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Home of Carolyn Limmer



EASY DOES IT — Snyder sixth grader Samuel Lee gets a helping hand from his dad, Perry, as he prepares his hog for the annual Junior Livestock Show today at Scurry County Coliseum. Hog judging begins at 4 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cold weather ushers in Jr. livestock show

More than 250 hogs will make their way through Scurry County Coliseum this evening as the first phase of the annual Junior Livestock Show begins at 4 o'clock.

Dropping temperatures and a cold north wind made everyone involved thankful that the show is in the coliseum as it was last year, rather than in the annex.

"This is the first time in years that our kids aren't freezing to death," Snyder ag instructor David Frazier said. "With the enclosed breezeway and wash stalls, we're taking coats off instead of putting them on."

Frazier said the coliseum was busy this morning with exhibitors preparing their animals, and the facility will be brimming with activity when the show begins.

Steers are to be weighed at 1 p.m. Thursday while lambs and goats will weigh in at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The show continues through Saturday evening when the buyer's meal, awards presentation and premium sale takes place.

Judging begins at 4 today as Cody Hill of Farwell will inspect hogs. Hill is the Parmer County extension agent.

The 4 p.m. start time is an hour earlier this year after last year's show dragged long past midnight, wrapping up with the announcement of the winning hog at 3 a.m.

The earlier start time and placement of fewer animals hopefully will curtail the show at a more reasonable hour, show officials said.

Friday, action will begin at 7 p.m. with the judging of steers and heifers. That late start was a last-minute change due to a conflict with local basketball games.

Lambs are to be judged 30 minutes after the steer show and goats will follow a half-hour after the lambs.

About 30 steers are entered in this year's show, while 80 lambs and 106 goats will be shown.

Jerry Bearden of Mason will judge both the lambs and the goats. He has more than 30 years experience as an Ag instructor.

James Rathman of Bastrop, is to judge steers and heifers.

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

Kirby Sterling is serving as president of the livestock show, while Ricky Miller is vice president. Susan Blackard is secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are Billy Grimmett, Larry West, Dirk Dunn, Jeff Gilbert, Wetonia Neff and Lonnie Blackard.

Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts. They are Frazier and Warren Beard of Snyder, Jay Waller of Ira and Richard Smith of Hermleigh.

County agent Greg Gruben also is a show advisor.

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

The public is invited to attend and a snack bar is available.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine



We're no expert on foreign policy and we're thankful that we don't have to make the decisions in Washington.

But we're beginning to wonder how long the White House can pretend that Iraq is a bigger threat to world peace than North Korea.

We wrote several months ago that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is evil personified and needs to be disposed of. Our view of that egomaniacal fellow hasn't changed and we hope to hear reports soon of his downfall.

But since that time, it's become painfully obvious to us that for some reason, our country's leaders are focused on the lesser of two evils.

The ruler of North Korea, Kim Jong Il, is one of the worst men ever to head any nation.

He ranks right there with Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin.

Like those despots, he enjoys countless luxuries while his own people suffer and die daily.

Millions of North Koreans have died of starvation in the last decade and millions more are starving now, but not because their leader can't afford to buy them food. It's estimated that Kim Jong Il has more than $5 billion stashed in Swiss bank accounts for his personal expenses.

And he's made a mockery of the rest of the world whenever aid is sent to his followers. We read recently of a $100 million payment from the United Nations for aid to North Korea a few years ago.

Days after the money's arrival, a Mercedes Benz representative was shocked to receive an order from Kim Jong Il for 200 Mercedes S-Class luxury cars at a price of $100,000 each.

That $20 million bill accounted for 1/5th of the UN aid package. There's no telling where the other $80 million went, but we'd bet it didn't help feed his countrymen.

Yet, nothing was ever done about that and much worse travesties. He got away with them and he'll continue to do so until someone takes action.

In one very important and very frightening way, Kim Jong Il is even more dangerous than Hitler and Stalin ever were.

Those two murdered more innocent people than the world will ever know. But imagine how much damage they would have done if they had in their possession a nuclear bomb.

Well, North Korea has several and it's only a matter of time before they use them. And potential targets are numerous.

South Korea is literally a stone's throw away and also happens to be occupied by thousands of American soldiers.

Japan would be an easy target. Some even speculate the communist country has nuclear weapons capable of striking America.

So why aren't we doing more about this? We can't figure it out.

Complaints are common about the United States being the world's police force. That's easy to say, but we think it's a role we have to play, as the world's only remaining superpower.

The world does need policing and we don't think any other nation is capable of or willing to keep rogue nations like North Korea and Iraq in check.

So if we have to play cops and robbers on a worldly scale, so be it.

We just hope we're not too busy frisking one suspect, while another makes a clean getaway.

Cast complete for new Ritz Theatre show

Casting is complete and rehearsals are underway for the Ritz Community Theatre's spring production *Arsenic and Old Lace*. The classic comedy by Joseph Kesselring is scheduled for presentation Feb. 28 and March 1- 2, 7- 9 at the Ritz Theatre.

The 11-member community cast includes Georgia King as Abby Brewster, Emily Hataway as Martha Brewster, Kent Wright as Mortimer Brewster and Vernon Groce as Teddy Brewster.

Others include Corey Knipe as Jonathan Brewster, Jennifer Presley as Elaine Harper, and Chris Shoemake as Doctor Einstein.

Michael Gonzales is double cast as Reverend Harper and Lieutenant Rooney. Jayson Presley is double cast as Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Witherspoon. Yolanda Cantu is Officer Brophy and Jacob Brumley is Officer O'Hara.

Ellie Dryden is directing.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, Feb. 24, at the box office and reservations may be made by calling 573-8880.

If you are interested in helping with the technical aspects, box office, publicity, or the intermission refreshments, contact Kent Wright at 573-6200 or Ellie Dryden at 573-9739.

Snyder, Ira students to have day off

Snyder and Ira students will have a holiday Friday while teachers have a scheduled work day.

Hermleigh students will follow their regular schedule.

Tech professor in jail following plague scare

LUBBOCK (AP) — A professor whose report that 30 vials of plague were missing from Texas Tech University Health Science Center triggered a terrorist alert was held today on a complaint that he gave false information to the FBI.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler reported to campus police Tuesday night that vials containing bacteria obtained from tissue samples from East Africa were missing when "truth in fact, as he well knew, he had destroyed them prior to that," U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said Wednesday night.

Butler was booked into the Lubbock County Jail about 8 p.m. Wednesday. He was scheduled to make an initial appearance at 3 p.m. today before federal Magistrate Nancy M. Koenig.

University spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Butler, the project's principal investigator, reported the vials missing.

Butler is chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at the health science center. The university said he has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in the field. He has been at Texas Tech since 1987.

The samples were among the 180 the school was using for research on the treatment of plague. Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which is classified as a select agent that has to be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and with the federal government.

"We have accounted for all those missing vials and we have determined that there is no danger to public safety whatsoever," FBI agent Lupe Gonzalez said earlier Wednesday.

Plague — along with anthrax, smallpox and a few other deadly agents — is on a watch list distributed by the government, which wants to make sure doctors and hospitals recognize a biological attack quickly.

Health officials say 10 to 20 people in the United States contract plague each year, usually through infected fleas or rodents. The plague can be treated with antibiotics, but about one in seven U.S. cases is fatal.

Dr. Richard Homan, the Texas Tech School of Medicine dean, said the bacteria form of plague "was not weaponized in any way."

Authorities initially declined to elaborate on what happened to the vials, saying only that they "have been accounted for."

Baker said FBI agents interviewed Butler on Tuesday. He said the complaint pointed out that the false statement resulted in a huge investigation involving about 60 state, local and federal agents.

The public did not learn of the report of missing vials until early Wednesday. But hospitals and medical personnel were notified Tuesday as part of the city's post-Sept. 11 emergency plan.

Samples were kept in a locked area of Butler's lab, located in a low-traffic area. He kept logs on batches of samples, and one batch was reported missing.

Daniel Unit to host area warden meet

The Price Daniel Unit on Friday will host the monthly meeting of wardens from Region 5 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"Rodney Cooper, Region 5 director, will be here as will wardens from this region," said Wilhelmenia Howard, warden of the Price Daniel Unit.

Warden Howard said Region 5 includes 14 units in an area from Abilene to Wichita Falls and up to Pampa.

"Basically, we'll be receiving updates from Huntsville from Mr. Cooper in this meeting," said Warden Howard.

"These items include updates on security, policy changes and legisiative issues."

Warden Howard said a number of individuals and businesses from both Snyder and Rotan assist with the monthly meeting when they are held in Snyder.

"We certainly appreciate their help," said Warden Howard.

ASK US

Q—What was the WTC baseball team's collective GPA for the fall semester?
A—3.27.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Christi Meadows...

...has lived in Snyder 14 years and is an employee at Town and Country East. She is the mother of two, Zachary, 6, and Michayla, 5. Favorite hobbies include drawing and playing with her kids. She said both of her youngsters love to play basketball and ride bicycles.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never fight too often with one enemy or you will teach him your art of war.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

Technology association boosters

Parents of Technology Student Association members will have a booster meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the shop classroom at SHS to plan the end-of-year banquet.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Walk the Walk, Talk the Talk," followed by "What Does God Look Like?"

Lions Club meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include 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.

Emmaus community meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Women's Bible study

A 10-week Bible study at First Baptist Church will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. 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.

FBC services televised

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

Wednesday night Bible study

Beloved Disciple, a small group study by Beth Moore led by James Patterson, will be starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at First United Methodist Church. If interested, call Andra at 573-5416.

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 méet 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.

Body identified as that of missing woman

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Now that Central Texas law officers have located the body of a missing telecommunications manager, they are focusing on the question of how she died.

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's office was expected to conduct an autopsy this morning on Susan McFarland, said Terrell Hills Police Chief Larry Semander.

McFarland's burned remains, found Tuesday on a flatbed trailer at an abandoned farm outside San Antonio, were identified on Wednesday. Dental records were used in the identification, said Semander.

"We knew this day was coming, but it doesn't make it any easier," her brother Pete Smith told the San Antonio Express-News by telephone from Kansas City after he received the news. "It's a never-ending nightmare."

McFarland's husband, Richard, is the sole suspect in her disappearance. He spent his first full day in a maximum-security cell at the Bexar County Jail, "resting comfortably and causing no problem," said Jail Capt. Dan Gabhardt.

McFarland, 44, is held on bonds totaling $450,000. He is charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and two counts of attempting to obstruct the probe into his wife's disappearance. He was arrested Tuesday by Texas Rangers.

McFarland's 43-year-old wife had been the subject of a widescale search after she was last seen Nov. 25. The SBC Communications manager's Ford Explorer was found near her Terrell Hills home on Nov. 28, with the keys still in the ignition.

Investigators from the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab spent much of Wednesday examining the body and its surroundings in southeast Bexar County for clues.

County District Attorney Susan Reed said Richard McFarland had not been charged with murder in the case as of early today.

But First Assistant District Attorney Michael Bernard said Wednesday that if the death is ruled a homicide, prosecutors plan to file murder charges.

One of two privately retained attorneys for McFarland's husband filed motions in the 226th District Court late Wednesday afternoon seeking to have his bonds reduced. Attorney Mark Stevens called the amounts "extremely high."

On the possibility of upgraded charges, Stevens said, "The next move would be on the part of the state."

The couple's three young sons — ages 11, 9 and 5 — have been taken from their father by Child Protective Services, which obtained a court order after being unable to gain access to the boys.

The children were informed that their mother's body had been found, Reed said.

"They're together," said Mary Walker, spokeswoman for CPS. "We're starting to get the ball rolling on some therapy for them."

Their mother's friends have said that she was planning to serve divorce papers on her husband in early December. A folder with divorce-related paperwork was found in her office at SBC, Ranger Shawn Palmer, who is leading the investigation, said in an affidavit last month.

Palmer also said McFarland's husband had been evasive and had not cooperated with investigators. Palmer would not say Wednesday whether he had since become more cooperative.

Searches of the family's home turned up apparent blood stains and droplets, according to court documents, and McFarland was observed to have cuts on his hands.

Charges filed against McFarland stem from the theft of a Chevrolet Suburban from a nearby gas station. The vehicle was found across the street from the McFarland house, parked in the garage of an empty home being sold.

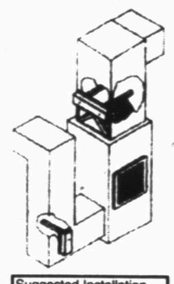
A wallet with items bearing McFarland's name was found in the Suburban, Palmer's affidavit stated, and an apparent blood smear was spotted on the vehicle's rear bumper. Palmer also said that the owner of the gas station told investigators that McFarland asked him to lie to investigators by telling them that he had permission to use the Suburban.

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Teenager convicted of battery in fatal mob beating incident

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 17-year-old boy, one of several juveniles and adults charged in the fatal mob beating of a man, was convicted of an aggravated battery charge in the attack.

Jemeral Andrews, who was originally charged with first-degree reckless homicide in the attack on Charlie Young Jr., pleaded no contest to the reduced charge Monday after agreeing to testify against co-defendants.

Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney Mark Williams said he agreed to reduce the charge because the only evidence linking Andrews to the Sept. 29 beating was co-defendants' statements.

Andrews has insisted he did not participate in the beating, although he was present. He faces up to 15 years in prison when sentenced next month.

Ten juveniles have been charged as adults with first-degree reckless homicide in the case.

A judge ruled a 10-year-old involved in the beating was not competent to stand trial, and a 15-year-old was acquitted of battery. Antonio L. Albert, 33, pleaded guilty to second-degree reckless homicide and is scheduled for sentencing in February.

Date Book

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003

Today is the 16th day of 2003 and the 27th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1883, the U.S. Congress passed a bill creating the civil service (in the wake of President Garfield's assassination by a man who was denied a government appointment through the spoils system).

On this day in 1943, the British Royal Air Force began heavy bombing of Germany by day and night to bring about the "progressive destruction and dislocation of the German military, industrial and economic system, and the undermining of the morale of the German people."

On this day in 1991, allied forces launched a major air offensive against Iraq to begin the Gulf War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andre Michelin (1853-1931), French industrialist; Robert William Service (1874-1958), poet; Ethel Merman (1909-1984), musical comedy actress; Dizzy Dean (1911-1974), baseball player and radio announcer; Debbie Allen (1950-), dancer and choreographer, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Dallas defeated Miami 24-3 in Super Bowl VI.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Failure is the really bad F-word." — Debbie Allen

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

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Boy dragged by bus

MONSEY, N.Y. (AP) — A 3-year-old boy was dragged to death after he got off a school bus and the elastic band attached to his mittens got caught in the door, police said.

When the bus took off, Chaim Horovitz was dragged about 100 feet, hitting his head on the road Tuesday after the band snapped, police said. The boy's 5-year-old brother ran home to call for help, but he was dead when paramedics arrived.

The bus driver was unaware that the boy was being dragged, police said; no charges were filed.

events

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RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $32 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-20-24-40-47-53.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $40 million.

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COSMORAMA SALAD SUPPER — Cosmorama Study Club members met for its annual salad supper Monday in the home of Patsy Williams. Also hosting were Dorothy Rosson, Sandra Robinson and Shirley Drum. From left are Bobbie Taylor, Marge Mathis, Charlotte Smith, Naomi Harlin, Jo Ashley, Betty Courtney and Williams. The next meeting will be Feb. 19 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Betsy Armstrong presenting the program on Hospice care. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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.

Mel Brooks is writing his memoirs

NEW YORK (AP) — Mel Brooks is writing his memoirs. He thinks you should read them.

"I have always been a huge admirer of my own work. I'm one of the funniest and most entertaining writers I know," Brooks said in a statement Wednesday from HarperEntertainment, an imprint of HarperCollins that will publish the book next year.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

The book will be an "anecdotal memoir" focused on Brooks' five decades in show business. His many credits include writing for Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows," teaming with Carl Reiner for "The 2,000 Year Old Man" comedy records and making films such as "The Producers" and "Blazing Saddles."

Brooks, 76, has won virtually every show business award, including the Grammy.

Preschoolers don't know how to wash hands

With cold and flu season in full swing, parents need a proven line of defense against germs.

According to the American Public Health Association (APHA), the best way to combat the spread of colds and flu is frequent and proper hand washing. Think your kids already know how and when to wash their hands? Think again.

A recent study of 133 preschoolers in Head Start centers around the country showed only one in four knew they should wash their hands after using the bathroom. And, most did not know all the other times during the day they should be washing. But the encouraging news is when these children participated in a lesson about germs and hand washing, their retention and recognition of when to wash greatly improved.

Sponsored by Softsoap, the study set out to learn what children knew about hand washing hygiene and germs before and after participating in a kid-friendly educational program. Head Start teachers used fun materials and techniques such as "Lather Up For Good Health" program-already a part of the curriculum at many schools nationwide-which teaches children what germs are, how to get rid of them, and how and when to wash.

"The simple act of washing hands can have a huge effect on children's health," says Barbara J. Hatcher, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., director of scientific and professional affairs for the APHA, who worked on the study. "Even really young children can help keep themselves healthy. This study showed that children as young as three can be taught how and when to wash their hands."

According to the Centers for Disease Control National Center for Health Statistics, a little more than one-third of the population as a whole suffers from the flu annually but almost half of children under age five get the flu each year.

"The most important thing moms and dads can do is to practice what they preach," says Dr. Hatcher. "Make sure your kids see you washing your hands properly and frequently throughout the day."

Need a refresher? Experts recommend everyone use running water and soap — adults can use a liquid soap or a bar soap, but kids should use a liquid soap because it's easier for little hands to manage. Generate a lather and make sure to really scrub in between fingers and under the nails.

Of course, as important as knowing how to wash is knowing when to wash. Make sure kids know to wash before eating or helping to prepare food and after being outside, using the bathroom, playing with pets, sneezing, coughing or blowing their noses.

In the study, teachers used a variety of materials to make learning about germs and hand washing fun. Techniques included coloring pages, reminder posters for the bathroom and fun tips like singing the ABC song while washing (it takes about 20 seconds to sing, the same amount of time experts recommend both kids and adults spend at the sink).

Parents and teachers can get additional tips about hand washing as well as download the materials used so successfully in the study by visiting www.latherupforgood health.com.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Opening lead: ♠ 2

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003

A charge from behind to win

By Phillip Alder

The world women's pairs title was won by Karen McCallum and Debbie Rosenberg of the United States. (McCallum also won with Kerri Shuman in 1990.) Halfway through the final session, they were not in the frame, but a storming last few rounds saw them leapfrog over Blandine de Heredia—Anne Frederique-Levy (France) and Irina Levitina—Kerri Shuman (U.S.A.) into first place.

As mentioned yesterday, one needs some luck to win a major title. Here is a slice that the Americans received during the final.

They believe in showing point-count as quickly as possible — hence McCallum's eccentric one-no-trump opening bid. Two hearts was a transfer promising at least five spades. Three diamonds artificially guaranteed four-card spade support. Three hearts was a retransfer; then Rosenberg raised to game.

Declarer won the spade lead in hand and crossed to dummy with a trump, East discarding discouraging cards in each minor. Now McCallum played a diamond to her queen.

After West won with the king, she should have cashed the club ace, after which any continuation defeats the contract. But West still had a harmless trump in her hand. Taking the easy way out, she led it. So, McCallum won in hand, cashed the ace-jack-four of diamonds, discarding dummy's club and a heart, then conceded two heart tricks. Plus 620 was a shared top.

Finally, note that the one-no-trump bid worked beautifully. If South had opened one spade, West would have overcalled two clubs, and East would have jumped to five clubs — a contract that makes with an overtrick!

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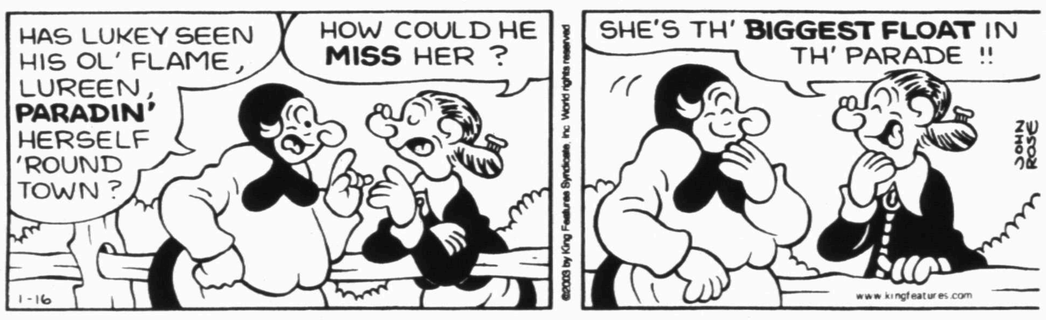
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1 Chopped down
5 Solitary type
10 Hawks' nests
12 Theater
13 Soft fabric
14 Get hold of
15 Mirth
16 Behind, on a ship
18 Numerical prefix
19 Reddish horses
23 Oath
26 Pod vegetable
27 Formerly
30 Comes up
32 Feeling faint
34 Singing voice
35 Watch out
36 Tex. neighbor
37 Out of reach
38 — Vegas
39 Adopt
42 Type of poem
45 Sun, poetically
46 Mutant heroes of comics (hyph.)
50 Gridiron gear
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55 Brawls
56 Tied the score
57 Stimulate activity
58 Actor — Guinness

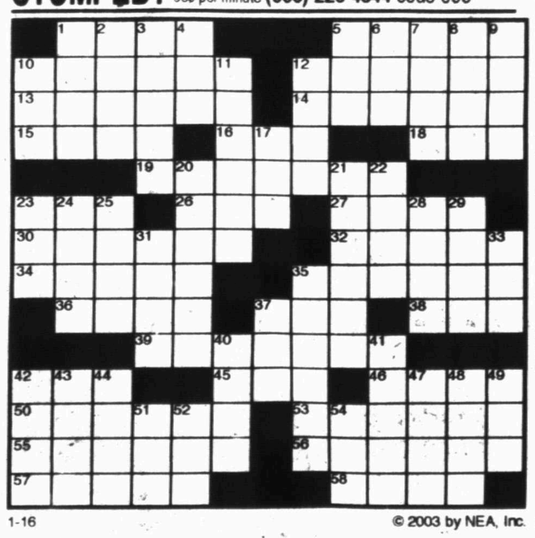
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1 Command to Fido
2 Whodunit name
3 Henry VIII's six
4 Bridal-notice word
5 Freedom, in slogans
6 Windsor's prov.
7 Undiluted
8 Arab prince
9 Sari wearer
10 Dow Jones fig.
11 Gawks
12 Sheepfold
17 Friar's title
20 Works by Puccini
21 Reduces
22 Blizzard maker
23 Dye container
24 Sandwich cookie
25 Twinkle
28 Fossil fuel
29 Poet — Pound
31 Food fish
33 Questionnaire answer
35 Showy trinket
37 Gift-tag word
40 Greenhouse supply
41 Outdo
42 Units of resistance
43 One end of the pool
44 Jazzy — Fitzgerald
47 Lion's pride
48 Mo. expense
49 Rorem or Beatty
51 Mal de —
52 Startled cry
54 Zoologist's eggs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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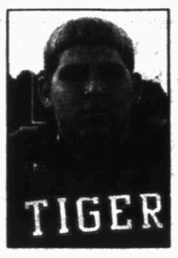
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SPORTS

Five Tigers earn All-Big Country nod

Five Snyder Tiger gridders were named to the *Abilene Reporter News'* All-Big Country team today.



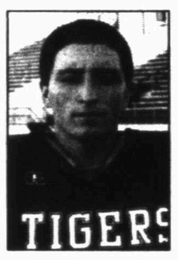
Mendoza

Seniors Josh Mendoza and Josh Knox add this accolade to the All-State and All-South Plains honors they already received in December.



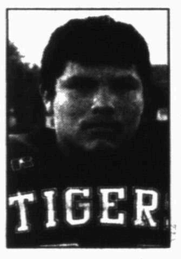
Ramon

Juniors Marcus Villarreal, Sid Gutierrez and Isaac Ramon join them on the squad.



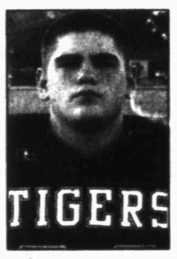
Villarreal

Knox was honored for his work at center, while Mendoza was recognized for his blocking and receiving ability at the tight end spot.



Gutierrez

Gutierrez, who will be the senior leader of next year's line, graded out at 90 percent on the season.



Knox

Villarreal was named at cornerback, and Ramon was selected as the punter after averaging 35.9 yards per punt.

Sacramento schools Mavericks, 123-94

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In every big test so far this season, the Sacramento Kings have ended up doing the teaching.

Chris Webber had 29 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists, and Peja Stojakovic hit six 3-pointers as the Kings reminded the league-leading Mavericks of their place in the NBA's hierarchy with a 123-94 victory over Dallas on Wednesday night.

The Mavs have the NBA's best record, but the Kings sure look like the NBA's best team following their highest-scoring game of the season. Sacramento led by 20 in the first half, and Dallas never contended in its worst loss of the season.

"I told the guys, 'You've shown your ability to rise to a level,'" Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "Games like this one show us where we can be. That's what we're reaching for, so by the end of the year, we know what we can do as a team."

They still trail the Mavericks (31-6) atop the overall standings, but the Kings (29-10) are showing traits of the champions they hope to become: they've posted emphatic victories in all three high-profile games of their regular-season so far.

Sacramento beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas Day, then trounced East champion New Jersey by 36 points last week before flattening the Mavericks in the first of four meetings between the Western Conference's division leaders.

Players in both locker rooms called it a statement game — and it was clear who was doing all the talking. Led by Webber's 16th career triple-double — and the second of his spectacular season — and Stojakovic's 23 points, the Kings jumped to a huge early lead that demoralized Dallas.

"Everybody's saying they've got great players — the best power forward, the best point guard — but you've still got to come out and play the game," Webber said. "It takes a while to develop what we've got. You can't just wake up one morning and say you're going to do something."

Webber was nearly unstoppable — from inside and outside, whether passing or shooting. He closed the third quarter by sprinting behind Dallas' defense for a dunk off a pass from Keon Clark, and he returned the favor with an alley-oop to Clark for a two-handed reverse slam early in the fourth.

With 4½ minutes left, Webber left to a raucous standing ovation from the crowd at Arco Arena, where Sacramento is 17-2 this season. Last season, Dallas was the only team to win twice in Sacramento during the regular season.

"This game doesn't say anything about where we are," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We're having a great year. I think it says more about who they are. We've never said we were better than Sacramento. I think they're the best team in the league."

Mike Bibby added 16 points and six assists as the Kings shot better than 55 percent. Sacramento, which beat Dallas in five games in last season's conference semifinals, ended a three-game losing streak to the Mavs in the regular season.

"I think we played pretty close to the perfect game, especially in the first half," said Vlade Divac, who had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Nick Van Exel scored 20 points in a reserve role for the Mavericks, who came out flat and never got into the game. Dallas' six-game winning streak was snapped, despite 15 points and nine rebounds from Dirk Nowitzki.

"We're not where we thought we were as a team," Van Exel said. "They put a good whupping on us. They let us know we still have a ways to go."

Sacramento scored 39 points in the first quarter — 11 from Webber, along with two 3-pointers by Stojakovic.

Rockets down Phoenix, await shootout with L.A.

HOUSTON (AP) — The preliminaries are over. The Houston Rockets and Yao Ming are ready for the main event against Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Cuttino Mobley scored 30 points and Steve Francis had 19 before he was ejected in the final minute as the Rockets beat the Phoenix Suns 102-96 Wednesday night in a warmup for Friday night's showdown with the Lakers.

It will be the first meeting between Yao and O'Neal and one of the league's top matchups so far this season.

"I've played against both Shaq and Yao Ming," Suns rookie Amare Stoudemire said. "Shaq is a monster and Yao is developing. Look for Shaq to have a big game. Shaq is my favorite player so Yao had better watch out.

"Shaq has explosiveness and size over him."

Yao didn't have a big game and in fact was outplayed by Stoudemire. Yao finished with 11 points, four blocked shots and seven rebounds, and anticipates an even tougher assignment against the Lakers.

"I think I need a suit of armor for Friday night," Yao said. "It should be a very exciting game and I hope it will be. It seems to me that physically (against Shaq) I may still be lacking a little bit."

Stoudemire had 24 points and 13 rebounds, including a pair of highlight-reel dunks over the 7-foot-6 center from China.

"Yao is going to experience these games," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Sometimes you are going to be a zero, not literally, but at least emotionally you try not to be a minus-10. You go out and see what you can do, set a pick or get a rebound. Yao will learn from the experience."

Suns coach Frank Johnson thinks Yao can eventually be a force.

"He's going to be a special player in time," Johnson said. "It's too early to know for sure. You don't get many looks near the basket when Yao is in there. He has an excellent feel for the game."

The Suns took an early lead, based on a 15-3 first quarter run but they scored only eight second-quarter points and couldn't pull it out at the end.

Baseball owners agree with All-Star proposal

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball owners appear to agree with commissioner Bud Selig's proposal to have the league that wins the All-Star game get home-field advantage in the World Series.

"The game has lost importance. It's turned into an exhibition," Montreal Expos president Tony Tavares said Wednesday. "Last year was embarrassing and difficult."

Selig came up with the plan following last year's All-Star game, which ended in a 7-7, 11-inning tie when both leagues ran out of players. Owners were to vote on it Thursday.

"It will put back a little of the sizzle," San Francisco executive vice president Larry Baer said.

In recent years, as the differences between the American and National leagues lessened because of increased player mobility and interleague play, many players have treated the All-Star game as a show rather than a game.

"I spent eight months thinking about this and, frankly, we've spent years thinking about it," said Selig, who credits Philadelphia owner Bill Giles with coming up with the idea.

Since the start of the World Series in 1903, home field has alternated between the leagues.

The change is strongly backed by Fox, which holds baseball's national television rights. It also needs approval of the players' association.

"We've been discussing it with players," union head Donald Fehr said. "We know they're interested in it, and we'll get back to them."

Some veteran players are against it, including New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, the NL player representative.

"It's not something I'm in favor of," he told The New York Times. "I would find it hard to believe that most players would want the outcome of the All-Star game to determine home-field advantage for the World Series."

A management official who had spoken with the union said that while the change was likely to become an issue between the sides, the union said it was still unclear what position it would adopt.

Two more recruits back out of committments to Aggies

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Two more high school football recruits have backed out on oral commitments to sign national letter of intents with Texas A&M.

Tyrell Gatewood, a wide receiver from Chapel Hill, says he'll play for the University of Texas instead, and offensive lineman Will Oliver of Lindale says he'll play for TCU, Jacksonville television station KETK reported Wednesday.

Both were recruited by R.C. Slocum, who is no longer at Texas A&M, having been fired in December and replaced by Dennis Franchione, who quit Alabama to take over the Aggie program.

Gatewood and Oliver rescinded their verbal commitments one week to the day after Baytown quarterback Drew Tate, who set Texas high school records by passing for 12,180 yards and 113 touchdowns over four years, backed out on his commitment to Texas A&M.

Verbal commitments are nonbinding. The first day a recruit can sign a national letter of intent is Feb. 5.

Sports Briefs

Football banquet

All high school football players and their parents are invited to the football banquet. The banquet will be held Saturday at the First Baptist Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 and can be purchased at the high school or at the door.

Police mulling more charges against Goodrich

DALLAS (AP) — Police considered more charges against Dallas Cowboys reserve defensive back Dwayne Goodrich, accused in a hit-and-run accident that killed two people.

Goodrich, 24, was released from jail after posting $50,000 bond on two felony counts of manslaughter. Authorities said he also could be charged with failure to stop and render aid.

Colon heads to White Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Bartolo Colon moved to the Chicago White Sox, and Orlando Hernandez went to the Montreal Expos in a three-team trade also involving the New York Yankees.

In exchange for Colon, who won 20 games last season for Cleveland and Montreal, the Expos received Hernandez and another right-hander, Rocky Biddle, plus outfielder Jeff Liefer and cash.

The White Sox earlier acquired Hernandez and $2 million from the Yankees for right-handed pitchers Antonio Osuna and Delvis Lantigua, a minor leaguer.

Red Sox want to add seats on top of Monster

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are seeking approval to add three rows of seats atop the famous Green Monster in Fenway Park.

Uconn ties consecutive wins mark

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Although it was just barely, No. 3 Connecticut tied the NCAA Division I women's record for consecutive basketball victories at 54 with a 53-48 victory over stubborn Seton Hall.

The 54 straight victories tied the mark set by Louisiana Tech between 1980-82.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Brick & Tile	13	4
Timely Finance	11	6
NAPA Auto	11	6
Anaderko	10	7
WTP Energy	9	8
Blue Sunoco	8	9
Robert Early's Weld	7	10
Pin Busters	6	11
Snyder Iron & Metal	6	11
The Shack	4	13

High series: Barney Tate, scratch, 574; Elbert Klein, handicap, 660.
High game: David Carroll, scratch, 235; Wayne Monroney, handicap, 258.
Splits and special mentions: Harold Kornegay, 3-10.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Mama's Misfits	45.5	22.5
WTP Energy	42.5	25.5
Timely Finance	42.5	25.5
Snyder Iron & Metal	39	29
JB's	37.5	30.5
Quick Auto	33	35
Snyder Lanes	29	39
Rogers Backhoe	27	41
Square Parts	22	46
BCEC	22	46

High series: Scratch: Stacey Browning, 606; Betty Boatman, 450. **Handicap:** Stacey Browning, 690; Jo Schooler 613.
High game: Scratch: Melvin Boatman, 216; Melissa Northcutt, 196. **Handicap:** Melvin Boatman, 252; Melissa Northcutt, 259.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	25	12	3	3	56	108	85
Philadelphia	23	11	8	1	55	106	93
Pittsburgh	19	18	3	5	46	126	132
N.Y. Islanders	19	18	5	2	45	124	132
N.Y. Rangers	19	22	6	1	45	120	143

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	28	10	5	1	62	148	94
Toronto	23	17	4	1	51	128	113
Boston	22	17	4	1	49	132	120
Montreal	18	18	5	4	45	121	133
Buffalo	13	23	5	2	33	97	117

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	21	16	5	3	50	128	121
Tampa Bay	18	16	6	4	46	121	129
Florida	13	15	9	8	43	103	136
Carolina	16	19	6	4	42	98	120
Atlanta	13	25	2	4	32	113	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	25	12	7	1	58	133	108
St. Louis	24	13	5	3	56	143	109
Chicago	21	13	8	3	53	109	100
Columbus	17	22	4	2	40	129	139
Nashville	13	20	7	4	37	96	120

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	26	13	5	0	57	139	114
Edmonton	21	14	5	5	52	128	121
Minnesota	22	15	7	1	52	113	100
Colorado	17	13	9	5	48	127	117
Calgary	14	22	6	3	37	95	125

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	10	10	1	61	143	93
Anaheim	18	16	7	3	46	109	110
Los Angeles	18	19	4	3	43	115	125
San Jose	16	18	5	4	41	116	133
Phoenix	15	19	7	4	41	109	130

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 0
Toronto 3, Calgary 2
Buffalo 1, Minnesota 0
St. Louis 4, Phoenix 1
Vancouver 4, Nashville 3

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh 2, Carolina 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1, OT
Anaheim 4, Columbus 3
Florida 3, Boston 0
Atlanta 1, Montreal 0
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Islanders 0
Chicago 4, Detroit 1

Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	27	11	.711	—
Boston	21	17	.553	6
Philadelphia	20	18	.526	7
Orlando	20	20	.500	8
Washington	19	19	.500	8
New York	14	22	.389	12
Miami	13	26	.333	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	10	.737	—
Detroit	25	12	.676	2½
New Orleans	20	20	.500	9
Milwaukee	18	20	.474	10
Atlanta	14	24	.368	14
Chicago	14	24	.368	14
Toronto	10	29	.256	18½
Cleveland	8	32	.200	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	6	.838	—
San Antonio	24	14	.632	7½
Houston	22	15	.595	9
Utah	22	15	.595	9
Minnesota	21	17	.553	10½
Memphis	12	26	.316	19½
Denver	9	29	.237	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	10	.744	—
Portland	23	14	.622	5
Phoenix	24	16	.600	5½
L.A. Lakers	18	20	.474	10½
Seattle	16	20	.444	11½
Golden State	16	22	.421	12½
L.A. Clippers	14	24	.368	14½

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 84, Washington 75
Miami 88, Detroit 85
New York 98, Chicago 86
Milwaukee 97, Atlanta 88
San Antonio 108, Phoenix 100, OT

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee 99, Toronto 87
Indiana 104, Miami 81
Boston 86, Atlanta 66
Philadelphia 108, New Jersey 107
L.A. Lakers 90, New Orleans 82
Houston 102, Phoenix 96
Sacramento 123, Dallas 94
Utah 92, Denver 81
Portland 100, Memphis 92
Minnesota 95, L.A. Clippers 64
Golden State 108, Cleveland 80

Thursday's Games
Orlando at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
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Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
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COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of DOROTHY HARRIS RODRIGUEZ, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,778:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the estate of DOROTHY HARRIS RODRIGUEZ, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 14th day of January, 2003, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Chon Rodriguez, II, 2602 47th St., Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 14th day of January, 2003.

(s)CHON RODRIGUEZ, II
Independent Executor
of the estate of
Dorothy Harris Rodriguez,
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Surgeons leave tools inside 1,500 patients

BOSTON (AP) — A study on medical mistakes found operating room teams around the country leave sponges, clamps and other tools inside about 1,500 patients every year, largely because of stress from emergencies or complications discovered during surgery.

Both the researchers and several other experts agree the number of such mistakes is small compared with the roughly 28 million operations a year in the United States. However, they say there is room to improve.

"It shows the system works. It just doesn't work perfectly," said Verna Gibbs, a surgeon at the University of California-San Francisco who has done separate research on medical mistakes.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe, health research director of the public-interest lobby group Public Citizen, was more critical. He said the real number of lost instruments may be even higher, because hospitals are not required to report such mistakes to public agencies.

He also pointed to the study's finding that surgical teams failed to count equipment before and after the operation, in keeping with standard practice, in one-third of cases where something was left behind. It tended to happen during emergencies.

"It's not something that takes a lot of time," Wolfe said. "I just don't think it's excusable."

The study, which was published today in The New England Journal of Medicine, was done by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard School of Public Health, both in Boston. It is the biggest and most reliable study yet on such mistakes.

The researchers checked insurance records from about 800,000 operations in Massachusetts for 16 years ending in 2001. They counted 61 forgotten pieces of surgical equipment in 54 patients. From that, they calculated a national estimate of 1,500 cases yearly. A total of $3 million was paid out in the Massachusetts cases, mostly in settlements.

Most lost objects were sponges, but also included were metal clamps and electrodes. In two cases, 11-inch retractors — metal strips used to hold back tissue — were forgotten inside patients. In another operation, four sponges were left inside someone.

The lost objects were usually lodged around the abdomen or hips but sometimes in the chest, vagina or other cavities. They often caused tears, obstructions or infections. One patient died of complications, but the researchers withheld details for reasons of privacy.

Most patients needed additional surgery to remove the object, but sometimes it came out by itself or in a doctor's office. In other cases, patients were not even aware of the object, and it turned up in later surgery for other problems.

The study found that emergency operations are nine times more likely to lead to such mistakes, and operating-room complications requiring a change in procedure are four times more likely. A rise of one point in body-mass index, a measure of weight relative to height, raises the chances of such a mistake by 10 percent. Researchers say big patients simply provide more room and more fat in which to lose track of objects.

The length of the operation or the hour of day does not appear to make a difference, suggesting that fatigue isn't at fault for the mistakes. "It tends to be in unpredictable situations," said lead author Dr. Atul Gawande of Brigham and Women's Hospital.

However, some other researchers say fatigue could promote such mistakes in a way undetected by this study.

The Boston research team suggested more X-ray checks be done right after those operations where such errors are most likely. Metal instruments and radiologically tagged sponges show up in such checks.

Eventually, wands similar to supermarket bar-code readers might be developed to detect missing equipment, researchers said.

However, some others said such mistakes are so rare — occurring about 50 times in 1 million operations — that figuring out how to prevent them could be difficult.

"Something has to be done about this. It's just a very tough balance to decide. Do we really want to add this hoop for every patient to jump through?" said Dr. Kaveh Shojania, author of a 2001 federal study on medical mistakes.

Lori Bartholomew, research director at the Physician Insurers Association of America, said: "I find it's going to be difficult to make much more improvement, because some of the risk factors are things that are hard to control." The Rockville, Md., group represents medical malpractice insurers.

Forecasters suggest resurrection of N.Y.'s snowfall competition

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — There's no doubt in Pat Mercer's mind that Syracuse would bury the competition in a snow race among cities in upstate New York.

"Buffalo's reputation is just hype. Rochester's not even in our league. The others, forget about it. No challenge at all," said Mercer, a 52-year-old receptionist at a Syracuse brokerage, while dusting a thin layer of snow off her car Wednesday.

Syracuse likes to brag it is New York's snow king, but it's a purely unofficial boast.

Now, two National Weather Service meteorologists in Buffalo want to revive a New York upstate tradition and bring back the Golden Snowball competition to determine which is the state's snowiest big city.

"Everybody moans and groans about the snow and makes it out to be a terrible thing," said meteorologist Steve McLaughlin. "This would help give it a more positive spin. And, help people get through the winter. It could be a thing of pride."

Presently, Syracuse is the front-runner with 82.4 inches of snow through Tuesday. Rochester has tallied 78.8 inches. Buffalo actually lags fifth currently with 58.5 inches, behind Albany at 73.9 inches and Binghamton with 66 inches.

"I think it would be great if we won, especially with Syracuse and their lake-effect snow," said 20-year-old John Pennock of Albany.

McLaughlin admits Syracuse would have the upperhand. Most of Buffalo's snow comes from lake-effect squalls off an unfrozen Lake Erie early in winter. Eastern New York's snow is generally the result of nor'easter storms coming up the coast.

Because of its central location, Syracuse gets socked by both nor'easters and lake-effect storms off Lake Ontario, which is why it averages 115 inches of snow a winter. Buffalo's average is 97 inches, while Rochester receives slightly more than 100 inches.

Government officials would have to be willing to help organize the competition, McLaughlin said. The mayors of Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester did not immediately return telephone calls Wednesday seeking comment about resuming the competition.

"That's a heck of a trophy to have," said Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings. "It means you're over-budget and people have worked a lot of overtime."

Peter Chaston, now a private meteorologist and author in Kansas City, created the Golden Snowball in the late 1970s while working at the National Weather Service office in Rochester. In its heyday, the Golden Snowball was presented each spring to the mayor of the upstate champion. A caravan of meteorologists would visit the winning city for the ceremony, he said.

"People were getting depressed," Chaston said. "A lot of people were getting cabin fever. Personally, I love snow. But we had to do something to celebrate. We had to use humor to find a way to make people feel good about the snow."

The contest petered out when the weather service closed its offices in Rochester and Syracuse in the mid-1990s, ending the good-natured competition among upstate meteorologists.

Births

Chasity Lavonne Ann Carrisalez was born weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces at 5:01 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Parents are Vanessa Carrisalez and Phillip Olivarez of Snyder.

Paternal grandparents are Faustino Hernandez of Hermleigh and Maria Ferrusca of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Jesse Carrisalez of Snyder and Juanita Carrisalez of Snyder.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-13-02	1-6-03	1-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.30	17.33	17.26
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	18,306	18,365	18,228
PERCENT FULL	9.13	9.15	9.09
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-13-02	1-6-03	1-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	43.76	37.43	37.35
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	53,753	34,598	34,391
PERCENT FULL	10.39	6.69	6.65
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-13-02	1-6-03	1-13-03
ELEVATION (FEET)	31.70	27.71	27.65
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	255,434	213,239	212,649
PERCENT FULL	46.08	38.47	38.36
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.90

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

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MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 1-6-03 12-31-02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 1-13-03 1-7-03	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 1-13-03 1-7-03
BIG SPRING	3,560,000	3,338,571	4,100,000
ODESSA	12,233,571	12,163,143	13,947,000
SNYDER	1,502,286	1,356,286	1,539,000
MIDLAND	14,213,714	14,905,286	16,002,000
SAN ANGELO	8,433,714	9,712,143	11,200,000
STANTON	97,000	95,000	125,000

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	6.28	6.08	6.16	+.13
AOL TimeWrn	15.45	15.08	15.31	+.07
AT&T Corp rs	27.48	27.27	27.30	—.16
Albertsons	23.15	22.80	23.00	+.20
Alltel	52.85	52.43	52.59	+.14
AmEl Pw	27.59	27.25	27.44	+.14
AndarkPtr	46.80	46.10	46.63	+.14
ATMOS Egy	22.97	22.40	22.70	+.34
Aviall	8.12	8.00	8.00	
BP PLC	39.51	39.20	39.45	+.32
BakerHughes	30.87	30.28	30.76	+.62
Bank of Amer	71.91	70.90	71.03	—.42
BellSouth	26.90	26.25	26.41	—.19
BurlNoSFe	26.88	26.46	26.52	+.12
Caterpillar	47.77	46.95	47.43	+.60
CenterPoint	8.33	8.13	8.33	+.23
ChevronTex	68.90	68.35	68.61	+.46
Citigroup	37.65	37.16	37.21	—.24
CocaCola	45.49	45.01	45.44	+.54
ColgatePal	53.19	52.39	53.10	+.80
CmclMetals s	15.82	15.64	15.64	—.04
ConocoPhill	48.45	48.04	48.26	+.54
Cooper Inds	37.37	37.00	37.26	+.26
DaimlrChry	31.54	30.87	31.38	+.52
DeltaAirl	13.20	12.70	12.72	—.03
Dillards Inc	17.46	16.75	16.76	—.35
DowChem	31.23	30.74	30.98	+.23
DuPont	42.75	42.42	42.56	+.06
EastmanChem	37.30	36.85	36.85	—.34
EstKodak	39.33	39.02	39.08	—.06
EDS Corp	20.34	19.90	20.10	+.09
Entergy	48.23	48.00	48.23	+.33
ExxonMobil	35.44	35.07	35.19	+.26
FootLocker	10.95	10.80	10.82	—.10
GenDynam	77.94	77.15	77.31	+.20
GenElec	25.55	25.05	25.20	+.01
GenMills	48.18	47.80	47.86	—.05
GenMotors	41.12	39.75	40.02	—.18
GaPacific	17.00	16.75	16.76	+.15
Goodrich	19.54	19.03	19.33	+.30
Goodyear	7.03	6.91	6.93	—.05
GtAtlPac	6.08	5.81	5.83	—.19
Halliburtn	19.45	19.06	19.10	+.11
Hanson ADS	23.02	22.75	22.91	+.21
HarteHanks s	19.50	19.20	19.28	+.04
HomeDepot	22.32	21.80	22.12	+.25
Honeywellntl	25.92	25.30	25.41	+.14
IBM	87.71	86.82	86.85	—.74
IntlPaper	38.60	37.90	38.37	+.46
JohnsonJn	55.75	54.50	54.69	—.31
KinderMorg	44.65	44.15	44.36	+1.26
Kroger Co	16.37	16.21	16.33	+.16
LockheedM	54.40	54.10	54.25	+.45
Lowes Cos	38.42	37.80	37.92	—.08
Lubys	2.82	2.78	2.80	—.01
LucentTech	1.78	1.72	1.74	+.01
MarathonOil	22.10	21.90	21.93	+.22
MayDeptStr	24.53	23.83	24.08	—.09
Medtronic	47.84	47.29	47.36	—.01
Motorola	9.34	9.10	9.10	—.15
NCR Corp	20.86	20.24	20.38	—.47
Navistar	26.79	26.08	26.10	—.25
PNM Rescs	23.30	22.99	23.03	—.11
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PepBoys	11.85	11.69	11.71	—.07
PepsiCo	43.74	43.19	43.48	+.54
Pharmacia	42.06	41.55	41.84	+.24
PhelpDodge	35.90	35.45	35.49	—.16
PilgrmPrd B	8.12	7.90	8.00	+.10
Praxair	57.99	57.32	57.56	+.41
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SBC Comm	28.90	28.22	28.30	—.24
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Scripps EW	82.40	82.10	82.14	+.03
SearsRoeb	28.75	26.88	26.99	+.29
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SprintFON	16.00	15.87	15.89	—.05
SprintPCS	5.28	5.10	5.12	+.08
Sunoco Inc	33.46	32.99	33.10	+.17
TXU Corp	20.30	19.80	20.29	+.57
TempleInland	48.30	47.99	48.05	+.31
TexInd	24.61	24.20	24.41	—.18
TexasInst	16.10	15.22	15.22	—.69
Textron	44.61	44.16	44.20	+.14
TrinityInds	19.09	18.81	18.85	+.03
TylerTech	4.05	3.93	3.96	—.05
UnionPacif	60.88	60.09	60.36	+.19
USSteel	17.45	16.83	17.27	+.31
UnitedTech	66.89	65.25	66.10	+1.70
Unocal	29.49	29.27	29.29	+.01
VerizonComm	40.60	40.01	40.08	—.11
WalMart	51.23	50.70	50.77	+.18
WellsFargo	47.95	46.90	47.10	—.59
WstnGasRs	34.81	34.20	34.53	+.43
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Blood centers across state face shortage

HOUSTON (AP) — James Wells is such a dedicated blood donor that he once had his appointments to give blood scheduled a year in advance.

"Some people are good at sports, some people are rich. I guess I donate blood," Wells, 59, said this week as he sat in a northwest Houston blood center.

Officials with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston wish they had more donors like Wells because they're facing one of the worst shortages in the center's nearly 30-year history. However, they are not alone as other Texas cities face similar problems.

Earlier this week, the blood center had no supplies on its shelves as what little was being donated was immediately being sent to the more than 200 hospitals in the region it serves, said Robin Davidson, the center's public relations manager.

"We don't have any units of any blood type available at all. At minimum we should have a three-day supply. We don't even have a one-day supply," she said.

At least six Houston area hospitals canceled surgeries in the last week because of the blood shortage.

Officials anticipate shortages every January because it's just after the holidays and it's the middle of the cold and flu season, said Brooke Thaler, spokeswoman for America's Blood Centers, the parent organization of the Houston center and one of the nation's top blood suppliers.

"This January seems to be off to a worse start than usual. It's hard to tell why," she said. "There were some donor restrictions put into place this summer and fall and we're still feeling the effects of that."

The problem is nationwide. On Tuesday, the nation's top two blood suppliers — America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross — issued an urgent appeal for donations, saying much of the country has less than a two-day supply on hand.

David Veloz, community relations director for United Blood Services in El Paso, said he believes complacency continues to thwart collection efforts.

"Many people believe if they don't donate, other people will do it," he said. "Right now we have 10 units of O positive (the most common blood type). We usually operate with 125 units. Anything we're collecting just evaporates immediately."

The El Paso area usually makes up for its deficit by importing blood from other communities, usually Albuquerque, N.M. and Las Vegas. But those cities haven't been able to spare any, Veloz said.

"Hospitals are waiting for us to tell them if they need to postpone surgeries. That would be the next step," he said.

In Lubbock, officials are having trouble supplying the 110 pints area hospitals need each day, said Les Long, community relations manager for United Blood Services. This has forced Long to make critical appeals to the community and local media for donations.

"In Lubbock, critical appeals happen more often than we'd like to. Last year, we ended up having critical appeals every six weeks to two months. But January is beating me up," he said.

The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas, located in Austin, has been on critical appeal status since Dec. 9, said Nicolette Abernathy, the center's spokeswoman.

Today's chuckle

Apology not enough; court date set

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — A man who wrote obscenities on a check he used to pay a traffic fine apologized but refused to plead guilty or no contest to a contempt of court charge.



District Judge John Pikkarainen has refused to dismiss the case. After Eric Wilmoth met with Pikkarainen in his chambers, the judge scheduled a Jan. 24 evidentiary hearing that could include arguments and testimony from witnesses.

Wilmoth, 26, of Howell, was ticketed after accidentally backing into another car. He paid the fine with a check and wrote two vulgar words on the memo line, prompting Pikkarainen to charge him with contempt in October for "improper use of language."

"It is my understanding that the language that I used on that check may have offended you. For this I am deeply sorry, and genuinely remorseful," Wilmoth said in a letter filed Friday with the court. "I did not intend to trouble any of the court staff with my choice of language."

Wilmoth's attorney, Ron Plunkett, is trying to have the case dismissed, arguing the contempt charge violates his client's First Amendment free speech rights.

If convicted, Wilmoth could face 30 days in jail and a $250 fine.

Pikkarainen sentenced another Howell man to two days of community service for writing a vulgar insult on the memo line of a check he used to pay a traffic fine last year.

Robert Blake deposition suspended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Blake tearfully argued with his attorney over the lawyer's refusal to allow him to testify in a videotaped deposition, complaining of life in jail and saying it will be on his lawyer's conscience if he dies there.

"I'm an old man. I'm pushing 70. If I'm going to die in that box, I want to talk before I go," Blake told attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr.

The jailhouse deposition in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by his slain wife's family was suspended Wednesday after Mesereau, Blake's criminal attorney, refused to let him participate.

Blake, 69, is awaiting trial on charges of shooting 44-year-old Bonny Lee Bakley to death in his car in 2001.

Before the plaintiffs' lawyer could begin questioning, Blake launched into a lengthy diatribe on the grimness of jail life.

"I have been in solitary confinement," Blake said. "I live in a cement block 24 hours a day, every day. I have no human contact. I get out for 10 minutes every other day for a shower by myself. I get a priest for a half hour on Sunday. ... I get to shake his hand. That's the human contact I have.

"I get to go up on the roof every two days for an hour at a time and sit in a cage like a monkey."

Blake at times became tearful, saying that from the day he was arrested his lawyers told him to remain silent.

"I don't know any more about criminal law than I do about brain surgery," the actor said. "I was told to shut up and I did."

But he told his lawyer he still wanted to talk.

"I want to know if you can live with the fact that when they wheel me out of here feet first with a tag on my toe that you can say you did the right thing" by preventing him from speaking, Blake said.

Mesereau threatened to quit the murder case if the actor insisted on discussing it. He announced after two hours that the deposition had been suspended.

"It was a clown show. It was a circus. It was an effort by opposing counsel to promote himself. It was filled with procedural irregularities. It was an embarrassment," he said.

The plaintiffs' attorney, Eric Dubin, said that after Blake stopped talking, he "sat there stone-faced, eating an apple and a glass of milk."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 17, 2003

You might get the chance in the year ahead to take over a struggling arrangement or enterprise started by another. In your capable hands, you'll know how to turn it into a successful endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you are able to go off on your own today, by all means do so. It's highly likely that you will fare better in situations where you are unhampered by co-workers or assistants.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be careful not to let your duties or responsibilities pile up on you today. Performing under pressure is not going to be numbered among your better assets at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's usually your style to be quite democratic and treat everyone equally; today, however, you could uncharacteristically play favorites. Sadly for you, it will not go unnoticed by friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep mum about sensitive family matters today, especially with someone who loves to gossip. This person is apt to broadcast a distorted version of your story to others just to make it juicier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You might choose to ignore the facts today, but, unfortunately, they won't ignore you. Any critical decisions must not be based upon wishful thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Juggling your finances around in order to purchase something frivolous today will come back to haunt you. You're going to have a lot of explaining to do if you use funds earmarked for essentials.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let a disagreement even get started today between you and your mate. If you refuse to argue, nothing will come of it. If you allow your temper to take hold, it'll become full-blown.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If there is something you don't understand today, don't let your pride stand in the way of asking for an explanation. It'll only make you look foolish if you're called to comment on what you don't know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It would be a mistake to try to arbitrate a volatile issue that comes between two friends today. You can't take both sides, so if you step in, at least one of them will end up angry at you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful how you go about gratifying a personal interest today. You must make certain that your methods for achieving your aims do not give rise to others thinking unkindly of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — No matter how hurt you may be about something someone said, don't let your feelings be known. Your high sensitivity could cause you to overeat should your thinking be challenged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It doesn't matter whether it's for social or business purposes today, fairness must be adhered to in any joint endeavor. All must share in the risks as well as the expenses.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Pregnant high school girls have legal right to education

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "D.B. in Ohio," the 16-year-old unmarried, pregnant high school student. You were correct in telling her that she is entitled to an education. Under federal law, it is illegal for a school to treat a student differently because of pregnancy or related conditions, childbirth or marital status.

Pregnant and parenting students have the right to remain in their regular school and participate in all school activities, such as honors programs, clubs and graduation programs. Moreover, participation in special programs or schools for pregnant and parenting students must be completely voluntary and must provide the student with an education comparable to that which she would have received at her regular school.

As to D.B.'s absences for doctor's appointments, the law requires her school to excuse her absences due to pregnancy or parenting, including medical appointments for her or her child.

It is unfortunate that at a time when they need an education the most, pregnant and parenting students are illegally denied their educational rights.

To educate school officials, students and advocates, the California Women's Law Center has written a "Model Policy on the Civil Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Students," which can be accessed at www.cwlc.org. This document clearly explains the legal rights of pregnant and parenting students.

Thank you for educating the public about these important civil rights. — **NANCY SOLOMON, WOMEN'S LAW CENTER, LOS ANGELES**

DEAR NANCY: You're welcome. However, in many cases it's readers like you who educate me.

Readers, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that protects pregnant students from discrimination. The federal government acknowledged that pregnant teenage girls are often treated differently than the teenage fathers. Of course, that is blatant sex discrimination — and grounds for you-know-what. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I run a program that includes a support group for teen parents. The only reason D.B.'s school should notify her mother of absences is if they are unexcused truancies. Therefore, she should make sure her absences are excused by either her mother or the doctor's office, and return to school immediately following the appointments that cannot be scheduled after school.

She should also look very carefully before agreeing to attend alternative education programs for pregnant teens. In many of them she could be placed alongside students who have been kicked out of regular schools because of disciplinary or criminal issues. If that's the case in her community, she should insist on a real education and stay in regular school, big belly and all.

Just because she's in a difficult situation doesn't mean she can't get a great education and raise a wonderful child. Working with teen moms has enabled me to develop an even greater respect for my mother-in-law, a former single teen mom who successfully raised my wonderful husband. — **SOMEONE WHO CARES IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SOMEONE: Thank you for your heartfelt advice. I agree that with planning and determination it can be done.

My readers may be interested to know that, according to U.S. government statistics, the teen birth rate is at a record low, the 10th year in a row it has fallen.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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New plan introduced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles police have been "on the bench" when it comes to fighting gang violence, Police Chief William Bratton says.

But Bratton vowed Wednesday to launch an aggressive new approach to combat gang-related crime. Bratton said the new plan would call for cooperation by eight agencies and a citizen policing team, as well as a request to loosen controls on anti-gang police units imposed after the city's police corruption scandal of the late 1990s.

"This department, the last several years, has been on the bench" when it comes to gangs, Bratton said at the South Los Angeles Community Safety Task Force. "Well, today marks us getting back into the game, getting on the field. But we're at the 1-yard line, with 100 yards to go to get a touchdown."

Bratton, speaking later on radio station KFWB, said the department's efforts at fighting gang crime have not been effective.

"Ironically, as disorganized as the gangs themselves are, I don't know if we're all that well organized ourselves," he said.

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LIMOUSINE RIDE — West sixth graders who sold 30 candles during the fall semester recently enjoyed a limousine ride and lunch at Pizza Inn. The first group of students to go included Jessica Garza, Teryn Sullenger, Kayla Liccardi, Keagan Herrley, Clay Hirt, J.R. Brace, Kira Bilano, Josh Sorrells, Kendra Iglehart and Jordan Wright. Students in the second group were Gage West, Brenna Fletcher, Kasey Young, Kailea Shaw, Jonathan Wallace, and Erica Maldonado. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

UT minority enrollment still lags

DALLAS (AP) — Minority enrollment at the University of Texas flagship Austin campus still trails the levels of a few years ago, before a court decision barred the use of race in admissions.

University officials, however, point to a slow increase in minority students as proof that new admissions and recruitment policies are doing a good job of replacing affirmative action.

In the years immediately before a federal appeals court struck down the university law school's affirmative-action program, each freshman class included about 500 blacks, or 4 percent of new students.

In 1997, the year after the ruling, only 296 new students, or 2.3 percent, were black. Hispanic freshmen declined too, but less dramatically.

That year, the state Legislature approved — and then-Gov. George W. Bush promoted and signed — a law granting automatic admission to Austin for any Texas high school student who graduated in the top 10 percent of his or her class.

The Bush administration is expected to cite the Texas program when it files a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to oppose an affirmative-action program at the University of Michigan.

After passage of the Texas law, students from poor or heavily minority schools competed against classmates — not against counterparts at affluent suburban schools — for a spot at the state's flagship public university.

The number of blacks among new students at UT-Austin has crept upward, to 418 in September, compared to 453 the year before affirmative action was struck down.

University President Larry Faulkner said the university has effectively compensated for the loss of affirmative action, partly by also increasing recruiting and financial aid for minority students.

"The top-10-percent law and coordinated measures can do as well or better than affirmative action did at the undergraduate level," Faulkner said.

But, Faulkner acknowledged, the university has been less successful at attracting minority students to graduate programs. One year, only four law school entrants were black. This fall, 22 of the law school's 582 new students were black.

Douglas Laycock, a professor at the Austin campus' law school, said the university should be attracting many more minority students in a state where the population is 32 percent Hispanic and 11.5 percent black.

Laycock said the university's recruitment efforts have been, at best, a limited success, although they have been hailed by foes of affirmative action.

"There's a prevailing view that you can have diversity and not consider race," Laycock said.



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

The role of CA-125

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the importance of the CA-125 blood test and how seriously should elevation be considered? Should the test be obtained in women of certain ages or in every woman who has symptoms of possible ovarian cancer?

DEAR READER: CA-125 is an antibody against the protein produced by human ovarian cancer cells. It can be detected in up to 80 percent of women with biopsy proved ovarian carcinoma. The test is most useful for monitoring patients whose ovarian cancers have been treated. For example, the CA-125 will frequently drop once a woman has had the ovarian tumor removed (followed by chemotherapy). If the level rises during subsequent months, the doctors would conclude that more therapy is necessary. If the level remains low, no additional treatment is needed.

The CA-125 test is not appropriate for general, routine screening because it may be elevated in a number of unrelated diseases, including cirrhosis of the liver.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send a 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: My blood sugar is elevated at times (130-150), but I can control it with prudent dieting; my fasting level averages about 120. However, on days that I fast overnight and then exercise on my treadmill, I get readings of 90-100. Are these false values or is the exercise playing a role?

DEAR READER: Fasting blood-sugar levels are consistently lower in both diabetics and nondiabetics for an obvious reason: without the availability of dietary carbohydrates, the body is forced into burning stored fat and/or sugar to meet metabolic needs. This effect is accentuated by exercise, which increases the body's metabolic rate; this serves, in turn, to lower blood sugar levels.

Ordinarily, the fasting sugar level should not exceed 120 milligrams per deciliter. However, during (or after) exercise, that level will usually fall below 100mg/dL.

I conclude that, although you may have a mild form of diabetes, you can easily keep your sugar levels at normal concentrations by prudently dieting and regularly exercising.

Discuss this with your doctor, however, because your situation may be more complex than you indicated in your short question. If you are stout, for instance, your physician may also urge you to lose weight — which will dramatically lower your blood sugar.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 72-year-old husband can't seem to increase his level of HDL, the good cholesterol, despite regular exercise, a low-fat diet, a glass of wine at night and therapy with niacin pills. Because he had a heart attack several years ago, I have been led to believe that he needs to have his HDL and LDL (bad cholesterol) in a satisfactory balance. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Ideally, the total cholesterol should be below 200 milligrams per deciliter, the HDL above 50mg/dL and the LDL below 130 mg. In patients, such as your husband, with coronary artery disease, specialists advise even more stringent reductions: ideally, a cholesterol below 150 and an LDL below 100.

Your husband appears to be following an appropriate program. However, if his doctor is still dissatisfied, you will have to consider "statin" drugs (such as Lipitor, Pravachol and others) that, in many patients, increase HDL and lower LDL (and total) cholesterol. Ask the physician about this possibility.

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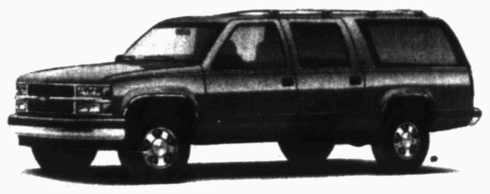
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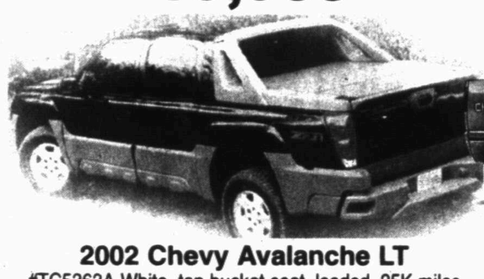
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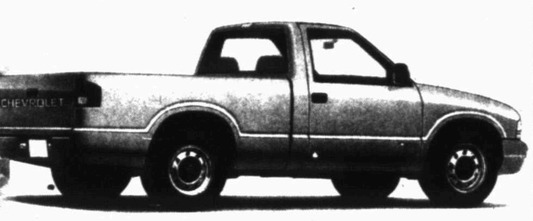
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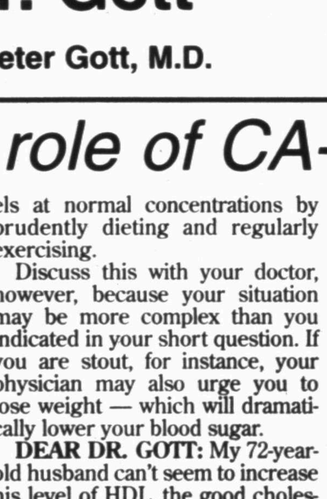
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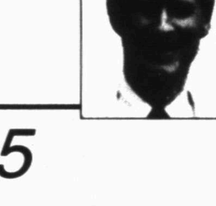
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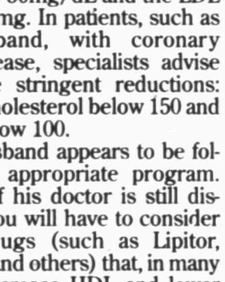
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Teen sniper suspect to be tried as adult

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Two days of testimony convinced a judge there is strong circumstantial evidence linking teenager Lee Malvo to four sniper attacks during a deadly shooting spree in October.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield ruled Wednesday there is enough circumstantial evidence to try the 17-year-old as an adult in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. The ruling makes him eligible for the death penalty.

Maxfield's ruling came after a preliminary hearing Tuesday and Wednesday that tied Malvo to the Washington-area shootings. Prosecutors alleged fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence connect Malvo to at least four sniper attacks, three of them fatal.

The teenager also tried to extort $10 million from authorities during the attacks, prosecutors alleged.

"They wanted to negotiate for money," prosecutor Robert F. Horan said. "They said, 'If you want us to stop killing people give us the money.' If that is not intent to intimidate government, I don't know what is."

The extortion allegation is a key element of a Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce the government. Malvo is also charged under a statute that allows a death sentence for multiple murders in a three-year period.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia in separate trials.

Defense lawyer Michael Arif argued the evidence presented this week was insufficient because no eyewitnesses placed Malvo at any of the crime scenes. Maxfield disagreed.

"There is no eyewitness at any of the four crime scenes but the circumstantial evidence is quite strong," the judge said.

Among the evidence was testimony from a Fairfax County police detective who identified the male voice on tape recordings of two threatening phone calls to police as Malvo's. Both tapes were played in court.

Funeral for Bee Gees' member draws about 200 family and friends

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — During a private funeral service that mixed humor and emotion, Bee Gees member Maurice Gibb was remembered as a man who celebrated life.

About 200 friends and family, including singer Michael Jackson and other celebrities, attended the service Wednesday for the Bee Gees keyboardist and bass player. Gibb, 53, died early Sunday, shocking his bandmate brothers, family, friends and fans of the pop trio best known for 70s hits like "Stayin' Alive" and "More Than A Woman."

Though Gibb's family has questioned his medical care — a county medical examiner is reviewing the case and results of an autopsy are expected Friday — there was no mention of any allegations of wrongdoing during the service, several mourners said.

Robin Gibb, one of the two surviving Bee Gees, spoke briefly about his love for his twin brother, they said.

"It was emotional, there was humor. ... Everybody talked about how this was a man who really celebrated life and so this was a celebration of his life," said family friend Jennifer Valoppi.

Jackson, a longtime friend of the Bee Gees, and Harry Wayne Casey of KC and the Sunshine Band, were among the celebrities who joined Maurice Gibb's wife, Yvonne, his son, Adam, as well as his older brother and Bee Gees partner, Barry Gibb.

Pictures of Maurice and his family hung from the walls, along with the jacket in which he used to play his favorite sport of paintball, Valoppi said.

"He'd talk to anybody. He was just a genuine real person. You'd never think that he was as big a star as he was," said James Haddaway.

Fight reported

• Fight

An employee at McDonald's requested assistance just before 10 a.m. Wednesday and reported a fight in progress. Two officers were dispatched and advised an offense report for Class A assault would be submitted.

• Theft

A woman on 42nd Street reported at 11:53 a.m. Wednesday that two juveniles stole a 12-pack of soft drinks from a residence.

At 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, John Chandler reported the theft of items from three vehicles in the 3500 block of 44th Street.

Space shuttle launches under extremely tight security today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia rocketed into orbit with Israel's first astronaut today on a scientific research flight surrounded by unprecedented security — and with religious and political overtones.

Columbia shot off its ocean-side launch pad and into a clear sky at 10:39 a.m. On board were seven astronauts, including Ilan Ramon, a colonel in Israel's air force and a former fighter pilot.

Ramon's wife and their four children were among the approximately 300 Israelis who traveled to Cape Canaveral to cheer him on.

"This is such an exciting time for us ... he makes us so proud," Israel's ambassador to the United States, Danny Ayalon, said at a reception Wednesday at a heavily guarded hotel. He had this message for Ramon and his six U.S. shuttle crewmates: "God bless you and may you go in peace. Shalom."

Ayalon — tailed by seven sheriff's department cars — met with reporters following liftoff and marveled at the sight of the white exhaust plume against the blue sky. "These are our national colors," he said. "It was very, very moving."

Security was at an all-time high for the launch, which had been in the planning for years, and fighter jets thundered nearby just before liftoff.

Air Force officials said there were no security breaches.

Earlier in the morning, Ramon and his six U.S. crewmates rode to the pad under heavy police escort. A space center worker waved an Israeli flag as the "astrovan" passed in front of the launch control center.

Despite the presence of a large SWAT team, the entire shuttle crew looked relaxed. Ramon waved and gave a thumbs-up.

Once Columbia was safely settled in orbit, Mission Control radioed up "a big welcome to Ilan as you join the international community of human spaceflight."

Ramon's wife, Rona, admitted to some nervousness and said she can't wait for the 16-day mission to end.

"I don't want to talk about fear. We're not talking about fear. I'm sure NASA is doing everything that is possible not to take any risk and any chances," she said, adding, "The most calm and relaxed person is Ilan."

Banks to close Monday for MLK day

On Monday, local financial institutions will be closed as it is a federal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank all will close their doors for the day, to reopen Tuesday.

City and county employees will be on hand as all municipal offices will remain open.

The library and museum also will remain open.

No mail will be delivered to homes, but it will be placed in post office boxes.

The landfill will remain open Monday.

All county schools and Western Texas College also will be open on the holiday.

Obituaries

Fred Lewis

1943-2003

James Fredrick "Fred" Lewis, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, at his home near Snyder.

Service for Mr. Lewis, 59, is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry White, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Fred Lewis

Born Jan. 20, 1943 in Ira, he married Julia Romero on Jan. 1, 1991 in Snyder.

Mr. Lewis was a truck driver for E.L. Farmer & Co. in Abilene and Snyder for more than 30 years. A farmer, he had also driven for Patterson Drilling and was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Lewis of Snyder; five daughters, Tanya McDonald of Amarillo, Liza Arellano and Nellie Rodriquez, both of San Antonio, Marcie Rodriquez of Arlington and Becky Cross and husband Matt of Snyder; five sons, James Lewis of San Angelo and Jay Lewis and his wife Amy of Snyder, Adrian Rodriquez of San Antonio, Eddie Rodriquez and his wife Tonia of Spain; two brothers, Arlin Lewis and Melvin Lewis and his wife Becky, all of Snyder; a sister, Yvonne Hanks and her husband Bill of Amarillo; and 14 grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Peggy Dennis

1921-2003

POST — Peggy Dennis, a longtime Borden County rancher, died Monday, Jan. 13, in Lynn County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dennis, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Rey Sorgon officiating. Burial will follow in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born April 25, 1921 in Toronto, Canada, she married John Dennis on March 30, 1946 in San Angelo. He died Oct. 19, 1999.

A daughter, Deborah Awtry, died on Oct. 13, 1997.

Survivors include a son, David Dennis of Post; two daughters, Mary Ann Awtry of Orange City, Iowa, and Jacquie Whalen of Gail; and three grandchildren, Michael Awtry of Abilene, Russell Awtry of Lubbock and Marissa Awtry of Southlake.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS, Lynnwood Assisted Living Center, Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post or St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Eva Richburg

1901-2003

SWEETWATER — Eva Richburg, 101, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Holiday Retirement Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Richburg is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Pyron Cemetery in Scurry County. The Rev. Orvel Brantley will officiate. Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1901 in Madison County and was preceded in death by her parents, William Hugh and Winnie Richburg; six brothers; two sisters; and a nephew. Mrs. Richburg was a member of the Lamar Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Winnie Richburg of Anchorage, Alaska; sisters-in-law, Katie Richburg of Sweetwater, Marlene Richburg of Hermleigh and Lucille Richburg of Austin; six nieces; and four nephews.

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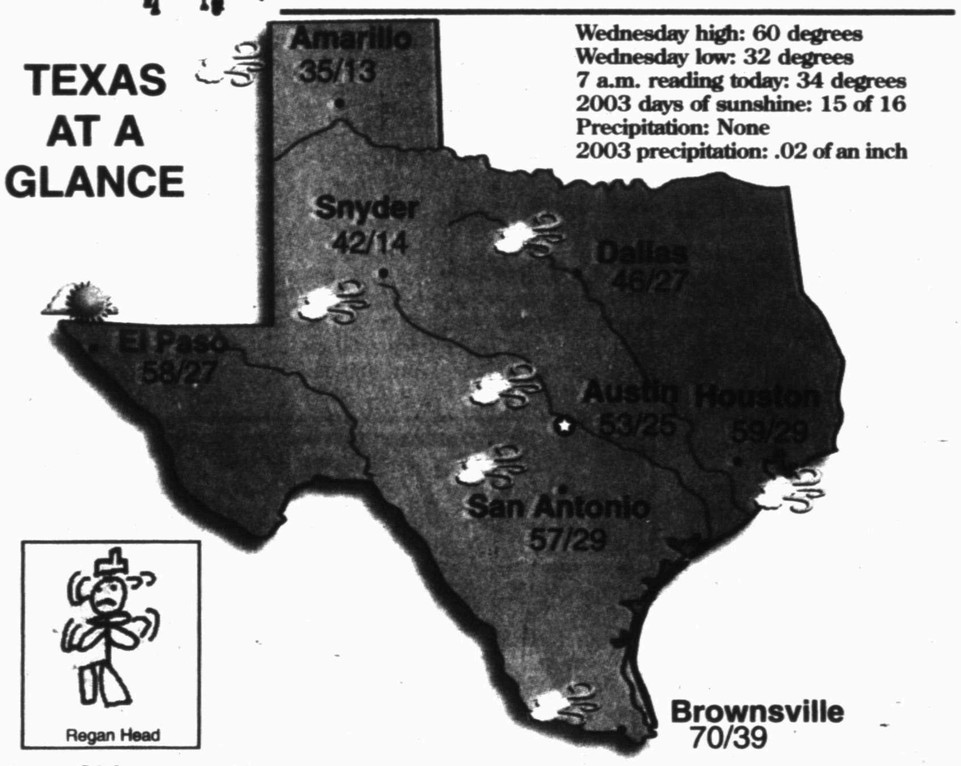
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19
42/14	48/22	55/25
Mostly sunny skies. High 46F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:01 PM	Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:02 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM / Sunset 6:03 PM

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Wednesday low: 32 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 15 of 16
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Regan Head

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	44	21	windy	El Paso	58	27	mst sunny	Midland	47	20	windy
Amarillo	35	13	windy	Fort Stockton	50	24	pt sunny	Raymondville	67	34	windy
Austin	53	25	windy	Gainesville	40	18	windy	Rosenberg	59	28	windy
Beaumont	59	28	rain	Greenville	41	20	windy	San Antonio	57	29	windy
Brownsville	70	39	windy	Houston	59	29	windy	San Marcos	55	26	windy
Brownwood	48	20	windy	Kingsville	64	32	windy	Sulphur Springs	43	21	windy
Corpus Christi	61	33	windy	Livingston	55	24	pt sunny	Sweetwater	44	16	windy
Corsicana	47	24	windy	Longview	47	23	windy	Tyler	48	26	windy
Dallas	46	27	windy	Lubbock	43	16	windy	Weatherford	43	19	windy
Del Rio	60	32	pt sunny	Lufkin	53	28	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	41	20	windy

National Cities

Atlanta	44	24	mixed	Houston	59	29	windy	Phoenix	79	49	pt sunny
Boston	24	21	mst sunny	Los Angeles	77	54	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	47	mst sunny
Chicago	25	9	pt sunny	Miami	77	62	pt sunny	Seattle	49	37	cloudy
Dallas	46	27	windy	Minneapolis	20	1	pt sunny	St. Louis	26	9	snow
Denver	37	13	pt sunny	New York	31	22	mst sunny	Washington, DC	34	26	cloudy

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19
Low	Low	Low

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

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