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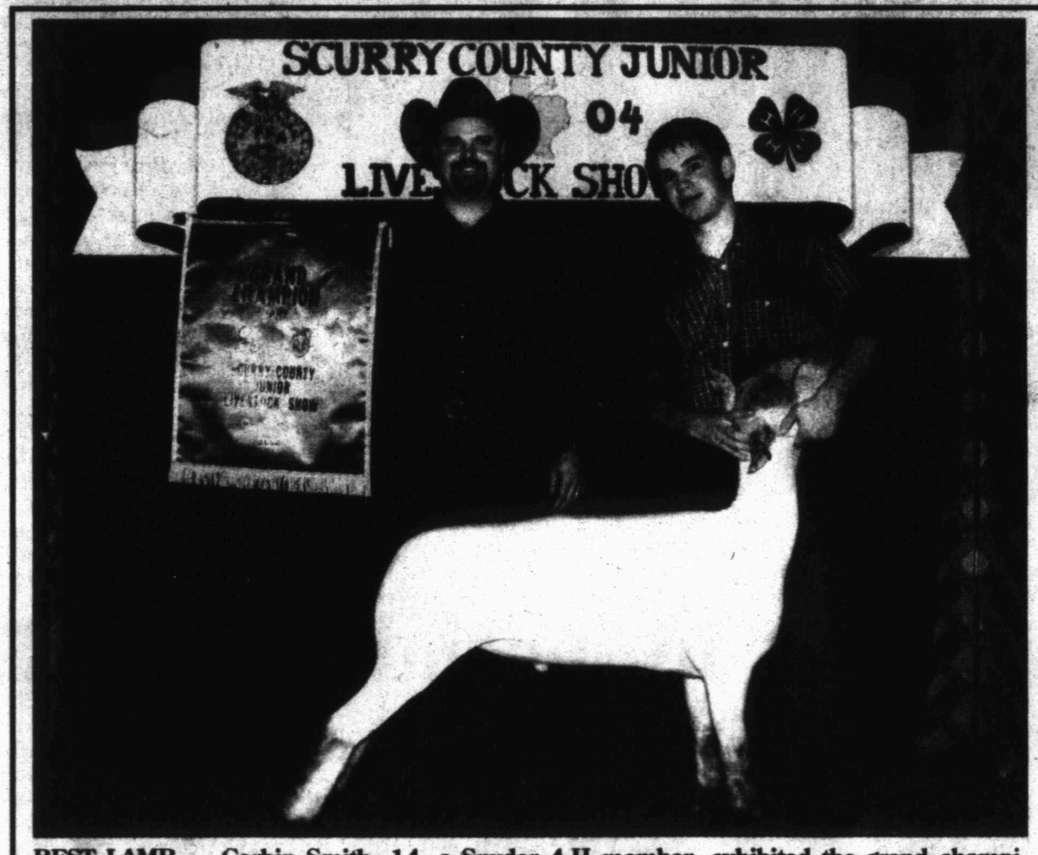
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BEST LAMB — Corbin Smith, 14, a Snyder 4-H member, exhibited the grand championship lamb at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Corbin, pictured with his father, is the son of Ben and Christy Smith. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)



LIVESTOCK SALE — Kelbi Pitner, left, and Laramie Gilbert exhibit a lamb, while Blaine Proctor shows a hog at Saturday's sale at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photos by Annie Rowe)

Cullifer, Warren new CMH appointees...

Court fills board slots

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners court, in its first meeting of the year, made several county board appointments — including one on a split decision on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board.

Current board chairman Carl Williams and Bill Voss had asked not to be re-appointed.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer recommended the name of Mark Cullifer for the hospital board, and precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey nominated Wade Warren.

Cullifer was approved unanimously as was the reappointment of current board member Terry Williams who also is a precinct 1 candidate for county commissioner.

Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey recommened Dr. Carl Dillaha as a hospital board member.

Lindsey objected, "I don't think anyone's brother-in-law should sit on the board."

Warren's nomination was approved on a 2-1 vote with Trevey casting the dissenting vote.

Williams will be serving his third term on the Cogdell board.

The court unanimously approved the re-appointment of board members Irene Canales and Karen Waller to serve second terms on the child welfare board.

The Scurry County library board appointed two new board members to fill the vacancies left by Kay Echols and Carl Burleson. Brenda Davis and Stan Pavlik were unanimously approved to serve in the openings, while Miller Robinson was re-appointed to a second term.

The County Welfare board had one vacancy to fill. Shrunda Smith McDonald's term expired and the court unanimously appointed Christine Flores.

The parks advisory board gained one new appointment. Donna Dupree was added to the board while the three re-appointments included Jerry Webb, Tony Wofford and Dayton Robinson.

The court voted to table appointments to the Scurry County grievance committee, board of county development and the veteran's land board.

In other action, the court requested bids for fuel, oil and grease, with bids to be opened at the Feb. 1 meeting.

The court also will request bids for road materials, with bids to be opened Feb. 17.

Line-item transfers approved were for the Western Texas College contract to the office of veteran's affairs in the amount of $14,395 and a transfer of $86 for the district attorney from law books into liability insurance.

County Judge Rod Waller presided and commissioners present were Lindsey, Trevey and Limmer. Precinct 2 commissioner Jerry House was absent.

Bush will unveil workforce training

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his State of the Union address, President Bush is expected to propose new job-training grants for community colleges to help prepare American workers for today's economy — a key issue in November's presidential election.

In his address to Congress and the nation Tuesday night, Bush plans to announce at least $120 million in grants, administered by the Labor Department, to enhance work force training programs at community colleges, education officials said Sunday.

All of the major broadcast networks and the cable television networks planned to broadcast the speech live Tuesday night.

The president is expected to expand on the plan in a speech Wednesday at Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio, a re-election battleground state that Bush has already visited more than a dozen times.

"They are not putting the money into the Department of Education, they're putting it in the Department of Labor — the signal there is to focus on work force training activities," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, a trade association of 1,800 two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Blood drive set for three days

Scurry County citizens will have three opportunities to donate blood this week

The community-wide blood drive will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The drive will move to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital parking lot Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m..

Saturday, the drive will be held at Wal-Mart where the donor coach will be available for blood donations from 1-3 p.m.

These drives are being held to help avoid possible blood shortages the remainder of the winter months, said Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services.

"In areas with harsh winter weather, severe cold and storms often keep people from donating blood," said Teal. "It's also a time when many people take a winter vacation and are out of town for their blood drives."

"We've scheduled the drive this week to make up any shortages.

"We're asking all who can to donate blood," said Teal. "Potential donors must be at least 17 years old and good health"

Jury selection begins Tuesday

A 20-year-old Snyder man, charged with burglary of a home with intent to commit an assault, goes on trial Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Johnny Vasquez Jr. of 4700 Ave. R is charged with the Aug. 23 burglary. He was indicted in September and bond was set at $10,000.

Some 140 jurors have been summoned to report at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Judge Ernie Armstrong's court.

Assistant district attorney Ben Smith is the prosecutor and defense attorney is Pete Greene.

Audit on Ira ISD agenda

Ira school trustees will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday and will hear a report on the district's 2002-2003 audit, and approve a letter of engagement for the present year's audit.

Trustees will hold an executive session for the annual evaluation of Supt. Larry Devitt, and discuss retaining a law firm to investigate the possible underpayment of ad valorem taxes by various oil companies.

The tax item had been tabled at a previous meeting.

Trustees also are expected to call the school board election for May 15, and name the election judges and early voting clerks.

Other business includes adopting a resolution naming the district's investment officers and their responsibilities.

Dr. Devitt and principal Dale Pectol also will present several reports.

The meeting will be held in the Ira Community Center.

Burritos are popular food here 24 hours per day

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Those of us who cut our teeth on Tex-Mex food are not strangers to the overwhelming desire felt for the taste of a favorite filling wrapped in a tortilla.

Burritos have become one of the best selling fast-food choices in history. It's available for breakfast, lunch and supper. Much of its popularity can be attributed to the burrito's ease of mobility. It's easy to eat at a desk or while driving down the highway.

Legend has it that the burrito's roots go back thousands of years to the time of the Aztecs in the Southern Hemisphere, where corn was ground into meal, or masa, and formed into tortillas.

The first notice of the Americanized version of the burrito reportedly came in California in the 1940s. The popularity is so wide spread that now there's hardly a thought of a burrito possessing any form of ethnicity.

There are restaurants in Snyder catering to the needs of area burrito devotees who crave the popular delicacy. The restaurants specializing in burritos open in the wee hours of the morning to begin cooking the assorted fillings that will be ordered throughout the day.

"We start cooking at about 4 a.m.," said Shimrith Shlezinger, whose father, Joseph, owns Snyder One Stop. "My dad will actually arrive around 3 a.m. to start getting everything together."

Shlezinger finds it difficult to target which item from their menu, burritos or hamburgers, is the most popular.

"Our hamburgers are very popular, but I don't know if they're any more popular than our burritos. It could be the burritos because we cook burritos for both breakfast and lunch."

Although burritos are a relatively simple dish to serve, preparation can take some time.

Esmeralda Juarez, manager of Dee's Burritos, believes that taking time with a product is one of the most important parts of making a good burrito.

"We start cooking at about 4:45 a.m. One of our most popular fillings is the Carne Guisada, which takes some time to make. We also make steak and potato burritos, beef or chicken fajitas and of course the breakfast burritos."

Dee's will cook breakfast burritos just about any way a customer will request. Juarez says that the crew at Dee's will prepare up to 200 burritos a day.

Extensive construction in Snyder has brought in crews from out-of-town areas to work. The workers are counted among the best burrito customers.

"We serve a lot of people who are working on the roads," said Lucia Moran, owner of Tacos Chacho's. "We will fix around 150 burritos every day, plus we make other types of meals, such as enchilada plates."

Myra's Burritos is one of the restaurants where cooking is a family affair. Myra Borrego owns the small restaurant along with her parents, Ramon and Maria Borrego.

"We stay so busy it's hard for me to know exactly how many burritos we fix in a day. We all work together and we're all very busy through the day," Myra explained.

The demand for delicious burritos doesn't appear to be declining anytime soon. So when the urge for spicy food hits, don't worry, there are plenty of good burritos available in Snyder.



MEETING BURRITO DEMANDS — Juana Cortez takes an order from Mauricio Roque of Odessa, while Blanca Borego and Ileana Martinez make preparations in the kitchen of Dee's Burritos. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

ASK US

Q—Who is the president of Cox Communications and what is his telephone number?

A—The phone number of their headquarters is 404-843-5000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Bill H. Emerson...

...has been a resident of Snyder since 1951. A retired barber, he the father of three: Mina Lee McCutcheon of Huntington Beach, Calif., Ann Mueller of Fresno, Calif., and William W. Emerson of Quitman. Bill enjoys several hobbies including hunting, fishing and golf.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Once a decision is reached, stop worrying and start working.

—William James

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God Has Spoken Through a Prophet Like Moses," followed by "Christ the Obedient Son."

Project LINUS meeting

Project LINUS will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church. The group will check all the "blanketeer" progress on the quilt blocks. Anyone interested in joining is welcome and more information can be obtained by calling Marsha Cribb at 573-7117.

LVN testing dates

LVN testing dates are Tuesday and Tuesday, Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

Senior swimnastics

Senior swimnastics will be at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Gifted/talented parent meeting

A gifted and talented parent meeting for grades 6-12 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Junior High School library.

United Way short of goal

United Way is selling tickets for a Super Bowl Prizes project, one for $2 or six for $10. Items include black leather chair-and-a-half, 19-inch TV, two large topping Pizza Hut pizzas. To purchase tickets or for more information call 207-1929, 573-5311, 207-1385 or 574-1931.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are 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.

Krispie Kreme Doughnuts

Snyder Little Dribblers will be selling Krispie Kreme Doughnuts from 7 a.m. until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart for $6 per dozen.

Marriage enhancement seminar

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene is offering a marriage enhancement seminar, *Making Marriage Work*, from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and also Jan. 31. Call 573-5601 for more information.

Chili supper

Hermleigh senior class will hold a chili supper from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, and a child's plate is $3.

Concert at Word Is Life

"Moving into Worship," a concert in movement with Randall Bane, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services is hosting its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 26-30. Family night is 5-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

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.

What's up guidelines

Effective Feb. 1, items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

King's widow calls for end to all acrimony in politics

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow called today for an end to acrimony in politics as Americans paused to commemorate the slain civil rights leader.

Coretta Scott King talked last year about avoiding war in Iraq, and her plea for nonviolence returned this year. "Peaceful ends can only be reached through peaceful means," she said in her annual King Day address.

This year, with the presidential contest looming, Mrs. King also talked about peace at home.

"The noblest goal is not conquest of enemies but reconciliation with adversaries. We must remember in this election year that Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals, we are all sisters and brothers," she said.

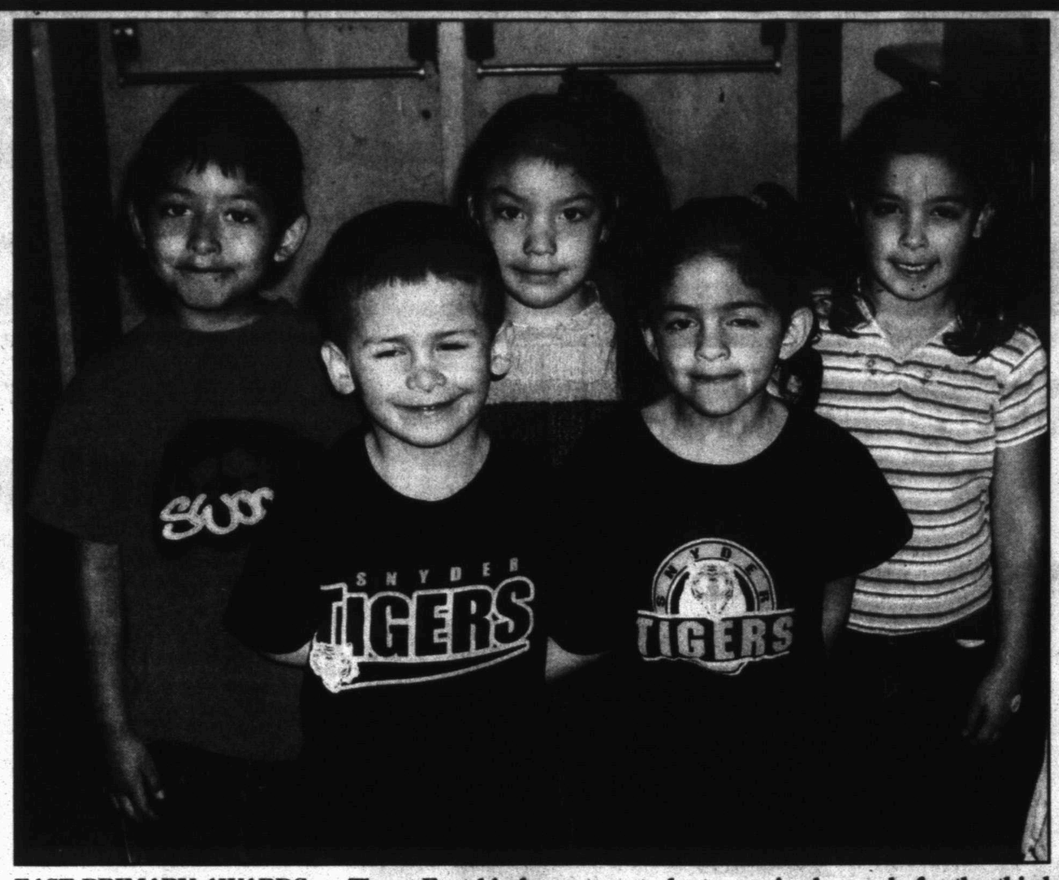
The audience at at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached until his assassination in 1968, included King's children, sister and other dignitaries. Hymns were led by the chorus from Morehouse College, King's Atlanta alma mater.

The service was missing the discord of Martin Luther King Jr.'s actual birthday last week, when hundreds protested President Bush's visit to King's tomb.

Beating drums and chanting, "Peace, not war; that's what Martin stood for," many of the protesters said Bush's policies on the Iraq war, affirmative action and social service funding directly contradicted King's legacy.

King would have turned 75 last Thursday.

The daylong celebrations of King Day were to include memorials, church services and volunteer projects around the country. Organizers of holiday events have long emphasized the importance of community service, exhorting citizens to "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On. ... Not a Day Off."



EAST PRIMARY AWARDS — These East kindergarten students received awards for the third six weeks. In front from left are, Anthony Sosa, citizenship; and Willa Gray, most improved; back row from left, Troy Luevano, academics; Lori Jess Medrano, academic; and Tamra Sanchez, citizenship. Not pictured is Jake Guerrero, most improved. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Seven candidates in special election to fill Bivins' seat

By Betsey Blaney
Associated Press Writer

A diverse group of candidates are vying to fill Teel Bivins' District 31 state senate seat, including a former Amarillo mayor, a Permian Basin oilman, a farmer, a restaurateur and an education consultant.

In all, seven candidates are running in Tuesday's special election to fill the seat vacated by Bivins. The Republican, who had served in the Senate since 1989, resigned Jan. 12 after being nominated by President Bush to become ambassador to Sweden.

Bivins has not endorsed any candidates, which includes lone Democrat Elaine King Miller of Amarillo. Four of the candidates are from the Permian Basin and three are from the Panhandle.

The winner of Tuesday's election will have to run in the March 9 primary. If no candidate garners 50 percent of the vote, a runoff between the top two vote-getters will be held before the primary.

The first possible date for such a runoff is Feb. 17. Gov. Rick Perry will select the exact date.

The 26-county district stretches across 15 counties in the Panhandle, south along the New Mexico border and includes several counties in Permian Basin, as well as the cities of Midland and Odessa.

Top issues include education funding, water, agriculture and the region's oil and gas industry.

Two Republicans appear to be front-runners: Odessa restaurateur Bob Barnes and Kel Seliger, who served four terms as Amarillo's mayor.

Seliger, 50, wants to continue Bivins' strong conservatism, said Bryan Eppstein, Seliger's consultant.

Eppstein touted Seliger's record as Amarillo mayor and city commissioner. During his tenure, Seliger reduced property taxes by a third after backing a sales tax in a referendum election, lowered the crime rate in Amarillo and helped to create thousands of new jobs.

Mayors in several Permian Basin cities, as well as the group Texans for Lawsuit Reform, have endorsed Barnes.

The 50-year old said he would look for inefficiencies in administration spending to find extra dollars to put into education.

He said he opposes a state income tax and would consider a sales tax option that would not be detrimental to luring business and industry to Texas.

"I'm open-minded and don't have all the answers, but one thing I'm good at is thinking outside the box," he said.

Another GOP candidate, Jesse Quackenbush, an attorney and restaurant owner from Amarillo, switched parties after losing the District 87 election in November 2002 to incumbent state Rep. David Swinford.

Quackenbush said he advocates a tax on recyclables — glass and plastic bottles and plastic bags — to help pay for education.

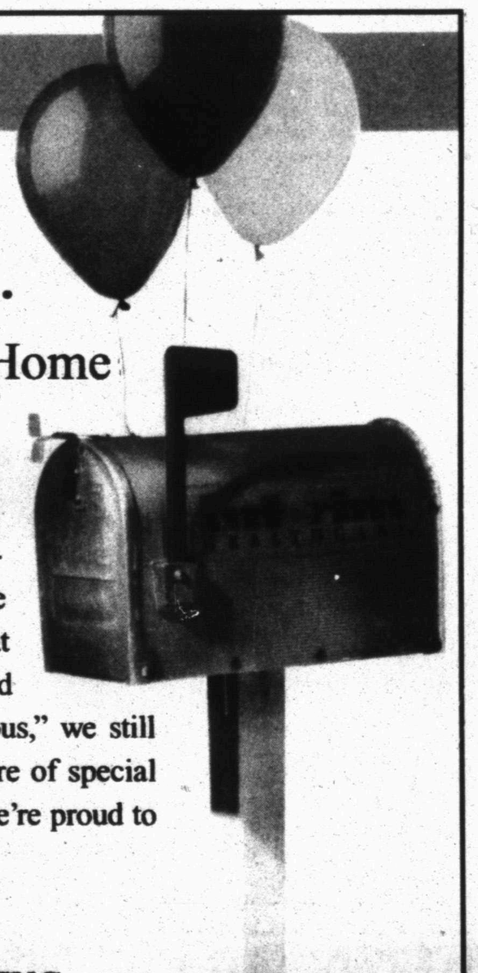
A 2-cent tax on bottles alone could bring in about $600 million while creating jobs, raising money and reducing trash, he said.

"This is my idea on how to fund public education and at the same time clean up the environment," Quackenbush said.

The other Republican candidates are businessman Kirk Edwards, 44, of Odessa; farmer Lee Gibson, 50, of Dumas, who has served on the local school board for 13 years; and oilman Don Sparks, 64, from Midland.

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Number matching five of five: 8. Prize: $6,855.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 20. Prize: $2,489.

Number matching four of five: 1,046. Prize: $102.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 927. Prize: $102.

Number matching three of five: 38,418. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 11,848. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 55,239. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $55 million.

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Match 4 numbers: 133, $140
Match 3 numbers: 4,495, $9
Match 2 numbers: 43,714, $2

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Generics in U.S. cheaper, FDA says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans who buy drugs in Canada in hopes of saving money could pay significantly more for certain medicines than if they had purchased generic versions at home, according to new research by the Food and Drug Administration.

Canadian price controls mean that brand-name drugs there can cost as little as half the U.S. price. Those potential savings are enticing increasingly more people to import drugs from Canada even though the practice is illegal and the FDA calls it unsafe.

Generic versions cost much less than their brand-name counterparts, however, and the U.S. generics market is considered the world's most competitive. So FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan argues that for many people, buying more homegrown generics is a risk-free alternative to imports that could lower their drug costs.

"There are a lot of opportunities to save money while still making sure patients get the drugs they need," he said in an interview this month with The Associated Press.

To back that contention, the FDA analyzed price data collected by the medical research company IMS Health. Included were seven drugs whose generic versions are top-selling treatments for chronic disease: the anti-depressant Prozac; blood pressure medicines Lopressor, Prinivil and Vasotec; Xanax for anxiety; Klonopin for seizures; and Glucophage for diabetes.

Comparing both brand-name and generic versions in Canada, the U.S. generics proved significantly cheaper for all but the diabetes drug, the study concluded.

The study measured average price per milligram, not what the patient pays per bottle, which can vary in dose and pill number.

Among the findings:

—Xanax had the highest disparity. The Canadian brand was roughly nine times the price, per milligram, of the U.S. generic. Next was Vasotec, five times the price of the U.S. generic.

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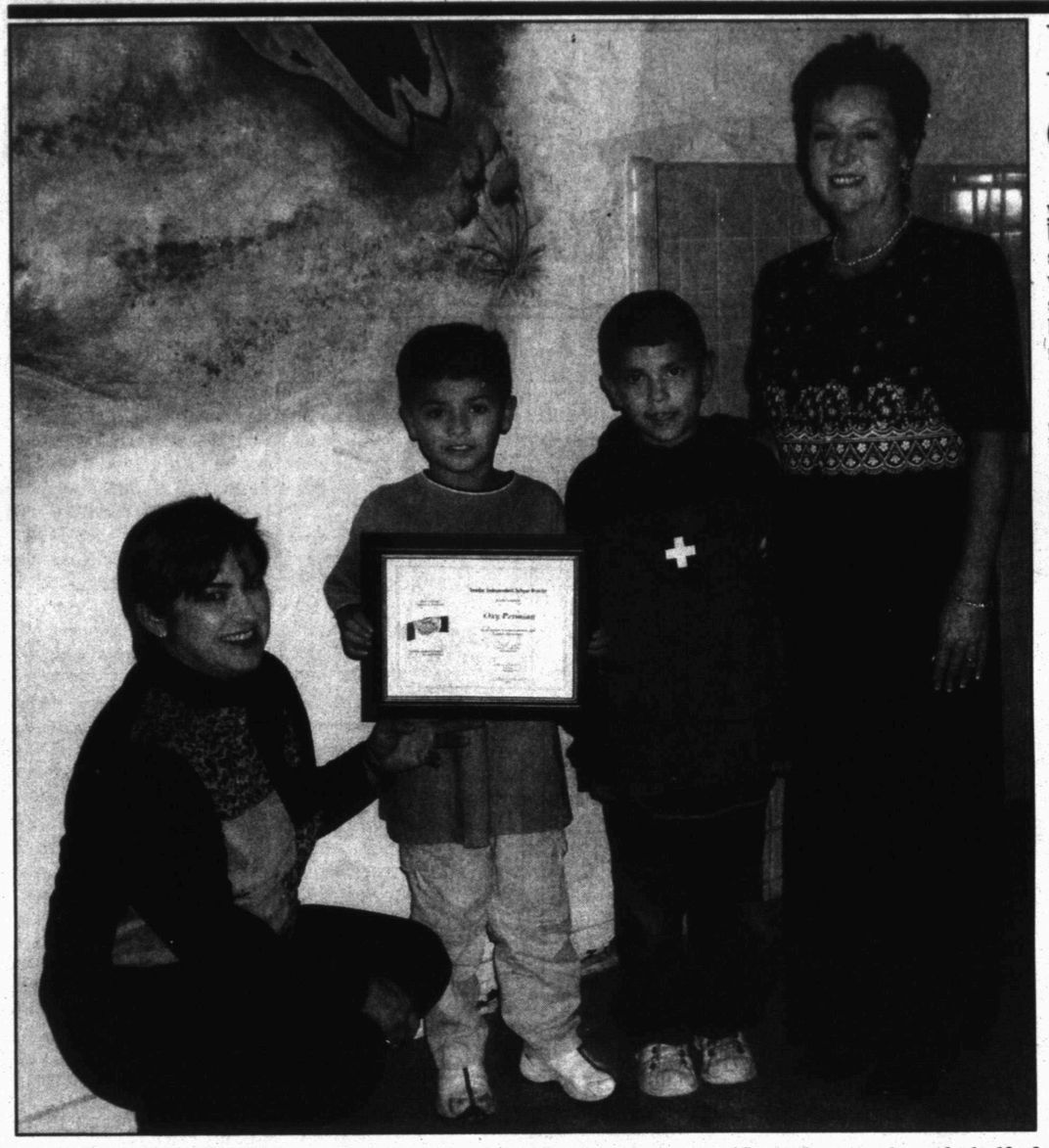
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PRESENT CERTIFICATE — Beth Bradley, far left, accepted a certificate last week on behalf of Oxy Permian, one of Central's adopt-a-school partners. Darren Escobedo and T.J. Villa made the presentation. Also pictured is principal Pam Hart. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

In New York, an old education experiment heads for extinction

NEW YORK (AP) — A 35-year-old experiment in neighborhood control of public schools will end this spring when the city's 32 elected school boards are replaced by parent councils chosen mainly by PTA officers.

The change — a pillar of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's overhaul of the city's troubled public school system — mirrors a national trend away from elected school boards in urban school districts.

"What's happening in New York is just continuing this momentum of Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and Detroit, where we've seen the abolishment of an elected board and giving the mayor more control over the district," said Todd Ziebarth, policy analyst with the Denver-based Education Commission of the States.

The change from school boards to parent councils in New York was enacted by state lawmakers and approved last month by the U.S. Justice Department.

Under the old system, elections were held every three years for 32 community school boards in the five boroughs. The boards had the authority to hire and fire principals and superintendents until 1996, when the state Legislature stripped away much of their power.

The switch away from locally elected boards is among several sweeping changes Bloomberg has championed since taking office two years ago.

Bloomberg wrested control of the schools from the now-defunct Board of Education and hired former federal prosecutor Joel Klein as chancellor. The two have established a uniform curriculum for all but the highest-performing schools, created a Leadership Academy to train principals, and put measures in place to end "social promotions" — graduating underachieving students.

Under the new system, nine of the 11 members of each council will be chosen by the officers of school parent associations or parent-teacher associations. The other two will be chosen by the borough presidents; there will also be a non-voting student member.

As in other cities, some New Yorkers welcome the change as an overdue reform of a patronage-plagued system, while others decry the loss of voting rights and neighborhood control.

"It's a sad day when you take away the ability of the public to vote," said Rodney Saunders, a member of a school board in the Bronx borough.

With 1.1 million pupils, New York City's public school system is twice the size of the nation's second-largest, Los Angeles. When the community school boards were created in 1969, the goal was to move decision-making away from the central Board of Education and place it with community members.

Episcopal Church leaders may face threat from new group

PLANO (AP) — Episcopalians opposed to a gay bishop's consecration and other liberal church trends are threatening to establish a "church within a church" that could pose a significant threat to leaders of the denomination.

A two-day meeting beginning today of the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes involves conservative bishops, clergy and lay delegates from 12 dioceses with 235,000 members, a tenth of the nation's Episcopalians.

The network's temporary leader, Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, says the meeting will give traditionalists "some sense there is a future."

Delegates will adopt an organizational charter, elect leaders and debate how to help conservative parishes in liberal dioceses. Planners insist the network isn't a breakaway denomination or schism, but a "church within a church."

Outside observers and reporters have been barred from the meeting and the network has been tightlipped about most details, including who wrote the charter draft and what it proposes.

One reason conservative parishes don't want to officially leave the church is that under secular law they usually surrender their properties to the denomination. The Rev. Donald Armstrong, a delegate representing Midwestern and Mountain states, says of his Colorado Springs, Colo., parish, "We've got a $12 million facility and we can't just walk away from it."

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the international Anglican Communion, consisting of denominations that stem from the Church of England. Many foreign Anglican churches have denounced or broken fellowship with the Episcopal Church over its November consecration of New Hampshire's V. Gene Robinson, who has lived for years with a gay partner.

A dispute over network intentions last week showed the edginess of the moment. A leaked memo from a network leader said the "ultimate goal" was a "replacement" jurisdiction aligned with the conservative majority in world Anglicanism.

The host bishop, James Stanton of Dallas, says calling the network schismatic "gets things exactly backwards" because "the act of schism" was the national denomination's approval for Robinson.

On Sunday night Canon David Anderson, president of the American Anglican Council that is helping organize the network, charged that attacks were unleashed to "derail" the network meeting.

Anderson said the Episcopal Church's actions created the need for a new structure "through which orthodox Episcopalians can remain in full fellowship with Anglicans worldwide," and any "replacement" is up to overseas Anglican leaders who suggested the idea.

World Almanac

Monday, Jan. 19, 2004

Today is the 19th day of 2004 and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1783, William Pitt, age 24, became the youngest prime minister in British history.

In 1847, Charles Bent, the new governor of New Mexico, was murdered in Taos.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi became India's first woman prime minister.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), soldier; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), short-story writer/poet; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), artist; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), singer, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1983, Ozzie Smith signed a three-year contract with St. Louis and became baseball's first million-dollar shortstop.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You'd be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap." — Dolly Parton

TODAY'S FACT: In 1983, Congress voted to make the third Monday in January a federal legal holiday observing Rev. Martin Luther King's Birthday, starting in 1986; this year he would have been 75 years old.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 16,000 — The approximate number of people who died in the explosion of the volcano Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 15) and new moon (Jan. 21).

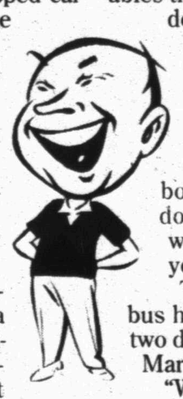
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Today's chuckle

'Cops' theme plays when thief is nabbed

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Police have added a musical twist to the booby-trapped car they leave out to entice would-be thieves.

The city's so-called "bait car" is now rigged to play the theme from the television show "Cops" when officers remotely disable the engine and nab the crooks.



A videotape recently shot on the car's hidden cameras shows a man hopping in the driver's seat and muttering to himself, "I got me a good one."

He drives a short distance before an officer monitoring the situation from a remote location flips a switch that disables the engine and locks the door. Then, the car's tape player can be heard blaring the reggae-inflected tune from the television show's opening credits:

"Bad boys, bad boys/Whatcha gonna do/Whatcha gonna do when they come for you?"

The bait car in Columbus has caught 10 thieves in two days of use last week, Lt. Marie Ballou said.

"We only put it out there once a month or so and for about three days at a time, but it's been effective," Ballou said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ J 9 8
♣ J 9 4 3

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♥ Q J 6 5 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ Q 2

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♣ A 10 8 7 6 5

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Vulnerable: East-West

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2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

Monday, Jan. 19, 2004

The closing drama in Monte Carlo

By Phillip Alder

Last November included the most dramatic finish to a Bermuda Bowl final. Arguably the four best pairs in the world were pitted against each other. There were Norberto Bocchi - Giorgio Duboin and Lorenzo Lauria - Alfredo Versace from Italy, and Bob Hamman - Paul Soloway and Jeff Meckstroth - Eric Rodwell from the United States.

With 15 of 128 deals to play, the U.S. team led by 27 international match points (imps): 271-244. There were six big swings in this session, which will be featured during this week.

First, the second deal of the set. Bocchi and Duboin, holding the North-South cards for Italy, stopped in four spades. Bocchi, the declarer, had no difficulty holding his losers to one trick in each major suit for plus 450.

This was the U.S. auction. Two clubs was either natural or a three-card spade raise with 10-12 points. The two-spade rebid promised extra values and at least a five-card suit. Two no-trump was natural and game-forcing. Three clubs was artificial, but South forgot. Thinking it was natural, he spent the rest of the auction believing clubs was the agreed suit, whereas North thought spades were going to be trumps. Complicated systems require both players to remember perfectly, else disaster usually strikes. Here, the eventual six-club contract was almost hopeless. Declarer (Hamman) got out for one down by running his spade queen and discarding his heart loser on dummy's spade ace. But Italy had gained 11 imps, now down by 16.

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Concerns about health care, jobs edge up as economy worries drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerns over health care and unemployment have edged higher in the public's consciousness over the last year as worries about the overall economy eased, an Associated Press poll found.

As domestic concerns shift, worries about terrorism continue to loom large, as they have for more than two years, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

The poll offers a glimpse of Americans' leading concerns at a time with Democrats starting to choose a presidential nominee with today's Iowa caucuses and President Bush spelling out his election-year agenda in the State of the Union address Tuesday.

When asked in an open-ended question to name the most important problems facing the United States, 21 percent cited terrorism as a top concern — about the same proportion that have done so each quarter in the past year. Nearly one-third called terrorism a top problem in January 2002.

"I think the most important problem is containing terrorism," said Bonnie Arnold, a 62-year-old paralegal from Walnut Creek, Calif. "It changes our way of life. I lived with the cold war all my life, now this has replaced it. It's like a sword hanging over our heads."

When the poll was taken in early January, the nation was still under a heightened terror alert that has since been lowered.

Republicans were nearly twice as likely as Democrats to mention terrorism as one of the most important problems.

Democrats were twice as likely as Republicans to say health care was one of the most important problems. Minorities were twice as likely as whites to say unemployment was a major concern.

Improving signs from the economy recently have lessened worries that it is one of the most important problems. A year ago, 36 percent identified the economy as a top problem, double the 18 percent who gave that answer in the new poll.

When asked an open-ended question, poll respondents must offer an answer that comes to mind, rather than choose from a list of options given to them. They were allowed to offer more than one top problem in their answer.

Concerns about other issues affecting people's economic security have been growing.

Health care costs were mentioned by 19 percent in the poll, up from 11 percent a year ago and 5 percent two years ago.

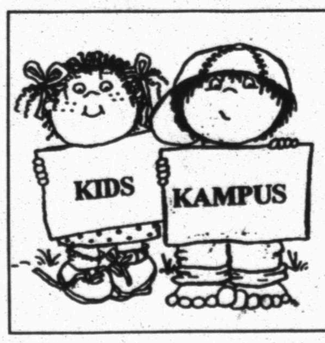
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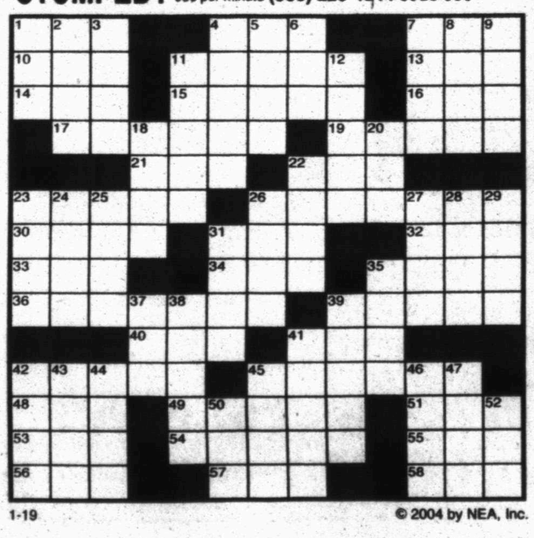
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7 Meditation guide
8 Love, to Claudius
9 Gentle one
11 Artificial person
12 Skulk around
18 Border on
20 Caesar's 21
22 Advance, as money
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24 By and by
25 — colada (rum drink)
26 Galumph
27 Hero's tale
28 Went under
29 Very, to Pierre
31 State firmly
35 Fine sediment
37 Aussie jumper
38 The L in LEM
39 Tightens a corset
41 Sheet of plywood
42 "Pow!"
43 Dad's sister
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46 Coffee brewers
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50 Pull hard
52 1914 headline

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SPORTS

Panthers ground McNabb, Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Carolina Panthers made sure their stunning run to the Super Bowl wasn't stopped by a Philadelphia team that flops at the final hurdle.

While the Panthers are headed to their first Super Bowl after a dominating 14-3 victory in the NFC championship game Sunday night, the Eagles fell one win short of the big game for the third straight year.

The Eagles began their streak of conference title appearances in 2001, when the Panthers were 1-15.

Now Carolina (14-5) is the NFC's best, and will take on New England in Houston on Feb. 1. The Patriots, who beat Indianapolis 24-14 earlier Sunday, won the Super Bowl two years ago — when the Panthers were the NFL's worst team.

"It has been a long ride," said receiver Muhsin Muhammad, who caught a 24-yard touchdown pass. "There have been a lot of good moments, as well as some bad moments. This has to be the best moment yet."

There have been many nice memories in these playoffs, from a lopsided wild-card victory over Dallas to a thrilling double-overtime win at St. Louis that ended the Rams' 14-game home winning streak.

Add to those:

— Three interceptions by rookie Ricky Manning Jr., as many as he had in the regular season.

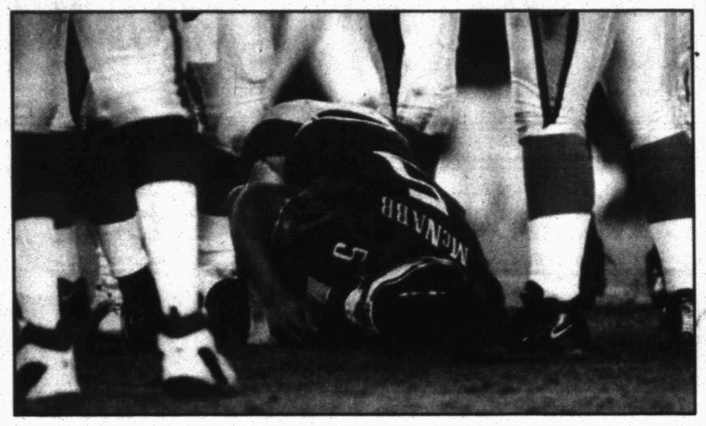
— Five sacks, including a second-quarter takedown that separated Donovan McNabb's rib cartilage and wound up sidelining him for the final period.

— A 76-yard rushing effort by Stephen Davis, coming off a quadriceps injury that idled him in the second quarter in St. Louis. His backup, DeShaun Foster, added 60 yards and a powerful 1-yard TD run during which he broke four tackles.

"It's just one step in our journey, and we're not done with our mission yet," said Mike Rucker, whose sack hurt McNabb. "It's the right direction."

It's a direction the Eagles (13-5) can't seem to master.

They haven't won a league crown since 1960, nor been to the Super Bowl since 1981. They are the first team to lose three straight conference championship games since the Dallas Cowboys from 1980-82.



GROUNDED — Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb struggles to get up after another vicious hit from the Carolina defense. McNabb threw three picks before being knocked from the game. The Eagles lost their third straight NFC Championship, 14-3. (AP Photo)

Short-handed Mavs dump Portland, win 4th straight

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — With guard Steve Nash resting a sore right hip and coach Don Nelson ejected early on, the Dallas Mavericks still managed to beat the slumping Portland Trail Blazers 108-104 Saturday night.

Michael Finley had 33 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 32 points and seven rebounds as Dallas won its fourth straight. The Mavericks trailed by as many as 11 points and didn't take the lead for good until the midway through the fourth quarter.

"Today was a tough game. We were never in control of the game — they were the whole time," Nowitzki said. "We found a way to steal it."

Rasheed Wallace, returning from a left ankle sprain that kept him out for four games, scored 24 points as the Blazers dropped their fourth straight. Portland has lost eight of its last nine.

Nowitzki led a second-half charge that tied it at 79-79. The teams traded the lead, and Finley hit a 3-pointer with 5:55 left to put Dallas up 98-96.

Favored Patriots top Indianapolis

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots are going back to the Super Bowl with a different identity than they had two years ago.

Back then, the Patriots were the upstarts who beat the mighty St. Louis Rams with an unproven quarterback in Tom Brady.

Now, Brady's a star and the upstarts are New England's opponents, the Carolina Panthers and inexperienced quarterback Jake Delhomme.

One thing that has been a constant for the Patriots since their first Super Bowl win is their stifling defense. Just ask Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, whose perfect postseason was shattered 24-14 on Sunday by New England in an AFC championship game that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

Manning, who had eight touchdown passes and no interceptions in wins over Denver and Kansas City, threw four picks on Sunday — three by Ty Law. He was also sacked four times.

"That was awesome," said coach Bill Belichick, who rarely uses superlatives about his own team.

Indeed it was, especially by the defense, which forced five turnovers. That gave New England 14 straight wins, the first team to do that in a single season since the 1972 Dolphins.

"It doesn't mean anything unless we get 15," Brady said.

The offense was pretty good, too, although it couldn't get into the end zone after Brady's 7-yard TD pass to David Givens on the game's first drive. Brady threw for 237 yards and Antowain Smith carried 22 times for 100 yards.

The rest of the points came on Adam Vinatieri's five field goals and a safety caused by Justin Snow's snap over punter Hunter Smith's head for the Colts, who finished 14-5.

But the defense drove Manning crazy in his first playoff game this season in real weather — slow, steady snow throughout. The Colts' first win was indoors at home over Denver and its second in Kansas City on a sunny day with temperatures in the 50s.

"We got a little pressure and Manning had happy feet," New England linebacker Willie McGinest said.

They had to be happy given the pressure — it started early with McGinest and defensive tackle Richard Seymour pressuring Manning to throw away two passes. It continued with interceptions on consecutive passes by Rodney Harrison and Law.

Law got two more interceptions — the first time in more than two years that Manning had four in a game — Harrison forced a fumble and Jarvis Green had three of New England's four sacks.

It turned out that the Colts' game plan started with winning the coin toss.

Tech sweeps Baylor Saturday

WACO (AP) — Texas Tech blew a 10-point lead against Baylor before pulling away late for a 75-66 victory, the Red Raiders' 10th win in a row.

Texas Tech (14-2, 2-0) withstood a three-minute stretch during which there were eight lead changes, then went on a 21-11 run highlighted by a pair of steals and breakaway dunks by Robert Ross.

"Baylor just wouldn't go away. They stuck in there," said Ross, who led Texas Tech with 24 points. "Defensively, we didn't get lazy. We stayed focused and knew where the ball was, and came up with it."

At least Baylor (5-10, 0-2) got back its two senior co-captains.

Lady Raiders 64, Baylor 63

LUBBOCK (AP) — With the clock winding down, Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp knew Saturday night's game might be decided by free throws.

So she kept freshman Alesha Robertson on the floor.

It paid off, as Robertson made three foul shots in the final 7.6 seconds and finished with 18 points to lead No. 2 Texas Tech past No. 24 Baylor 64-63 Saturday night.

Trailing by four points with 1:53 remaining, Tech (16-1, 2-1 Big 12) got two free throws from Erin Grant and a layup by LaToya Davis to tie the score at 61 with 43.9 seconds left.

Vasquez places second at U.S. Championships

Anthony Vasquez was the runner-up at the 2004 Everlast U.S. Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., qualifying for the Western Olympic Trials in the process.

Vasquez lost a decision to David Rodela of Oxnard, Calif. in the championship bout Saturday.

The 2004 USA Boxing Western Trials will be the last qualifying event for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. The event will be held Feb. 3-7 in Bakersfield, Calif.

Vasquez reached the finals by defeating Leonel Madrigal of Oxnard, Calif., in the preliminary bout, before stopping Rashad Ganaway of Little Rock, Ark. by decision in the quarterfinals.

He then beat top-ranked Vicente Escobedo of Woodland, Calif. by decision in the semifinals.

IJHS falls just short at Roscoe

The Ira Junior High girls dropped a pair of close contests at the Roscoe Tournament this weekend, falling to Roby Thursday and Roscoe Saturday.

Ira pushed Roby to overtime Thursday, getting 14 points from Rebecca Juarez and 12 from Laura Juarez in the 36-34 defeat.

Kaci Waller scored four points and Jordan Smith and A'Lex Koonce added two each.

The junior high Lady Bulldogs fell to host Roscoe on Saturday, 33-24.

Rebecca Juarez again led the team with 14 points.

Laura Juarez knocked in seven and Koonce connected for three for Ira.

San Antonio routs Celtics

BOSTON (AP) — Tony Parker scored 20 points — all by halftime — and Rasho Nesterovic had a season-high 23 points and 13 rebounds in the San Antonio Spurs' 109-92 victory Sunday.

Tim Duncan added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Spurs, who played strong defense to end their three-game losing streak.

"We combined 48 minutes of good defense with making some shots," Popovich said. "That certainly makes things easy for us."

Celtics coach Jim O'Brien wasn't nearly as pleased after his team's fourth loss in a row.

Boston was outrebounded 50-34 and outscored in the paint 54-34.

Paul Pierce scored 19 points, Mark Blount added 15 and reserve Ricky Davis had 14 for Boston.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball:
Snyder frosh boys vs. Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls at Big Spring, 7:45 p.m.
SJHS boys vs. Big Spring, 5 p.m.
SJHS girls at Big Spring, 5 p.m.
IJHS vs. Klondike, 6 p.m.
HJHS vs. Blackwell, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Basketball:
Snyder frosh boys at Jim Ned Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Ira junior high vs. Grady, 6 p.m.
HJHS at Highland Tournament

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Basketball:
Snyder frosh boys at Jim Ned Tournament
HJHS at Highland Tournament

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	17	.553	—
Boston	20	23	.465	3½
Philadelphia	18	22	.450	4
New York	18	24	.429	5
Miami	16	25	.390	6½
Washington	11	28	.282	10½
Orlando	10	31	.244	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	31	11	.738	—
Detroit	28	13	.683	2½
New Orleans	23	17	.575	7
Milwaukee	22	18	.550	8
Toronto	20	18	.526	9
Cleveland	13	27	.325	17
Chicago	12	28	.300	18
Atlanta	12	29	.293	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	12	.684	—
San Antonio	27	14	.659	½
Dallas	24	16	.600	3
Houston	23	16	.590	3½
Denver	24	18	.571	4
Memphis	21	18	.538	5½
Utah	21	18	.538	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	28	9	.757	—
L.A. Lakers	25	12	.676	3
Seattle	19	19	.500	9½
L.A. Clippers	16	21	.432	12
Golden State	16	23	.410	13
Portland	16	23	.410	13
Phoenix	15	26	.366	15

Sunday's Games

San Antonio 109, Boston 92
Phoenix 96, Portland 92
Denver 88, Miami 80

Today's Games

Chicago at Washington, noon
Toronto at New York, noon
Indiana at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Culligan	159	113
Timely Pawn	152.5	119.5
WTP Energy	149	123
The Shack	145.5	126.5
Robert Early's Weld	142	130
Good Guys	140	132
Circle M Welding	138	134
BJ Services	133.5	138.5
Anadarko	132	140
Ghost	71.5	200.5
E.D. Walton	0	4
JB's	0	4
Snyder Iron & Metal	0	4
Phantom Team	0	4

High series: Scratch: Buddy Adams, 574, Betty Boatman, 494; **Handicap:** Daryl Nachlinger, 655, Terri Blocker, 633.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thomson, 232, Dana Stone, 190; **Handicap:** Mark Thomson, 254, Betty Boatman, 229.
High series: Cory Maxfield, scratch, 616; Cory Maxfield, handicap, 700.
High game: Cory Maxfield, scratch, 266; Cory Maxfield, handicap, 294.
Splits and special mentions: Stacey Browning, all spare game of 181.

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Team	W	L
Renegades	4	0
Turkey Hunters	4	0
Outcasts	4	0
Replacements	4	0
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New Jersey	22	11	10	1	55	102	82
N.Y. Rangers	18	16	7	4	47	122	118
N.Y. Islanders	21	19	4	1	47	129	117
Pittsburgh	11	28	5	3	30	91	169

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	12	8	3	59	128	116
Ottawa	24	11	7	3	58	147	90
Boston	20	12	10	4	54	110	110
Montreal	23	16	6	2	54	118	101
Buffalo	18	23	5	1	42	111	122

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	16	6	1	49	106	95
Atlanta	20	21	4	2	46	134	142
Florida	15	19	10	2	42	98	121
Carolina	15	20	9	2	41	86	112
Washington	14	26	5	2	35	114	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	13	5	2	61	153	107
St. Louis	24	13	6	1	55	115	106
Nashville	22	16	6	2	52	111	116
Columbus	12	24	7	3	34	93	127
Chicago	11	24	7	5	34	96	137

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	11	7	2	59	136	98
Vancouver	25	13	7	2	59	133	105
Calgary	22	15	4	3	51	103	92
Minnesota	16	17	14	0	46	104	101
Edmonton	18	20	8	1	45	117	124

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	20	11	11	4	55	112	99
Los Angeles	17	14	10	5	49	116	116
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St. Louis at Florida, 4 p.m.
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Detroit at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Baseball/softball booster clubs

The baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 6 tonight in the film room.

Els hangs on at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Pushed into a playoff for the second straight year, Ernie Els held off Harrison Frazar with a 30-foot birdie putt on the third extra hole Sunday to win the Sony Open, the first player to successfully defend his title in 17 years.

Els lost a two-shot lead with five holes to play. Frazar, winless in 161 starts on the PGA Tour, twice had putts to win — an eagle putt on the 18th in regulation, and a 25-foot birdie putt at No. 18 on the first playoff hole.

Els closed with a 5-under 65. He earned $864,000 for his 13th career PGA Tour victory.

UNC shocks UConn

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Ninth-ranked North Carolina defeated top-ranked Connecticut 86-83 on Saturday. Rashad McCants hit a 3-pointer with 6.2 seconds to play to give the Tar Heels the win.

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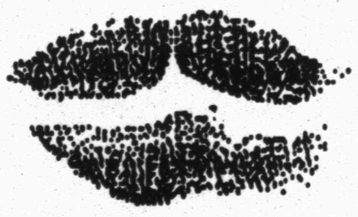
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U.S., Britain agree on Libya's nuke program

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. atomic watchdog agency will verify the scope and content of Libya's nuclear program, and U.S. and British experts will remove suspect materials from the North African country under an agreement reached today.

The agreement — hammered out by International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton and William Ehrman, a top British disarmament expert — appeared to settle a dispute over who should be in charge of scrapping Tripoli's weapons programs.

The United States had pressed to supervise the process and destroy any materials capable of being used in a weapon, while the IAEA had contended it should have sole responsibility for the mission.

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi announced last month his country was giving up its programs to develop weapons of mass destruction after months of secret talks with the United States and Britain.

The IAEA has said Libya was nowhere near producing a weapon, while Washington and London contended it was further along than the agency realizes.

"It was a very productive meeting. I think we're on the same page with the IAEA on this very important project," Bolton told reporters after the session at the U.S. mission in Vienna.

ElBaradei called the meeting "very constructive," adding: "I think it went very well.

"We have agreement on what needs to be done," he said. "Clearly the agency's role is very clear — that we need to do the verification. A good part of the program needs to be eliminated, it needs to be moved out, and we clearly need the British and American support with logistics."

Libya recently ratified the nuclear test ban treaty and next month will become a party to the convention prohibiting chemical weapons. Once it gets sufficient support worldwide to enter into force, the test ban treaty bans any nuclear weapon test explosion in any environment.

ElBaradei and a team of IAEA experts recently visited four once-secret nuclear facilities in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Since then, both IAEA inspectors and joint U.S.-British teams have been to Libya to take stock of its nuclear programs.

"This is our job," ElBaradei said today, alluding to verification. "We need some logistical support, some equipment ... we need to coordinate our work and the logistics support that can be provided by the U.S., the British or anyone else."

Libya has promised to cooperate with the Vienna-based U.N. agency and said it would sign a protocol allowing intrusive inspections at short notice, similar to the one signed last month by Iran.

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Japan say U.S. beef still not 100% safe

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese team that returned today from a mission to investigate the United States' first confirmed case of mad cow disease warned that American and Canadian cows were still vulnerable to an outbreak of the illness.

Japan, the world's largest customer for U.S. beef, banned imports from the United States last month after the mad cow case was discovered. Canadian beef was banned seven months earlier when a case of the illness was detected there.

Both Washington and Ottawa are pressing Japan to drop the bans, arguing that their beef products are safe, but the findings of the 11-day Japanese mission to the United States and Canada advised caution.

The cow discovered in Washington state with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, as the disease is formally known, was imported from Canada.

"It cannot be guaranteed that there will not be a recurrence of BSE in the United States," the five-member team said in its report.

The report cited the close links between the two North American countries' beef industries. The United States imposed restrictions on Canadian cattle and beef after the case was discovered there in May.

Mad cow disease is a public health concern because scientists believe humans who eat brain or spinal matter from an infected cow can develop variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The incurable disease was blamed for 143 deaths in Britain during a mad cow disease outbreak in the 1980s.

That concern prompted several countries to close their borders to American beef last month.

Before the ban, Japan was the top importer of U.S. beef, snapping up $1 billion worth of American beef and beef products a year. It also imported about $55 million worth of Canadian beef in 2002 before halting trade in May.

The sharp drop in beef supplies has sent the price of both domestic and imported beef soaring in Japan. The Agriculture Ministry said today that retail prices reached a record high last week since it began monitoring such data in August.

Tokyo has scrambled to make up for the shortfalls, sending delegations to try to secure more beef from Australia and New Zealand. Neither country has reported a case of mad cow disease.

Japan tests all the 1.3 million cattle it slaughters every year for the disease and is pressing beef-exporting nations to adopt similar safeguards.

While acknowledging the safety measures implemented by the United States and Canada, the team concluded that the threat of further infections remained, Agriculture Ministry representative Shukichi Kugita said.

"U.S. safety measures compared to those of Japan are inadequate," he said, citing the continued use of feed containing protein or bone meal.

Mad cow disease is believed to spread by recycling meat and bones from infected animals back into cattle feed. U.S. authorities have outlawed giving it to cattle but still allow it to be fed to other livestock.

Families grieve for friends who died in Lake Erie plane crash

KINGSVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Rescue workers battling heavy snow, shifting ice and low clouds gave up any hope of pulling survivors from the frigid waters of Lake Erie where 10 people were presumed killed in a single-engine plane crash.

"Unfortunately, this has changed from a rescue mission to a recovery mission," Constable Brian Knowler, of the provincial police in Kingsville, said Sunday.

The plane crashed in snowy weather late Saturday afternoon, and by Sunday was submerged in 24 feet of water about a mile west of Canada's Pelee Island, the Ontario Provincial Police said.

The Georgian Express plane, carrying eight hunters from Ontario, the pilot and a friend of the pilot, was bound for Windsor, about 35 miles to the northwest, when the pilot made a frantic call for help soon after taking off.

The cause of the crash has yet to be determined.

Ontario Provincial Police said divers were to begin working at the crash site early today morning. A Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker arrived late Sunday at the Amherstburg Coast Guard Base and was to transport a group of investigators to the scene.

The wreckage of the Cessna 208 Caravan was found Saturday evening in western Lake Erie, between Cleveland and Detroit, but bad weather kept rescuers from finding the victims.

The region has been locked in bitterly cold weather, with temperatures in the 20s Saturday and early Sunday in northern Ohio. Rescuers endured strong winds and snow flurries, with waves of 2 to 4 feet. The water temperature was about 34 degrees.

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Neah Bay stayed at the scene of the crash during the night, but snow and low clouds forced helicopters that had joined the search efforts to leave.

"The weather became a very big factor in our efforts," said Capt. Dave Elit of the Canadian search and rescue coordination center at Canadian Forces Base Trenton.

Many of Pelee Island's 180 or so year-round residents recognized the eight hunters as men who traveled several times a year to the popular pheasant-hunting destination, according to Pelee Township Mayor Bill Krestel.

"I think everybody has met some of those people at one time or another," Krestel said Sunday.

Authorities identified the pilot as Wayne Price, 32, of Richmond Hill. The other victims were Fred Freitas, 38, of Kingsville; Jim Allen, 51, of Mitchell's Bay; Ted Reeve, 53, of Chatham; Tom Reeve,49, of Chatham; Robert Brisco, 46, of Chatham; Ronald Spencler, 53, of Windsor; Walter Sadowski, 48, of Windsor; Larry Janik, 48, of Kingsville; and Jamie Levine, 28, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Three arrested on charge of felony possession of a controlled substance

• Arrests

Three men were arrested at the Willow Park Inn at 8:34 a.m. Sunday. Edgar Aguilar, 18, and Omar Padilla, 19, and Raymond Wagner, 19, all of Lakewood, Colo., were charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody on U.S. 84 at the weigh station at 8:24 a.m. Saturday for no driver's license, no insurance and no seatbelt.

A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 2100 block of 26th Street at 2:33 p.m. Saturday on a capias warrant for speeding.

DPS troopers arrested a 48-year-old man at 6:08 p.m. Saturday on Brickplant Road for misdemeanor DWI.

Two men were taken into custody in the 3100 block of Ave. T at 1:16 a.m. Sunday. A 17-year-old male was apprehended for failure to maintain financial responsibility and a 16-year-old male was arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

A 55-year-old man was taken into custody on Hwy. 350 north of Ira at 7:45 p.m. Sunday on a Bexar County warrant for assault.

A 38-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Ave. R at 8:04 p.m. Sunday on a Lubbock County warrant for driving while license suspended.

Police officers arrested a 49-year-old man in the 1300 block of 19th at 1:41 a.m. today for public intoxication.

• Burglary

A resident at 4400 Ave. U, #5B6, reported a burglary at 3:52 p.m. Saturday. A list of stolen items will be provided to investigators.

• Disturbance

Officers were called to the VFW at 11:31 p.m. Sunday as two men were involved in a fight. The police made contact with the men who did not wish to press charges. A report for information was submitted.

Law enforcement officers were called to a home on Ave. I at 11:47 a.m. Saturday. A juvenile and his parents were involved in a verbal disturbance, but no assault had occurred.

• Criminal mischief

A caller reported at 9:26 a.m. Saturday that some damage had been done to a mailbox in the 300 block of 36th Place.

Officers were requested to a home in the 2700 block of 42nd at 5:41 a.m. today where someone had thrown a rock through a window.

• Shoplifters

An employee of Wal-Mart reported at 5:16 p.m. Saturday two subjects that had run from the store after possibly taking some merchandise. One male and one female reportedly ran from the store, got into a car and fled the parking lot.

• Officer requested

At McDonald's at 5 p.m. Sunday, the manager reported that an employee had gotten angry and had punched a hole in the wall. The employee agreed to pay for the damages and no charges were filed.

• Harassment

A caller reported from the Dragon China at 2:13 p.m. Saturday that four males had harassed them and used obscene language while they were in the parking lot.

• Gas drive-off

A clerk at Allsup's reported at 6:55 a.m. Saturday a vehicle driving away without paying for $5 in gas. The driver was located and escorted back to the store to pay for the gas.

Texas farmers have banner year for red, sweet grapefruit

DONNA (AP) — Soaking fall rains after a decade of drought and the perfect nip of winter chill in deep South Texas made this year's grapefruit crop juicy, sweet and super red.

"Some years the quality is not as great as the others, but this year they're beautiful," farmer Jimmie Steidinger said.

Steidinger's 160 acres are fragrant with grapefruit — round, fat and slightly sunburned on the outside, the trademark tint of the Rio Red. The Rio Grande Valley produces 18,000, 40-pound cartons of the fruit daily and there's hope this year's bounty will further solidify South Texas's place as a grapefruit resource.

The past decade brought blistering heat and dryness, exacerbated in 2001 and 2002 by a dispute with northern Mexico over Rio Grande water. Many growers went out of business. Others, including Steidinger, torched sections of their groves to save water.

Abundant rain in 2003 raises hopes for this year's crop, said Ray Prewett of Texas Citrus Mutual. Wal-Mart and other grocery buyers are signing contracts for the fruit, and smaller farms are doing brisk business in fruit boxes.

While red varieties are grown in citrus regions around the U.S., South Texas farmers insist no soil matches the phosphate-rich sandy loam of the Valley for producing fruit with the color, sweetness, and low acidity consumers desire.

"People have basically moved away from white grapefruit," Prewett said. "Florida still has a lot of pink grapefruit, but it's generally recognized that the red varieties are the ones consumers are looking for these days."

Nutritionally, the deeper color means more carotenoids (natural pigments) such as lycopene, an antioxidant linked to lower rates of cancer and heart disease.

"We tend to promote red grapefruit over white because you get more carotenoids in it," said Julie Upton, a New York City dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

"A half grapefruit also provides more than a full day's recommended vitamin C, known to aid in the formation of hemoglobin and collagen, fight infection and help healing, and better the absorption of iron and calcium," Upton said. "Grapefruit is also high in vitamin A, which promotes night and color vision, bone and teeth growth, and healthy skin."

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TUMBLING AT EAST — Jeremy Ray, pictured at right, taught East students how to tumble last week. The student on the mat is getting up after practicing a tumble. Ray teaches physical education at Hutchinson Elementary in Colorado City and operates a school for tumbling, Texas Tumblers. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Top diplomat worries if Cuban 'regime change' on Bush agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dabogerto Rodriguez, Cuba's top diplomat in Washington, spends his days looking for hints about what the Bush administration has in mind for his country. He doesn't like what he sees.

Is "regime change" in the cards in this election year, he wonders. That possibility can't be ruled out, he says, because the administration "has proved a tendency in the past to solve problems through violent means."

The Bush White House has never outlined such an objective. It has, however, expressed an interest in hastening a transition to democratic rule in communist-run Cuba.

Rodriguez is not sure what that means, and he spelled out his concerns to a reporter in an interview last week at Cuba's stately diplomatic mission a mile or so north of the White House.

He said Cuba's suspicions have been heightened by what he sees as several "provocative" U.S. actions in recent days.

One was what he described as the unjustified expulsion of Cuban diplomat Roberto Socorro Garcia last month. Rodriguez adamantly denied news accounts attributed to State Department officials that Garcia was expelled for associating with criminal elements.

Another concern was the State Department's recent cancellation of talks on migration issues, which normally are held every six months. U.S. officials said Cuba has not been cooperating in achieving the goal of safe, orderly and legal immigration. Rodriguez denied the allegation, contending that Cuba always takes U.S. proposals seriously.

To Rodriguez, the most inexplicable and troubling development has been the recent U.S. allegation of Cuban meddling in Latin America, sometimes in collaboration with the country's main South American ally, Venezuela.

"That issue could legitimately have been raised 20 years ago, but not now," Rodriguez said, pointing out that Cuba has normal relations with all hemispheric countries except El Salvador.

"They are trying to recreate the phantom of Cuban interference," he said.

As the administration sees it, Cuban President Fidel Castro is indeed, at age 77, reviving his efforts to generate unrest in the region.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Target of classmates teasing needs someone on her side

DEAR ABBY: I am a girl in the fourth grade, and there are some mean people in my class. They're always making fun of this girl from China.

When I see them teasing her, I want to be nice to her — but I'm afraid if I am nice to her, they will make fun of me.

I am one of the cool kids. Abby, please tell me if I should be her friend. — **TRYING TO BE NICE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR TRYING: You are an intelligent, compassionate girl. The time to be a friend is when somebody needs one, and your classmate certainly needs one now. One effective way to defuse this kind of harassment is to speak up and say that YOU don't think what the bully is saying is funny.

Another way is to tell your parents, your teacher and the principal what is happening. That girl is being harassed because of her race — and it is against the law for it to be ignored. So don't wait. Speak up now. I commend you for writing.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old divorced mother of two boys, ages 12 and 14. My boyfriend, "Nat," is divorced and has no children. We've been dating for three years. He is my best friend, and we get along great.

I am very much in love with Nat, but he says he will never marry again. I try dating other men, but they don't measure up to Nat. It seems Nat could get along fine without me in his life. I don't feel the same. Tell me, Abby, what's his problem? — **WAITING IN THE SOUTHWEST**

DEAR WAITING: Nat doesn't have a problem. You do. You have fallen in love with a man who has made it clear that he is unwilling to make a commitment to you and the boys. I give him credit for being honest with you.

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DEAR ABBY: My co-worker's 20-year-old son recently committed suicide. His mother was a single parent and the young man had long-standing emotional problems.

We are a department of about 20, and all her co-workers felt heartsick for her. All of us contributed toward the funeral spray.

When the funeral arrangements were finalized, the information was e-mailed to only about half of us. The rest — including me — were not invited. On the day of the funeral, the "invitees" came to work dressed in dark suits. It was very awkward.

While it is true that a grieving mother is justified in doing whatever makes her comfortable, I feel my feelings were not considered at all. I am deeply hurt that my gesture of sympathy was unappreciated. — **SLIGHTED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR SLIGHTED: Get over it. Your co-worker lost her child. You seem to feel that because you weren't invited to the funeral you somehow lost face. A funeral is not a party. It's also not a social gathering. Your grieving co-worker wanted those people to whom she felt closest around her when she buried her son. She does not deserve to be criticized for it.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "FEELING REVENGEFUL IN CLEVELAND": In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday we remember today: "To retaliate in kind would do nothing but intensify the existence of hate in the universe. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough, and morality enough, to cut off the chain of hate."

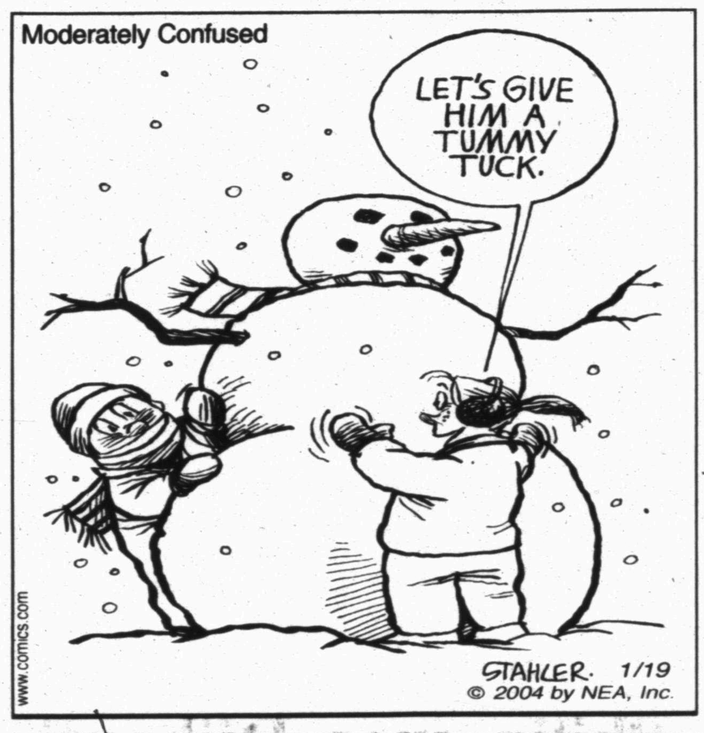
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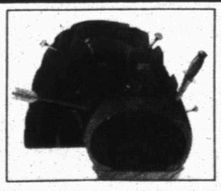
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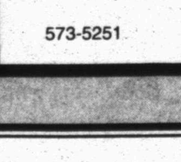
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Significance of an elevated PSA level

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few months ago, my 57-year-old son was found to have an elevated PSA level, suggesting cancer. He was examined by a urologist, who could find nothing wrong and gave my son a course of antibiotics, in case the high PSA was caused by prostatic infection. Several weeks later, a re-test showed a higher PSA (in the 20s), well above the 4.0 acceptable maximum.

My son then underwent an ultrasound test and six (normal) needle biopsies. Now the urologist wants to do more biopsies.

Have you ever heard of this? Our family is exceedingly worried. My husband's PSA is only 3.8.

DEAR READER: The Prostate Specific Antigen blood test is far from perfect. It can be elevated by recent sexual release and/or prostate examination, low-grade prostatic infection, and other factors. Some men have no diagnosed cause for elevated PSA readings.

Your son's level is clearly abnormal and suggests that, despite his normal exam and biopsies, cancer cells are present in his prostate gland. In my opinion, he should follow his urologist's advice and have more biopsies. However, I do not believe that this procedure need be undertaken as an emergency. The doctor may choose to wait several months, repeat the PSA test and carry on from there. Or, depending on his degree of suspicion, he may recommend repeat biopsies sooner, not later.

In either case, your son will surely need further invasive investigations that should, in my opinion, include a bone scan to make sure that the presumed cancer has not spread to bone.

While the diagnosis is in doubt, the situation is understandably frustrating and frightening for the patient and his family. So let me give you some good news.

Isolated prostatic cancer is, in most instances, slow-growing. Also, it is curable, using drug/hormone therapy or surgery. Therefore, even if another biopsy showed a malignancy, your son's prognosis is favorable. The problem, as I see it, is that a diagnosis is pending. Therefore, I'd recommend a relatively aggressive approach.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." 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: I am spending a fortune on Paxil, my antidepressant. Can I look forward to any relief?

DEAR READER: Be patient.

Generic Paxil (paroxetine) should be available this winter because the patent has run out, similar to what occurred with Prozac (fluoxetine) last year.

A patent is the major problem in the development of generic products. For example, if generic companies launch a drug that is later found to be in violation of branded drug patents, such companies are liable for treble damages, a reality that has (perhaps rightfully) impeded generic competition in the past.

At present, the Canadian drug maker Apotex plans to introduce paroxetine this year, at substantial savings to consumers.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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'Polly' unseats 'Rings'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Along Came Polly" came along and swept "The Lord of the Rings" from its four-week perch atop the box office list.

The new romantic comedy collected $27.6 million to debut at No. 1, while "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" fell to fourth place with $10.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Along Came Polly" stars "Friends" sweetheart Jennifer Aniston with Ben Stiller playing yet another romantically inept young man.

Audiences were not deterred by what some critics described as a rut for Stiller, who played similar roles in "Meet the Parents" and "There's Something About Mary."

The chemistry between the two stars was part of its appeal, said Nikki Rocco, president of Universal Pictures distribution. "Sure, he's done this before, but now she's with him. That might have something to do with it," she said.

After weeks of heavy dramas angling for awards considerations, sometimes all an audience wants is a laugh, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co.

"(Stiller) does seem to play this role a lot, but he does it well," Dergarabedian said. "The audience obviously loves Ben Stiller in this type of movie."

If estimates hold, "Polly" will rank as the highest-grossing movie to debut on a Martin Luther King holiday weekend, topping the $23.4 million of 2001's "Save the Last Dance."

The Tim Burton storytelling fantasy "Big Fish," which lost a close race to "Lord of the Rings" for the top spot last week, held on at No. 2 with $10.4 million.

The movie has slowly built an audience since debuting in limited release six weeks ago, and is one of the nominees for best comedy film at next weekend's Golden Globe Awards.

"Enough people have seen and heard about it to create buzz, but not everyone has been convinced to go out and see it," Dergarabedian said. "This is one that could really benefit at the box office from awards or nominations."

"Torque," featuring rapper-actor Ice Cube in a motorcycle-chase action film akin to "The Fast and the Furious," debuted in third place with $10.3 million.

The only other film opening in wide release, the cartoon "Disney's Teacher's Pet," was a bomb that didn't come close to cracking the Top 10. The animated feature, about a talking dog who disguises himself as a schoolboy, was based on a TV show from the Disney Channel.

Although "Lord of the Rings" dropped to fourth place, it is still performing strongly for a movie in its fifth week of release. So far, the third installment of the trilogy has collected $326.8 million domestically.

Worldwide, "The Return of the King" has earned $771.5 million, putting it on track to cross the billion-dollar mark, especially if it fares well at the Golden Globes or Academy Awards.

The overall box office was down slightly, with the top 12 movies taking in $95.6 million, down 4 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Kangaroo Jack," "National Security" and "Just Married" were at the top of the box office.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004

A venture or enterprise in which you've already devoted considerable time and effort will yield the types of returns in the year ahead for which you've been hoping — if you have the patience to wait things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — In order to succeed today you must first visualize yourself as successful regardless of what is occurring around you. Once self-doubt seeps in, it will deprive you of any chances for victory.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't think your friends won't get miffed at you today if you attempt to rearrange the group's plans at the last minute in order to satisfy your purposes while ignoring their needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In important work-related matters today, be particularly careful with whom you team up or take into your confidence. The person could be secretly jealous of you and work against you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could have great opportunities to do something fun today, but don't take time away from performing your duties and responsibilities in order to do so. Keep your priorities in order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's possible for you to be either a shrewd horse trader or just plain lucky today in acquiring something of value. Once achieved, however, don't foolishly gamble it away again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take the commitments you make to others today seriously, even if something better comes along that you'd rather do. If you don't deliver on what you promise, you could lose a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Material rewards are likely to come your way today, but they might not turn out to be as grand as you had hoped. Keep in mind the old adage that "a half a loaf is better than none."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Activities in which you participate today (that don't cost you an arm and a leg) should turn out to be the most fun, so don't feel that you have to be part of something expensive in order to have a good time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something you start out doing today with a number of assistants might have to eventually be completed alone, but don't let the loss of participants cause you to scrap the project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Lady Luck may treat you kindly today, but she will expect you to share your benefits with others. If you're selfish with your holdings, she'll begin to be stingy with you as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your possibilities for material gains look exceptionally hopeful today. However, timing will be important and you'll have to make hay while the sun shines. By dusk, it'll all be over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Ventures you originate and personally direct have the best chances for success today. Take care, however, that you don't wait on others before getting started. It'll be too late.

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Bette Midler album up for Grammy

BOSTON (AP) — For most artists, getting a Grammy Award nomination is a welcome piece of news. Not for Bette Midler, not this year.

In a twist of fate, her CD "Bette Midler Sings The Rosemary Clooney Songbook" is up against an actual Clooney album, "The Last Concert." The other category nominees are Barbra Streisand, Rod Stewart, Tony Bennett and k.d. lang.

"I'm mortified. I'd really like Rosemary to win that Grammy. I can't believe I'm up against her," Midler tells the Boston Globe in Sunday editions. "I'm going to look into withdrawing. I just think it's bad form if I won. You know, she never won a Grammy."

According to Grammy historian Craig Bechtloff, it's "probably unprecedented" to have a tribute album and an album by the actual artist in the same category.

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Government warns of terrorist activity in Philippines, Djibouti

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has revised and updated a warning to Americans about terror in the Philippines, urging U.S. travelers to "exercise great caution" there.

The State Department announcement renewed an announcement issued in July. The agency said terrorist activity in the Philippines remains high, including several bombings in Mindanao, the largest island in the southern Philippines. The department singled out two terror groups, the communist New People's Army, which operates throughout the country, and the southern Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group, which the Philippine government says is loosely aligned with the al-Qaida network.

Both groups, the State Department said, are responsible for killings and hostage takings.

"In view of a number of security-related incidents and the possibility of future terrorism and other violence or criminal activity, Americans traveling to or residing in the Philippines are urged to exercise great caution and maintain heightened security awareness," the department said.

The State Department also issued a new warning urging U.S. citizens to re-evaluate plans to travel to Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, where U.S. troops are based in connection with the fight against terror. Terrorist threats have been made against American and other Western interests in Djibouti, said the announcement, an update of an Oct. 14 warning.

The department said Americans should remain vigilant, especially in restaurants, hotels and other public places, and should avoid large crowds.

On the Net:
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Terror financing case in Florida puts the Patriot Act to the test

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — For nearly a decade, the FBI tapped Sami Al-Arian's telephones and faxes, keeping what they learned about the University of South Florida professor a secret — even from their own colleagues.

The law at the time didn't allow the agents to share what they knew with fellow FBI agents who later began investigating possible criminal charges against Al-Arian, accused of aiding terrorists.

That all changed in the spring of 2002 when the Patriot Act, the law enacted in the weeks following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, gave the government greatly expanded surveillance and search powers.

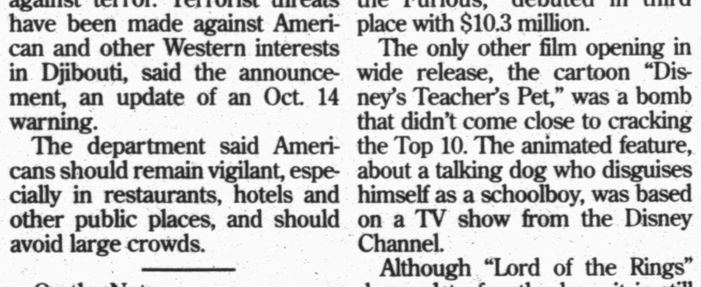
Now, nearly a year after Al-Arian and seven others were named in a 50-count racketeering indictment, the case is shaping up to be a test of the act, which helped rip down the wall between the two investigations.

Former FBI Agent Joe Navarro, who had been assigned to the criminal side of the investigation, recalls the meeting when the scope of the other FBI probe became clear.

"It was 'Holy moley! There's a lot there!'" he said.

"It was just one of those awesome moments when you realize how much there is," Navarro added. "When you realize there is literally a room full — not a box full or a filing cabinet full — of evidence. It sort of shocks you."

Al-Arian, Sammeh Hammoudeh, Hatim Naji Fariz and Ghassan Zayed Ballut face trial in 2005 on charges they used an academic think tank, a Muslim school and a charity as a cover for raising money for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.



Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1426-A SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 40, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1168 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Also contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 296, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 1513-C Guitar in the Varel field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey.



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Full agenda awaits U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The election-year session of Congress picks up this week where the last one left off. Senate Republicans still are trying to break a Democratic filibuster and the two sides agree on little beyond the extent to which partisanship has made lawmaking difficult.

Legislators will have to put aside their differences long enough to deal with several inescapable issues when the second session of the 108th Congress opens Tuesday.

They include a highway-spending bill that could create hundreds of thousands of jobs, pension plan relief for financially struggling companies and corporate tax changes needed to stave off billions of dollars in penalties from the European Union.

By the time lawmakers leave Washington in the fall for re-election campaigns, Congress also is supposed to have passed its annual spending bills for most of 2005. That will require some tough choices between spending demands, such as money for President Bush's goal of sending men back to the moon and a budget deficit going through the roof.

Expectations are typically low for an election year.

Bush, in good shape politically, "can afford to stress the vision thing" such as his space project while Democrats "will be catering to their base in taking positions and that may thwart progress" on high-profile issues, said Roger Davidson, visiting professor of political science at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Some issues may be too hot to handle this year.

Prospects are not good for Congress responding to Bush's immigrant worker proposal. The conservative drive for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages is unlikely to make much headway.

Senate Democrats are also likely to harden their resistance to the president's more conservative judicial nominees after Bush's recess appointment of Mississippi federal judge Charles Pickering to an appeals court. Democrats had blocked the appointment for two years, questioning Pickering's civil rights record.

The session begins with Senate GOP leaders trying again to push through a $373 billion package of seven long overdue spending bills for the 2004 budget year.

The House passed the measure last year, but Senate Democrats have resisted. They may not relent until they are satisfied on such side issues as country-of-origin labels on meat products, a subject in the spotlight since the discovery of mad cow disease in this country.

The president goes to Capitol Hill Tuesday for his State of the Union address outlining his priorities for the year. He is expected to press lawmakers to make his tax cuts permanent and extend more help to those without health care insurance.

The first business for the House will be Bush's budget for 2005, which goes to Congress on Feb. 2, and a six-year highway and public transit spending bill.

No action was taken last year on that bill because of the deep divide between the House Transportation Committee, which wants to help pay for a $375 billion measure by raising gasoline taxes, and the White House, which is resisting any tax increases and is seeking only $247 billion.

Among other must-do tasks this spring are eliminating a tax break for American companies that export goods. The World Trade Organization has declared the benefit illegal and the European Union has threatened up to $4 billion in penalties if the tax break is not changed by March.

Long-range bombers, other warplanes will be shifted to Guam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon plans to shift long-range bombers and other warplanes to Guam and elsewhere in Asia and the Pacific to offset a loss of combat power as thousands of American soldiers and Marines in that region depart for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, officials say.

The moves, which have not been publicly announced, are designed to lower the risk that commanders in the Pacific — especially those responsible for the defense of South Korea against a strike by the North — might be left with too little firepower to deter an attack, the officials said.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, alluded to the plan without disclosing details when he was asked during a visit to Japan last week about the Pentagon's plan to send to Iraq Marines who otherwise would be on the Japanese island of Okinawa.

"That they're gone means that we're going to have to make other arrangements to ensure stability in the region," Myers replied. He said that did not mean substituting other ground forces for the Marines.

Other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said extra air power would be introduced in the region to offset the loss of ground forces. They said bombers and perhaps other planes probably would operate from Guam, a U.S. territory in ready striking distance of North Korea.

Extra planes might also be dispatched to Kadena Air Base on Okinawa and perhaps elsewhere in Asia, they added, and some fighter or other units in the United States may be put on higher alert.

Navy Capt. John H. Singley, spokesman for Pacific Command headquarters in Hawaii, which has responsibility for U.S. military operations in the region, said he could not discuss any plans.

"We periodically assess our regional posture and make adjustments to maintain a prudent deterrent capability in the Western Pacific while forces are employed in other areas," Singley said.

Births

Amanda and Chad Martin of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Chad Aaron Martin Jr., born at 5:50 a.m. on Jan. 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed five pounds, 15 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Diane Fisk of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Jay and Mary Martin of Bastrop and Doug and Charlesta Scott of Snyder.

Obituaries

Richard Stoker

1931-2004

Richard Lee Stoker, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Jan. 18, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a brief illness.

Services for Mr. Stoker, 72, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 20, 1931 in Snyder, he married Rhylene Bishop on June 25, 1954 in Snyder. Mr. Stoker was a farmer and rancher and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rhylene Stoker of Snyder; a daughter, Revin Stoker of Austin; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Roxanne Stoker of Snyder; three grandchildren Colby Stoker of Lubbock, Justin Stoker of Snyder and Bailey Stoker of Denton.

Beulah Starnes

1916-2004

Beulah Starnes, longtime Snyder resident, died at 6:05 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Starnes, 87, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 1, 1916 in Reed, Okla., she married Hubert "Buster" Starnes on Dec. 24, 1938 in Scurry County. He died in 1992.



Beulah Starnes

A homemaker, Mrs. Starnes was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had been active in the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Richards of Red Oak; four sons, Hubert Starnes of Lubbock, Johnny Starnes of Midland, Ronald Starnes of South Bend, Ind., and James Starnes of Plano; a sister, Bertha Holdridge of Snyder; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Dorothy Ham

1920-2004

Dorothy Mae Ham, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 18, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ham is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Shipman, minister of the Edna Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Johnson Cemetery near Stephenville. Local arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 25, 1920 in Hamilton, she married Richard Earl Ham on Feb. 22, 1936 in Stephenville. He died Dec. 18, 1989. A son, Arvil Ham, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ham was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Milton and JoAnn Ham of Snyder; three sisters, Stella Lee of Carrollton, Bobbie Jo Fleming of Arlington and Estelle Everton of Las Cruces, N.M.; a brother, T.C. Edmondson Jr. of Abilene; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Leland Simmons

1930-2004

MENARD — Leland Wilburn Simmons, the father of James Simmons of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 18, in Menard.

Graveside service for Mr. Simmons, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Rest Haven Cemetery. Ted Brooks will officiated, assisted by Frank Simmons. Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 2, 1930 in Hobbs, N.M., he married Florence Ross on Jan. 11, 1953. She preceded him in death as did his parents, Roy Lee and Thelma Simmons; and four brothers.

Mr. Simmons had served in the National Guard and was a construction worker and a member of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include another son, Lesley Simmons of Menard; a daughter, Laura Prieto of Menard; a daughter-in-law, Celissa Simmons of Snyder; a sister, Mildred Brooks; two brothers, Denver Simmons and Sam Houston Simmons; four grandchildren, Karissa and Khristopher Simmons and Roy and Travis Prieto.

Oliver Butler

1919-2004

Oliver Tildon Butler, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 16, in Luman-Lusk-Sanchez VA Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Butler, 84, was held this morning in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Shawn Fouts, dean of the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.; the Rev. Dennis Hayes, minister of the Nazarene in Abilene; and the Rev. Mike Pigg, minister of the Snyder Church of the Nazarene, officiated.



Oliver Butler

Born Dec. 11, 1919 in Holder, Texas, he married Mary Florene Smith on April 30, 1944 in Hamlin.

Mr. Butler served in the Aleutian Islands during World War II from 1941-45. After the war, he worked for T.E. Shelburne, and helped build West Texas State Bank. While the Pal-O-Mar Motel was under construction, he worked 24-hour shifts to get a room ready for Bob Hope who was coming to Snyder to invest in oil ventures.

Mr. Butler retired as plant operator for Sun Oil Company after 31 years and then worked for Snyder National Bank. He was a lay minister, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and a board member of the Snyder Church of the Nazarene for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Florene Butler of Abilene; two sons, Dwain Butler of Vicksburg, Miss., and Terry Butler of Abilene; two daughters, Regina Tydlaska and Lisa Hale, both of San Angelo; a brother, Melvin Butler of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Jack W. Chitwood Scholarship Fund, 224 Honey Bee Road in Abilene, 79601.

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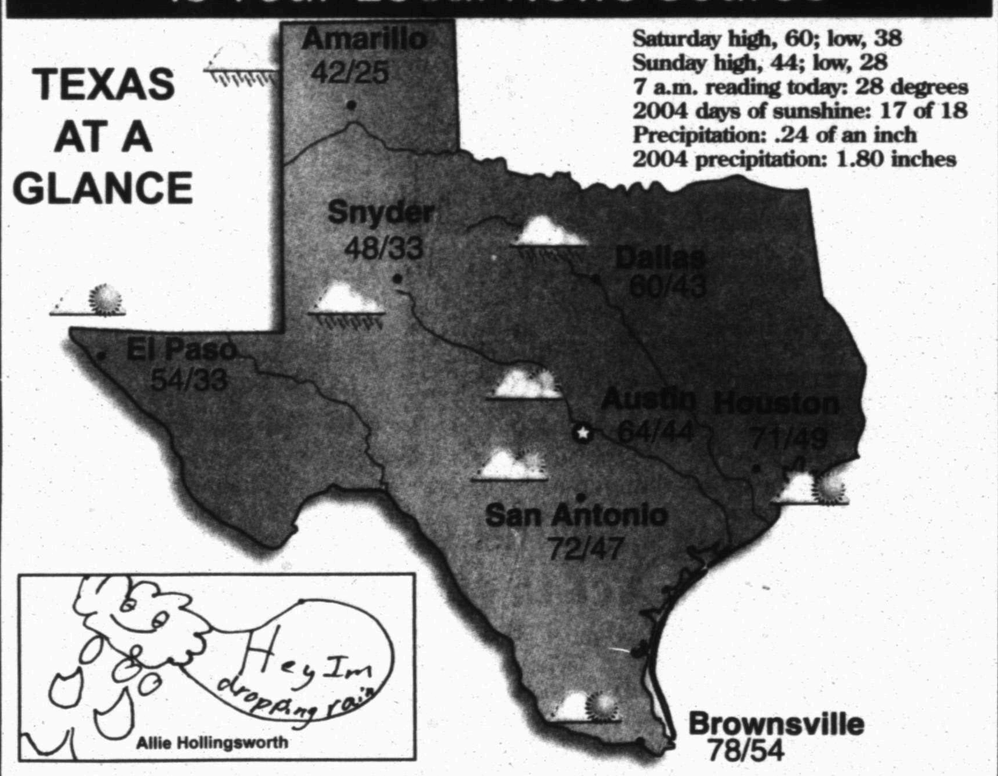
Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19	Tue 1/20
48/33	44/28	50/39
Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 48F.	Morning showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:46 AM / Sunset 6:02 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM / Sunset 6:03 PM	Sunrise 7:45 AM / Sunset 6:04 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 60; low, 38
Sunday high, 44; low, 28
7 a.m. reading today: 28 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 17 of 18
Precipitation: .24 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	52	37	rain	El Paso	54	33	pt sunny	Midland	51	33	rain
Amarillo	42	25	rain	Fort Stockton	52	35	cloudy	Raymondville	79	50	pt sunny
Austin	64	44	cloudy	Gainesville	55	38	rain	Rosenberg	71	49	pt sunny
Beaumont	70	50	t-storm	Greenville	60	41	rain	San Antonio	72	47	cloudy
Brownsville	78	54	pt sunny	Houston	71	49	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	45	cloudy
Brownwood	59	40	rain	Kingsville	78	50	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	43	rain
Corpus Christi	74	51	pt sunny	Livingston	69	46	t-storm	Sweetwater	52	36	rain
Corsicana	62	44	rain	Longview	63	45	t-storm	Tyler	61	44	rain
Dallas	60	43	rain	Lubbock	49	28	rain	Weatherford	57	39	rain
Del Rio	68	43	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	47	t-storm	Wichita Falls	51	35	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	44	rain	Houston	71	49	pt sunny	Phoenix	69	44	sunny
Boston	31	17	windy	Los Angeles	71	50	sunny	San Francisco	59	48	pt sunny
Chicago	35	25	mixed	Miami	76	66	mst sunny	Seattle	51	43	rain
Dallas	60	43	rain	Minneapolis	29	3	pt sunny	St. Louis	46	28	rain
Denver	46	24	mst sunny	New York	33	26	mst sunny	Washington, DC	37	29	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 29	Feb 6

UV Index

Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19	Tue 1/20
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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