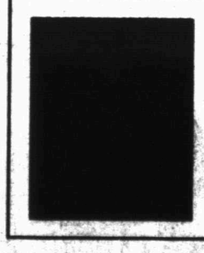
We usually slept very little on Christmas Eve. We were always the first one out of bed to see what presents Santa Claus had left for everyone.

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**ASK US**

**Q—How many DPS troopers are currently stationed in Scurry County?**
**A—Three.**

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**



**Kim Allen...**

...teaches the fifth grade at Ira schools where she has worked for the past three years. Her husband, Jay Allen, works for the soil conservation service. They have a daughter, Shea, who is a sophomore at Ira. Another daughter, who goes by the nickname "Cricket," will graduate in December from UTPB. She is majoring in psychology.

**TODAY'S THOUGHT**

**We are all here for a spell; get all the good laughs you can.**

**—Will Rogers**

events

# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Angel project

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

### Community Services raffle

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

### GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center on the WTC campus in building 7-B. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, exp. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

### Historical commission to meet

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Thursday at The Shack.

### FBC services televised

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

### Senior dedication ads

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

### Santa's workshop at Dermott School

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

### SISD choir concerts

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

### Support groups

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

### Scurry County 4-H horse club

Scurry County 4-H horse club raffle tickets must be turned in Tuesday's meeting. If you have any questions, call Laura King at 574-1378.

### Canned food drive

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

### Madrigal dinners

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

### Choir trip planned

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

### WTC adult basic education classes

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

### WTC pool, gym hours

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

### Sr. citizen swimnastics

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

### WTC PE building to close

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

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

# Groups say they set fires

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Radical environmental and animal rights groups have claimed responsibility for a fire at a Pennsylvania mink farm last week and for several recent incidents at other animal ranches and farms.

In an e-mail to The Associated Press and on its Web site, the Earth Liberation Front said anonymous cells from the group and from its companion Animal Liberation Front set the Nov. 26 fire, which destroyed a barn at the farm in Erie.

The groups said the facility was responsible for the deaths of "thousands of innocent creatures yearly" and that the animals are tortured and confined to a miserable existence in tiny cages.

About 1,200 minks, which are kept in pens elsewhere on the farm, were unharmed and no one was injured in the fire.

While no one from either group — or anyone else — had contacted the FBI as of Tuesday to claim responsibility, Special Agent Bob Rudge said, "Obviously, we have no reason to question their involvement in this type of activity."

In a statement released by Fur Commission USA, Forrest Mindek, who runs the farm with his brothers, called the incident cowardly.

"It's bad enough that they try to destroy our livelihood, but they put the lives of our animals, our family and the firefighters at risk," Mindek said.

The e-mail also said cells released foxes from an Erie fox ranch in June and released dozens of minks from the Main Mink Ranch in Gerry, N.Y., in September.

The Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front are responsible for more than 600 cases of ecoterrorism around the country, ranging from spray-painting buildings and breaking windows to firebombing fur farms and research centers, according to the FBI.

*Duncan's Christmas*




# Deadly fire destroys Amish home

PULASKI, Pa. (AP) — A deadly fire tore through an Amish family's wood-frame home in western Pennsylvania, authorities said.

The parents escaped into the bitter cold with four children, but five siblings were unaccounted for early today morning, neighbors said.

Two bodies were found in the rubble before dawn, authorities said.

"You have a fire where people are unrecognizable," said Detective Kevin Hughes of the Pennsylvania State Police barrack in New Castle. "It's going to take time. It's going to take autopsies."

Fire officials arrived at the home in Pulaski Township just after 10 p.m. and found the home engulfed in flames. Flames and smoke made it impossible for crews to enter the home and they were forced to fight the fire from a distance.

About 10 Amish men stood outside early today morning near the smoking ruins. One wall and a brick chimney appeared to be all that remained standing. State police brought in a backhoe to search through the rubble.

Neighbor Moses Byler said there were nine children in the home and that he believed four were able to escape.

Neighbors said the home was built by the Amish about 30 years ago, but that at some point it was converted into an "English" house — a term to used to describe a modern home.

Though many Amish families use oil lamps and wood furnaces to light and heat their homes, electricity was hooked up to the house and it might have been in use, Hughes said.

Pulaski is a farming community about 55 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, near the Ohio border.

# Today's chuckle

## Thief foils his chance for rehabilitation

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A man charged with theft didn't have the money to pay for a rehabilitation program that would clear his criminal record, so he stole a courthouse computer to pawn off, police said.



Police said Ernesto Valdez, 32, arrived Monday at the Lackawanna County Courthouse to enroll in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program, which expunges the criminal record of first-time offenders.

Valdez did not have the $685 enrollment fee, so he stole a court stenographer's laptop computer to pawn, according to police.

The pawn shop refused to take the computer because the power cord was missing, so Valdez returned to the courthouse to retrieve it, police said. He was arrested after a stenographer spotted him in the office with a wire dangling from his pocket, police said.

Valdez appeared before Judge Trish Corbett twice Monday — first she accepted him into the rehabilitation program, and later she revoked his bail and ordered him to the county prison.

Valdez had been accepted into the program after being charged in connection with theft of stereos from several cars in Scranton in June.

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# Date Book

**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002**

Today is the 338th day of 2002 and the 74th day of fall.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1779, in Williamsburg, Va., the first law school in the United States was established at the College of William and Mary.

On this day in 1969, police officers shot and killed two Black Panther members, ages 21 and 22, in their sleep and wounded many others. The police claimed that a violent gun battle had broken out, though of the hundreds of bullets that were fired on the scene, ballistics was able to tie only one to a gun belonging to a Panther member. The "bullet holes" in the door that police pointed to as evidence of the battle later turned out to be nail holes created by the police in an attempted cover-up. No one was incarcerated for the murders.

On this day in 1991, the longest-held hostage in Lebanon was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), writer; Samuel Butler (1835-1902), writer; Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926), poet; Jeff Bridges (1949-), actor, is 53.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1980, in Cleveland, track-and-field Olympic medal-winner Stella Walsh was killed by a stray bullet shot during a robbery. The autopsy revealed that Walsh was a man.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand." — Thomas Carlyle

**TODAY'S MOON:** New moon (Dec. 4).

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**Tuesday's Lottery Numbers**
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**AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:**
**2-25-27-32**
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**Estimated jackpot: $1.1 million**
**Pick 3**
**(Day) 1-3-8**
**(Night) 5-9-5**
**Cash Five**
**10-12-22-35-36**

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Colorado is also known as the Centennial State.

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Only one president of the United States was elected to the House of Representatives after serving as president: John Quincy Adams.


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# Bush requests review of old slaying

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Nearly four decades after a black woman was slain during the civil rights struggle, President Bush has requested a review of the killing and the police investigation that followed.

Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Klindt said his office probably will investigate the killing of Johnnie Mae Chappell after the Justice Department's civil rights division does preliminary work.

Bush asked for the review after former Jacksonville sheriff's Detective Lee Cody wrote to the federal government seeking assistance. Cody said he and his former partner, Donald Coleman, were fired for investigating the slaying without authorization in the months after the shooting.

Cody received a letter from the White House last week saying it had sent his inquiry "to the Department of Justice, which will review your correspondence."

Chappell was shot and killed March 23, 1964, while she was searching for a lost wallet.

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## *Hostess steamed by waffling responses to RSVP request*

**DEAR ABBY:** Throughout the year, my husband and I host parties in our home for his office staff. Invariably, we get several "maybes" in response to the RSVP on our invitations. To prepare for these parties, I must shop for food and beverages, spend time in the kitchen cooking, clean my home from top to bottom and arrange for a baby sitter.

"Maybe" is not a suitable answer! When an RSVP is requested, invitees should respond promptly, arrive on time, leave at a decent hour and follow up with a thank-you note — or at least call their hosts.

Abby, are you with me on this, or am I expecting too much? The inconsideration of some people baffles me. — **TICKED OFF IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR TICKED OFF:** I'm with you. To respond to an invitation with "maybe" is extremely rude. It translates as, "I'll come if I have nothing better to do."

The next time you receive a "maybe" in response to an invitation, reply, "I'll take that as a 'no' — unless I hear otherwise 48 hours before the event."

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**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "At the End of My Rope," whose 76-year-old grandmother ignores advice about her health.

First, I would recommend that she call Grandma's primary care physician to make sure he or she is aware of the family's concerns and of all her medications. Second, one of the children should go with her on the next medical visit to hear what the doctor has to say. (Having another set of ears at a doctor's visit is a real benefit.)

Third, is there a specialist in geriatrics in the area? Perhaps Grandma needs an evaluation to see if there is something else wrong or if the medicines are interacting in a negative way. Fourth, there are medication boxes available to help people manage their dosage. Fifth, all of her medications should be written down and posted on the refrigerator with the times they are to be taken.

Changing a person's eating habits may be difficult, but medicine is a different story. Many people go to a number of doctors and do not tell each doctor what they are taking. Drug interaction can be a real problem. Also, the grandchild should talk to a counselor to reduce her feelings of guilt. — **BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Thank you for your informative letter. I'm sure it will be helpful to many readers who find themselves in similar circumstances.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 12-year-old girl with a big problem. There's a popular girl in my class who tells me that everything I like is evil, and that I shouldn't like this or that because when I die I will go to hell.

She thinks liking rock stars, reading fantasy books and watching "The Osbournes" on MTV is sinful.

She goes on and on about what the Bible says, and that the music, books and people I like are all evil. I respect what she likes, and I think she should respect what I like, too. What do you think, Abby? — **"PUT DOWN" IN OREGON**

**DEAR "PUT DOWN":** I agree with you. You may be only 12, but there's wisdom between your ears.

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**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002**

There could be some major shifts of circumstances in the year ahead that will open up a number of fresh opportunities. Although you may at first have to feel your way, you'll manage what's new with extraordinary skill.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Your luck continues to run in areas where there are big issues at stake. If something tells you to switch horses in midstream, quickly discard that which is not working and go with the new.

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# Bush seeks repeal of family leave rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants to repeal a never-used Clinton-era regulation that lets states provide unemployment pay to workers who take unpaid time off to care for a newborn child.

Labor Department officials, citing poor economic conditions, said they are acting to repeal the Birth and Adoption Unemployment Compensation Rule to protect states' unemployment insurance trust funds for laid-off workers, even though no state has chosen to pay for leave with those funds.

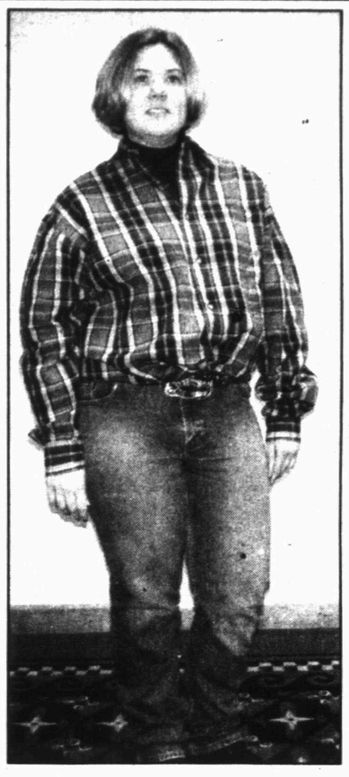
The regulation gave states the option to amend unemployment compensation systems to provide the paid leave and were offered help from federal labor officials in assessing the long-term burden of higher costs.

Only California offers such paid leave, and it is not financed from unemployment insurance reserves.

Repealing the rule "removes the impetus for individuals, be they members of the public or legislators, to encourage the use of the trust fund specifically for this purpose," said Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant labor secretary for employment and training.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney criticized the proposed repeal. It "reflects profound mistrust of states to make wise choices" in administering their unemployment insurance programs, he said.

In 2000, former President Clinton announced the new regulations during an economic boom when states' trust funds were flush because of record unemployment. The nation's jobless rate that year hit a 30-year low of 4 percent.





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# FAA proposes big fine for United

CHICAGO (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has proposed an $805,000 fine against United Airlines for flying planes the agency said were not in "airworthy condition."

The airline allegedly violated FAA regulations when it flew three Boeing jets that were "not in compliance with regulations," the FAA said Tuesday. The planes were used on 193 flights.

United officials did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press late Tuesday. Spokesman Joe Hopkins told The Washington Post the airline will contest the fine because "this is not an airworthiness issue." The planes were not unsafe and no passengers were ever in danger, he said.

According to a statement from the FAA, United employees in March improperly fixed some small holes they found on the wings of the planes, in the spoiler sections.

# American Airlines may lay off attendants

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines said it will slash 1,100 flight attendant jobs in the coming months as it prepares to operate fewer flights next spring.

The company will offer employees voluntary options such as job sharing and leaves of absences in order to reduce the numbers of flight attendants, American spokesman Todd Burke said Tuesday.

He said that the window for flight attendants to take the options will begin Dec. 11 and close Jan. 7. After that, American will have a clearer idea of how many people will be laid off. Any job cuts would take place Feb. 1, Burke said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based company notified the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, the union representing American flight attendants, on Monday.

Union spokesman George Price said American's absence program will provide flight attendants with all of their regular employee benefits, but no paycheck.

American has about 21,000 active attendants. Layoffs would begin with the newest employees.

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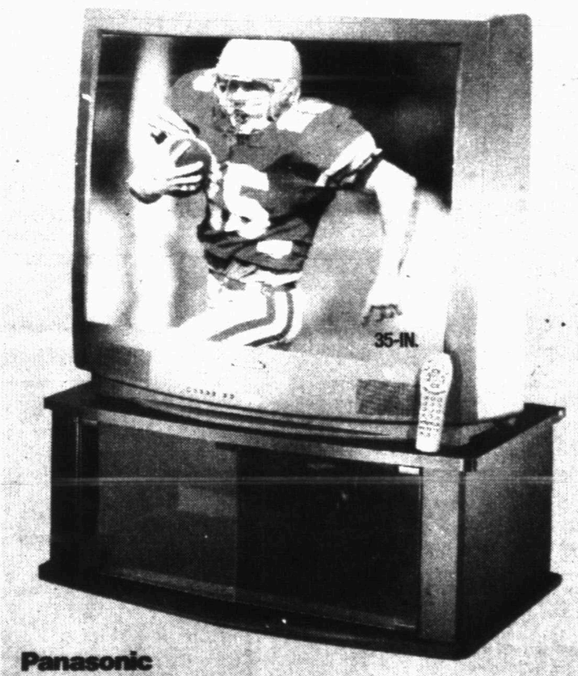
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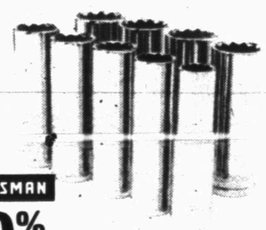
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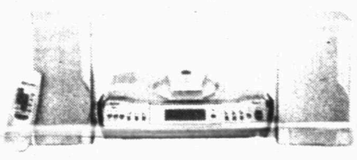
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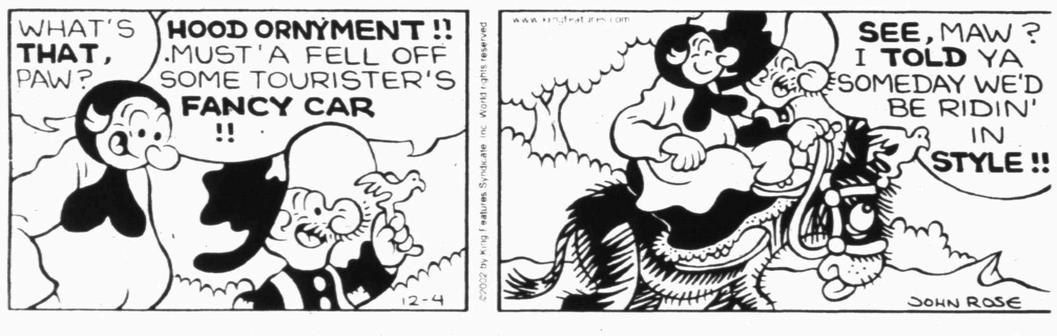

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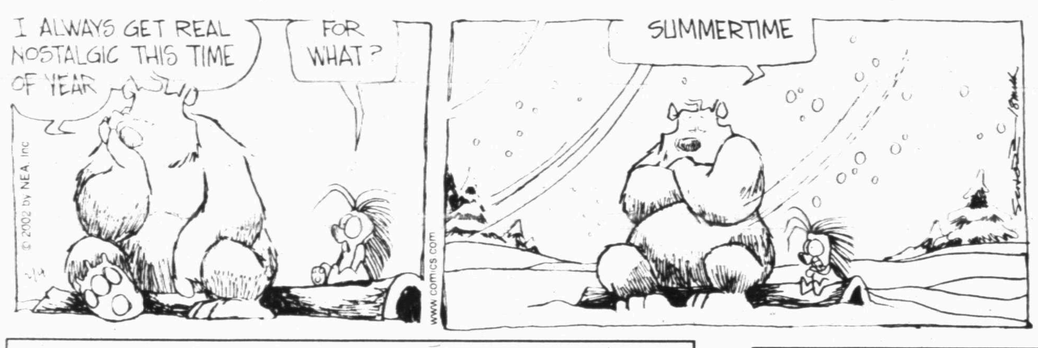

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14 Gives the slip
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16 "White Fang" novelist
17 Ecol. bureau
18 Baste
19 Prohibit
21 Freud, to himself
23 — — glance
26 Humor
27 Montgomery's st.
28 Some fruit trees
30 Nose-bag bit
31 Doctrine
32 Fable writer
33 Basket willow
35 Cage
37 Neptune's kingdom
38 Postpone
39 High school subj.
40 UPS units
41 Pub. prosecutors
42 Bride's new title
43 Drink with crumpets
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56 Type of motorcycle race
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58 Fragrant compound

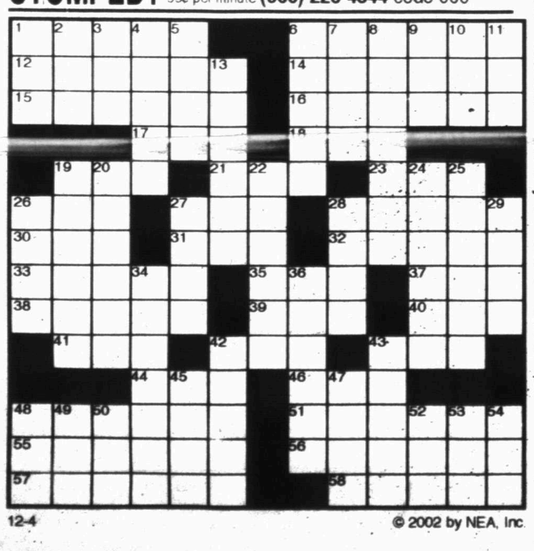
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13 Slugs
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# SPORTS

## Lady Tigers stay undefeated; JV girls hang on for victory

Using a tenacious pressure defense and timely passing, the Lady Tigers held Greenwood to two first half field goals Tuesday, improving to 6-0 with a 54-27 victory.

"We played good defense," Head Coach Mike Martin said. "We have to play good defense and get hustle points."

Erin Burleson nailed three from behind the arc on her way to a game-high 15 points.

Sirena Medrano hit five field goals in scoring 12 points, and added six steals, as the Lady Tigers kept Greenwood from scoring for the first seven minutes of the second half.

The Lady Rangers hit their only field goal of the third quarter with 1:03 left in the third period, as the Lady Tigers continually harassed the ball handler, taking Greenwood out of its offensive sets.

Zipporah Peoples contributed to the defensive dominance, hauling in four offensive rebounds and four defensive boards, and scoring eight points.

Hailey Putnam and April Lollar added six each, as the Lady Tigers continue to cruise through their non-district schedule.

Sequoya Powell banked in two field goals for four points, and Dara Chambers, Anna Henson and Desiree Braziel each hit a free throw, as every Snyder player got on the scoreboard.

Greenwood got the score closer with 12 fourth-quarter points, as Lady Ranger Marlene Spain scored five points, and Snyder eased back on defense.

"We lost a little intensity in the fourth quarter and pulled out of our pressure defense," he said. "But overall I'm pleased with the way we played."

The ladies will look to continue their perfection this Thursday, as they travel to the Lamesa tournament.

The tourney will run through Saturday.

The junior varsity girls shot 69 percent from the charity stripe and overcame a slow start to beat Greenwood, 42-30 Tuesday.

"It was hard to get things going in the first half," said coach Todd Pollard. "We got back into the mix and played better in the second half."

Pollard said the teams' shooting struggles early were caused by the long Thanksgiving layoff.

Brianna Burk hit four of five free throws and drilled five field goals to record a game-high 13 points.

Kayla Guerrero added 11 points as the JV girls (5-40 moved over .500 on the season.

Stacey Williamson scored nine points and Kelsey Shaw added six, while Rebecca Aguirre and Dominique Braziel added important points for the victors.

The girls next travel with the varsity squad to the Lamesa tourney, taking on Odessa Permian in the first game Thursday at 1:30.

## Lueders too much for Cardinals; Hermleigh girls drop close one

Lueders-Avoca marksman Chris Alligood scored 27 points, as the Raiders upended the Hermleigh Cardinals, 77-42, Tuesday.

The first half was the difference in the contest, as the Cards were outscored 39-11 in the opening half.

Hermleigh fought back hard in the second half behind nine points from Jonathan McClure and six third quarter points from Terrel Culp, but the early deficit was too wide to cross.

The Cards struggled from the free throw line, hitting but 40 percent of their shots.

Dustin Williamson hit for seven, while Justin Williamson nailed three field goals and hit both his free throw attempts to score eight for the improving Hermleigh squad.

Joe Yruegas added nine points for Hermleigh, which will next play Thursday at the Patton Springs tournament.

The Lady Cardinals fell behind early, only to have a furious second half rally fall a bit short in losing to Lueders-Avoca, 43-42 Tuesday.

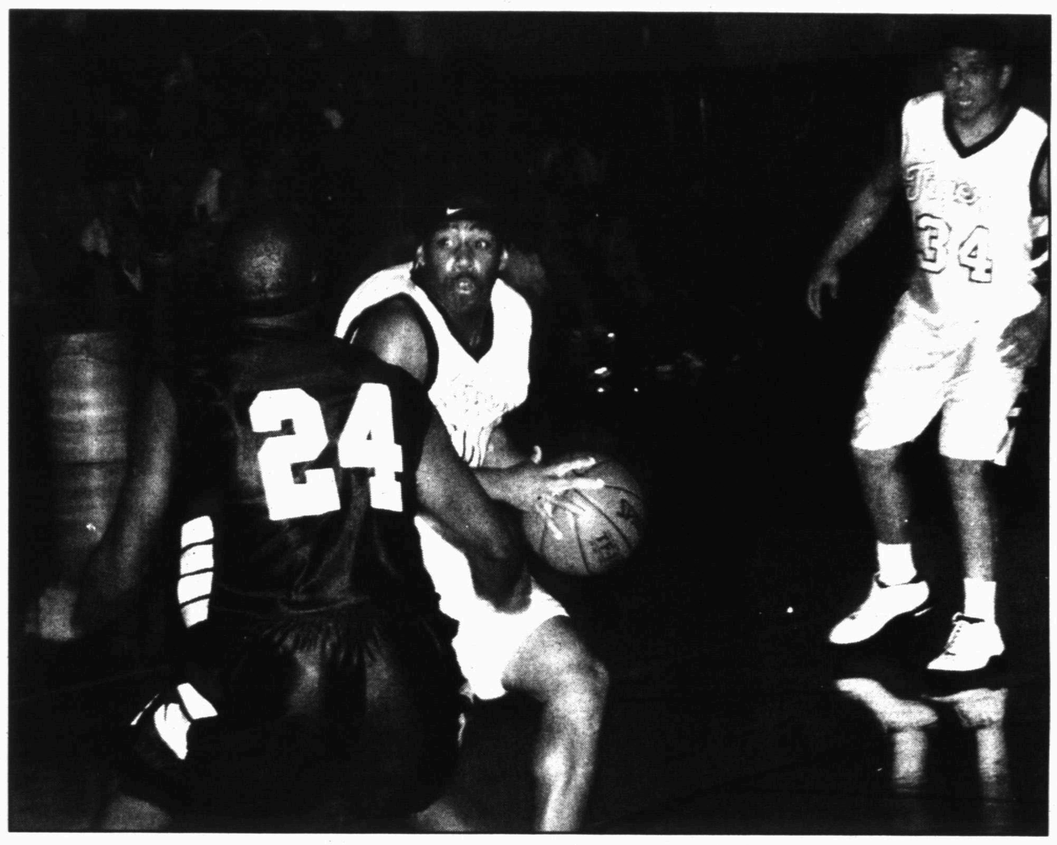
Hermleigh outscored Lueders, 14-7, in the third quarter after falling behind 15-8 in the first period.

Alana Culp had a solid game, scoring 15 points, while Reecie Sauceda scored 10.

"We played very well even though the scores is not in our favor," said girls coach Rebecca Ponder. "I think that we have improved so much from last year."

Brittainy Jones and Misty McClure added six points each for the Lady Cards, and Valerie West and Amy Botts contributed key baskets in the comeback attempt.

The varsity girls next play in the Cotton Classic Thursday through Saturday, with the first game against Ropes JV at 9 Thursday morning.



AGGRESSIVE OFFENSE — Josh McGaha tries to penetrate against a Lubbock High defender as Josh Mendoza waits for the kick out during the first quarter of Tuesday's game. The Tigers fell, 58-48, behind 14 fourth quarter free throws by the Westerners. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Free throws push Lubbock past varsity Tigers, 58-48

The rain of free throw attempts finally did the Tigers in.

After fighting to a 48-48 tie late in the game, Lubbock High's Adrian Davis converted 10 of 12 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter, as the Westerners pulled away for a 58-48 win Tuesday night at Tiger gym.

Lubbock High had 39 free throw attempts — converting 27 — dwarfing Snyder's four of six on the night from the stripe.

Head Coach Bud Birks said late turnovers and fouls were the difference in the game.

"They took it to us (in the fourth quarter) and we fouled, while we settled for stuff (offensively)," Birks said. "We learned that we have to be the aggressor."

Josh Mendoza paced the Tigers with 13 points, hitting five field goals, and grabbing big rebound after big rebound, recording 12 on the evening.

Mendoza is averaging 10 boards per game this season.

Lee Scott hit three three-pointers in scoring 12 points, while T.J. Jones ran the offense, finishing with six points.

Mendoza, Jones, Scott and Logan Hill all fouled out in the pivotal fourth quarter.

"Each one of them needs to eliminate one or two fouls," Birks said.

Lubbock's big post player, Tyrell Carr, was held to six field goals, but hit 10 of 13 foul shots for a game-high 22 points.

Davis hit two from behind the arc to go with his 10 of 12 free throw performance in the fourth to finish with 18.

Birks said Lubbock High is a very good team, one that has beaten Abilene High already this season, and he was impressed with the way his squad played against a 5A foe.

"We battled, and we got better," he said. "We competed, and we had a lot of good things in this game."

Before getting into foul trouble, Hill was solid from inside, drilling eight points and playing physical inside against bigger players all evening.

Marcus Villarreal, Kyle Clifton and Tucker Early also scored for the Tigers.

Snyder is in the tournament stretch of its non-district schedule, heading to Andrews Thursday in the Gym Bice Classic, before travel to Wylie the following weekend.

The boys will play Pecos Thursday at Andrews with a 5:30 start slated.

## Vasquez, Jr. claims silver

Snyder's Johnny Vasquez, Jr., the 2002 featherweight national champion, won the silver medal at the 2002 Copenhagen Boxing Cup in Denmark.

Vasquez fell to Darren Edwards of Wales in a close 11-6 decision.

Vasquez zipped through France's Daojda Snow, 21-4, in the quarterfinal round, then outpointed Aslan Veliev of Russia, 26-24, to advance to the championship fight against Edwards.

Vasquez, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, plans on competing for a spot on the 2004 Olympic boxing team, after which he will turn professional.

Another Texan, Raul Martinez of San Antonio, won the silver in the flyweight division, and Devin Vargas of Toledo, Ohio claimed the silver in the heavyweight class.

Three Americans won bronze medals at the competition, including Aaron Garcia of Vista, Calif., light heavy weight; Chad Aquino of Marquette, Mich, and Andre Berto of Winter Haven, Fla.

## Ira whips Post; JV falls

The Ira Bulldogs grabbed the early lead Tuesday night and never relinquished it, beating Post, 64-55.

"We got the lead and held on, but it got close," Head Coach Randy Jones said. "Post is a pretty good team."

Jake Barnes had 25 points to lead all scorers, and Jess Wall added 14, as the Bulldogs continued to give Jones solid effort.

"I'm pleased with the effort," Jones said. "They play hard and do what is asked of them, and that's all I can ask for."

Eric Dickerhoff had 13 and Wes Kellner hit for 12 to round out the scoring for the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-0 on the season.

Ira will next play in the Blackwell tourney, squaring off against Water Valley tomorrow morning.

The JV Bulldogs fell to Post, 57-20, Tuesday.

"The bigger schools have more depth and it really shows at that level," Jones said. "I was pleased. The effort was good and they played hard."

Jones said the team has not had its own practice yet this season, so the team is a little behind this early in the season.

Chris Dobbs led Ira with five points, and Jordan Lollar, Kevin Graves and Coby Appleton each scored four.

Bubba Walker ended the night with three points for the Bulldogs.

## Ira girls beat Roscoe, 43-34

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

Ira evened its record at 3-3 on the season behind a 15-6 first quarter run, to top Roscoe, 43-34.

Celeigh Sterling had a sparkling game, scoring 17 points to lead all scorers, while teammate Lindsey Wilson was accurate from the field, scoring 14 in the win.

Ira got contributions from virtually the entire roster, as Whitney Payne scored five, Michelle Nettles connected for four and Amanda Calley and Alana Pulis each scored for the Lady Bulldogs.

The jr. high girls got 24 points from Kelbi Pitner Monday night at Sands, topping the host Lady Mustangs, 43-27.

The varsity girls will travel with the boys squad to the Blackwell tournament, which is slated to run Thursday through Saturday.

## Sports Briefs

### Woman to play PGA event

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Suzy Whaley considered all of the negative aspects of playing in the Greater Hartford Open, and decided it was too important an opportunity to pass up.

The 36-year-old golf pro and mother of two accepted an invitation to play in next year's tournament, a move that will make her the first woman to play in a PGA Tour event.

### Maddox to start; Bruener out for year

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tommy Maddox is the Steelers' starting quarterback again, and that means Kordell Stewart is headed back to the bench.

Meanwhile, a knee injury that was first thought to be minor will sideline Steelers tight end Mark Bruener for the rest of the season.

### Mutombo to have wrist surgery

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dikembe Mutombo will undergo surgery Thursday to repair a torn ligament in his right wrist, sidelining the New Jersey Nets center for at least two months.

### A's, ChiSox swap relievers

CHICAGO (AP) — Dumping yet another big salary, the Oakland Athletics traded closer Billy Koch to the Chicago White Sox in a six-player trade.

In exchange for Koch and two minor leaguers, the Athletics will get White Sox closer Keith Foulke, catcher Mark Johnson, minor league right-hander Joe Valentine and cash.

### Karros, Grudzielanek headed to Cubs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers reached a tentative agreement with the Cubs to trade first baseman Eric Karros and second baseman Mark Grudzielanek to Chicago for catcher Todd Hundley.

### Numerous teams accept bowl invitations

Florida and Michigan accepted invitations to play in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1.

Penn State is going to the Capital One Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1 against a team from the Southeastern Conference.

Pittsburgh accepted an invitation to play in the Insight Bowl Dec. 26 at Bank One Ballpark against a Pac-10 team.

Purdue accepted an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31 in El Paso for the second straight year, against a Pac-10 team.

Minnesota accepted an invitation Tuesday to play in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 30 against a team from the Southeastern Conference.

### Ming continues to impress

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming scored 27 points and had a season-high 18 rebounds to lead the Rockets to an 89-75 victory over their in-state rivals Tuesday night.

"It's (rivalry) always been there," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I think with Yao here, it will lead to better basketball because he's going to stoke their team."

Hakeem Olajuwon is retired, but Yao is giving the Rockets new hope.

"I think he's going to sleep good tonight," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I feel blessed. Regardless of the result of the game, we've got a direction. We have a versatile presence inside."

## Sports Calendar

**THURSDAY**

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

Basketball: Ira varsity boys and girls at Blackwell tourney.

Basketball: Hermleigh at Patton Springs tourney.

Basketball: Ira JV at Sands tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.

**FRIDAY**

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney.

Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Snyder tourney.

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

Basketball: Ira varsity girls and boys at Blackwell tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.

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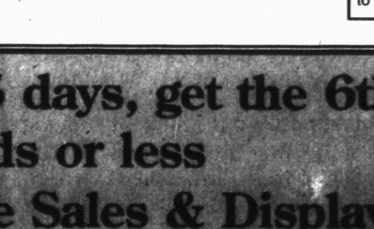
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# High court to review punishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is considering whether a federal racketeering law — intended to combat corruption — can be used to punish anti-abortion protesters.

The justices will revisit a case they first dealt with nine years ago when they ruled that anti-abortion groups and demonstrators could be sued in a private lawsuit under the 32-year-old Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO.

The case being argued today raises free-speech questions about violent or threatening political and social protests. While it does not involve the constitutionality of abortion, emotion from abortion rights supporters and foes has spilled into court filings.

The Supreme Court is hearing appeals from Operation Rescue, anti-abortion leader Joseph Scheidler and others who were ordered to pay damages to abortion clinics and barred from interfering with their businesses for 10 years.

The groups were sued by the National Organization for Women and abortion clinics in Milwaukee and Wilmington, Del., over what they described as violent tactics. The anti-abortion groups also were accused of extortion under another law, the Hobbs Act.

Lower courts found that the protesters illegally blocked clinic entrances, menaced doctors, patients and clinic staff and destroyed equipment during a 15-year campaign to limit or stop abortions at several clinics. They were ordered to pay $257,780 in damages.

Scheidler said if the Supreme Court overturns a decision against the protesters, it will be a victory for the anti-abortion movement and will ensure that groups of all types can demonstrate without risk of RICO prosecution.

# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

North 12-04-02
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 9 8
♣ K J 7 2

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

East
♠ A K 6 5 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A K
♣ A 10 6 4

South
♠ 9 4
♥ A K J
♦ Q J 10 6 5 2
♣ Q 5

Dealer: South
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| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
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Opening lead: ♣ 9

**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002**

## From little trumps, big tricks may come

**By Phillip Alder**

This week, we are looking at trump promotion. Sometimes, generating an extra trump trick can take considerable persistence — as in this deal. But first, what do you think of the auction?

East never bid with 18 high-card points in aces and kings. That requires more won't power than most of us have, but what could he bid? He might have overcalled one no-trump on the first round, but South can't add any card to do that contract. East, correctly judging that his partner was bust, decided to pass throughout.

First, West had to find a lead. Many would select a heart, but here declarer would win in hand and play a low trump, after which the contract could not be defeated. A black-suit lead is lethal, and West selected the club nine — top of nothing — because he preferred not to lead a suit bid by an opponent.

East won with the club ace, then played three rounds of spades. Declarer ruffed with the diamond 10 and led a low trump to dummy's eight. After winning with the king, East played another spade. The process was repeated, South ruffing high and leading a low trump toward the dummy. East won with the ace and persisted with his last spade.

Now declarer was cooked. He retained the queen-six of diamonds, and West held the singleton seven. If South ruffed low, West would overruff; if South ruffed high, West would discard.

Declarer had started with eight trumps including the queen, jack, 10, nine, and eight. The missing trumps split 3-2. Yet South lost three trump tricks. And West, with his Yarborough, took the setting trick.

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| AOL TimeWrn | 14.50 | 13.20 | 13.70 | — .51 |
| AT&T Corp rs | 28.09 | 27.69 | 28.02 | — .06 |
| Albertsons | 22.40 | 21.92 | 22.40 | + .14 |
| Alltel | 52.90 | 52.11 | 52.90 | — .02 |
| AmElPw | 28.80 | 28.10 | 28.23 | — .11 |
| AndarkPtr | 48.63 | 48.02 | 48.50 | — .10 |
| ATMOS Egy | 23.30 | 22.90 | 22.98 | + .18 |
| Aviall | 8.77 | 8.45 | 8.72 | + .17 |
| BP PLC | 39.30 | 38.70 | 38.88 | — .42 |
| BakerHughes | 33.04 | 32.61 | 33.03 | — .67 |
| Bank of Amer | 69.25 | 68.29 | 68.90 | + .25 |
| BellSouth | 27.29 | 26.50 | 27.16 | + .40 |
| BurlNoSFe | 25.58 | 25.14 | 25.43 | — .05 |
| Caterpillar | 47.00 | 46.51 | 46.87 | — .43 |
| CenterPoint | 7.47 | 7.08 | 7.11 | — .37 |
| ChevronTex | 67.89 | 66.55 | 67.69 | + .54 |
| Citigroup | 37.60 | 37.08 | 37.28 | — .57 |
| CocaCola | 45.75 | 44.63 | 45.55 | + .65 |
| ColgatePal | 53.16 | 51.85 | 53.15 | + 1.45 |
| CmclMetals s | 16.59 | 16.38 | 16.50 | — .03 |
| ConocoPhill | 49.19 | 48.75 | 49.02 | + .05 |
| Cooper Inds | 36.90 | 36.06 | 36.57 | + .30 |
| DaimlrChry | 34.79 | 34.09 | 34.55 | + .80 |
| DeltaAirl | 12.45 | 11.61 | 12.29 | + .08 |
| Dillards Inc | 17.55 | 17.07 | 17.29 | — .32 |
| DowChem | 29.70 | 29.10 | 29.38 | — .54 |
| DuPont | 43.90 | 43.10 | 43.39 | — .89 |
| EastmanChem | 37.71 | 35.86 | 36.84 | —2.76 |
| EstKodak | 36.35 | 35.67 | 36.19 | + .28 |
| EDS Corp | 17.20 | 16.65 | 17.04 | — .18 |
| Entergy | 45.05 | 44.27 | 44.58 | — .03 |
| ExxonMobil | 35.15 | 34.61 | 34.93 | + .03 |
| FootLocker | 12.75 | 12.55 | 12.72 | — .15 |
| GenDynam | 83.00 | 82.10 | 82.62 | + .62 |
| GenElec | 27.20 | 26.22 | 27.11 | + .36 |
| GenMills | 44.68 | 44.10 | 44.39 | + .43 |
| GenMotors | 38.05 | 37.18 | 37.93 | + .03 |
| GaPacific | 17.52 | 16.72 | 17.12 | — .45 |
| Goodrich | 17.75 | 17.20 | 17.56 | — .21 |
| Goodyear | 7.60 | 7.25 | 7.42 | — .34 |
| GtAtlPac | 7.10 | 6.75 | 7.09 | + .08 |
| Halliburtn | 20.00 | 18.71 | 19.10 | —1.09 |
| Hanson ADS | 23.80 | 23.59 | 23.69 | — .53 |
| HarteHanks s | 18.90 | 18.66 | 18.67 | — .31 |
| HomeDepot | 26.23 | 25.30 | 26.02 | + .02 |
| HoneywellIntl | 25.12 | 24.72 | 24.82 | — .53 |
| IBM | 84.31 | 82.82 | 83.25 | —1.96 |
| IntlPaper | 37.94 | 37.20 | 37.27 | — .92 |
| JohnsonJn | 56.34 | 55.67 | 56.15 | + .32 |
| vjK mart | 63 | 58 | 60— 03 | |
| KinderMorg | 41.57 | 41.05 | 41.17 | — .23 |
| Kroger Co | 15.35 | 14.75 | 15.28 | + .29 |
| LockheedM | 51.83 | 50.94 | 51.27 | + .34 |
| Lowes Cos | 41.20 | 39.75 | 41.10 | + .68 |
| Lubys | 4.05 | 4.00 | 4.00 | — .03 |
| LucentTech | 1.71 | 1.60 | 1.71 | — .09 |
| MarathonOil | 20.52 | 20.20 | 20.25 | — .22 |
| MayDeptStr | 23.89 | 22.87 | 23.51 | — .37 |
| Medtronic | 46.98 | 45.84 | 46.46 | + .48 |
| Motorola | 10-20 | 9.70 | 9.70 | — .81 |
| NCH Corp | 25.95 | 25.00 | 25.30 | — .84 |
| Navistar | 27.40 | 26.00 | 27.20 | + 1.20 |
| PNM Rescs | 23.33 | 22.88 | 22.89 | — .19 |
| Penney JC | 23.95 | 22.75 | 23.65 | — .14 |
| PepBoys | 11.25 | 11.00 | 11.24 | + .08 |
| PepsiCo | 43.90 | 42.94 | 43.52 | + .77 |
| Pharmacia | 41.94 | 41.31 | 41.64 | — .45 |
| PhelpDodge | 31.22 | 30.54 | 30.71 | — .50 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 8.14 | 8.00 | 8.14 | + .16 |
| Praxair | 57.75 | 56.77 | 57.01 | —1.10 |
| ProctGamb | 85.99 | 84.49 | 85.82 | + 1.33 |
| RadioShack | 22.17 | 21.49 | 22.01 | — .14 |
| RoyalDut | 42.90 | 42.66 | 42.79 | — .37 |
| SBC Comm | 26.99 | 26.25 | 26.78 | — .15 |
| SaraLee | 23.50 | 23.02 | 23.44 | + .24 |
| Scripps EW | 79.45 | 78.30 | 78.30 | —1.19 |
| SearsRoeb | 27.29 | 26.28 | 27.05 | — .09 |
| SherwinW | 27.41 | 27.05 | 27.30 | — .45 |
| SouthernCo | 27.08 | 26.55 | 26.98 | + .62 |
| SwstAirl | 16.02 | 15.82 | 15.91 | — .01 |
| SprintFON | 14.84 | 14.35 | 14.84 | + .04 |
| SprintPCS | 5.65 | 5.35 | 5.48 | — .37 |
| Sysco Inc | 30.30 | 29.95 | 30.22 | + .27 |
| TXU Corp | 15.66 | 15.25 | 15.35 | — .12 |
| TempleInland | 46.61 | 45.35 | 45.79 | —1.06 |
| Textlnd | 26.30 | 25.65 | 26.00 | + .25 |
| TexasInst | 18.76 | 17.75 | 18.05 | — .90 |
| Textron | 42.33 | 41.70 | 42.08 | |
| TrinityInds | 19.40 | 19.18 | 19.26 | — .23 |
| TylerTech | 4.50 | 4.40 | 4.45 | |
| UnionPacif | 58.90 | 57.90 | 58.65 | — .14 |
| USSteel | 14.10 | 13.96 | 14.02 | — .19 |
| UnitedTech | 63.40 | 61.71 | 62.90 | + 1.35 |
| Unocal | 30.70 | 30.38 | 30.48 | — .44 |
| VerizonComm | 40.46 | 40.07 | 40.35 | + .02 |
| WalMart | 54.68 | 52.00 | 54.61 | + .68 |
| WellsFargo | 46.91 | 45.62 | 46.34 | + .45 |
| WstnGasRs | 36.51 | 36.07 | 36.18 | — .47 |
| WinnDixie | 14.20 | 13.76 | 14.19 | — .05 |
| Xerox Cp | 7.98 | 7.80 | 7.87 | — .27 |
| YumBrands s | 23.84 | 23.24 | 23.81 | + .38 |

# CARD OF THANKS

**The family of Bobby Davidson**
would like to take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow. We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers that were sent, also for the food that was prepared. May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home.

A special thank you to Mr. Farmer and the staff at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, and to the staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

May Heaven's richest blessings fall on each of you.

**Sherry Clayton, Rusty Clayton & family & Sabrina Davidson**

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# Scurry County Country

## Diversified

**By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent**

**How to Re-Bloom Your Poinsettia**

From: The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch

When the poinsettias' bracts age and lose their aesthetic appeal, there's no reason to throw it out. With proper care, dedication and a certain amount of luck, you too can re-bloom your poinsettia.

By late March or early April, cut your poinsettia back to about 8" in height. Continue a regular watering program, and fertilize your plant with a good, balanced all-purpose fertilizer. By the end of May, you should see vigorous new growth.

Place your plants outdoors, where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer, after all chance of frost has passed and night temperatures average 55 F or above. Continue regular watering during the growth period, and fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks.

Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Late June or early July is a good time for this step, but be sure not to prune your plant later than Sept. 1. Keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly.

Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettia into a larger pot. Select a pot no more than 4 inches larger than the original pot. A soil mix with a considerable amount of organic matter, such as peat moss or leaf mold, is highly recommended. In milder climates, you may transplant the plant into a well-prepared garden bed. Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic material and has good drainage.

The poinsettia is a photoperiodic plant, meaning that it sets bud and produces flowers as the Autumn nights lenghten.

Poinsettias will naturally come into bloom during November or December, depending on the flowering response time of the individual cultivar. Timing to produce blooms for the Christmas holiday can be difficult outside of the controlled environment of a greenhouse.

Stray light of any kind, such as from a street light or house hold lamps, could delay or entirely halt the re-flowering process.

Starting Oct. 1, the plants must be kept in complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night. Accomplish this by moving the plants to a totally dark room, or by covering them overnight with a large box.

During October, November, and early December, poinsettias require 6-8 hours of bright sunlight daily, with night temperatures between 60-70 F. Temperatures outside of this range could also delay flowering.

Continue the normal watering and fertilizer program. Carefully following this regime for 8 to 10 weeks should result in a colorful display of blooms for the holiday season.

## Boys found with rat bites; mother arrested

AURORA, Mo. (AP) — A mother was charged with child abuse Tuesday after her twin 5-month-old boys were found strapped into child seats in an attic and being bitten by rats, police said.

Police said Charlee Heitz, 22, was arrested after two of her friends took the children to a hospital.

Aurora police Capt. Pat Jenkins said officers who went to the family's home saw rodents scurry past, holes in the walls and drug paraphernalia and other debris strewn about.

Heitz was charged with child abuse and endangering the welfare of a child.


**DEPRESSION KIDS**

A look at the Class of 1946: From the Great Depression to Great Changes

By Jean Littlepage Everett

Cost: $29.95



*DEPRESSION KIDS gives the reader a personal view of growing up during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl days in Northwest Texas.*

*Jean records her own experiences as well as those of many of her classmates, the Class of 1946 of Snyder High School. She weaves together those memories, events, and facts of an era long past into an interesting and readable account.*

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## Scurrying Around Snyder

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**Kitchen Medicine**

Some herbs and plants have been used in the kitchen forever and add wonderful flavor, texture and color to the foods we eat. They are also beneficial to health and may help inhibit the growth of certain cancers, lower the risk of heart disease and improve your appearance. Here are a few you may want to consider:

* **Blueberries** are great in a pie, added to muffins or made into a sauce. They are also said to help prevent certain eye diseases of aging, such as macular degeneration any may provide some protection from infections and allergies. During World War II, British pilots were given blueberries (and their cousin bilberries) to promote night vision.

* **Rosemary**, that aromatic herb, is a natural antioxidant. It can have an antibacterial effect on food and an antioxidant effect on humans. What this means is that rosemary may actually reduce the bacterial levels in some foods, acting as a natural preservative. In humans, rosemary may help to reduce certain types of artery damage, thus helping to prevent some types of heart disease. And it tastes so good in soups and stews.

* Fresh **parsley** and **basil** have concentrated levels of chlorophyll, the green pigment found in plants. Chlorophyll is thought to be a good "filter," that is it can help in maintaining the health of the stomach and small and large intestine.

Eating chlorophyll containing plants may help reduce the risk of some stomach and intestinal cancers. Chopped parsley and basil add texture, color and flavor to sauces, pasta, rice and salads, so throw some in and increase the health quotient of the dish.

* Fresh **chilies, cayenne** and **bell peppers** get their "heat" from a natural compound called capsaicin. Capsaicin is said to help stomach health (believe it or not!) And is actually being added to creams for people with arthritis. Populations that consume large, consistent amounts of chilies tend to have less incidence of stomach cancer. So throw some peppers into the sauce and the salad and contribute to health.

* **Garlic** and **onions** are said to contain compounds that may help to reduce blood pressure. We've always thought that garlic and onions reduce blood pressure because if you eat enough of them everyone will stay away from you.

Tomatoes contain lycopene, a naturally occurring substance thought to help reduce the incidence of prostrate and breast cancers.

* **Soy products**, such as tofu, soy milk and soy beans, contain natural chemicals that are thought to help to reduce certain cancers and are also important in women's health. Populations that eat a large amount of soy have less menopause symptoms.

Soymilk can be used to make custard, sauces and cream soups and tofu can be blended as part of a smoothie or used in stir-fry dishes and casseroles.

* **Green tea** is also thought to help reduce certain cancers. Green tea, hot or cold, is a delicious beverage. You can also use it as an ingredient in dessert sauces, fruit salads and sorbets.

Try to eat more whole plant foods in their natural form instead of processed foods. For example, eat more brown rice, barley and whole-wheat products versus white bread, bagels and crackers. Eat more vegetable soups, salads and stir-fry dishes instead of deli sandwiches, burgers or hot dogs.

**Blueberry Yogurt Parfait**

Serve this dish as a snack or for dessert.

1 cup nonfat light vanilla-flavored yogurt

½ cup fresh or frozen-thawed blueberries

2 Tbsp fat-free whipped cream

1 Tbsp sliced almonds or whole grain cereal

Directions:

1. Divide yogurt between 2 dessert dishes.

2. Add ¼ cup of blueberries to each dish.

3. Top blueberries with 1 tablespoon of whipped cream and ½ tablespoon of sliced almonds or whole grain cereal.

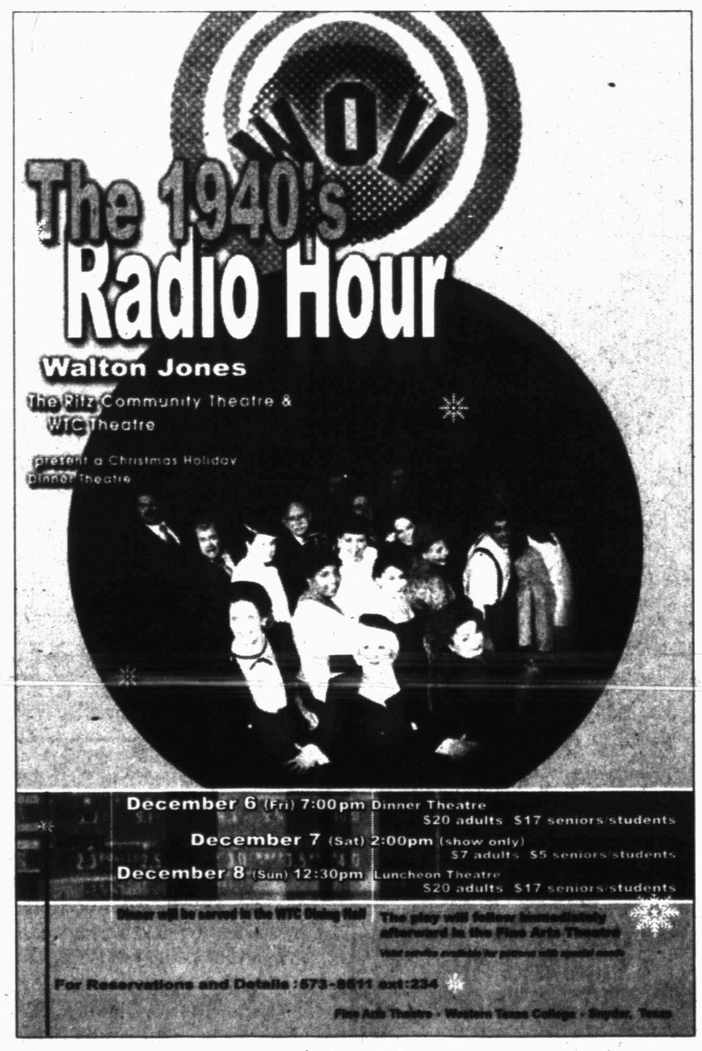
4. Serve immediately.

Serves 2. Each ¾ cup serving: 149 calories, 6.5 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 21 mg cholesterol, 57 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrate, 1.5 g fiber, 5 g protein.

## First California poet laureate quits post

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The creative resume writing that cost California's first poet laureate that title has also ended his academic career at the University of California at San Diego.

Quincy Troupe resigned Tuesday from his tenured post as professor of American and Caribbean literature and creative writing after 12 years on the faculty.



## UCSWCD Report

### Windbreak trees available now

It's time to be thinking about colder weather, and the high West Texas winds that go along with it.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is beginning sales of seedlings for its 2003 annual windbreak tree program.

A good windbreak goes a long way toward lowering utility bills, and making life easier on both people and annuals. But don't be fooled by the name, these trees do more than block wind. Properly sided and spaced, they will work as sound barriers and/or privacy screens. Wildlife benefits from food and cover provided y windbreaks. Studies have shown that by softening rainfall, blocking high winds, and holding soil in place windbreak plantings reduce erosion by as much as 25 percent.

Evergreens and hardwood varieties are offered again this year, along with four wildlife packets. Evergreen species include, Afghanistan Pines, Austrian Pine, Eastern Redwood and Pinyon Pine. Evergreen seedlings are shipped in tarpaper tubes, and are priced at $2.25 each.

Hardwood species include: Amur Honeysuckle, Aromatic Sumac, Desert Willow, Flameleaf Sumac, Fourwing Saltbush, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm. Nanking Cherry, Osage Orange, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak and Sand Plum. The hardwoods are bare root seedlings, and are $1.00 each.

Packets contain a total of 100 bare root hardwood seedlings (100 12"-18" seedlings) individually tailored for deer, quail and dove, turkey and squirrel. Wildlife packets are $55 each.

Order forms can be obtained at the Upper Colorado SWCD office in Snyder. Payment must be accompany all orders, and checks can be made out to Upper Colorado SWCD. Cut-off date for all orders is Jan. 31, 2003. Please be sure to put a phone number on your order form so that we can contact your when the trees arrive.

Delivery should be on or about Feb. 5, 2003. The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District office is located at 5398 Big Spring Hwy, in the USDA office complex.

**COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT**

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/2/01 | 11/25/02 | 12/2/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 17.94 | 17.51 | 17.46 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 19,704 | 18,721 | 18,621 |
| PERCENT FULL | 9.82 | 9.33 | 9.28 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |
| SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/201 | 11/25/02 | 12/2/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 44.30 | 38.35 | 38.17 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 55,751 | 37,036 | 36,550 |
| PERCENT FULL | 10.78 | 7.16 | 7.07 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 12/2/01 | 11/25/02 | 12/2/02 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 32.12 | 28.13 | 27.98 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 260,173 | 217,412 | 215,893 |
| PERCENT FULL | 46.93 | 39.22 | 38.95 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

| | LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 11/25/02 11/19/02 | THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 12/2/02 11/26/02 | THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 12/2/02 11/26/02 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BIG SPRING | 3,939,571 | 3,513,143 | 4,120,000 |
| ODESSA | 12,141,000 | 12,319,429 | 14,756,000 |
| SNYDER | 1,620,286 | 1,580,429 | 1,808,000 |
| MIDLAND | 16,378,143 | 14,148,000 | 16,656,000 |
| SAN ANGELO | 9,559,429 | 11,231,286 | 12,899,000 |
| STANTON | 103,000 | 91,857 | 117,000 |


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Weather could delay Endeavour's return

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A chance of clouds and rain around Endeavour's landing site in Florida could delay the space shuttle's return to Earth, pushing back the homecoming of the former crew on the international space station.

Endeavour is the ride back to Earth for the space station Alpha crew of U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson and Russian cosmonauts Valery Korzun and Sergei Treschev. They spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost and were the fifth resident crew.

Optimism was growing in Mission Control on Wednesday morning that the weather might cooperate for an afternoon touchdown, despite storm systems approaching Florida from several directions.

"We're real optimistic and we think we're going to bring you guys home on the first try today," Mission Control told shuttle commander James Wetherbee.

"Sounds good," Wetherbee replied.

The space shuttle had two opportunities to land today, with the first one offering better weather. Thursday's forecast was dismal.

Endeavour, which launched on Nov. 23, has enough fuel and supplies to stay in orbit until Sunday. The backup landing site at Edwards Air Force Base in California would probably not be called up until Saturday, if needed, said flight director Wayne Hale.

The space station's returning crew members won't mind if they have to spend a few more days in space. They have already spent an extra 1½ months living aboard Alpha because of various problems that delayed the shuttle's flight.

"It's not really a big deal," Whitson said. She described the shuttle as "pretty cozy," but did acknowledge it is quite a bit smaller than the station and takes some getting used to.

The shuttle undocked from the space station on Monday with Whitson and her crewmates, leaving behind their replacements — two Americans and one Russian — who will remain aboard the orbiting outpost until March.

During their one-week visit to Alpha, Endeavour's four-astronaut crew helped install a new $390 million, 45-foot girder on the space station during three spacewalks.

On the Net:
NASA:
http://spaceflight.nasa.gov

# Israeli forces kill suspected Islamic militants

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Israeli soldiers killed two suspected Islamic militants today in a gun battle in the West Bank, and Israeli helicopters fired missiles in the Gaza Strip, killing a man suspected in the deaths of seven Israeli soldiers.

Israeli troops searching for members of the militant Islamic Jihad group in Tufah village, near Hebron, came under fire, the army said, and soldiers shot back, killing two men. Palestinian medics said they found the men's bodies among trees in a remote valley, shot in the head.

In Gaza, a pair of Israeli helicopters fired several missiles at a small cinderblock room used by security guards at the Local Affairs Ministry complex in Gaza City, killing the guard, Mustafa Sabah, 35, Palestinian witnesses said.

After the first missile hit, driver Muhannad Abu Assi said he hit the ground, "and then I saw another three missiles coming at the same time. They hit the small room from two directions," he said.

Israel's army issued a statement alleging that Sabah was involved in three bomb attacks against Israeli tanks that killed a total of seven soldiers.

Also today, Israel said it had detained a visiting U.S. doctor for two weeks last month on suspicion he had links to al-Qaida. Dr. Khaled Nazem Diab was released last week and deported to Jordan without any charges being filed.

Israel said Diab, a U.S. citizen, had been living in Qatar and was suspected of funneling money to al-Qaida.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Paul Patin said that Diab works for the Red Cross. "He's a qualified doctor, and he has been in and out of (the Palestinian) territories doing humanitarian work with children."

Patin said U.S. Embassy officials tried to see the doctor during his detention, but "we were denied access."

The Yediot Ahronot daily, citing unidentified security sources in Rome, reported today there were warnings during the visit by the Israeli national soccer team to Malta last month that al-Qaida was trying to carry out an attack during the game.

The coach of the national team, Avraham Grant, told Army radio he was informed an al-Qaida operative had been arrested the day before the Oct. 12 match.

"We understood that they arrested a man with al-Qaida and we didn't know if he planned an attack or didn't plan an attack," Grant told Army Radio.

Yediot identified the al-Qaida suspect detained Oct. 11 as Hamadi Bawahia, a Tunisian who lived in Italy. Bawahia was arrested as part of sweep lead by Italian anti-terrorism forces, with four other al-Qaida suspects taken into custody in Italy.

The match was played under tighter-than-normal security and without incident.

Israeli troops closed offices where Israeli and Palestinian security officers once coordinated joint patrols.

Israeli soldiers in Ramallah and Jenin threw out the Palestinian security officers and confiscated their weapons. A military spokesman said the Ramallah office was closed because there is no longer any coordination there and armed Palestinians presented a danger to the Israeli forces.

Last week in the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian bomber blew up a car near a liaison office, killing himself, but causing no injuries to bystanders.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel, meanwhile, told a security conference that Palestinians had been ill-served by their leaders, who had created what he described as a failed political system.

Ambassador, Daniel Kurtzer said Palestinian academics, intellectuals and political leaders have only encouraged more Palestinian suicide attacks by justifying them. More than 300 Israelis have been killed in suicide bombings.

"Suicide bombings ... have begun to consume Palestinian society, calling into question their legitimate political aspirations," Kurtzer said Tuesday.

He also forcefully restated U.S. opposition to Jewish settlement of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, lands the Palestinians claim for a future state.

# Man arrested on warrants

***•Arrest***

Deputies arrested Timothy Wayne Bailey, 32, of 2801 Ave. T at 8:51 p.m. Tuesday on a local warrant for assault and a Lubbock felony warrant for probation violation on an original charge of robbery.

***•Accidents***

Snyder officers responded to three one-vehicle accidents Tuesday.

The first was reported at 11:38 a.m. in the 1500 block of U.S. 84 and involved a jackknifed 1995 Freightliner truck driven by Cesar Karel, 57, of Manchaca.

At 11:47 a.m., a utility pole in Towle Park was struck by a 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Christopher Smauley, 16, of 440 Alamo Dr.

Several 9-1-1 calls were received at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday reported a jackknifed rig in the 1600 block of U.S. 84. Involved was a 2000 Peterbuilt truck drive by Jose Hernandez, 38, of Somerton.

No injuries were reported in any of the mishaps.

***•Theft***

Julie Bynum reported her wallet was stolen Tuesday morning at United grocery store. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

***•Suicide attempt***

Officers responded to a residence Tuesday night after being alerted to a possible suicidal subject. An MHMR hotline operator advised the subject had a knife and was shaking. An ambulance was dispatched and transported the subject to Cogdell Hospital and an offense report for attempted suicide was submitted.

***•Dog bite***

An employee at Cogdell Hospital notified police Tuesday afternoon of a dog bite victim in the emergency room and an offense report was filed.

***•Gas drive offs***

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 7:22 a.m. Tuesday.

At 11:11 p.m., another drive off was reported from the same location.

# Obituaries

## Rusty Atkins

**1938-2002**

SWEETWATER — Plez "Rusty" Atkins Jr., brother of Dana Kay Riggins of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 30, in Abilene Regional Hospital.

Service for Mr. Atkins, 63, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy Chapel of Memories. The Revs. William Jackson and Kenneth Decker will officiate. Burial will follow in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Dec. 25, 1938 in Van Zandt County, he married Mae Pearl Dunn in 1979 in Anson. Mr. Atkins was retired from Rolling Plains Co-op Compress as a mechanic. He had worked as custodian for the Roscoe State Bank and drove a bus for PPI. Mr. Atkins was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Loraine.

He was preceded in death by his father, Plez Atkins Sr. in 1988; and by a brother, Bobbie Atkins in 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Pearl Atkins of Sweetwater; seven daughters, Rhonda Lewis and Jeanetta Lemmons of California, Jackie Carter of DeSoto, Wanda Gardner of New Hampshire, Sabrina Abercrombie of Houston, Patricia Terry of Dallas and Annetta Lemmons of Arlington; four sons, Tony Gardner of Memphis, Tenn., Plez Atkins III of Dallas, Demetrius Atkins of Garden City and the Rev. Norris Atkins of Austin; his mother, Mae Dee Atkins of Sweetwater; five other sisters, Peggy Reed and Ann Atkins of Sweetwater, Ardell Delaney of Mesquite, Karla Taylor of Dallas, and Donna Faye Jordan of Lancaster; one brother, Ron Atkins of Sweetwater; and 24 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 7 this evening at the funeral home.

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# Senators skeptical of Saudi claims to block terror funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite Saudi Arabia's assurances that terror groups were not being bankrolled by Saudi charities, two key senators are urging the Bush administration to investigate possible financial links to the desert kingdom's royal family.

The Saudis took the diplomatic offensive Tuesday and announced new actions to deny money to terror groups. At the same time, the foreign policy adviser to Crown Prince Abdullah, Saudi Arabia's de facto monarch, disputed allegations that his government had done a poor job of keeping money from terrorists.

The adviser, Adel al-Jubeir, said at a news conference the kingdom was being maligned in a way that borders on hatred.

Immediately after al-Jubeir's appearance, the State and Treasury Departments issued statements praising Saudi Arabia's efforts and muting demands last week by the White House for the Saudis to do more.

A day after the public relations effort, the Saudi embassy's lobbyists and lawyers dodged a hearing on efforts to return U.S. children who have been kidnapped to Saudi Arabia by one of their parents.

A House committee subpoenaed records of the embassy's U.S. lawyers, lobbyists and public relations agents, seeking information about these child custody disputes. The embassy, invoking diplomatic privilege, refused to turn over the documents.

The House Government Reform Committee tried to subpoena representatives of Qorvis Communications, Patton Boggs law firm and The Gallagher Group on Tuesday night to testify and explain their refusal to turn over records.

"When the U.S. Marshals went to serve the subpoenas they were not at their homes, they were not at their offices, they were nowhere to be found," said Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind. "They've been hiding. I think that says a lot about the Saudi government and their openness."

Before the hearing, Al-Jubeir defended the Saudis effort to resolve international child custody cases and suggested Burton was "engaging in a publicity stunt."

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham, D-Fla., was not impressed with the Saudis announcement Tuesday of new efforts to deny money to terror groups. "The Bush administration and the Saudis have done a masterful job of turning attention away from ... the trail that leads to the possibility that a foreign government provided support to some of the Sept. 11 hijackers," Graham said.

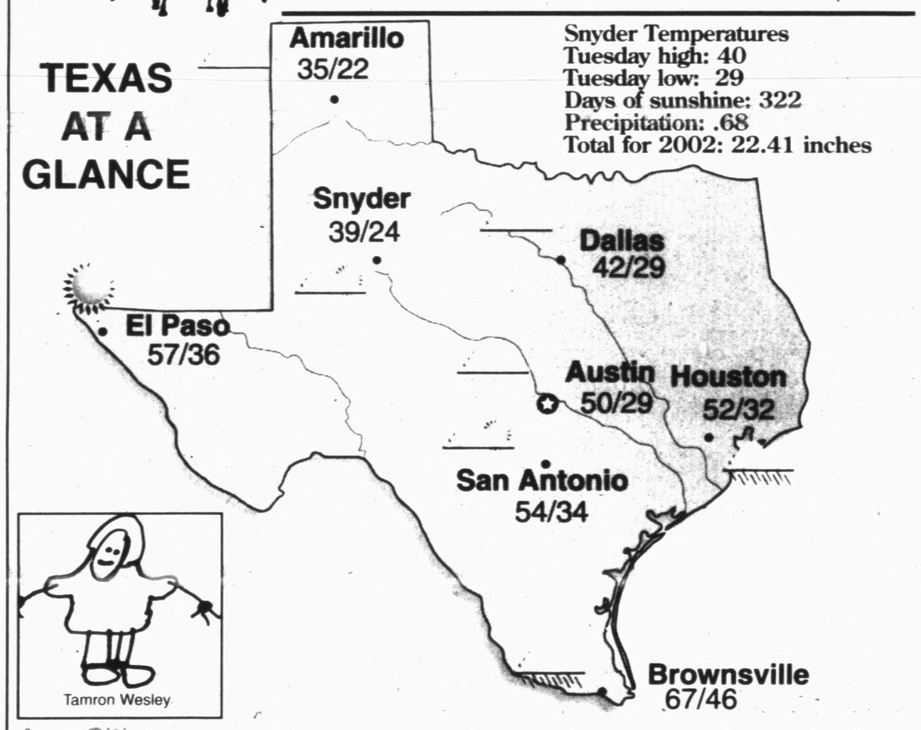
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

| Thu 12/5 | Fri 12/6 | Sat 12/7 |
|---|---|---|
| 39/24 | 47/27 | 56/31 |
| Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. High 39F. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s. |
| Sunrise 7:30 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM | Sunrise 7:31 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM | Sunrise 7:32 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM |

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Snyder Temperatures
Tuesday high: 40
Tuesday low: 29
Days of sunshine: 322
Precipitation: .68
Total for 2002: 22.41 inches


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### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 41 | 27 | pt sunny | El Paso | 57 | 36 | sunny | Midland | 46 | 30 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo | 35 | 22 | cloudy | Fort Stockton | 50 | 34 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 64 | 40 | rain |
| Austin | 50 | 29 | cloudy | Gainesville | 38 | 22 | cloudy | Rosenberg | 56 | 32 | rain |
| Beaumont | 55 | 35 | t-storm | Greenville | 40 | 24 | cloudy | San Antonio | 54 | 34 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 67 | 46 | rain | Houston | 52 | 32 | rain | San Marcos | 52 | 30 | cloudy |
| Brownwood | 45 | 26 | cloudy | Kingsville | 61 | 39 | rain | Sulphur Springs | 41 | 24 | cloudy |
| Corpus Christi | 59 | 40 | rain | Livingston | 52 | 30 | rain | Sweetwater | 42 | 25 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 44 | 23 | cloudy | Longview | 45 | 26 | rain | Tyler | 44 | 29 | cloudy |
| Dallas | 42 | 29 | cloudy | Lubbock | 40 | 27 | pt sunny | Weatherford | 41 | 23 | cloudy |
| Del Rio | 56 | 41 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 51 | 33 | rain | Wichita Falls | 37 | 25 | mixed |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 35 | 30 | frz rain | Houston | 52 | 32 | rain | Phoenix | 69 | 46 | mst sunny |
| Boston | 32 | 26 | mst sunny | Los Angeles | 71 | 54 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 62 | 48 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 28 | 17 | cloudy | Miami | 83 | 72 | pt sunny | Seattle | 47 | 40 | rain |
| Dallas | 42 | 29 | cloudy | Minneapolis | 19 | 13 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 30 | 20 | sn shower |
| Denver | 39 | 18 | pt sunny | New York | 36 | 29 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 35 | 30 | cloudy |

### Moon Phases

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

### UV Index

| Thu 12/5 | Fri 12/6 | Sat 12/7 |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Minimal | Low | Low |

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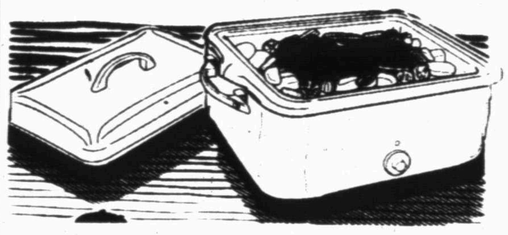
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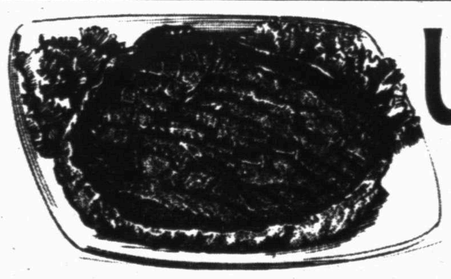
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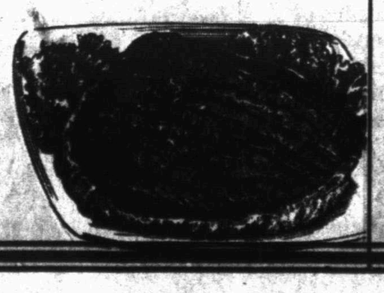
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