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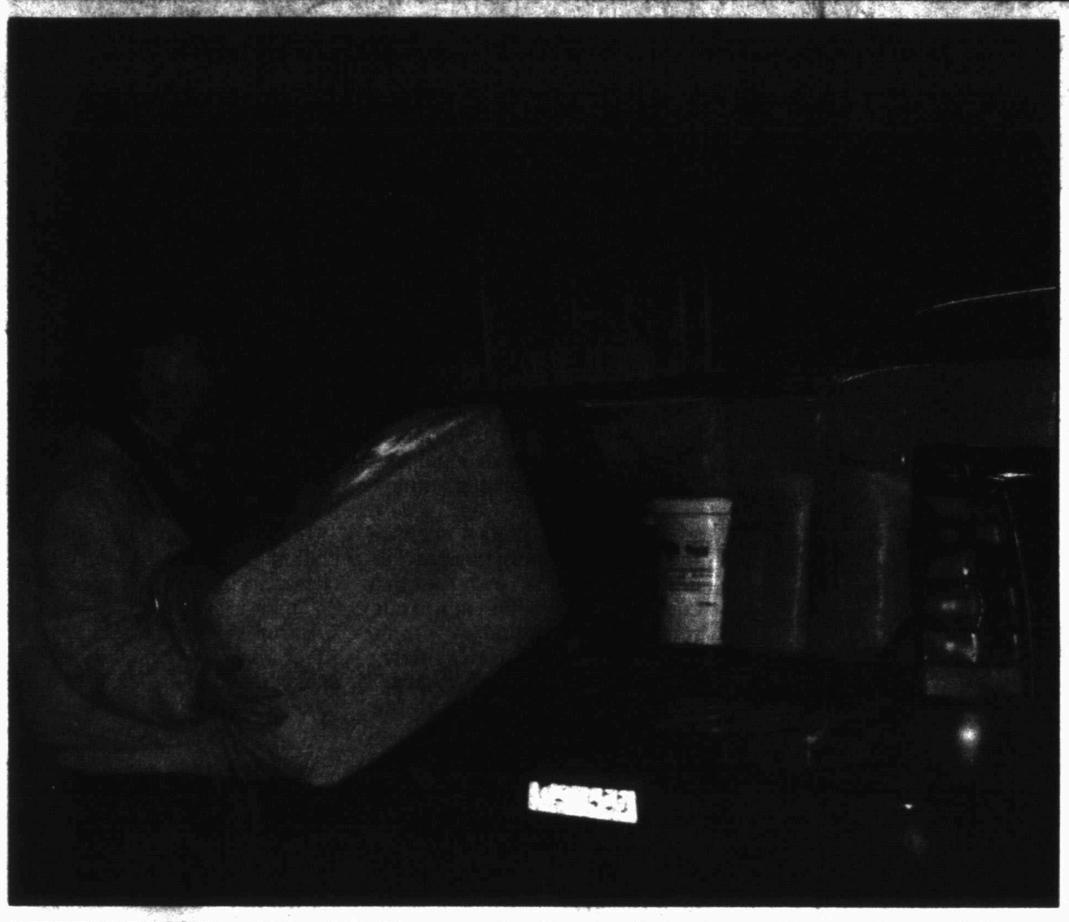
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GETTING READY — Richard Smith was unloading wood shavings at Scurry County Coliseum this morning, preparing for the annual Junior Livestock Show set to begin Thursday. Participants are expected to begin moving their stock to the coliseum Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Total of $600,000...

Utility work to double cost of WTC complex

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees were pitched some bad news Monday, but gave the signal to go ahead with construction of an on-campus sports complex despite the doubling of the facility's estimated cost.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, told the board that mistakes made by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper engineering firm accounted for the low estimate provided previously.

"The estimates were quite low unfortunately," he said. "The complex is going to cost a lot more. That is the downside."

Dr. Williams asked for $600,000 to complete the stadium — twice the original $300,000 estimate.

The major expense not factored into the original estimate was extensive utility work needed. New electrical and sewer utilities will be installed, but Dr. Williams said the expanded utilities will help with any future expansion on campus. "That is the upside."

The president said the requested $600,000 will allow "some wiggle room" over the projected $580,000 cost.

"Obviously we're disappointed, but I still believe strongly that we are ahead of the game," he said. "We've been doing everything we can to get the most bang for our bucks and we're still getting a $1 million facility for $600,000."

The president said the amount will be paid for through budget cuts made this year and through donations and that the increase will not impact salaries or anything else.

"If we had not received the initial low estimate, we'd be excited about this number," he added.

The board approved the amount with little discussion and a 4-0 vote. Trustee Jackie Greene abstained.

In other business, the board tabled action to transfer tax abatement from Lorber Industries to UCO Spinning LP.

John DeLille, DCOS executive director, told the board that the abatement agreement hasn't changed and can be transferred to the new company, which is to begin production this month.

Four years remain on the agreement with 100 percent of taxes abated this year, 75 percent in 2004, 50 percent in 2005 and 25 percent in 2006.

DeLille said UCO has clear title of the facility in Snyder's industrial park and that the board could proceed with the transfer because it opted at an earlier meeting to take no action to void the abatement with Lorber.

Trustee Eddie Peterson moved to approve the transfer, but retracted the motion without a second.

Dr. Williams said the item would be added to the February agenda, allowing the board an opportunity to further review the document.

The trustees also approved a fee restructure, which will fold several student services fees into one general fee.

"This makes it easier for the students and for us," Dr. Williams said. "There will be an initial expense up front, but the students will see the benefits of this down the road."

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, said a student enrolled in 15 semester hours would see a $60 increase per semester, but records and transcripts will be provided without a fee.

Dr. Williams said with the fee increase, it will "probably be two years before we even look at raising tuition."

The new fee will take effect next fall.

The board also voted to add 2½ days to the school calendar to allow faculty more time to compile grades at the end of the semester. The additional days were requested at the faculty retreat recently held on campus.

In the final action item, the board approved for Dr. Williams and Claxton to sign for loans at local banks.

Claxton said that is routine, but the banks asked that it be placed in the minutes by board action.

Discussion items included drama instructor Ray Newton informing the board of a new lighting system purchased with funds from the city of Snyder occupancy tax funds.

WTC coaches James King and Rodney McNeal addressed the board for the monthly education report.

McNeal said the softball team is faring well and posted a collective 3.5 GPA for the fall semester. The softball team's first game is Feb. 3 at Cates Field.

King said considerable interest is being shown in the college's baseball program with new recruits showing up and word of the team spreading.

He said 35 players are currently on the roster with 10 more walking on Monday.

The baseball team's season begins Jan. 31 in Vernon.

In personnel matters, Michael Archer-Pauchet was hired as instructor of social science. Pauchet is a graduate of Tarleton State University and a part-time instructor at Cisco Junior College.

Board president Lee Presswood presided and trustees present included Peterson, Greene, Drew Bullard, Carolyn Barbee and Jay Kidd. Scott Richburg was absent.

Coach Lewis inducted into Hall of Honor

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Longtime Snyder head baseball coach Albert Lewis was recognized for coaching excellence Friday with his induction into the Texas High School Baseball Association's Hall of Honor in Waco.

Lewis, who from 1977 until his retirement in 1994, guided the Tigers to 11 district titles and to the state tournament in 1980, 1983 and 1986, and chalked up 324 victories. He led Snyder to the playoffs in 14 of his 17 years, and was named district coach of the year 13 times, state coach of the year once and national coach of the year once.

Snyder defeated De Soto in 1983 for its last state crown.

Snyder, with 975 wins, is the second-winningest program in the state, trailing only Lubbock Monterey in wins and playoff appearances.

"It was great," Lewis said of his induction. "It's something I'll always remember."

Lewis was joined by 14 members of his family, including his wife Daisy. He said a big crowd of former Snyderites was on hand for the ceremony.

Charles Bollinger, current Snyder head baseball coach and the winning pitcher on the 1983 state championship team, introduced Lewis at the awards banquet.

"I spoke to how coach Lewis molded my life," he said. Bollinger recounted anecdotes from his playing days in his introduction and talked about being a coach in his hometown.

"He was a big part of Snyder's success in baseball," Bollinger said.

Lewis recognized his family during his speech, and quoted JFK on the importance of public service and children as the country's greatest resource.

"We live in an enlightened era," he said. "And coaches and teachers are the reason for it."

Lewis said his three best memories from coaching are winning the state title, coaching the North All-Stars in the Astrodome in Houston and his 50-game district winning streak, which was broken when a young Bollinger made an error on a rundown against Lamesa.

"There's no telling how many in a row we would have won had I not thrown that ball away," Bollinger said.

Keynote speaker for the induction was former major league pitcher Tug McGraw, who told humorous stories about life in the majors.

Lewis, in ailing health, said he relished the opportunity to coach in Snyder, and enjoyed spending time with the many former Snyder coaches in attendance.

"It was a heck of a night," he said. "I want to thank the people of Snyder who wished me well and those who showed up (at the induction). I'll never forget it."



HALL OF HONOR — Coach Albert Lewis and his wife, Daisy, are shown at the induction ceremony for the Texas High School Baseball Hall of Honor. (Contributed Photo)

Clark Reed named to All-State band

Clark Reed, a senior at Snyder High School, has been named to the 2003 Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band.

Reed plays the also saxophone under the director of SHS Band Director Donnie Reston, who is a member of the Association of Texas Small Schools Bands, a 950-member group of band directors in class A, AA, and AAA schools in Texas.

The ATSSB All-State Band will meet in rehearsals in the historic Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown San Antonio Feb. 12-15 and will present a concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.

James Barnes, nationally-known composer and clinician, will lead the concert band. ATSSB has been commissioning works for the concert band each year since 1995.

This is Reed's first time to be selected to the all-state band. Reed also participates in speech and one-act play. He is the son of Richard and Shana Reed.



Clark Reed

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People who live in glass houses should remember to turn off the lights."

A president might as well live in a glass house, as he can hardly cough without affecting the stock market.

Being quoted on a daily basis puts a lot of pressure on any commander-in-chief. It's sort of like living full time with an English teacher.

There's mounting evidence that George W. is a true Texan, one that can mangle the King's English with a West Texas twist.

There are scores of Internet sites devoted exclusively to the current president's oft-misguided bits of verbal wit.

President Bush has his own section in the highly revered "Oxford Dictionary of Phrase Saying and Quotation."

Under Bushisms you'll find such memorable statements as "We are ready for any unforeseen event which may or may not happen."

The entry also includes his unforgettable words of wisdom to a group of graduates: "To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say you, too, can be president of the United States."

More examples of "Bush quotes" can be found by using those words in an Internet search.

—It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it.

—I think we agree, the past is over.

—Laura and I really don't realize how bright our children is sometime until we get an objective analysis.

—I was raised in the West. The west of Texas. It's pretty close to California. In more ways than Washington, D.C., is close to California.

—The fact that he relies on facts – says things that are not factual – are going on in this campaign.

—I understand small business growth. I was one.

—The senator has got to understand if he's going to have, he can't have it both ways. He can't take the high horse and then claim the low road.

—I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family.

—Down in Washington they're playing with Social Security like it's some kind of government program.

—Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream.

But we like the straight-talking Texan. And Saddam must have help to misunderstand him.

ASK US

Q—Are tickets still available for the chamber of commerce banquet on Jan. 25?
A—Yes. About 100 are left.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Loretta McAnaw...

...has lived in Snyder 23 years with husband, Jim, of Tuboscope. The couple has one son, Greg, who is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High and now is a referee and a student at Texas Tech. In her spare time, Loretta loves nothing more than watching SHS basketball and is at every game she can attend. She also enjoys watching hockey.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nothing makes a man as mad as the truth.
—Mark Twain

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society will have a rally at 5:30 p.m. today in the Stanfield Elementary cafeteria in preparation for April's Relay for Life. There will be refreshments and door prizes and the rally is open to anyone interested.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield's parent council will meet at 6 this evening in the teacher's lounge located in the front hallway. Winter Wonderland will be discussed.

Band boosters

There will be a band boosters meting at 6:30 this evening in the SHS band hall.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

FBC services televised

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

Class reunion meeting

The SHS Class of 1983 will have a reunion planning meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at the home of Kirk Herrley. All class members are encouraged to attend. Call 573-3204 for information.

Benefit enchilada dinner

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

Support groups

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

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All Master Masons are welcome.

WTC testing dates

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

Women's Bible study

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

Book fair

Scurry Community Services will hold its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 27-31, and 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 30.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

SHS booster club fundraiser

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

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

The deadline for orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Feb. 3. Balances will have to be paid in full at that time and orders are taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Jan. 31. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

Choir trip planned

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

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.

Eco-friendly motors installed on boat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Explorer and environmentalist Jean-Michel Cousteau, the son of Jacques Cousteau, has installed eco-friendly motors on his 28-foot Ocean Futures research vessel.

The new generation of low polluting, two-stroke Evinrude and Johnson outboards, manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products, were on display Thursday in Marina del Rey.

Cousteau, president of the nonprofit Ocean Futures Society educational and conservation organization, also teamed with Bombardier for a "Cruise Clean" program that awards scholarships to Los Angeles area kids for the Catalina Environmental Leadership Program.

Insurance reform priority issue

ABILENE (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said he wants homeowners insurance reform at the top of the agenda when legislators kick off the 2003 legislative session today.

Speaking Monday to homeowners, business leaders and city officials in Abilene, Perry said legislators will debate issues that could make homeowners insurance more affordable and allow more Texans to purchase homes.

"What's not up for debate is the end result — a closing of the Lloyd's loophole that currently allows insurance companies to operate free of regulation and, too often, free of public accountability and scrutiny," he said.

Perry said insurance rates are high in Texas because of the state's inclement weather patterns.

"But no storm, no inclement conditions I can think of can explain the exorbitant rate hikes I've seen in this last year," he said.

Perry proposed a plan to overhaul the system that includes key changes in the way rates are set.

He said insurance companies should not use homeowners' credit histories to set premium rates unless the histories tie into the consumer's insurance risk.

Perry also said he wants the state insurance commissioner to have more authority, including being able to freeze insurance rates during the reform process and having more power to discipline companies that are chronically negligent in their responses to claims.

In addition, state law should change to require companies with "chronic foot-dragging" to respond to claims within 48 hours instead of 15 days, Perry said.

He also suggested measures to check mold remediators, public adjusters and personal injury trial lawyers, whom he accused of driving up insurance rates.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman hoping for marriage is wasting her time in affair

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "I've Got a Secret in Texas." She's the woman who has been dating a married man for seven years and hopes he will leave his wife for her, despite the fact that he told her he won't because of his children. She asked if she should "sit tight and wait."

She has already wasted seven years of her life. I hope she doesn't waste any more. She needs to get her act together and dump that bum. If she ever is unlucky enough to marry him, he will turn around, meet another woman and tell her the same lies. He's using his kids as an excuse. I bet when they find out what he's up to, they'll be glad to get rid of him, too. My kids certainly were. — **SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE IN INDIANA**

DEAR SPEAKING: It is sad that some women are so gullible and needy they believe only what they are told, refusing to recognize that their lover's words do not match his actions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That "Texas" woman is wasting her time. My dad cheated on my mother for most of their married life. He and his girlfriend dated for years. She had two children with him while he and Mom were still married.

When Mom died, Dad didn't marry the girlfriend. Instead, he began dating other women. Dad is dead now. The girlfriend never married.

Please urge "I've Got a Secret" to kick lover boy to the curb and get on with her life. — **DAPHNE IN NEW ORLEANS**

DEAR DAPHNE: I said it differently. I told her not to hold her breath because he seemed to like things as they are. Several other readers shared similar stories.

DEAR ABBY: Please wake that foolish woman up. She is only hurting herself. She's addicted to the excitement of the secret affair. Hers is a fantasy relationship, not a real one. It is very easy to maintain romance on a part-time basis. When the affair becomes public, the pain and the shame involved are never worth the excitement.

I hope she does the right thing for herself, her child and his children. It's time for her to end the affair and look for a real partner. I speak from experience. — **BETRAYED BUT RECOVERING, DAYTON, OHIO**

DEAR RECOVERING: I, too, hope she finds the strength to do the right thing. If my mail is any indication, she's fighting a losing battle. Even if she should beat the odds and "win" — because of the children, her husband would always be tied to the woman he betrayed.

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DEAR ABBY: Our son is being married in June. We are now in the process of preparing the guest list. Two of our close relatives live in nursing homes and do not get out to visit anymore. One is a dear aunt, the other is the groom's uncle.

Should we send them invitations? We would like to, but we're afraid it would appear we're asking for a gift. — **UNDECIDED IN ST. PAUL**

DEAR UNDECIDED: Instead of sending them invitations, send a card or chatty letter bringing the relatives up-to-date on what's happening in your family — and an announcement after the wedding so they remain "in the loop." That way, they can share in your joy without feeling obligated in any way.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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AG impatient with pace of bankruptcy case for Enron Corp.

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott is getting impatient with Enron Corp.'s bankruptcy proceedings, which he says are draining millions of dollars in legal fees from taxpayers, former employees and investors.

Abbott on Monday accused the company's attorneys of "lining their pockets" with fees that could reach $1 billion at the current rate of spending — with no real chance of reorganizing under federal bankruptcy laws.

Houston-based Enron has spent more than $300 million on professional fees since filing what was then the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2, 3001.

Telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc.'s July bankruptcy was bigger.

Enron's total surpasses the record $200 million spent in the early 1990s by the Luxembourg-based bankruptcy of the Saudi Arabian Bank of Credit and Commerce International, or BCCI.

Abbott said Enron should consider an immediate liquidation.

"What have we gotten for our money?" Abbott said. "There's been no reorganization plan, and there is no reorganization plan that is imminent.

"Not only are we not even coming close to seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, I don't think we're even in the tunnel yet," he said.

An Enron spokeswoman said a fee committee formed by the bankruptcy judge over the case is reviewing all fees.

Enron's lead bankruptcy lawyer, Martin Bienenstock, said Enron has managed to cut spending on professionals by more than $1 million a month and is trying to control expenses wherever possible.

The AG's office under John Cornyn kept track of the bankruptcy, but it seems there will be more scrutiny under Abbott based on his comment.

Texas has about $75 million in claims against Enron. Total claims are estimated to exceed $60 billion.

Enron is currently auctioning 12 of its most valuable assets, and when that process is completed in the spring it will turn to dividing the money among creditors.

The company should have between $10 billion to $20 billion to settle claims, Bienenstock said.

Abbott said that Enron should cut its losses because a successful reorganization appears unlikely. He said the company should consider changing from a Chapter 11 bankruptcy to a straight liquidation under Chapter 7.

But bankruptcy experts said that wouldn't be cost-effective. Under Chapter 7 laws, a trustee must be appointed to run the company and a new group of lawyers and other professionals would have to learn the company's business.

"I'm surprised that the attorney general wants to add to the time and expense of the case," Bienenstock said.

Abbott admits he doesn't have all the answers, but said the Enron issue has caught his attention.

Abbott took over the attorney general's office just six weeks ago, on the one-year anniversary of Enron's bankruptcy filing.

Final tab in governor's race tops $90 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry spent $26 million on his bid for the Governor's Mansion, pushing the grand total in the record-setting race with Tony Sanchez to at least $90 million.

Perry's campaign reported Monday that the Republican governor spent $2.9 million in the reporting period covering Oct. 27 through Dec. 31, 2002.

Sanchez, a multimillionaire businessman from Laredo, spent $64 million on the campaign, most of it his own money. He has not yet filed a report covering the final three months of the year.

Perry's campaign reported 1,169 contributions in the three-month period, totaling $1.7 million.

At the end of the reporting period, Texans for Rick Perry has about $922,000 cash-on-hand, the campaign said.

Perry's brutal campaign against Sanchez set a Texas record for campaign spending. The candidates spent at least $90 million combined, much of it on nasty television ads.

In the final days of the campaign, Perry ran commercials trying to link Sanchez to murdering drug dealers from Mexico.

events

LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
19-27-31-35-36

Pick Three

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-3-5

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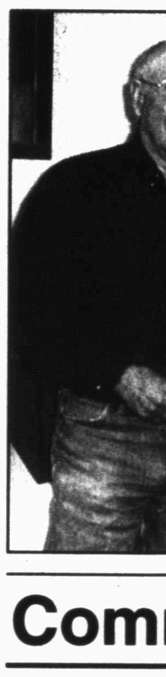
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Hospital installs computer system to help reduce medical errors

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Like other hospitals in the country, the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh recognizes that potentially deadly errors can be caused by indecipherable handwriting, a memory lapse or other mistakes.

So, the hospital has joined a small percentage of the nation's medical centers in installing a computerized system for doctors to prescribe medication, order a blood test or check a patient's weight.

The system, known as a computerized provider order entry and electronic medical records system, could replace many paper forms, such as prescription pads, said Dr. Eugene Wiener, the hospital's medical director.

The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of more than 100 organizations that provide health care benefits, has identified this kind of system as a key way hospitals can reduce medical errors and prevent deaths caused by mistakes.

While fewer than 5 percent of the nation's hospitals have fully implemented similar computer systems, nearly one-quarter of the hospitals the Leapfrog Group has surveyed say they will have a computerized order system in place by next year, said the group's executive director, Suzanne Delbanco.

"There's a big growth that we're about to see, but right now it is rare," she said.

Children's Hospital doctors, who learned how to use the system during the last three months of 2002, enter prescription orders into the system instead of writing them by hand, eliminating infamously hard-to-read medication instructions.

The system also gives doctors, nurses and other care providers access to a patient's medical history, tells them about a patient's allergies, and alerts them to adverse drug interactions and other information that a care provider might not know or might have forgotten.

Sloppy handwriting, transcription mistakes and overlooked allergies can have dangerous consequences. Delbanco said they lead to some of the more than one million serious medication errors that happen every year in the United States.

More hospitals haven't shifted to a computerized provider order entry system because it's expensive, it's a difficult transition and it can be hard to convince everyone in the institution to use it, said Pat Wise of the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, a Chicago-based organization that advocates healthcare technology.

Installation can cost hospitals anywhere from $500,000 to $15 million, depending on variables such as a hospital's size and how many records are already being stored electronically, Delbanco said.

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., which took two years to develop its own system before care providers started using it in 1993, initially spent $21 million to start the system and spends between $1.7 million and $2.5 million every year to upgrade it, said Gene Eavy, the hospital's director of pharmacy.

But the system lets the hospital save money in other areas, such as worker productivity, Eavy said.

Before Saint Joseph's started to use the system, it took six hours to get a prescription filled because it was hand-delivered from the doctor to the pharmacy and then had to be transcribed. Today, it takes less than 30 minutes, Eavy said.

More importantly, in less than a decade, the hospital has reduced medical errors by 68 percent. Officials estimate that each medical error costs the hospital $4,800.

"Many people call us and want to know how much (the system) costs, and that's certainly part of it — but that's just part of it," Eavy said. "One of the biggest hurdles to overcome is the cultural hurdles and encouraging doctors who have been in practice for a long time to use the system."

Bake the ultimate oatmeal cookies

When it comes to cookies, there have been few as sinfully satisfying as a warm-from-the-oven oatmeal chocolate chip cookie, until now. Created especially for Oatmeal Month, Cocoa Peanut Butter Cup Oatmeal Cookies may be the ultimate in indulgence.

To create this irresistible cookie, the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens embellished a rich oatmeal cookie dough with peanut butter and cocoa, then added big chunks of chocolate-covered peanut butter cup candies.

COCOA PEANUT BUTTER CUP OATMEAL COOKIES

3 Dozen

1½ cups packed brown sugar

½ pound (2 sticks) butter, softened

¾ cup peanut butter

2 eggs

2 tsp. vanilla

1½ cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tsp. baking soda

2 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

35 miniature peanut butter cup candies, unwrapped, halved

Heat oven to 350F. In large bowl, beat sugar, butter and peanut butter with electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well.

In medium bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; mix well. Add to peanut butter mixture; mix well. Stir in oats and candy. Drop dough by level ¼ cupfuls 3 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or just until cookies are slightly firm to the touch. (Do not overbake.) Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Transfer to cooling racks. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

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Failures are like skinned knees—painful but superficial.

—H. Ross Perot



GOLDCOATS RECEIVE AWARDS — The Snyder Goldcoat luncheon was held Friday at Rudy's and awards were presented to members by Snyder Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Fowler. Receiving gold buttons were, from left, standing Steve Warren, Kent Wright, Jim Shearer, Jeffrey Martin, Carl Burleson; front row, Bill Dryden, Nancy Smith, Betty House, Ann Smartt. Not pictured are Donna Gray, Elois Pruitt and Joan Bunch. Receiving silver buttons in photo at left were Max von Roeder, Tati Nail and Mel Gilbert. Not pictured are Gale Burleson, Mollie Shearer and Rod Waller. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program by Beth Danaheim, county extension agent; hostesses, Burnell Hargrove, Gayle Wittie; 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

United Way board makes plans for next campaign

Scurry County United Way is $9,457.28 short of its $85,000 goal board members learned at a meeting Monday. Plans were discussed to complete this year's campaign and committees were formed to focus on next year's fund drive.

Funds are still being turned in, but, over 40 packets are still out and a fund raising project was discussed with hopes of reaching the goal. To date $75,542.72 has been turned in or pledged.

Barbara McGee, Peggy Vernon and Dalinda Roberts were appointed to the Jack Smartt Award committee.

Serving on the nominating committee are Kent Wright, Stephen Covey, Carl Burleson and Ann Smartt.

Roberts, Ed Barkwosky, Lyndia Allen, Trent Driggers, Christy Brown, Rana Anderson, Kathy Watts and Zola Schlegel serve on the grant writing team and are involved in updating the bylaws and other documents that are due at the United Way of America office by March 1 that will permit the local unit to use the United Way name, logo and educational material.

The next meeting will be Feb. 3 and the annual awards luncheon is tentatively set for Feb. 17 at Rudy's.

Nicole Kidman unveils sidewalk star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicole Kidman unveiled her sidewalk star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, saying she'd "never been so excited to have people walk all over me for the rest of my life."

"I love to act and this is sort of the icing on the cake," she said at Monday's ceremony. Her star was unveiled alongside the theater where the Oscars are presented.

"I can't believe that this is happening in terms of the work and in terms of the films being embraced," she told KCAL-TV concerning her recent string of successes. "My New Year's resolution is to savor it."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-14-03
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♥ Q 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 8 2

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

East
♠ J 3 2
♥ A K J 6
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 4

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

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

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

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2002

Following pairs came teams

By Phillip Alder

After the Mixed Pairs, the serious business began with the open Rosenblum Cup and the women's McConnell Cup.

Two U.S. teams reached the McConnell final. The winners were Lynn Deas, Beth Palmer, Irina Levitina, Kerri Sanborn, Jill Meyers and Randi Montin. The losers were Mildred Breed, Shawn Quinn, Rozanne Pollack, Judi Radin and Valerie Westheimer. Hjordis "Disa" Eythorsdottir was also on this team, but was stripped of her silver medal when she refused to take a drug test, as required by the regulations.

In this deal from the final, one club just showed at least 16 points. When East overcalled to indicate a lead, you'd prefer to be in four spades by North — right? Wrong!

Well trained, West led the heart nine. East took three tricks in the suit, then led her fourth heart, which West ruffed with the spade nine. The declarer, Deas, overruffed with dummy's spade queen, cashed the spade king, played a spade to her eight, and cashed the spade ace. Next Deas ran the club jack. She continued with the club 10: queen, king, diamond. Now South, with no hand entry left, had no option but to cash dummy's club ace, ruff a club, and take the diamond finesse — success!

In the other room, North was the declarer, which looks better. However, after the heart ace, heart king, and a heart ruff, Meyers (West) shifted to a low diamond. The declarer, Disa, knew she needed the club finesse. So, hoping for four club tricks, she won with her diamond ace, cashed the spade king, and played a spade to dummy's ace. Unluckily, now she had no chance.

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Dale Huff, Minister

Making Sacrifices

Sacrifices are not easy to make. The very nature of sacrifices is that they require us to give up something very important to us. If it is not important to us, it is not really a sacrifice to give it up. Jesus said that if anyone wanted to follow him they must deny themselves, take up their cross daily and follow Him, Luke 9: 23. In other words, we will have to make daily sacrifices if we follow Jesus.

When faced with difficult sacrifices we are prone to back away, telling ourselves the Lord would really not want us to give up that much. Abraham was told by God to make a huge sacrifice. It is an intriguing story, but the point is clear. God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac and offer him as an offering on one of the mountains that God would tell him about. Abraham took his son and went to do just that. It was his only son. It was the son that God gave him in his old age and promised Abraham that through that son God would make his descendants into a great nation. The request in Genesis 22 could not have made any sense to Abraham. But he obeyed. In the end God stopped him. In the end there was no doubt that Abraham feared God and would withhold nothing from God. The story ends with God confirming and repeating to Abraham the great promises that He had made to him earlier.

God tells us in His Word to do some things that are hard to understand. They are not what we would do, not what we want to do, and if we do them we have to make a sacrifice. If we go ahead and follow through there is great joy at the end of the sacrifices God asks us to make.

Dale Huff

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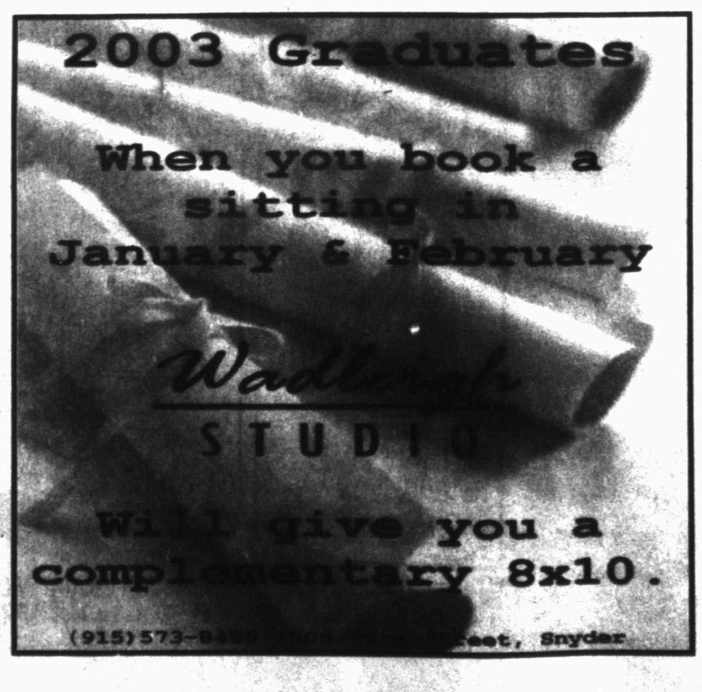
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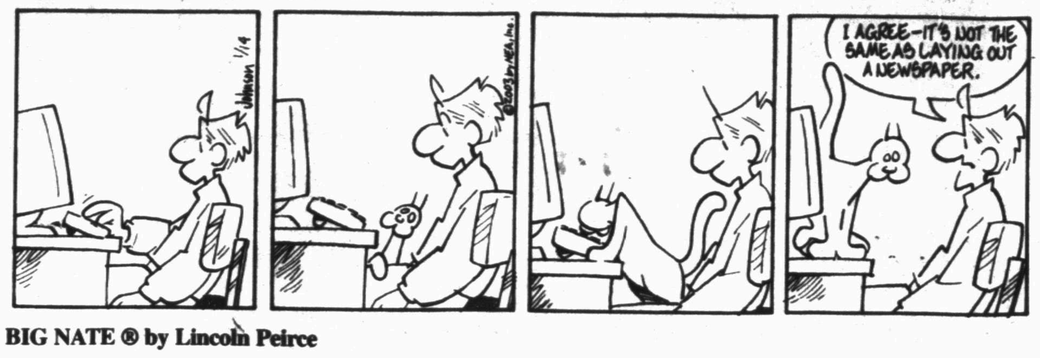
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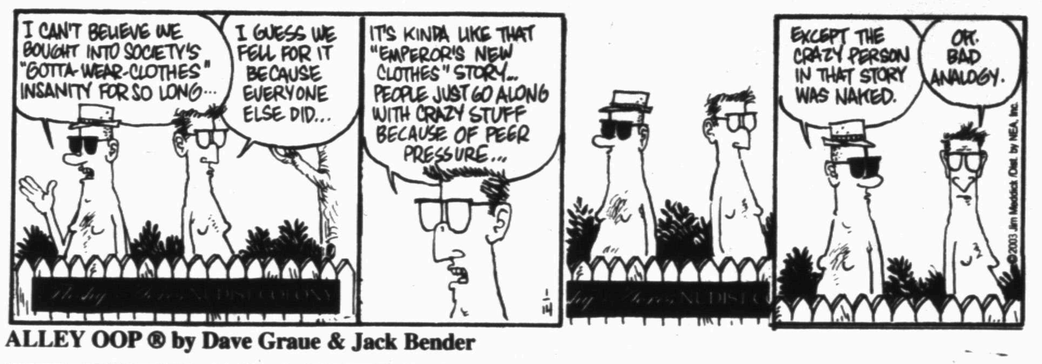
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"I think he's even taller than I was at his age."

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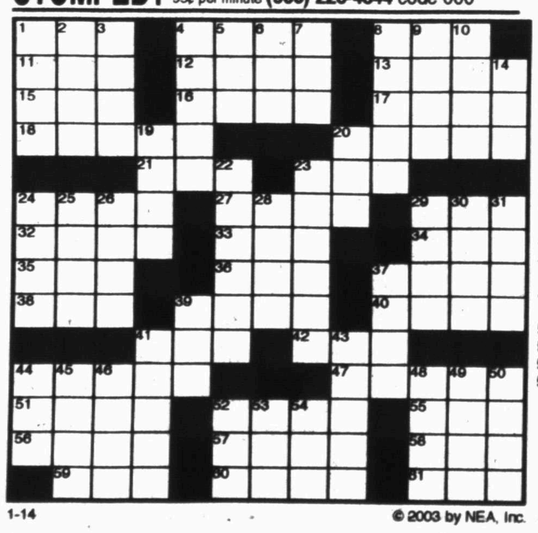
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20 Beat walker
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29 Tijuana dollar
30 Gas or tel.
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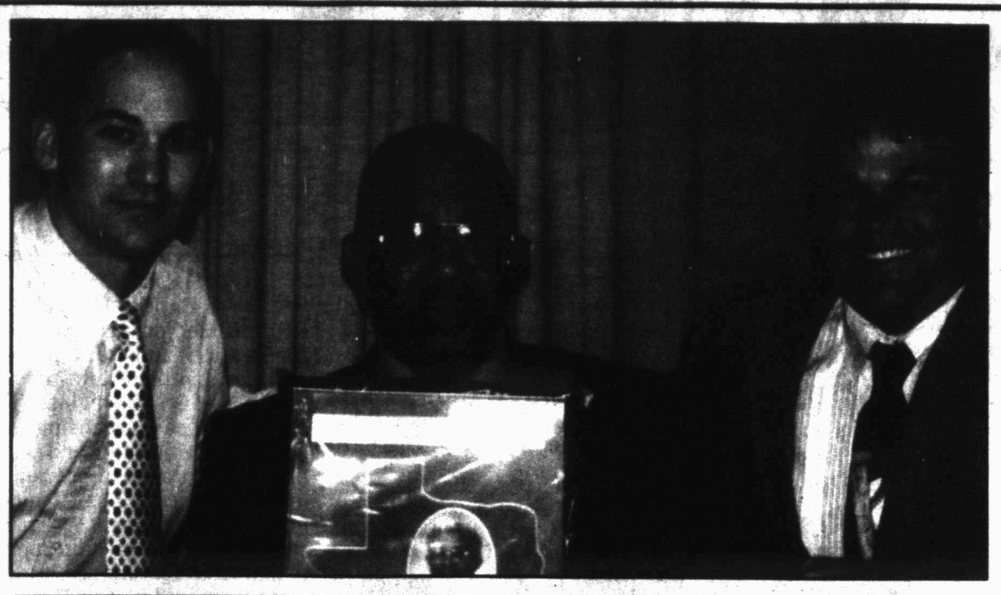
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SPORTS





HALL OF HONOR — Former Snyder Tiger baseball coach Albert Lewis was inducted into the Texas High School Baseball Hall of Honor at a ceremony Friday in Waco. Current Snyder head baseball coach Charles Bollinger, above left, introduced Lewis. Above, Lewis holds up his plaque while flanked by Bollinger and assistant coach Reagan Key. At left, Lewis gives his induction speech from his table. See story on page one.

Rockets give up 14 treys in 101-92 victory over Celtics

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets couldn't match the Boston Celtics' 3-point shooters. Still, they had plenty of firepower when it counted.

Houston gave up a season high 14 3-point baskets but Steve Francis scored 26 points and Cuttino Mobley added 24 as the Rockets held off the Celtics' fourth quarter rally for a 101-92 victory Monday night.

"They are tough to play," Mobley said. "They are so tough because everybody can shoot the ball. Paul Pierce and Antoine walker create so much for everyone else. We were fast breaking and we had our fun.

"We jacked up a couple of shots but we did our halfcourt sets, too."

James Posey had 12 points in his first start since joining the Rockets and Yao Ming blocked five shots as the Rockets won their second in a row and sent Boston to its eighth loss in 10 games.

The Celtics attempted 33 3-point shots, tying the most ever by a Rockets opponent. Houston made a modest 7-for-17 from 3-point range.

"They are awfully good shooters and they made some clutch shots," Celtics coach Jim O'Brien said. "I think we made good decisions on our 3s. I don't remember a 3 that we forced until the end of the game.

"Yao Ming makes it very difficult to get the ball to the basket."

Pierce led Boston with 24, Walker had 23 and rookie J.R. Bremer added 22 — nearly doubling his total for the season — in his first career start.

Francis and Yao both had big first quarters to give the Rockets a lead they never surrendered. The Rockets couldn't put much distance between themselves and the Celtics.

"Our passing in the first quarter was very smooth," Yao said. "We found a lot of open shots. That's why we were able to build a strong lead. I've never seen so many 3-point shots."

Walker's fast-break layup with 2:21 left pulled Boston to 89-87. Francis answered with two foul shots, Mobley made a long 2-pointer, Kedrick Brown missed a 3 and Francis connected with another long 2-pointer for a 95-88 lead with 52.7 seconds left.

Francis and Posey, who started in place of Glen Rice, each went 2-for-2 from the line the rest of the way to wrap up the victory.

Francis had six points and six assists and Yao had five points, four rebounds and four blocks in the first quarter alone as Houston jumped out to a 29-17.

Snyder heads to Merkel tonight

The Snyder varsity cagers travel to Merkel tonight to take on the varsity Badgers in district action.

The Tigers will try to get their first district win of the season against the ninth-ranked Badgers.

Snyder fell to Sweetwater, 58-47, in the district opener Friday, while Merkel started off district with a 72-49 shellacking of Denver City.

The Lady Tigers are 1-2 in district play after dealing the Lady Mustangs a 43-33 defeat Friday.

Tip off at Merkel will be 6:30 p.m. for the Lady Tigers and 8 o'clock for the varsity boys.

In other area high school basketball action, the Ira varsity teams will play host to Sands, with the girls starting at 6:30 p.m. and the boys getting underway at 8.

Hermleigh will look to get in the district win column tonight as they travel to Westbrook.

The Lady Cards will start the action at 6:30.

Ira jr. high girls tripped up

The jr. high Lady Bulldogs, without Casey Waller, fell to Klondike Jr. High Monday, 46-22.

Ira, without Casey Waller, struggled from the beginning of the contest against a team coach Brent Parr said is good and quick.

Kelby Pitner again led the way for the jr. high squad with nine points.

Jessica Odom hit six points, and Kate Wall, Rebecca Juarez and Aryn Calley pumped in three each.

The jr. high girls will host Sands Monday, with games to begin at 5 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Sabres second NHL team to file bankruptcy

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Sabres filed for bankruptcy protection, becoming the second NHL team in a week to seek relief from creditors.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the Chapter 11 filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Buffalo is a step toward resolving the financial problems that put the Sabres under the league's control in June.

Bettman acknowledged that while bankruptcy would cleanse the Sabres of their debt and allow a new owner to renegotiate any existing concession and arena labor agreements, it also opens the possibility of the team's being sold to an outside bidder who could move it elsewhere.

The Ottawa Senators filed for bankruptcy protection Thursday with a debt load of more than $160 million.

Jags owner won't give up picks for coach

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver refuses to give up draft picks to hire a coach, a stance that could prevent the team from considering hiring Steve Mariucci away from the San Francisco 49ers.

Kennison inks deal with Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wide receiver Eddie Kennison signed a six-year deal with the Kansas City Chiefs. The team did not disclose terms of the contract.

Thirteen-year-old girl misses PGA cut

AIEA, Hawaii (AP) — Michelle Wie believes female golfers not only belong on the PGA Tour, but will one day dominate the sport. And the 13-year-old player from Honolulu is trying her best to prove it.

Wie shot a 1-over par 73, but failed to make the cut in the qualifier for the Sony Open. Wie was the youngest and only female in the field of 96 players trying to make the four remaining slots for the event.

McGahee to enter NFL draft

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Miami running back Willis McGahee and wide receiver Andre Johnson will leave school early to enter the NFL draft.

Duke men and women hold No. 1 spot

NEW YORK (AP) — Duke won the matchup of the last two unbeaten teams and held the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press college basketball poll. The Blue Devils (11-0) handed Wake Forest its first loss of the season.

Arizona (11-1), which beat Washington State and Washington at home last week, held second.

Duke also remains No. 1 in The Associated Press' women's basketball poll after a close call at Virginia.

Big Spring upends junior high squads

The jr. high Steers from Big Spring took three of four games against the junior Tiger cagers Monday, and dealt the seventh-grade Black team its first defeat of the season.

The eighth-grade squads were handled, as the Black team lost 46-26, and the Gold squad fell 44-30.

Stetson Kincheloe led the Black team with seven points.

Michael Mann canned four, and Cody Reed and Michael Martinez pumped in three points apiece.

The Gold squad received 11 points from Ryan Mitchell in its loss to Big Spring.

Matthew Schoolcraft added nine and Donald Jeffery hit three field goals for six points.

The Snyder Jr. High seventh-grade Gold squad improved to 6-0 on the season with a 37-26 victory over Big Spring Monday night.

Lance Day scored eight points and Brent Bollinger and Brooks Gafford added seven points each, as the team controlled the jr. Steers from the outset.

The seventh-grade Black team struggled from the field in a 35-17 loss to Big Spring, but it wasn't from lack of trying.

"It was a great effort," said coach Brock Rumfield.

Freshmen boys whip Steers

The Snyder freshmen Tigers gave Big Spring more than it could handle Monday.

Taking a 10-point lead into halftime, the freshmen poured it on with a precise second half to hammer Big Spring, 64-36.

The team got huge games from Garrett Pinson, Dustin Williams and Cade Simpson.

Pinson drilled 15, Williams knocked in 14 and Simpson netted 12 in a contest that became more one-sided as Snyder shook off a week's worth of rust.

"In the second half we were aggressive, we rebounded and eliminated turnovers," coach Charles Bollinger said.

Blake Scott pumped in 10, Jason Cave posted seven and Chris Smith added a bucket down the stretch.

The freshmen will host Lamesa at 6:30 Friday evening at the jr. high gym.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	27	10	.730	—
Boston	20	17	.541	7
Philadelphia	19	18	.514	8
Washington	19	18	.514	8
Orlando	20	20	.500	8½
New York	13	22	.371	13
Miami	12	25	.324	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	10	.730	—
Detroit	25	11	.694	1½
New Orleans	20	19	.513	8
Milwaukee	16	20	.444	10½
Atlanta	14	22	.389	12½
Chicago	14	23	.378	13
Toronto	9	28	.243	18
Cleveland	8	31	.205	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	5	.861	—
San Antonio	23	14	.622	8½
Houston	21	15	.583	10
Utah	21	15	.583	10
Minnesota	20	17	.541	11½
Memphis	12	25	.324	19½
Denver	9	28	.243	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	28	10	.737	—
Phoenix	24	14	.632	4
Portland	22	14	.611	5
L.A. Lakers	17	20	.459	10½
Seattle	16	20	.444	11
Golden State	15	22	.405	12½
L.A. Clippers	14	23	.378	13½

Monday's Games

Houston 101, Boston 92
Chicago 101, New York 94
Portland 118, Cleveland 94
Memphis 110, Golden State 108

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity at Merkel, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity boys vs. Sands, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls vs. Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Westbrook, 6:30 p.m.
Ira JV boys vs. Sands, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV boys at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls at Merkel, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball:
Snyder varsity boys vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity boys at Borden County, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Ira JV boys at Borden County, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh boys vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.

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Long hours are no problem for Lopez

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With his namesake situation comedy winning its time slot for ABC, comedian George Lopez doesn't mind the long hours he's working these days.

"The show may go one more episode or 100, but it's not going to fail because I didn't give enough of myself," Lopez said.

Lopez, a 41-year-old who has worked as a disc jockey and a standup comic, mines a lot of his own life story for "The George Lopez Show."

Lopez is enjoying enormous success, but that didn't come quickly.

"After struggling through the '90s just to feed my family and pay my bills, this is a pretty good time," Lopez told the Los Angeles Times for an article published Sunday. "If you consider being a road comedian a career, good luck."

Lopez got his shot at prime time when actress Sandra Bullock caught his standup routine two years ago. The actress was interested in developing a television project with a Latino story line.

"I fell in love with his life story," Bullock said.

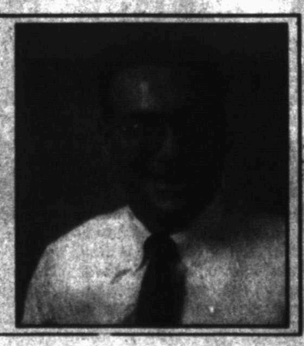
Lopez said he enjoys putting stories from his life into the show.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	6.51	6.17	6.18	—.32
AOL TimeWrn	15.07	13.86	14.91	—.12
AT&T Corp rs	27.55	27.20	27.42	+.29
Albertsons	23.53	23.11	23.26	—.26
Alltel	53.55	52.75	53.15	—.40
AmEl Pw	27.35	26.57	26.89	—.20
AndarkPtr	46.47	45.86	46.26	+.32
ATMOS Egy	23.55	23.20	23.26	—.30
Aviall	8.08	7.90	8.03	+.06
BP PLC	39.56	39.27	39.48	—.69
BakerHughes	30.50	29.70	29.74	—.53
Bank of Amer	72.48	71.70	72.22	—.16
BellSouth	27.36	26.96	27.32	+.37
BurlNoSFe	26.90	26.48	26.71	+.01
Caterpillar	47.61	46.57	46.86	—.84
CenterPoint	8.43	8.17	8.21	—.04
ChevronTex	68.48	67.55	67.91	—.27
Citigroup	37.65	37.04	37.45	+.41
CocaCola	45.60	45.02	45.27	—.49
ColgatePal	52.68	52.39	52.50	—.35
CmclMetals s	16.04	15.82	15.82	—.18
ConocoPhill	47.40	46.88	47.20	+.03
Cooper Inds	38.12	37.84	38.08	+.04
DaimlrChry	31.93	31.22	31.59	—.27
DeltaAirl	13.30	12.80	12.80	—.42
Dillards Inc	17.80	17.45	17.60	—.02
DowChem	31.05	30.66	30.80	
DuPont	44.22	43.57	43.91	+.18
EastmanChem	37.98	37.55	37.80	—.07
EstKodak	40.13	39.43	39.61	—.34
EDS Corp	20.85	20.58	20.82	+.01
Entergy	48.28	47.70	47.91	—.05
ExxonMobil	35.22	34.85	35.12	+.02
FootLocker	11.08	10.80	10.94	—.05
GenDynam	78.80	78.41	78.50	
GenElec	25.84	25.42	25.71	+.07
GenMills	47.86	47.50	47.68	—.30
GenMotors	40.10	39.66	39.75	+.01
GaPacific	16.95	16.33	16.70	+.12
Goodrich	19.78	19.50	19.66	
Goodyear	7.33	7.10	7.29	+.15
GtAtlPac	6.35	6.15	6.35	+.20
Halliburtn	19.55	19.10	19.19	—.30
Hanson ADS	23.38	23.19	23.27	+.17
HarteHanks s	19.45	18.80	19.39	+.15
HomeDepot	22.24	21.25	22.19	+.23
Honeywellntl	25.99	25.50	25.69	+.30
IBM	88.40	87.23	87.92	+.41
IntlPaper	38.13	37.54	37.85	—.08
JohnsonJn	56.88	55.59	56.02	—.02
KinderMorg	43.25	42.85	43.19	+.24
Kroger Co	16.36	16.16	16.22	—.16
LockheedM	55.99	54.92	55.13	—.14
Lowes Cos	38.20	37.00	37.60	—.45
Lubys	2.90	2.84	2.85	—.03
LucentTech	1.98	1.86	1.92	+.11
MarathonOil	21.75	21.36	21.67	+.20
MayDeptStr	24.73	24.25	24.57	+.07
Medtronic	47.80	47.12	47.61	+.08
Motorola	9.61	9.30	9.53	+.08
NCR Corp	23.98	22.43	23.45	—2.35
Navistar	26.78	26.09	26.11	—.67
PNM Rescs	23.55	23.23	23.36	—.14
Penney JC	23.87	23.17	23.22	—.64
PepBoys	12.19	12.03	12.12	+.04
PepsiCo	43.15	42.70	43.00	—.24
Pharmacia	42.33	41.85	42.10	+.03
PhelpDodge	35.57	35.00	35.38	+.08
PilgrmPrd B	8.50	8.22	8.33	—.03
Praxair	58.50	58.00	58.06	—.24
ProctGamb	86.45	85.65	86.18	—.01
RadioShack	22.10	21.00	21.86	+.95
RoyalDut	44.66	44.26	44.47	—.56
SBC Comm	29.30	28.65	29.15	+.39
SaraLee	22.33	21.86	21.90	—.80
Scripps EW	81.51	80.94	81.33	—.10
SearsRoeb	27.70	27.05	27.50	—.01
SherwinW	29.00	28.70	28.94	+.11
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SwstAirl	14.34	14.07	14.23	—.07
SprintFON	16.07	15.82	16.03	+.07
SprintPCS	5.01	4.78	4.95	+.06
Sunoco Inc	33.60	32.80	33.32	—.25
TXU Corp	19.65	19.42	19.53	—.12
TempleInland	48.78	48.26	48.60	—.15
Textrnd	25.00	24.70	24.83	—.10
TexasInst	16.43	15.85	16.20	+.10
Textron	44.50	43.85	44.43	+.18
TrinityInds	18.94	18.80	18.87	—.03
TylerTech	3.85	3.82	3.82	—.01
UnionPacif	61.30	60.72	61.00	—.30
USSteel	15.85	15.35	15.83	+.48
UnitedTech	64.25	63.27	63.57	—.57
Unocal	29.50	29.29	29.36	—.06
VerizonComm	41.23	40.40	41.01	+.36
WalMart	51.54	50.70	51.13	—.15
WellsFargo	48.63	48.00	48.26	—.09
WstnGasRs	34.68	34.40	34.54	+.14
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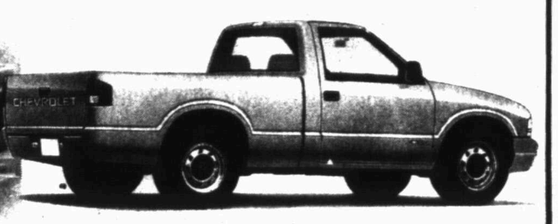
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2001 GMC 2500 Reg. Cab 4X4 #P3477. pewter. H.D. package. tow package. 68K miles	$19,000
2001 Chevy H.D. 1500 Crew Cab 4X4 #P6358. White. LS package. 30K miles. power windows/locks. like new	$25,900
2000 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab 4X4 #P4202. White. H.D. package. automatic A/C	$15,500
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1997 Chevy 2500 Reg. Cab #C5339A. White. 5 speed. work truck	$5,000
2002 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab #TC5604A. Black. charcoal custom cloth. CD. tow package. 8100 V-8. 34K miles	$24,000
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1988 Ford F250 H.D. Super Cab #G5458A. White. V-8. tow package. looks like new	$7,000

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Naval power postures for possible war with Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon, preparing for possible war in Iraq, is dispatching an enormous array of naval combat power to the Persian Gulf region, including two seven-ship armadas carrying thousands of Marines.

The Navy also is prepared to put as many as six aircraft carriers within striking distance of Iraq. Two already are in position, two are prepared to sprint to the region and two are gearing up for possible deployment.

The latest naval movements are part of a broader buildup of U.S. air, land and sea power in the gulf region as President Bush contemplates whether to use military force to disarm Iraq. Administration officials hope the size of the buildup alone will add to the pressure on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to give up chemical and biological weapons that U.S. officials say he is hiding but that Saddam insists do not exist.

Despite the movements of ships and personnel, the White House spokesman denied on Monday that Bush has an "artificial timetable" that would trigger hostilities.

Asked whether the president was willing to wait a year, which U.N. weapons inspectors said Monday might be necessary for a definitive reading on Iraq's armory, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said: "The president has not put any type of artificial timetable on how long he believes it's necessary for Saddam Hussein to prove to the world that he's going to comply."

Also on Monday, officials disclosed that the Navy is preparing to deploy as early as this week a seven-ship armada with 6,000 to 7,000 Marines from California. The amphibious force would mirror a seven-ship deployment of about 7,000 Marines from the East Coast, which headed out over the weekend, the officials said.

Together the task forces will present Gen. Tommy Franks, the Central Command commander, who would run a war against Iraq, with the option of amphibious assaults from the northern Persian Gulf, the officials said. Marines also could go ashore in Kuwait to be part of an Army-led land attack into southern Iraq.

Trained to operate in austere environments, the Marines also could move by helicopter into Iraq from their ships in the Gulf or from Kuwait to establish forward bases, as they did in southern Afghanistan early in that 2001 war.

About 60,000 U.S. troops currently are in the Gulf region, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld signed orders in recent days for an additional 67,000 to go there over the next few weeks. Eventually the size of the U.S. force arrayed against Iraq could reach 250,000.

Even though the White House says Bush has not yet decided to attack, the rapid pace of troop deployments has convinced many that a U.S.-led invasion could be only weeks away. Central Command is sending much of its battle staff to a command post in Qatar, where Franks would direct a war, and officials have said the post is likely to be ready for operations by the end of this month.

The top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee said Monday he believes war with Iraq is inevitable.

"I'm convinced that the president is going to go in there one way or the other," Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The vessels pegged for movement with Marines from the West Coast are the amphibious assault ships USS Bonhomme Richard and USS Boxer; the USS Cleveland and USS Dubuque, amphibious transport dock ships that carry troops, vehicles and cargo; and three dock landing ships that carry troops and amphibious craft like air-cushioned troop transports — the USS Comstock, the USS Anchorage and the USS Pearl Harbor.

All seven are based at San Diego. The Marines they will transport are based at Camp Pendleton, just north of that Southern California city.

A separate deployment of Marines aboard Navy ships, led by the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa, left San Diego on Jan. 6.

Inspector says Iraq must provide data

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix says Iraq must provide new evidence about its nuclear, chemical and biological programs or face the possibility of war.

"I think they only need look around their borders and they should realize the seriousness" of the situation, Blix said in an interview Monday, alluding to the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf and neighboring Kuwait.

Blix said the inspectors need months to finish searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, but they may not get the time if the Security Council decides to stop inspections — or the United States takes military action.

The world wants Iraq to disarm peacefully, Blix said. But to do that it must provide documents, allow U.N. inspectors to interview Iraqi scientists in private, and show physical evidence of what facilities and weapons have been destroyed.

"What the show of force demonstrates to Iraq is that here is the other alternative," he said.

Blix said the key message that he and Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, will deliver to Iraqi officials when they visit Baghdad on Sunday and Monday is that Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration submitted to inspectors last month did not contain any new evidence to verify its claim that its weapons of mass destruction have been destroyed.

"We need to have more evidence supplied to us. There are a great many open questions as to their possession of weapons of mass destruction and the Security Council and the world would like to be assured that these questions be sorted out," Blix said.

In remarks aired late Monday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri said Baghdad is ready to answer any questions by U.N. inspectors, but insisted the arms report was comprehensive.

"The declaration answers everything, but ... if they have any questions they would like to present to Iraq or issues that they want clarified from the Iraqi side, we welcome them in the meetings that will be held in Iraq," Sabri said.

Today's chuckle

Coupon-clipper gets run-around

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — A coupon-clipper looking to score a new car got the runaround when he presented a dealer with $41,400 worth of coupons.



Stay-at-home dad Chris Shields of Eliot, Maine, said he was perusing newspaper ads recently when he noticed a $200-off coupon from Toyota of Portsmouth.

Shields said nothing in the ad limited customers to one coupon, so he bought more than 200 Seacoast Newspapers carrying the ad and clipped away.

On Jan. 4, Shields packed up his coupons in a black briefcase and made his way to the dealership in hopes of picking up a silver 2002 Sequoia Limited worth about $42,000. He said he was rebuffed with a suggestion that he get a lawyer.

Dealership owner Jim Boyle said Shields won't be getting the car with coupons.

"The ad ran as it was supposed to run, and there was nothing misleading or deceptive about it," he said. "No reasonable person could possibly expect to piggyback coupons like that and walk away with a new car."

Shields said he has no plans to hire a lawyer but has contacted the state attorney general's consumer protection bureau. So has Boyle, who said he was told Shields' case "has no legs to it at all."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

In the year ahead you will accomplish a number of specific large goals and ambitions without biting off more than you can chew. You'll be successful because you will complete each project before working on the next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unlike those who are expecting something to be handed to them on a silver platter, you'll realize that what you receive today will be directly proportionate to the efforts you expend — and it will be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't hesitate to step in and reorganize a social involvement when it becomes clear to you that others aren't doing too good a job of it. You've got what it takes to make it successful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Handling a sticky domestic situation will require a feather-light, agile touch on your behalf today if you hope to extinguish the flames. Be exacting, but not heavy-handed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Yesterday's happy events may have you viewing things a bit more optimistically than usual when dealing with people. Instead of looking for problems, you'll see only worthy associations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's to your advantage to go out of your way today to be both fair and firm where business dealings are concerned. Don't ask for more than you deserve, but don't accept less, either.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The way to handle unexpected developments today is to stiffen your back and dig in. It can actually be to your benefit, because surprises give you additional fortitude and determination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you suddenly find yourself needing backup, go to the persons who have stood behind you in the past. They are the ones who can provide you with the support you require today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even though a new electrifying project could be presented to you today, don't neglect what you're working on. The sooner you complete the old, the quicker you can get onto this new and exciting venture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — By applying your tenacity and resourcefulness today on achieving a worthy objective, you can overcome the most difficult of projects. Your talents and skills will pull you through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Trade upon the past knowledge and experience you've gained over a long period of time and something unexpected with which you may have to contend today can be skillfully resolved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You could run into someone today who has owed you money for quite some time. Speak up and remind him or her of the obligation; this person isn't apt to introduce the topic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your pace may not be as speedy as those with whom you're dealing today, but continue to move at a rate that is manageable for you. Tempo isn't related to results.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Asbestosis is permanent

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a man, 75, with asbestosis. Although I'm in good health and don't smoke, I tire easily and become winded during the slightest exertion. Can you suggest exercises or medications that might help me?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not.

Asbestosis is a serious, chronic lung disease resulting from the long-term inhalation of asbestos fibers in the mining, milling and manufacturing occupations — or in jobs related to the use of asbestos insulation, such as contracting and plumbing. Also, asbestos-related pulmonary problems may be seen in auto repair shops because brake drums are often lined with asbestos.

Once inhaled, these microscopic crystal fibers imbed in lung tissue, leading — over time — to pronounced scarring and inflammation, breathlessness and exercise intolerance. Asbestos is also associated with two forms of pulmonary malignancy: primary lung cancer and mesothelioma.

Asbestosis is easily prevented by the use of appropriate breathing filters and masks. The Federal government has taken an aggressive position vis-a-vis prevention. Consequently, asbestos-related lung disease is primarily a problem in people who years ago worked in high-risk environments - such as ship building — before the hazards of the compound were fully appreciated and addressed.

Unfortunately, once present, asbestosis is incurable and leads to progressive lung malfunction. Nonetheless, treatment of symptoms — with special breathing exercises, supplemental oxygen and the services of a respiratory specialist — often help these patients to lead relatively independent lives.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the significance of a strep throat? What makes streptococci so special?

DEAR READER: Streptococci are merely yet another group of bacteria that cause human disease. They commonly infect the throat, to cause marked pain and fever.

Unlike other bacteria, strep have an unusual feature: untreated infection may lead to additional, more serious disorders, such as rheumatic fever and kidney disease (nephritis).

Therefore, the significance of a strep throat is that it can, if untreated, result in adverse consequences elsewhere in the body.

A simple throat culture will diagnose strep infection, which can easily and inexpensively be cured with several days of penicillin or a similar antibiotic.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 68 and have never been sick in my life. However, for the past year, my skin breaks easily, and I bruise readily. The large, purple spots are unsightly. Can anything be done about this?

DEAR READER: You are probably experiencing age-related thinning of the skin, which leads to easy injury from trivial trauma. Or you could have a coagulation problem, as would develop from a low platelet count, the blood cells that are vital for clotting. Or you could have a vitamin deficiency (of vitamin C, for instance) that could cause you to bruise too readily, leading to a tendency for the outer skin to pull away from the deeper layer. Finally, are you taking aspirin? This can cause bruising.

See your physician or a dermatologist for an examination. Age-related skin problems may be helped by creams and lotions; however, other conditions should be addressed by your doctor.

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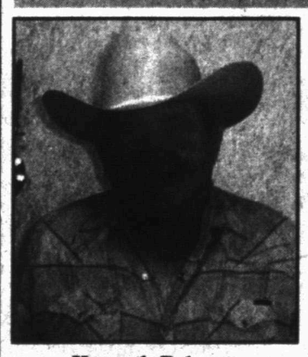


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Snyder Oaks Corner



Kenneth Palmer

Kenneth Palmer, age 66, has been a resident since April 2001. He enjoys watching TV, listening to the radio and visiting with family and friends. He also enjoys music and hunting.

Mr Palmer is married to Mary Palmer, who works for the Snyder Independent School District, and he has one child.

We are proud to have Mr. Palmer as a member of the Snyder Oaks family.

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News Briefs

GE workers protest co-pay hike

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — General Electric Co. workers picketed at plants around the country early today as thousands joined a two-day strike protesting an increase in health care co-payments. In Kentucky, a striker was struck and killed by a police car.

Union officials said about 20,000 employees from the International Union of Electronic Workers/Communications Workers of America and the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America are participating in the strike.

The worker who died was hit at about 5 a.m. as she walked between gates at the GE manufacturing plant in Louisville, Ky. The woman, whose name was not immediately released, was carrying a picket sign as she walked in a dimly lit area.

It is the first national walkout at GE since 1969, when workers were off the job for about 14 weeks.

Life sentence reduced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Texas man convicted of kidnapping his former business partner trying to force him to reveal a rocket belt invention missing since 1995 had his mandatory life sentence reduced to eight years in state prison.

Prosecutors dismissed the kidnapping-for-ransom charge against Thomas Laurence Stanley and asked a judge to reduce his prison sentence. The judge ordered Stanley to serve eight years in state prison on the lesser charges of false imprisonment and extortion.

"My job is to do the right thing and I think this is the right thing," Deputy District Attorney Peter Korn told Superior Court Judge Barry A. Taylor Monday.

Korn said he considered Stanley's age and clean criminal record. He said he also believes the RocketBelt flying device was wrongly taken from Stanley.

Stanley, 57, of Sugar Land was convicted in the 1999 kidnapping of Bradley Wayne Barker. Prosecutors said Barker's captors threatened to kill his son if he didn't turn over the rocket belt. Barker, however, managed to escape after eight days and alerted authorities.

Stanley and Barker had spent three years and nearly $100,000 to develop the RocketBelt 2000, which supposedly could lift a person off of the ground for about 20 seconds.

Bush job approval 58 percent

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Bush's job approval has slipped to 58 percent in a new CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, the first time it has fallen below 60 percent in that poll since before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

While still solid overall, his approval was down 5 points from a week ago.

Public support for his handling of national defense, education and foreign policy remain strong, while the public was divided on his handling of the economy, taxes, the federal budget and health care.

The president's strong suit remains the public's view of his leadership qualities. Three-fourths see him as a strong and decisive leader and almost that many see him as honest. By a solid majority, the public sees him as someone who is willing to make tough decisions, inspires confidence and has a vision for the country's future.

He is more vulnerable on the question of whether he understands the problems of ordinary Americans. People were evenly split on the question of whether he is out of touch with the problems people face in their daily lives.

Fort Hood troops deployed

FORT HOOD (AP) — About 400 soldiers from Fort Hood will be deployed today.

The troops are part of the 13th Corps Support Command and include an engineer unit and a medical unit, said deputy public affairs officer Jim Wittmeyer.

The soldiers will provide logistical and medical support to the Third Corps at Central Command in Southwest Asia, Wittmeyer said.

Wittmeyer said he does not know how long the troops will be stationed there.

The troops deploying Tuesday follow the 200 soldiers of the 180th Transportation Battalion who left Saturday for an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia.

To explore ship wreck

HOUSTON (AP) — A shipwreck one-half mile deep in the Gulf of Mexico is the target of a Texas company and its remotely operated submarine.

A team of archaeologists planned today to explore the 200-year-old wreck, named Mica for the oil field in which it was found, during one of the deepest such explorations ever conducted in the Gulf.

The wreck, located about 30 miles off the mouth of the Mississippi River under 2,650 feet of water in an area known as the Mississippi Canyon, is beyond the reach of divers. It was found after Exxon Mobil accidentally laid an 8-inch pipeline through the site in early 2001.

Oil company officials reported the find to the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service and paid $250,000 to support an expedition that ended prematurely last year.

Lawyer goes to prison

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A former lawyer and convicted thief was sentenced Monday to seven years in prison for taking six William Faulkner letters from Southeast Missouri State University's rare book room and selling them to a Texas manuscript dealer.

By pleading guilty to stealing the letters, Robert Hardin Smith, 43, of Jacksonville, Ark., avoided the possible maximum sentence of 20 years behind bars.

Demos say schools short changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats are attacking a Republican-written $385 billion package financing most of government, saying it short changes schools and drought payments to growers, and contrasting it to the tax-cutting package President Bush unveiled last week.

GOP leaders were hoping the Senate would begin debating the measure today and complete it by week's end. Republicans are trying to hold the legislation — an amalgam of 11 overdue bills for the federal budget year that started Oct. 1 — to a level Bush has said must not be surpassed.

Democrats complained Monday that Bush is resisting efforts to boost spending for education, farmers and others at the same time he is pushing a $674 billion, 10-year economic growth plan consisting mostly of cuts in the tax on corporate dividends and other levies.

"What I can't understand is how in the name of fiscal fairness we can support $674 billion in tax cuts largely directed to those at the very top, while we tell our farmers and ranchers that they're not eligible for any assistance," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

To honor the spending limits Bush wants, the GOP legislation would pare $9.8 billion from a version written by Democrats when they controlled the Senate last year, but never enacted into law. Compared with the earlier Democratic plan, the Republican bill would also reduce funding for anti-crime grants to state and local governments, job training programs and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Hoping to head off Democratic amendments, Republicans were planning to include more than $1 billion for the costs of last summer's droughts, plus more funds for several programs, including a revamp of states' voting systems. The money would come from an across-the-board cut in the rest of the bill of less than 1 percent.

Republicans were also ready to add $825 million for the expenses of fighting last year's wildfires, which with White House support could be on top of the $385 billion overall price tag.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, incoming chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the bill would initially stay within Bush's overall $385 billion confines.

"The question is whether we can stay within it when we get to the floor," he said Monday.

Democrats have preferred $6 billion for drought, $825 million for wildfires and $400 million for elections. The GOP measure would also trim Democrats' plans for education by $1.5 billion, to $49.4 billion.

Though late changes were possible, the measure would provide $656 million for the SEC, $94 million less than Democrats wanted. Bush said Saturday that he will propose $842 million for 2004 for the agency, at the center of the government's efforts to pursue corporate fraud.

The bill would also provide $6.7 billion for Head Start, $200 million less than Democrats; $900 million for adults' job training, a $50 million reduction; and $3.1 billion for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, $700 million less than Democrats sought.

The measure proposes less than Democrats wanted for rent assistance for low-income Americans, national park maintenance and a small initiative for enhancing security for cargo containers shipped into the country.

Some home-state projects that Democrats had tucked into the bills when they controlled the chamber were also trimmed, including water projects in California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York. All are represented by two Democratic senators.

Also eliminated was an item won by Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who died last October in a plane crash, providing $2 million to help rural Minnesotans do work by telephone.

Hearing for juvenile sniper starts today

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors say they have extensive evidence to present at a hearing to determine if teenage sniper suspect John Lee Malvo should be tried as an adult for capital murder and face the possibility of being put to death.

A juvenile court was expected to hear from more than 20 prosecution witnesses over two days, beginning today, to determine if the evidence against Malvo is sufficient to forward the case to a grand jury.

If the judge determines prosecutors have demonstrated probable cause, Malvo, 17, would be tried in adult court, where he would face the death penalty if convicted of the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, have been accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Muhammad, who also faces the death penalty if convicted of capital murder in the gas station slaying of Dean H. Meyers, is scheduled to go on trial in October in neighboring Prince William County.

Normally a preliminary hearing is a brief, perfunctory affair, but Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. said the complexity of the case requires him to present an unusual number of witnesses.

Malvo is facing two counts of capital murder related to Franklin's slaying under two separate Virginia statutes.

One count allows the death penalty when a person commits more than one murder in a three-year period. That means prosecutors must present evidence of two different shootings at the hearing.

A second count allows the death penalty under Virginia's new anti-terrorism statute, which passed the Legislature in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. Under that law, prosecutors would not have to prove multiple murders, nor would they even have to show Malvo was the triggerman in the Oct. 14 shooting.

But they would have to demonstrate the crime resulted in either an attempt to intimidate the general population or coerce government policy.

City officials receive threats in Kingsville

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A city worker on Monday found three bullets with the names of the Kingsville mayor and two city commissioners in a utility deposit box.

Kingsville City Attorney Courtney Alvarez said the bullets were a threat against Mayor Phil Esquivel and City Commissioners Arturo Pecos and Horacio Castillo, and that it had to do with an agenda item calling for a vote to put the city manager on a 30-day suspension.

Esquivel said he has no doubt about the intended message.

"The pieces of evidence were directed toward me and the commissioners who support my wish to suspend and eventually terminate the city manager," he said in an article in Tuesday's San Antonio Express-News. "Each (bullet) was directed toward each person."

Esquivel, Pecos and Castillo all had expressed displeasure with the way City Manager Hector Hinojosa had been handling his duties and wanted to put him on paid suspension while they considered whether to fire or possible demote him.

Hinojosa said Monday that he wanted to work with the commission, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported in its Tuesday editions.

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003

Today is the 14th day of 2003 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1784, the Continental Congress, meeting in Annapolis, Md., ratified the Treaty of Paris, thus ending the Revolutionary War.

On this day in 1794, Dr. Jesse Bennett performed the first successful Caesarean section in the U.S. The patient was his wife.

On this day in 1969, Soyuz 4 was launched. The spacecraft, along with Soyuz 5, later took part in the first docking of two manned spacecrafts and interchange of spaceship personnel in orbit by means of space walks.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American deserter; Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873), naval officer; Richard Felton Outcault (1863-1928), comic artist; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), philosopher; Hal Roach (1892-1992), film writer; Steven Soderbergh (1963-), filmmaker, is 40; Emily Watson (1967-), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, the Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl by defeating the Oakland Raiders 33-14.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Do something wonderful, people may imitate it." — Albert Schweitzer

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 10) and full moon (Jan. 18).

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Southern Mesa ag conference slated

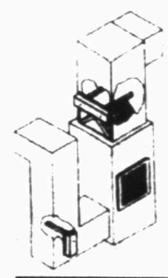
The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is set for Monday in the Dawson County Annex building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m.

The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize tickets, lunch, refreshments, educational material and access to exhibits, is $15 if paid by Jan. 16. After Jan. 16 the fee is $20. Registration forms and fees, payable to SMAC should be sent to the Dawson County Extension Office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

Five continuing education units (CEUs) (2 IPM, 1 Laws and 2 General) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Peter Dotray, Dr. Todd Baughman and Tommy Doederlein and John Farris, Extension agents. All are with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

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Funds shortage budget session's top issue

AUSTIN (AP) — Today marks the start of the legislative session, and the first day of digging out of a hole that's $9.9 billion deep.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn told lawmakers the current $114 billion budget will be short $1.8 billion because of higher than expected Medicaid and other social services costs.

That's problem No. 1.

Another $8.1 billion problem will greet legislators preparing to write the 2004-05 budget this session. That's how much it will take to keep services and programs the way they are now.

A slowing economy has meant fewer tax collections in Texas, a state of 21 million people that relies mostly on sales, business and automobile tax revenue to balance its two-year budgets.

"I am delivering grim news. But throughout our long history, Texans have demonstrated the ability to deal with grim news by rolling up their sleeves and facing problems head on. It's time for our Legislature to do the same," Strayhorn said Monday.

New Republican leaders say they're up for the job.

Many, including Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst and likely House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin, have proposed wiping the budget slate clean and starting from scratch.

This zero-based budgeting is different from the performance based method used now that keeps current spending levels as a starting point.

"We do have to change the way we do business and it will start with the structure of the budget, if I have a say in it," said Heflin, R-Houston.

Democrats and some advocates fear that will equal the elimination of needed services for the poor, elderly and sick.

"My greatest fear is that we will balance the budget on the backs of the poor," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

Still, even she realized cuts are coming.

"Everything's on the table and we're going to have to be as responsible as we can and as fair as we can to the people of Texas and make sure that we provide the services that people need most," she said.

Some say the shortfall is even worse.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said the Legislative Budget Board's budget scheduled to be released today will show a slightly higher shortfall than Strayhorn predicted.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin think tank that advocates for the needy, estimates the shortfall would hit $15.7 billion if adjustments were made for inflation and population growth.

The shortfall put advocates, lobbyists and others on edge.

"The large deficit is certainly going to be a challenge, but it should not be a reason for the Legislature to ignore the funding problems facing Texas' public education system," said Doug Rogers, executive director of the 100,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators.

The Physicians Guild of Texas worried about cuts to Medicaid prescription programs.

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, said he's ready to get to work.

"This revenue estimate gives the Legislature a starting point to make the difficult decisions that Texans have asked us to make," he said.

Texas, which has neither an income tax nor a statewide property tax, gets most of its revenue from sales, business and automobile taxes. When the economy slows, people spend less, and that means less money for the state.

Double jeopardy death sentence upheld by court

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court upheld a death sentence today for a man tried twice for the same killing. David Sattazahn's first jury sentenced him to life in prison but the second jury sent him to death row.

Sattazahn was convicted of the 1987 killing of a restaurant manager, but the jury deadlocked over whether to sentence him to death. Under Pennsylvania law, that meant Sattazahn got a life sentence.

Sattazahn sought and won a new trial because of unrelated problems with the jury instructions given for his first trial. The second jury convicted Sattazahn anew, and prosecutors again asked for a death sentence.

The Supreme Court's five-member conservative majority said that Pennsylvania prosecutors were well within their rights to seek a death sentence the second time. The four more liberal justices dissented, arguing that defendants in Sattazahn's position would face a "perilous choice" over whether to appeal a life sentence.

The Constitution guarantees that no one will be "subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." That means that once acquitted of a crime, someone cannot be tried again.

Double jeopardy protection does not apply in Sattazahn's case because the first jury did not acquit him, it merely could not agree on whether he deserved to die, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court majority.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing for the dissenters, said defendants would face a "perilous choice" on whether to appeal if they faced the death penalty, even if winning could allow them to walk free.

"In other words, a defendant in Sattazahn's position must relinquish either her right to file a potentially meritorious appeal, or her state-granted entitlement to avoid the death penalty," Ginsburg wrote.

Sattazahn's case presented an extremely unusual circumstance, and it is unlikely the court's ruling will affect many other defendants. Still, the ruling is noteworthy as part of the court's broader look at the mechanics of the death penalty.

The court, which last year barred the execution of mentally retarded killers as unconstitutional, is looking at several smaller death penalty issues this year.

Nominations sought for top elementary students at SISD

Snyder ISD is seeking elementary students in the district who do things faster, sooner, and with better understanding than other students their age.

Nominations for the Advanced Academic Services Program are being accepted through Thursday. Nomination forms must be competed on each student nominated and may be obtained from the child's school office.

The Advanced Academic Services Program selects approximately the top 5 percent of the students who require more challenging learning experience and can tackle more difficult tasks.

The Advanced Academic Services Program teachers are specially trained to meet the needs of these students. Additional information may be obtained from any elementary school principal, Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, at 573-5401 or Dixie Haggard, special programs director, at 574-6078.

Arrest made for bad check

•Arrest

County deputies arrested a 54-year-old woman at Wal-Mart at 1:30 p.m. Monday for issuance of a bad check and on numerous outstanding warrants.

•Family violence

A woman requested officers at her apartment in the 4400 block of Ave. U at 11 p.m. Monday and reported her brother was there and trying to hit her.

Two officers responded and advised contact was made with several subjects, but none wished to press charges and all separated for the night.

An offense report for family violence was submitted.

•Close patrol

A woman in the 400 block of 20th Street requested a close patrol of that area Monday afternoon and reported cars speeding past her residence while children were at play.

•Paraphernalia

A man flagged down an officer in the 4400 block of Ave. U Monday night to report drug paraphernalia he found. The officer seized the evidence and submitted a report for found property.

Obituaries

Lillian Williamson

1915-2003

Lillian Elizabeth Williamson, who along with her late husband developed Snyder's first shopping center, died Monday, Jan. 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Williamson, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robertson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mrs. Williamson

Born Oct. 8, 1915 in Durant, Okla., she married E.H. "Ab" Williamson on Aug. 27, 1938 in Carlsbad, N.M. He died June 20, 1974.

A homemaker and a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, she and her husband built Highland Shopping Center on south College Avenue in Snyder with Piggly Wiggly as the first tenant in 1958 and Roe's Furniture and Appliance as its second in 1959.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Williamson on Dec. 21, 1964 and Tim Williamson on March 5, 1992; three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Owen and husband Jerry and Sherry Thompson, all of Snyder; a daughter-in-law, Lynette Ranton of Alto, N.M.; a sister, Nora Lee Clark of Ira; a brother, Jake James of California; five grandchildren, Haylee Owen of San Angelo, Trent Owen of Austin, Trevor Thompson of McKinney, Tate Thompson and Roby Thompson, both of Snyder.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Chester McDonald

1922-2003

"Mr. Mac" died Friday, January 10, 2003, in Indian Oaks Care Center in Harker Heights, Texas.

Born on January 11, 1922 to John T. and Moely McDonald at Choate, Texas, he died one day short of 81 generous and wonderful years.



Mr. McDonald

Chester moved, along with two brothers and three sisters, to the Dodson ranch north of Fluvanna where he attended school, before going to school at Snyder.

He married Joyce Hughes in June of 1941 and they made several moves as he served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He later worked in the Permian Basin, Gulf of Mexico and several foreign countries for Rowan Drilling Company where he enjoyed a successful career retiring in 1987 as manager of Rowan's West Texas Division.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, travelling and was a member of Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple, Texas.

His wife of 59 years, son Terry, and an infant son preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, Wesley of Aberdeen, Scotland, daughters-in-law Denise of Scotland and Gloria of Burlington, Kentucky, four grandchildren, Patrick, Clayton, Skyler, Cade and one great-grandchild, Chase.

Services will be at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Snyder, Texas at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15. Interment will follow at Fluvanna Cemetery.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

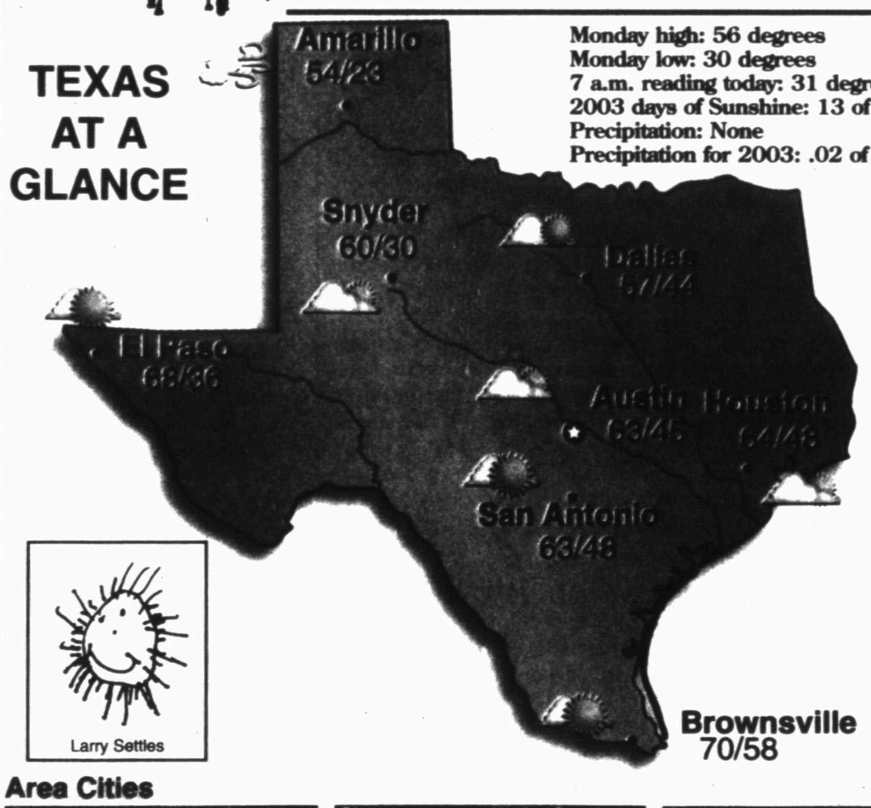
Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16	Fri 1/17
60/30	43/13	49/20
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High near 60F.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low teens.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 6:00 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 6:01 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 6:02 PM

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Monday high: 56 degrees
Monday low: 30 degrees
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2003 days of Sunshine: 13 of 14
Precipitation: None
Precipitation for 2003: .02 of an inch

Larry Settles

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	61	38	pt sunny
Amarillo	54	23	windy
Austin	63	45	pt sunny
Beaumont	62	46	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	58	mst sunny
Brownwood	62	40	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	64	52	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	44	cloudy
Dallas	57	44	cloudy
Del Rio	66	49	pt sunny
El Paso	68	36	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	71	40	pt sunny
Gainesville	53	35	cloudy
Greenville	53	37	cloudy
Houston	64	48	pt sunny
Kingsville	67	51	pt sunny
Livingston	62	43	pt sunny
Longview	57	40	pt sunny
Lubbock	63	28	windy
Lufkin	63	46	pt sunny
Midland	67	36	pt sunny
Raymondville	67	52	mst sunny
Rosenberg	64	48	pt sunny
San Antonio	63	48	mst sunny
San Marcos	62	47	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	55	39	cloudy
Sweetwater	62	34	pt sunny
Tyler	60	47	pt sunny
Weatherford	55	36	cloudy
Wichita Falls	57	34	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	46	26	sunny
Boston	24	19	pt sunny
Chicago	24	11	mst sunny
Dallas	57	44	cloudy
Denver	41	11	sn shower
Houston	64	48	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	54	pt sunny
Miami	74	60	mst sunny
Minneapolis	20	2	pt sunny
New York	30	21	pt sunny
Phoenix	77	51	pt sunny
San Francisco	59	46	pt sunny
Seattle	48	38	cloudy
St. Louis	30	20	cloudy
Washington, DC	35	21	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 10	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1

UV Index

Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16	Fri 1/17
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