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Dr. Ronny Collins' contract approved...

Superintendent ready to lead Snyder schools

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

What has been known for almost a month is now official.

Snyder ISD trustees Monday night unanimously agreed on the contract for Dr. Ronny Collins as school superintendent.

Collins will officially begin work here on April 1.

The vote on the contract followed a 45-minute executive session with Collins meeting with the board.

The new superintendent said he plans to spend as much time in Snyder as possible to become familiar with the school system.

Collins' contract will expire on June 30, 2006 and he will be paid $92,000 per year and receive a $400 per month vehicle allowance. The district also will pay his moving expenses from Jacksboro where he is now the school chief.

Collins will replace Gayle Lomax who resigned in July. Lomax was paid $83,000 per year and also received $400 per month car allowance.

Collins was named the lone finalist for the position on Dec. 5 and the district had to wait the state-mandated 21 days before voting on his contract.

"I'm excited to be here," said Dr. Collins. "I see some good things happening to our school system."

Jim Kirkland, former superintendent at Perryton, is serving as the interim superintendent and will remain in that position until Dr. Collins begins his duties.



Dr. Ronny Collins

Dr. Collins, 48, has been the superintendent at Class 2A Jacksboro since 1997.

Prior to moving to Jacksboro, he was superintendent in Wellington for seven years. He also was an elementary principal in Wellington for a year.

A 1972 graduate of Joshua High School, Collins earned his bachelor of science degree from Tarleton State University in 1977 and his master's degree from Tarleton in 1978.

He received his doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University in 1982. He also was an assistant professor at Southwest Texas State University.

Collins also served as director of vocational education at San Marcos, and taught ag at Rio Vista High School and Grandview High School.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for three years as a public relations officer and the Army National Guard for 11 years.

He and his wife, Terri, who is a secretary and aide at Jacksboro Elementary, have two college-age children.

Brad attends Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, and Todd attends Howard Payne University.

Trustees also approved the contract of Sally Miller for the pre-school program for children with disabilities at West Elementary.

Miller, a graduate of Abilene Christian University in 1985, has taught in the Abilene school district and served as the director of the East Side Church of Christ Joy School.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and board members in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff.

Cathy Peoples was absent.



INTRODUCTION — Freshman State Rep. Scott Campbell met with Snyder citizens Monday to discuss the upcoming legislative session. Campbell visited with extension agent Beth Dannheim after the meeting. (SDN Staff Photo)

Incoming representative...

Campbell discusses upcoming session

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Admitting he has many questions about the upcoming state legislative session, freshman State Rep. Scott Campbell also told a group of Scurry County citizens Monday that the budget deficit will be the number one topic during the session that gets underway next week.

"I don't have a lot of answers now," said Campbell.

"We've all heard about the budget crunch that is projected to be at least $5 billion, well, that was the number one topic of our recent freshman orientation," said Campbell.

Campbell said the approach that he feels the legislature will use to tackle the deficit is by cutting programs.

"I've heard that the most recent state programs will be examined to see if they're working or not to see if they remain," said Campbell.

"Whatever comes from that process will be more efficient state government."

Campbell said he is opposed to a state income tax.

"The only people I have heard talk in favor of a state income tax have been school superintendents."

Campbell said he believed school finance would only be "patched up" this session until the state figures out a better way than the Robin Hood program.

Campbell also said there is a real crisis in the medical profession due to the high cost of malpractice insurance, adding that tort reform is one of his priorities.

He told of a San Angelo neurosurgeon whose malpractice insurance is now $100,000 per year.

"We're at risk of losing our medical community here in Snyder and San Angelo if costs like this continue to increase," said Campbell. "I'm very concerned about keeping our doctors here and in San Angelo."

Campbell expressed his support for Cogdell Hospital and for Western Texas College.

"I would like to arrange a meeting between Dr. (Greg) Williams and the president of Angelo State to see how these great colleges can work together."

Campbell said he did not feel this area would lose much clout with him being a freshman representative.

"We have a great state senator in Lubbock (Robert Duncan), plus the speaker of the house will be from Midland (Tom Craddick) so we have friends around us," said Campbell.

"Former speaker of the house, Pete Laney, remains a friend of ours."

Campbell said limited funds now would limit him to one district office and that will be located in San Angelo.

"We're allowed $10,700 per month for salaries for staff, office supplies and offices," said Campbell. "We'd like to have an office in Snyder but finances won't allow that now, but we'll do what we can to be in touch with you."

With hotel occupancy tax monies...

Council to help with WTC theatre lighting

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder city council Monday night voted to pay almost $10,000 for a new lighting system in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

The amount will come from funds generated by the hotel occupancy tax, of which the city gets five percent and the chamber of commerce receives the remaining 95 percent.

Ray Newton, WTC drama instructor, said the new lights would replace a system that is 30 years old and doesn't always work.

Newton said the investment would help to bring additional tourist dollars into Snyder because it would allow the theatre to host high school drama competitions and also bring the facility "closer to realizing a dream I've had."

"I want to make Snyder and the WTC theatre a destination for bus tours that are very popular among senior citizens," he said. "They'll come into town and watch a play and eat dinner. This investment will make that possible."

Councilman Terry Martin asked why WTC doesn't pay for the equipment, to which Newton replied, "It will, but years down the road and we could use it now."

Newton also said the size of the theatre is adequate to host A, AA and AAA UIL competitions like the AAAA event formerly held at Worsham Auditorium.

"Since Snyder moved to AAA, the state doesn't allow our high school to host the drama competition for that level anymore, which is bad because that brought in a lot of people to Snyder," he said. "I want to bring some of these people back here by hosting smaller competitions at WTC. And chances are very good that I will get them here."

City Attorney Dana Cooley advised that the request fell within the guidelines of the hotel occupancy tax. "I looks to me like the events planned have a high likelihood of attracting people who will utilize the motels and hotels in town."

Martin said the request is "extremely worthwhile" and moved to approve the $9,324.17 expenditure and the motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the council voted to allow Sharp Image Energy Inc. a permit to drill for oil and gas within city limits.

The planned well will be adjacent to the recently completed Towle Park No. 1 on Houston Parkway.

Local attorney Mike Brown, who owns a home in the 2700 block of 48th Street near the drilling site, protested the action saying the rigs are a nuisance to residents in the area.

The current well is 197 feet behind the fence line of the homes on 48th Street — more than the required minimum of 150 feet, according to Michael Hatfield of Sharp Energy.

"We don't want to cause an inconvenience for any of the residents in Snyder," Hatfield said. "But this is oil country and there are going to be smells from time to time. We have conducted several studies at the site and have met all guidelines."

The council also was informed that lights and a better fence would be placed around the rig and its tank battery and that a

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Grand jury indicts one on kidnapping charges

Scurry County grand jurors Monday returned 10 indictments, including one for aggravated kidnapping.

Indicted for the first-degree felony was Isreal Tavarez Jr., 34, of 3901 Ave. O, Apt. 103. He is charged with kidnapping and threatening to kill Belinda Tavarez, his estranged wife, on Dec. 8.

Tavarez remains in jail on a $15,000 bond.

Jesse DeLao, 37, of 1200 Ave. P was indicted on two charges. He is accused of driving while intoxicated on Dec. 11 and stealing the car he was driving from Bobby Stroud.

DeLao remains in Scurry County jail with bonds set at $5,000 on each count.

DeLao has prior convictions in Scurry County for DWI in May 1997, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in 1985 and 1989.

Raymond Vera, 30, of 1303½ 23rd St. was indicted for family violence. He is accused of hitting a family member on Aug. 25 and remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Vera has a prior conviction in 2000 for family violence, and a conviction in 2001 for DWI.

Barry Jon Farquhar, 41, of 206 36th St was indicted for the Dec. 28 offense of DWI.

Farquhar, who is in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond, has four other felony convictions.

He was convicted in 1994 in Nolan County of driving while intoxicated, in 1998 of DWI in Garza County, and in 1998 of tampering with physical evidence in Scurry County.

He was also convicted in 1998 of DWI in Scurry County.

Orlando Balbuena Aviles, 39, of 1413 22nd St. was indicted for the Nov. 27 offense of DWI. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Aviles has three previous DWI convictions in Scurry County – in 1989, 1991, and 1995.

Diana Rodriquez Castro, 34, of 1500 27th St. was indicted for the

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's a sign of aging to resist change – but change happens anyway."

The two-week holiday slump has just ended – and we're glad.

The staff has to produce a newspaper when little – and sometimes nothing – is happening locally.

A couple of years ago, a guy needing a quote for insurance lamented that it's impossible to get an answer from corporate America from Thanksgiving until after Christmas.

It's not quite that bad in Snyder, but the week between Christmas and New Year's is unerringly quiet.

Take our daily What's Up feature, for example. Most days it's impossible to fit all requests into the allotted space, so we sometimes have to alternate items.

When school cranks up again for the new semester, the news rush starts again.

Take yesterday, for example. Teachers reported back to work, the grand jury was in session, the city council and commissioners' court had business meetings and the Snyder school board convened to officially hire a new superintendent.

In addition, State Rep.-elect Scott Campbell was in town for a town-hall meeting prior to the start of the legislative session in Austin next week.

First, however, there was a much-needed dental appointment. The tooth always hurts when the doctor's office is closed for the holiday.

January will continue to be busy. The rural health clinic at Cogdell opens Thursday, the school board will meet again as will the hospital board.

Then there's district basketball, the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show, SHS speech tournament and chamber of commerce banquet.

Staff will be wearing sneakers this month. So maybe Santa brought them some new ones.

And speaking of change, Snyder and Ira will soon have new school chiefs on the job. Hermleigh already has a new interim superintendent.

There's a new president at Texas Savings Bank, an interim president at West Texas State Bank and an opening at American State Bank.

About the only thing that doesn't change is the stories at the coffee shop and the frequency with which we get to pay the java tab.

Ernie Sears is snickering!

ASK US

Q—When do the WTC baseball and softball teams begin play?

A—Baseball begins Jan. 31 and softball will get underway Feb. 2.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Michelle Thompson...

... has lived in Snyder for 22 years and is employed at Nix's Auto. Her husband B.J. Thompson works at Thompson Ditching and they have two children, Kennedy, 2½, and Brody, seven months. Michelle's grandmother is Patsy Williams. Her priorities are taking care of her children and family. She enjoys having fun with friends, skiing and anything to do with water. She also is a Dallas Cowboy fan.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People are known as much by the quality of their failures as by the quality of their successes.

—Mark McCormack

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Topics on aging

The Area Agency on Aging will present programs for the elderly and how to qualify for Medicaid at 7 this evening at Snyder Healthcare Center.

Drama booster club

The SHS drama booster club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the meeting room of Texas Savings Bank.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Lodge No. 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening at the Masonic Lodge. All master Masons are welcome.

Bass Club meeting

The Snyder Bass Club will hold its first monthly meeting of 2003 at 7 tonight in the Kinder Morgan offices on U.S. 180.

FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the ag building. Officers will meet at 6:30.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICK-TASP include today at 6 p.m.; Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

AARP board meeting

A breakfast meeting of AARP board of directors will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

Scurry County welfare board

The Scurry County welfare board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

District-wide academic meeting

A district-wide advanced academic meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Stanfield Elementary's lounge.

FBC services televised

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

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the senior center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, will be the guest speaker."

SISD Family Literacy Program

Snyder ISD's Family Literacy Program will resume Monday. Openings are available for ESL, reading and computer classes. Call 574-6012 to enroll.

Support groups

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Transformed Christian," followed by "Faith of Our Fathers."

Lions Club meetings

Snyder Lions Club meeting next Tuesday will be held at Snyder Country Club while repairs are being made at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Benefit enchilada dinner

There will be a benefit enchilada dinner for liver transplant patient Carol Carrasco Garza from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19, at West Elementary Cafeteria. For advance tickets for a $5 donation, call Mickey Carrasco at 573-3343.

SHS booster club fund raiser

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

Tiger's Lair Yearbook

Orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook are still being taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Choir trip planned

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Cursing councilwoman quits as mayor pro tem

SEABROOK (AP) — A city councilwoman who swore at police officers during a traffic stop resigned from her post as mayor pro tem, one day before council members were set to vote on whether to remove her from the job.

Councilwoman Margaret Kidd Duncan cursed at two Seabrook officers and a police dispatcher after she was pulled over Dec. 20 for speeding and running a stop sign.

Duncan, 40, is accused of violating the city charter, which states that council members should deal with city employees through the city manager to keep members from giving directives to employees, the Houston Chronicle reports in its Tuesday editions.

Mayor Robin Riley said council members could censure Duncan or start the process to remove her from office at Tuesday's special meeting.

Monday, Duncan admitted her actions were wrong. And while she quit her job as mayor pro tem, she said she would not resign from the council, a post she was elected to in May.

In taped telephone conversations with police dispatcher Shannon Swatman and Sgt. Sean Wright, Duncan made expletive-laden demands that they immediately contact Police Chief Nona Holomon.

Duncan told Swatman and Wright she was mayor pro tem and the stop was retaliation for her support of the Houston Port Authority's planned $1.2 million container and cruise terminal in the Bayport Industrial District.

Duncan was recorded telling Wright, "You're harassing me on behalf of our white trash mayor, Robin Riley, and those white trash people on the council."

Wright said he and Charles Skinner — the officer who pulled Duncan over — told Duncan that they didn't know who she was.

She responded, "Of course, you do. I'm white. There's one woman on the city council. I'm a white woman on the city council. You know who I am. Everyone in town does. Everyone in the Clear Lake area does."

In Skinner's police report, he said he asked Duncan if she knew why she had been stopped. According to Skinner, Duncan told him it was for payback.

"I asked her what she meant and she said the police department could not stand the fact there were white rednecks on the city council and this was their way of getting them back," Skinner wrote.

Wright and Skinner are black.

Duncan was not given any citations.

Duncan said Monday she has since apologized to fellow council members and the officers involved.

She said she has been under great stress and was dismissed just before Christmas as a stockbroker with Morgan Stanley.

56 percent favor sending ground troops ...

Iraq seen as greater threat than N. Korea, polls show

By The Associated Press

Almost six in 10 Americans say they favor sending ground troops into Iraq, but a slightly higher number oppose sending them into North Korea, say two new polls.

Why the difference? More people are seriously worried about the threat of Iraq than about North Korea, the polls said.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Monday said 56 percent favor using ground troops in Iraq. An ABC News poll said 62 percent oppose them in North Korea.

The ABC News poll released Monday said 55 percent felt Iraq was the greater threat, while 35 percent said North Korea.

Just over half in the Gallup poll said the situation in Iraq is worth going to war over, while about four in 10 said it is not. A fourth in that poll said the situation with Iraq's weapons capabilities is a crisis, while more than half agreed with the description of it as a "major problem."

When asked how many Americans would be killed before a war with Iraq is over, almost half, 45 percent, said fewer than 3,000. Most of those respondents, representing 30 percent of the total sample, said fewer than 1,000 would be killed.

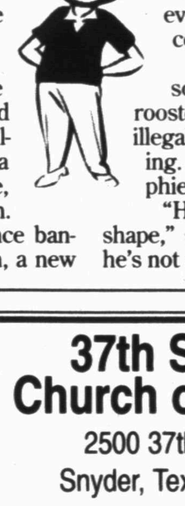
People were about evenly split in the ABC poll on whether the Bush administration should make the economy or war with Iraq a higher priority.

The ABC News poll of 1,044 adults was taken Jan. 2-5 and the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll was taken Jan. 3-5. Both polls had error margins of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Today's chuckle

Ralphie the rooster needs a home

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Available to a good home in the countryside: a rooster named Ralphie.



Officials say Ralphie escaped about three weeks ago and was living on the streets of Lincoln until an Animal Control officer nabbed him on Dec. 18.

The rooster has since been spending his time in a cage at the Capitol Humane Society. Since his owner hasn't stepped forward, he is now available to be adopted for a $5 fee, said Donna Bode, an agency spokeswoman.

Under a new ordinance banning roosters in Lincoln, a new owner must come from the country and bring proof of their address.

Ralphie now spends most of his time in the Humane Society's "sick cat" room. Bode said the cats don't seem to mind, even if he does crow once in a while to make sure everyone knows he's still cock of the walk.

One of the key reasons for passing the rooster law was to curb the illegal practice of cockfighting. But Bode believes Ralphie was someone's pet.

"He's in pretty good shape," she said. "You can tell he's not a fighter."



Dale Huff, Minister

37th Street Church of Christ

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Blessings and...

When Israel entered the promised land they were given specific instructions about something they were to do. Half of the tribes were to stand on Mount Gerazim to pronounce a blessing. Half of the tribes were to stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce a curse. These instructions are given in Deuteronomy 27. Then in Deuteronomy 28 Moses goes on to speak of the blessings and curses of the covenant God was making with Israel. It is an impressive chapter.

If Israel was faithful to God and obeyed him, God promised them that he would bless them abundantly. He would shower down on them blessings in every area of their life. Their lives would overflow with the good things of life and the blessings of God. However, if they did not obey, there would be consequences. As much as God blessed them, he would pursue them to punish them. His judgment would be overwhelming and total. It would have been a genuinely frightening chapter to any of the Israelites who took it to heart. It was intended to be that way. Blessings and curses lay before Israel. The choice was theirs as to which they received. God often urges and pleads with Israel to be faithful and obey, but He is also faithful in his judgment when Israel refuses.

The New Covenant that Jesus brought did not change God. There are new promises and new commands, but the principles on which God deals with us are very much the same. Jesus states clearly in Matthew 7: 13, 14 that there are two paths in life, one that leads to life and another that leads to destruction. Blessings and curses lay before us and the choice is ours as to which we will receive.

Dale Huff

Berry's World



Leno's car is corporate jet on wheels

DETROIT (AP) — Jay Leno cracked a few jokes as he talked up the Maybach — a car to outdo fellow luxury cars that's described as a corporate jet on wheels.

But "The Tonight Show" host — and self-proclaimed auto enthusiast — was serious when it came to the car itself.

"This is a car built by engineers to honor an engineer," Leno told reporters Monday at the North American International Auto Show. "It is a pretty amazing car when you drive it."

While hosting the Maybach Morning Show at the car's display, Leno introduced the granddaughter of engineer Wilhelm Maybach, who helped design the first Mercedes car in 1901. He had his picture taken with her — saying he'll hang it on his garage wall.

The car, from DaimlerChrysler AG's Mercedes-Benz unit, is a comeback of the old Maybach luxury vehicles of the 1920s and 1930s. U.S. pricing is expected to be announced later this year, but the Maybach 62 that Leno showed off is expected to cost about $350,000.

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003

Today is the seventh day of 2003 and the 18th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1785, Dr. John Jeffries and Jean-Pierre Blanchard made the first balloon flight across the English Channel.

On this day in 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service between New York and London was inaugurated. There were over 30 calls made on the first day.

On this day in 1982, "Fame" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Millard Fillmore (1800-1874), U.S. president; Vincent Gardenia (1922-1992), actor; Kenny Loggins (1948-), singer, is 55; Katie Couric (1957-), television personality, is 46; Nicolas Cage (1964-), actor, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, the Harlem Globetrotters played their first road game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "May God save the country, for it is evident that the people will not." — Millard Fillmore

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 2) and first quarter (Jan. 10).

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Snyder Oaks Corner



Gladys Rigsby

Gladys loves to quilt and crochet and to visit with the other residents. Snyder Oaks is proud to have Gladys as a part of our community.

Gladys Rigsby came to Snyder Oaks in July 2001. She was born August 4, 1914 in Quanaha, Texas and lived there until August 2000. She married Vernon Rigsby when she was 19 years old and has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A Baptist and a homemaker,

Snyder Oaks Care Center

210 E. 37th St. 573-9377

Merritt honored with 80th birthday party

Melinda Jane (M.J.) Merritt was honored with a birthday party on Dec. 14 by her three daughters and spouses and her brother and sister-in-law, Billy Ray and Pam Browning.

The party was held in the Party Barn at the Wagon Wheel Ranch with approximately 200 attending.

M.J. was "roasted" at her party by friends and family with many expressing their thanks for the "kind things she does in the community and constantly showing love and concern for others." M.J.'s motto has been and still is "God put me here to serve and not to be served." "Serving is her cup of tea," said one family member.

She has lived in Snyder all of her life with the exception of 17 years spent residing in rural Snyder and her college years with her husband, D.V. Merritt; who died of cancer in 1990.



M.J. Merritt

A charter member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, she taught Sunday school for 43 years and has served in many other capacities. She also taught kindergarten for 25 years.

After her retirement, she also filled her time with community service and serves on several boards. She currently represents Colonial Hill Baptist as coordinator for the Food Cupboard and Community Garden.

Her children are Melinda and Dr. Tom Hallmark of Hearne, Daphne and Steve Reynolds of Boerne and Denise and James Koonce of Houston. Dr. Hallmark teaches at A&M, Reynolds at the University of Texas and Koonce is a chef.

Out-of-town guests were from Sidney, Austin, Boerne, Bryan, Post, Lubbock, Plainview, Midland, Kilgore, Houston, Fluvanna, Dermott, Rotan, Dunn, Ira and Hermleigh.

Sadie Shifflett celebrated 100th birthday

The family of Sadie Shifflett hosted a reception celebrating her 100th birthday Monday. The event was held in the fellowship hall of the Church of God on Ave. O and 21st Street.

Sadie was born on Jan. 6, 1903 in Seymour and attended schools at Masterson and Hustle.

She married Howard Shifflett on Aug. 26, 1923 and they moved to the Red Mud Community in Kent County and were engaged in farming and ranching.

Howard and Sadie had three children while living there, Earnest Elgard Shifflett, Horace Floyd who died in 1979, and Maggie Lue Barnes.

They had three more children after moving to Polar in Kent County in 1933, Ethel Vera Stansell, Edith Elizabeth Witte and Arvil Earl Shifflett.

The family moved to Scurry County in 1949.

A homemaker, Sadie still lives at home. She has enjoyed gardening, canning, quilting and sewing and when the children were home she raised turkeys to sell and chickens.



Sadie Shifflett

Many friends and family joined Sadie in her 100th birthday celebration.

In Antarctica...

Tomatoes, cucumbers are jewels

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Robert Taylor may have the coolest job of any gardener on Earth. He's the resident greenhouse technician at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Taylor, 34, is green grocer and unofficial morale officer for the many scientific field teams conducting research as part of the National Science Foundation-run U.S. Antarctic Program.

McMurdo is the largest of three U.S. scientific stations operated on the continent year-round. Located on Ross Island, in the southern Ross Sea, it's the U.S. gateway to Antarctica as well as logistics hub for most of the research activity conducted there.

Taylor is responsible for providing the cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, limes and more through the short, frenetic summer as well as during the six months of deep Antarctic cold and darkness when resupply flights are impossible.

Hothouse crops supplement the standard frozen and dried fare and supply the only fresh greens available for the small cadre of isolated "winter-overs."

"What you will not see is a house plant, or even a flower that you can't shove in your mouth without suffering adverse reactions," Taylor said from the remote station via several e-mail exchanges. "Everything grown (here) is for the purpose of eating."

Antarctica is the "coldest, windiest, driest, highest, quietest, most remote and least understood continent on Earth," says Martin Glassner, in his book "Political Geography."

The average annual temperature on the U.S.-Mexico-sized continent is 70 degrees below zero. The lowest surface temperature recorded anywhere is a minus 128.6 degrees at Russia's Vostok Station, in the continent's interior.

Temperatures at the bottom of the world run much colder than those in the Arctic — an average 50 to 80 degrees colder.

"Clearly, this is no banana belt," Taylor says, "and there is no history of oxen tied to wooden plows turning over rich black soil.

"Actually, on this side of the continent, there is no soil at all, only weathered volcanic rock and, of course, ice. There is nothing in the way of organic matter to speak of, and no recognizable terrestrial plants.

Orders being taken for Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scouts have begun the annual cookie sale by taking orders for the cookies that will be delivered early in February.

Orders will be taken through Jan. 18 and girls will be in the community selling cookies at booths in local businesses from Feb. 8-23.

The cookie sale theme is *Celebrate* and scouts will be "celebrating things that make Girl Scouting and this cookie sale unique and wonderful." Participating scouts learn valuable skills like money management, goal setting and business etiquette. They also learn values including honesty, integrity and self-esteem.

GIRL SCOUTS

Profit from the cookie sale benefits the girls and stays within the council's jurisdiction. The money is used for troop activities and supplies and the girls play an active role in deciding how the money will be spent. The council uses the profit to provide girls with activities, train adult volunteers and maintain the local facilities for use by girls and troops.

This year's cookie sale includes eight varieties of Girl Scout favorites — Shortbread, Thin Mint, two new cookies — Animal Treasures and Friendship Circles, other favorites — Peanut Butter Patties, Carmel Delights and Peanut Butter Sandwiches, health cookie — Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Crème.

Questions about the Girl Scout Cookie Sale may be answered by calling 915-670-0432.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; Snyder Country Club; Judy English and Betsy Armstrong will give the program, "Easing the Journey, Personalized Care Offers comfort and Peace;" hostesses, Francene Noah and LaVerne Hood; 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; program, Virginia Lowrance; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Snyder Garden Club; Scurry County Library; election of officers and a program "Iris: The Rainbow Flower," video tape from National Garden Clubs; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

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

SUNDAY

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

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

—Mark Twain

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ A Q 6 5	
	♥ Q J 9	
	♦ A 9 5 3	
	♣ 7 4	
West		**East**
♠ K 4		♠ 10 2
♥ A 10 7 4		♥ 6 2
♦ K 10		♦ Q 8 7 6
♣ K J 10 9 8		♣ A Q 6 3 2
	South	
	♠ J 9 8 7 3	
	♥ K 8 5 3	
	♦ J 4 2	
	♣ 5	

North 01-07-03

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	1 ♣	Dbl.	3 ♣
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

One of the strongest woman players

Yesterday, I mentioned the 1931-32 Culbertson-Lenz match. Several of the deals are included in "The Golden Age of Contract Bridge" by David Daniels (Stein and Day, 1980). This one supplies evidence that, as many believed, Josephine Culbertson played better than her husband, Ely. Analyze the deal and decide the outcome in four spades.

There was no holding back bidders in those days! But maybe North-South's actions were influenced by the state of the match. The Culbertsons were leading by about 20,000 points.

Josephine (West) led the club jack. Ely (East) correctly overtook with the ace, but he failed to make the lethal diamond shift, admittedly a difficult play to find. Instead, Ely returned a club. Sidney Lenz ruffed (Ely failed to drop the 10), played a spade to dummy's queen, and cashed the spade ace, happy to see the 2-2 split.

Now came the heart queen from the dummy. West ducked this trick, took the heart jack with her ace, and returned the heart 10. Lenz won with his king and cashed the heart eight, discarding a diamond from the dummy.

Declarer, playing West for king-or queen-doubleton in diamonds, planned to lead a diamond to the ace and to duck a diamond. Here, West would have been endplayed, forced to lead a club, which Lenz would have ruffed in the dummy while discarding his final diamond.

However, Josephine saw the endplay coming. She covered Lenz's diamond two with her king, hoping Ely had the queen and jack of diamonds. But now Lenz won with dummy's ace and led back toward his jack through East's queen: four spades bid and made.

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ACROSS

1 Energy source
4 Tentacle
7 Go for a field goal
11 Olsen of vaudeville
12 Crumbly cheese
14 Slime
15 Literary compilation
16 Rip apart
17 Not home
18 Descend a cliff
20 Wisdom teeth
22 Curly letter
23 Novelist — Levin
24 Snitch
27 Clutches
30 Glance at
31 In-flight feature
32 — out (withdraw)
34 Actress — Hagen
35 Young horse
36 Terror
37 Brief romance
39 Pier
40 Election winners
41 Long time
42 Most congenial
45 Countenance
49 Employs
50 Harrow rival
52 Mae West role
53 Highland attire
54 Winged Victory
55 Stomach muscles
56 "Como — usted?"
57 Part of mpg
58 Born as

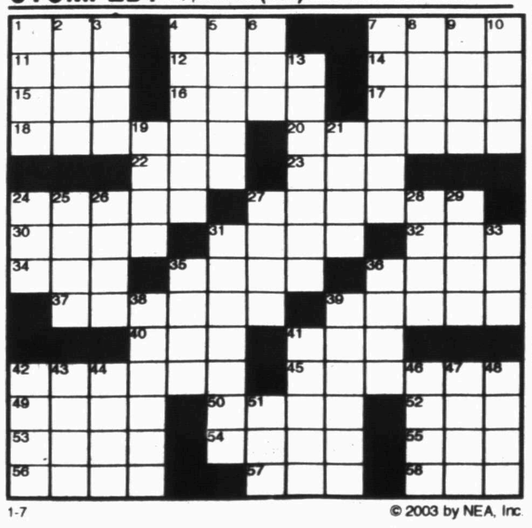
DOWN

1 Hang-glide
2 Wrist-to-elbow bone
3 Kind of tide
4 Once more
5 Staggers
6 Natural elev.
7 Eucalyptus eaters
8 Where Keokuk is
9 Autocrat
10 Typewriter parts
13 Fleet commander
19 Bushel fraction
21 Out loud
24 Virus infection
25 Pinch
26 Bakery purchase
27 Equipment
28 Byron or Keats
29 Tiff
31 Sprinkle
33 Taste
35 Engine parts
36 Wetlands
38 Mariachi gig
39 Sociable type
41 Draw forth
42 Heat in a microwave
43 Osiris' sister
44 Early Briton
46 Astronaut — Shepard
47 Sarcastic remark
48 If not
51 Walter's reward

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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U	H	U H		O	B	I E		G	S A
K	A	L E		R	A	Z E		M	D S
E	N	L	I	S	T			U	T A H
			F	O E		Y	I N		
L	O	P E D			C	A	M	E	R A
E	V	E R		A	L	M A		A	R C
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SPORTS

Tech routs San Diego State

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Steve Fisher was proud that his San Diego State Aztecs were within four points of Texas Tech at halftime. He even told them they were playing like a championship team.

Fisher never saw a glimpse of that team again. The Aztecs committed five turnovers within the first five minutes of the second half and No. 23 Texas Tech went on a 16-4 run en route to a 75-63 win Monday night.

Kasib Powell scored 22 points and Nick Valdez added a season-high 21 points off the bench for the Red Raiders.

"We wilted under the pressure of Texas Tech's defense," Fisher said. "We got beat up bad in the second half. That's an understatement and an obvious statement."

Texas Tech scored the first 10 points of the second half. After the Red Raiders turned three San Diego State turnovers into six points in just 42 seconds, Fisher called timeout.

"I told the kids at the timeout, 'You know your defense is scoring, not your offense,'" Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said. "Our getting the lead in the second half was probably as well as we played defensively all year."

It was the second straight season that Knight's Red Raiders beat Fisher's Aztecs. Knight improved to 12-6 against Fisher, with all but the most recent two games coming when they were rivals in the Big Ten, Knight at Indiana and Fisher at Michigan. Knight has won four straight against Fisher in the matchup of coaches with national championships.

Andre Emmett started Tech's 10-0 run when he scored off a rebound, Ross had two straight baskets and Valdez had a steal and a layup, and two free throws.

San Diego State didn't make its first basket of the second half until Tony Bland hit a bank shot with 13:59 left to make it 52-40.

"We did things in a panic mode," Fisher said. "Defense can create that stress for you. Rather than saying, 'OK, we can do it,' It was, 'I have to do it.'"

The Red Raiders (10-1) head into Big 12 Conference play on a five-game winning streak. San Diego State (8-4) had its six-game winning streak snapped.

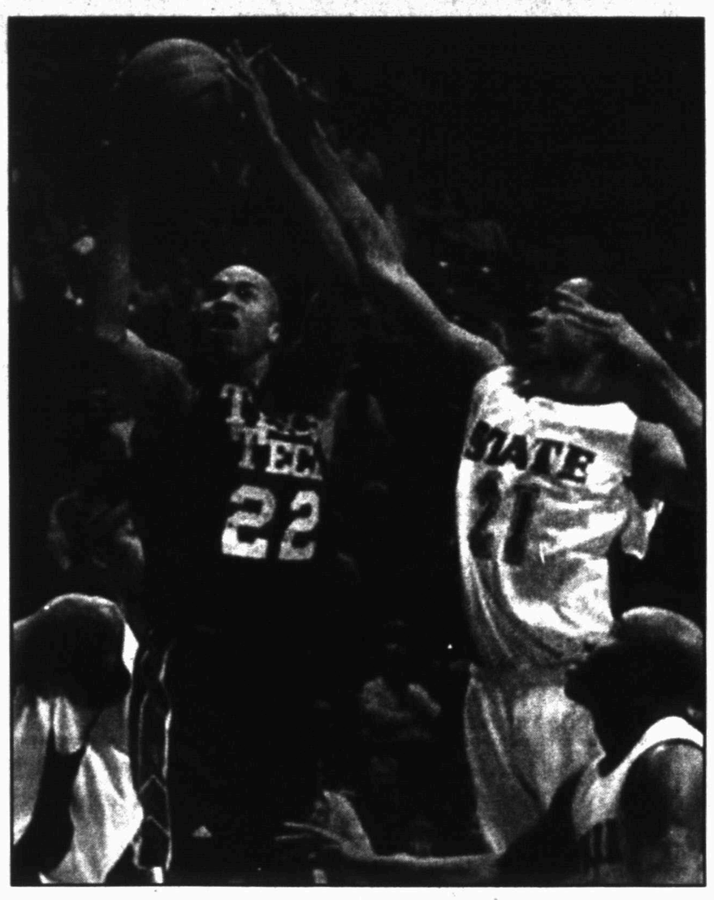
"One of the things we told the players was we wanted something to end up the non-conference season that would really test us," Knight said. "We wanted a tough game and that's what we got."

Valdez has started twice this season, but wasn't among the starting five Monday night. He entered after 1:19 and played the rest of the game. Valdez had 13 points in the first half.

Emmett, Texas Tech's leading scorer with a 22.6-point average, had 16.

Bland scored 13 for San Diego State and Mike Mackell 11.

San Diego State committed its 10th turnover of the second half with 11:35 to play, and had 13 over the final 20 minutes to finish with a season-high 24.



PERFECT FORM — Texas Tech's Kasib Powell (22) drives past San Diego State's Evan Burns (21) to the basket during the first half Monday in San Diego. Texas Tech ran away with the game in the second half with a 75-63 victory. (AP Photo)

Montoya nominated for award

Senior Josh Montoya, team captain and All-South Plains selection for the 2002 district champion football Tigers, has been nominated for the Red Zone Player of the Year.



Montoya

The award, sponsored by Old Spice, recognizes 50 athletes nationwide who show outstanding athletic performance, will to win and strong leadership.

The finalists are selected on their ability to raise their own game and to elevate the game of their teammates.

Fullback Montoya was the heart of the Tiger offense, which averaged 240 yards per game on the ground. In eight games, he scored 10 touchdowns.

A national announcement featuring the 50 winners will appear in *USA Today* Feb. 7.

Mavs get help from LaFrentz in 86-71 victory over Denver

DALLAS (AP) — Raef LaFrentz finally had the kind of game that coach Don Nelson had been expecting from him.

The backup center had 16 points and 11 rebounds — both season highs — to help the Dallas Mavericks to an 86-71 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

After missing 13 games due to a sprained ankle, LaFrentz struggled with his confidence when he returned from the injured list at the end of November.

Nelson also recently criticized LaFrentz's effort and his inability to provide a spark off the bench.

"I thought that Raef took a major step toward being the player that we hope that he is," Nelson said. "We needed him tonight. There was no question that we needed something from somebody."

LaFrentz said hitting some early shots boosted his confidence.

"I've been working hard the last week and tonight I felt pretty good," LaFrentz said. "Some shots fell and it turned into a pretty decent night."

Dallas improved to 17-2 at home and 28-5 overall, waiting until the fourth quarter to put away the team with the worst record in the Western Conference.

Michael Finley had 19 points and Dirk Nowitzki recovered from a two-point first half to finish with 18 as the Mavericks overcame their sluggish start and improved on the league's best record.

"They're a tough team to play against," said LaFrentz, who was traded by Denver to Dallas last season. "You have to work hard against them because they like that slow type of game."

Ex-Maverick Juwan Howard had 22 points and 14 rebounds to pace the Nuggets, losers of 12 of 13 overall and seven in a row to Dallas.

Denver, which has scored 100 points only once this season, set a season low for points by a Dallas opponent. The Nuggets committed 24 turnovers, the most by a Dallas foe this season, and the Mavericks capitalized with a season-high 27 points off those turnovers.

"Turnovers kill you," Howard said. "Of course, when you're playing a good team like the Mavericks, they find a way to score off those turnovers. That's the difference in the game."

On Saturday, the Mavericks routed Philadelphia 102-83 in a nationally televised game. But the Mavs were unable to summon the same kind of effort until the second half against the Nuggets, who fell to 7-26.

"It's good to be the hunted because it keeps us on our toes," Finley said.

Dallas won despite shooting 41 percent from the field and missing 12 of 15 from 3-point range.

Nowitzki went 1-for-6 from the field in the first half.

Kingsbury awarded Sammy Baugh trophy

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech senior quarterback Kliff Kingsbury has been named the winner of the Sammy Baugh Trophy, presented annually to the nation's top collegiate quarterback by the Touchdown Club of Columbus.

The trophy will be presented Feb. 7 during the club's 48th Annual All-Sports Banquet in Columbus, Ohio.

Kingsbury, of New Braunfels, had 12,429 career passing yards, 95 touchdown passes and set NCAA career marks in completions (1,231), attempts (1,883), total offensive plays (2,156) and total offensive plays per game (50.1).

He led Texas Tech to its first bowl win since 1995 with a 55-15 victory over Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl.

The award bears the name of the former NFL Hall of Fame quarterback who played at TCU and professionally with Washington.

Coslet replaced

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys coach Bill Parcells made his first moves with his staff Monday, hiring Maurice Carthon as offensive coordinator and keeping Mike Zimmer as defensive coordinator.

Carthon was on Parcells' staffs in New England and with the New York Jets. He also played for Parcells as a running back on the New York Giants' two Super Bowl winners.

He replaces Bruce Coslet, who was with the Cowboys for one season.

Sports Briefs

Time change for tonight's games

Tonight's games between the Snyder Tigers and the Andrews Mustangs have been moved up 30 minutes. The JV will begin at 6 p.m., and the varsity squads will get underway at 7:30 at the Snyder High gym.

Lewis induction Friday

Former Tiger head baseball coach Albert Lewis will be inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in Waco on Friday.

The banquet will be held at the Waco convention center at 6 p.m. For more information on the banquet or convention, please contact Paul Gibson at (817) 282-2551 ext. 7433.

McGahee insured before Fiesta Bowl

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — Miami tailback Willis McGahee took out a $2.5 million insurance policy two weeks before he was injured in the Fiesta Bowl and can collect after a year if the injury prevents him from returning to football, Florida Today reported.

Cardinals shake up staff

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals shook up their underachieving team by firing general manger Bob Ferguson and offensive coordinator Rich Olson and defensive backs coach Kevin Ramsey.

Peppers wins defensive rookie honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Not even a four-game suspension could stop Julius Peppers from winning The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

The Carolina Panthers' defensive end, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, missed the last four games of the season for violating the league's drug policy. He took a dietary supplement that contained a banned substance.

Before that, he had 12 sacks, second among rookies to Colts end Dwight Freeney, who played the entire season to get 13.

Jr. Bulldogs split with Coyotes

The jr. high Ira Lady Bulldogs got 17 points from Kelby Pitner on their way to a 34-18 rout of Borden County Jr. High Monday evening.

Ira used a sound defense and good ball movement to move to 4-3 on the season.

Aryn Calley drained 10 points and Kaci Waller pumped in four.

Jessica Odon and Kate Wall added two and one respectively.

Ira, missing leading scorer Corbin Clements, was upended by the jr. high Coyotes, 39-24.

Coach Randy Jones said the team played as well as it had all year in the second half.

Mark Barnes helped pick up the slack with 10 points, while Gil Shafer canned four.

Rance Dun, Tyrelle Gilbert, Brandon Ramirez and Seth Sanchez each nailed a field goal, and Adrian Pedrano sank a free throw attempt.

Both jr. high squads head to the Roscoe tourney Thursday to open with Hamlin, with the boys tipping off at 6:30 p.m., and the girls starting at 7:15.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	20	10	8	1	49	92	82
New Jersey	21	12	2	3	47	89	77
Pittsburgh	17	15	3	5	42	116	118
N.Y. Islanders	17	16	5	1	40	108	113
N.Y. Rangers	15	21	6	1	37	103	136

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	25	9	5	1	56	134	88
Boston	21	13	4	1	47	121	104
Toronto	20	15	4	1	45	113	96
Montreal	16	15	5	4	41	110	122
Buffalo	10	22	5	2	27	87	110

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	18	16	5	2	43	107	113
Tampa Bay	17	15	5	3	42	115	116
Carolina	16	16	5	3	40	91	103
Florida	12	12	9	7	40	94	114
Atlanta	10	24	1	4	25	96	147

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	23	9	7	1	54	123	95
St. Louis	21	12	5	2	49	131	102
Chicago	19	13	7	1	46	96	90
Columbus	14	20	4	2	34	109	122
Nashville	11	18	7	4	33	87	110

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	24	11	5	0	53	127	101
Minnesota	21	13	7	1	50	110	96
Edmonton	18	13	5	5	46	112	110
Colorado	16	10	9	5	46	116	100
Calgary	13	18	6	3	35	85	108

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	22	10	10	1	55	126	83
Los Angeles	17	16	4	3	41	103	109
Anaheim	15	15	7	3	40	98	102
Phoenix	15	17	6	3	39	104	120
San Jose	15	17	5	3	38	110	126

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

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4
Detroit 4, Chicago 3, OT
Dallas 1, Anaheim 1, tie

Monday's Games
Nashville 5, Columbus 1
Los Angeles 3, Minnesota 2
Ottawa 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Edmonton 5, San Jose 5, tie

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	26	9	.743	—
Boston	19	14	.576	6
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	6½
Orlando	19	17	.528	7½
Washington	17	17	.500	8½
New York	12	19	.387	12
Miami	12	22	.353	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	24	10	.706	—
Detroit	22	10	.688	1
New Orleans	20	16	.556	5
Milwaukee	14	19	.424	9½
Chicago	13	21	.382	11
Atlanta	12	21	.364	11½
Toronto	8	27	.229	16½
Cleveland	7	29	.194	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	28	5	.848	—
San Antonio	21	13	.618	7½
Utah	19	14	.576	9
Houston	17	14	.548	10
Minnesota	17	15	.531	10½
Memphis	11	22	.333	17
Denver	7	26	.212	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	25	9	.735	—
Portland	20	12	.625	4
Phoenix	21	13	.618	4
Seattle	16	16	.500	8
Golden State	14	19	.424	10½
L.A. Lakers	14	20	.412	11
L.A. Clippers	12	22	.353	13

Monday's Games
Washington 100, Boston 95
Milwaukee 106, Cleveland 94
Orlando 103, New York 100
Indiana 105, Philadelphia 104, OT
New Jersey 101, Atlanta 94
Detroit 82, Toronto 74
Memphis 106, New Orleans 102
Chicago 113, Utah 98
Dallas 86, Denver 71
Golden State 99, Miami 85

Tuesday's Games
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

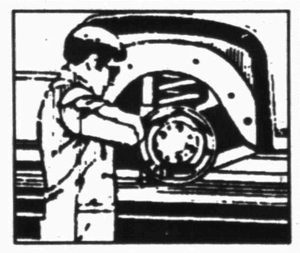
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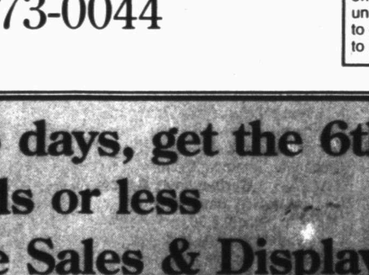
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New York City picked to host 2004 Republican Convention

NEW YORK (AP) — Republicans say bringing their 2004 convention to New York will give the party a new advantage in the Democratic stronghold and provide a lift to a city recovering from the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The GOP announced on Monday that New York would host its first Republican national convention in 2004. The party also had considered New Orleans and Tampa, Fla.

Republicans say the choice sends a message about the 2004 presidential race.

"I think what they're saying here is that 'We believe George Bush can carry New York State,'" said Republican strategist Jay Severin.

Other party insiders say the convention will bring a much-needed boost to the city as it moves past the terrorist attacks that killed 2,800 people.

"I think this is good for New York and I think symbolically important, too, that the president is coming back to the place where the country was attacked," said Kieran Mahoney, a Republican strategist. "Past political considerations, it sends the right message."

No Republican presidential candidate has won the state since Ronald Reagan in 1984. And while New York City has hosted the Democrats several times, as recently as 1992, it has never been the site of a Republican convention.

"If the Republican Party wants to make the case that they can represent everybody, this is the place to go and do it," Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Members of the GOP site selection committee visited New York in August, when they were put up at the swank Plaza Hotel and taken by horse-drawn carriage to Bloomberg's Upper East Side townhouse for dinner. Last month, Bloomberg had dinner with Bush political adviser Karl Rove to close the deal.

An important convention consideration for the GOP was nearby lodging. New York has agreed to set aside 22,000 hotel rooms for convention-goers, 17,000 of which will be within a mile of Madison Square Garden, where the convention will be held.

Pair of endangered trumpeter swans wintering in Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — A pair of endangered trumpeter swans have made Lubbock their home for the winter.

The sibling birds, hatched in captivity last spring in Clinton County, Iowa, flew 1,400 miles to set up residence near one of the city's lakes.

The trumpeter swan is the world's largest swan and was once in danger of extinction.

The pair settled in Lubbock and were first spotted in the area early last month, according to the Llano Estacado Audubon Society's Web site. The male and female are banded around the neck to indicate they were bred by humans.

It was the farthest south an Iowa-bred trumpeter swan had flown in the state's six year introduction program, said Ron Andrews, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources coordinator of trumpeter swan restoration.

"It's pretty exciting," he said. "We're comfortable with the fact that this (program) is working," Andrews said.

The Iowa reintroduction program is similar to those in many northern states that are trying to increase trumpeter populations, said Anthony Floyd, a bird watcher with the audubon group.

"They are very rare," he said. "When they are found, it is a pretty special event."

The birds have snowy white feathers and black bills, and their wing span can reach 8 feet.

Trumpeter swans are the largest flying bird and waterfowl in North America, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Web site.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Chest pain related to cigarettes and alcohol?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past year, I've experienced recurring chest pain. It doesn't consistently appear when I exercise or am stressed; sometimes it hits me when I'm watching TV. I'm a smoker and a drinker. My father says it's normal for smokers and drinkers to have chest pains, but I have doubts. I'm 26 years old. How do I get to the bottom of this?

DEAR READER: Chest pains are never normal in anyone, even in smokers and drinkers.

Although it's unlikely that someone your age would have heart trouble, stranger things have happened. More likely, your unhealthful habits are affecting another part of your anatomy, such as your lungs, stomach, pancreas or liver. For example, peptic ulcers, pancreatic inflammation and liver disorders are surprisingly common causes of chest pain in young adults who smoke regularly and drink heavily.

Don't be taken in by your father's denial. (By the way, is he, too, a smoker and drinker? I'll bet my shirttail that he is.) Listen to what your body is telling you and do something about it.

My first suggestion is that you completely swear off cigarettes and alcohol for two weeks, a daunting but not impossible challenge. See how you feel at that point — and take it from there.

My second suggestion is that you get checked out by a doctor. Because he will probably instruct you to stop smoking and drinking for two weeks, you'll save money by following my first suggestion. If, after two weeks of abstinence, your chest pains persist, definitely get to the doctor.

I wonder if your father is also having chest pains. Otherwise, why would he assure you that it is normal for everyone to have them? If I'm correct, he is the one who may really need professional attention, because he is at least in his 40s, a time when heart disorders certainly begin to menace men. Show him my response to your question and let me know what his reaction is.

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DEAR READER: Your urine probably smells peculiar because of something you're eating. For instance, I'm certain you've experienced the characteristic urinary odor of asparagus, after having eaten the vegetable.

Although I cannot give you a specific answer to your question, I encourage you to perform a little detective work to see if you can identify the source. If you're unsuccessful at this, check with your doctor for a urinalysis and further testing. Perhaps you have a low-grade bladder infection that needs treatment.

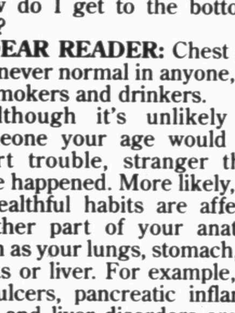
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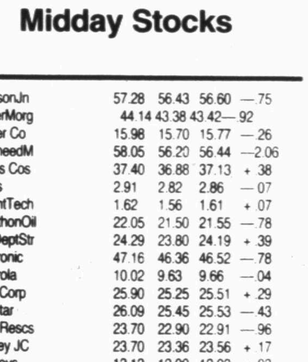
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Albertsons	23.62	23.22	23.31	—.40
Alltel	55.51	54.98	54.99	—1.06
AmEl Pw	30.50	29.15	29.30	—1.20
AndarkPtr	48.79	46.70	46.86	—1.92
ATMOS Egy	24.31	23.35	23.38	—.82
Aviall	8.13	8.00	8.00	—.11
BP PLC	41.12	40.50	40.58	—1.30
BakerHughes	32.03	30.47	30.50	—1.52
Bank of Amer	71.45	70.83	70.94	—.31
BellSouth	29.35	28.35	28.65	—.40
BurlNoSFe	27.31	26.80	26.83	—.48
Caterpillar	48.40	47.34	47.50	—.90
CenterPoint	8.20	8.00	8.09	+.04
ChevronTex	69.90	68.03	68.11	—1.79
Citigroup	37.32	36.68	36.76	—.55
CocaCola	44.75	44.29	44.36	—.56
ColgatePal	54.33	54.10	54.11	—.21
CmclMetals s	16.32	16.07	16.09	—.20
ConocoPhill	50.00	48.60	48.62	—1.71
Cooper Inds	38.39	37.82	37.89	—.32
DaimlrChry	32.77	32.00	32.01	—.89
DeltaAirl	13.67	13.26	13.45	+.10
Dillards Inc	16.00	15.65	15.77	—.27
DowChem	30.95	30.64	30.72	—.17
DuPont	44.75	44.15	44.44	—.27
EastmanChem	38.29	37.79	37.80	—.55
EstKodak	39.61	38.65	39.25	+.58
EDS Corp	20.33	20.00	20.02	—.06
Entergy	48.38	46.60	47.05	—1.32
ExxonMobil	36.27	35.25	35.34	—1.04
FootLocker	10.70	10.45	10.50	—.19
GenDynam	86.00	79.63	79.77	—1.40
GenElec	26.20	25.84	25.86	—.19
GenMills	47.50	46.70	46.89	—.63
GenMotors	39.85	39.27	39.83	+.34
GaPacific	17.06	16.38	16.44	—.66
Goodrich	19.52	19.27	19.41	—.16
Goodyear	7.21	7.05	7.12	+.04
GtAtlPac	7.72	7.32	7.55	—.01
Halliburtn	18.95	18.49	18.50	—.40
Hanson ADS	23.50	23.21	23.49	—.16
HarteHanks s	19.55	19.02	19.09	—.25
HomeDepot	22.00	21.62	21.67	—.15
HoneywellIntl	25.77	25.27	25.34	—.25
IBM	85.60	83.70	84.91	+1.32
IntlPaper	36.20	35.76	35.83	—.26
JohnsonJn	57.28	56.43	56.60	—.75
KinderMorg	44.14	43.38	43.42	—.92
Kroger Co	15.98	15.70	15.77	—.26
LockheedM	58.05	56.20	56.44	—2.06
Lowes Cos	37.40	36.88	37.13	+.38
Lubys	2.91	2.82	2.86	—.07
LucentTech	1.62	1.56	1.61	+.07
MarathonOil	22.05	21.50	21.55	—.78
MayDeptStr	24.29	23.80	24.19	+.39
Medtronic	47.16	46.36	46.52	—.78
Motorola	10.02	9.63	9.66	—.04
NCR Corp	25.90	25.25	25.51	+.29
Navistar	26.09	25.45	25.53	—.43
PNM Rescs	23.70	22.90	22.91	—.96
Penney JC	23.70	23.36	23.56	+.17
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PhelpDodge	33.72	33.44	33.45	—.35
PilgrmPrd B	8.80	8.53	8.60	—.19
Praxair	60.14	59.60	59.68	—.32
ProctGamb	87.43	86.96	87.02	—.82
RadioShack	20.71	20.00	20.35	+.32
RoyalDut	45.98	45.22	45.29	—1.39
SBC Comm	31.01	29.81	29.88	—1.31
SaraLee	23.00	22.55	22.64	—.42
Scripps EW	79.77	79.47	79.61	—.20
SearsRoeb	25.10	24.59	24.72	+.12
SherwinW	28.99	28.40	28.45	—.59
SouthernCo	30.75	29.43	29.59	—1.22
SwstAirl	14.45	14.21	14.23	—.30
SprintFON	16.75	16.27	16.56	—.04
SprintPCS	4.80	4.45	4.67	+.19
Sunoco Inc	34.30	33.25	33.43	—1.16
TXU Corp	19.83	19.15	19.18	—.64
TempleInland	47.71	46.99	47.01	—.70
TexInd	25.29	24.90	24.90	—.39
TexasInst	17.49	16.74	16.75	—.29
Textron	45.45	44.30	44.34	—1.11
TrintyInds	19.38	19.20	19.33	—.07
TylerTech	3.97	3.80	3.80	—.10
UnionPacif	61.90	61.00	61.05	—.84
USSteel	13.92	13.56	13.58	—.27
UnitedTech	64.88	63.80	64.02	—.98
Unocal	31.67	30.29	30.43	—1.23
VerizonComm	44.07	43.20	43.30	—.77
WalMart	50.60	50.00	50.19	
WellsFargo	48.94	48.47	48.62	—.22
WstnGasRs	36.39	35.20	35.22	—1.38
WinnDixie	15.95	15.74	15.75	—.20
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Health care industry urged to focus on 20 priority areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — To give Americans world-class health care, the government and private organizations should focus on 20 areas that could have a broad impact on patients, families and communities, the Institute of Medicine reported today.

Efforts to improve health care should begin with the priority areas, the Institute, part of the National Academies, said in a study prepared for the Department of Health and Human Services.

The panel noted that several reports in recent years have called attention to problems with the health care system.

The priority areas, which were not ranked, are:

—Asthma, doing a better job of supporting and treating those with chronic conditions.

—Care coordination for the approximately 60 million patients with multiple chronic conditions.

—Children with special health and care needs, particularly those with chronic conditions who require more than the normal level of care.

—Diabetes, which can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, blindness and other complications.

—End-of-life care for people with advanced organ failures, concentrating on reducing symptoms.

—Evidence-based cancer screening, which can reduce death rates for many cancers, including colorectal and cervical.

—Frailty associated with old age, focusing on preventing falls, treating bedsores and improving advanced care.

—High blood pressure. One-third of victims aren't aware of the disease, but left untreated it can lead to heart attack, stroke and kidney failure.

—Immunization. "Every year diseases that can be prevented kill about 300 children and between 50,000 and 70,000 adults," the committee said. Major killers: flu and pneumonia.

—Ischemic heart disease, also known as coronary heart disease. Efforts should focus on prevention.

—Major depression, which currently has a much lower treatment rate that other major diseases.

—Medication management to prevent errors.

—Noscomal infections. These are infections acquired in the hospital and kill an estimated 90,000 Americans annually.

—Obesity, which is blamed for as many as 300,000 deaths annually in the United States.

—Pain control in advanced cancer.

—Pregnancy and childbirth, especially improving the quality of prenatal care.

—Self-management and health literacy, using public and private organizations to increase the level of health education.

—Severe and persistent mental illness; improving mental health care in the public sector, including state hospitals and community centers.

—Stroke, the third highest cause of death in America.

—Tobacco-dependence treatment for adults.

The National Academies are an independent organization chartered by Congress to provide advice to the government on scientific matters.

Former cop freed after 6 years

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A former police detective who spent six years in prison for a murder he didn't commit was officially exonerated Monday, hours after another man pleaded guilty to the crime and began serving time.

"I feel great," the former detective, Jeffrey Scott Hornoff, said as he left the courthouse.

Earlier Monday, Todd Barry was ordered to spend 30 years in prison for killing Victoria Cushman in 1989. Barry stunned investigators in November when he confessed beating Cushman to death.

"Over 13 years ago, I did a horrible thing," Barry said in court. "I killed a fellow human being, Victoria Cushman. I've lived in torment since that day."

Hornoff was convicted of the murder in 1996 and sentenced to life in prison. He was released from prison in November after Barry came forward and confessed.

Texans join in debate on economic plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — While in Texas for the holiday break, Rep. Martin Frost got a grim view of the economy. The view was brighter in Rep. Kay Granger's district.

There's no doubt an economic slowdown exists in Texas as in the rest of the country, but how bad it is and what to do about it have become early topics of debate as the 108th session of Congress gets under way this week.

Democrats unveiled their economic revival plan Monday and President Bush planned to detail his plan in Chicago on Tuesday. Texas congressional members quickly drew distinctions between proposals, lining up along party lines.

"I spent the last month and a half in Texas and when you talk to people, they tell you, 'Business is down.' If you go to the cleaners they tell you. If you go to the coffee shop they tell you, 'Business is down,'" said Frost, D-Arlington, the dean of Texas' delegation.

Granger, a Republican from Fort Worth, said while there are signs of economic slowdown, plans by Fort Worth-based Pier One and Radio Shack for headquarters construction indicate a recovery.

"We've got to be looking at something to immediately boost the economy ... But the long term is, we have to be creating jobs, stimulating investment," said Granger, a House Budget Committee member.

The Democratic plan would give workers a refundable income tax rebate of up to $300 per person or $600 per working couple and offer business tax breaks.

Texas Democrats said the plan includes money for states to help pay for homeland defense and transportation infrastructure, which will help create jobs. It also provides 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, Frost said. It would cost $136 billion, Democrats said.

The White House said 92 million taxpayers would get an average tax cut of $1,083 this year under Bush's plan — a mix of accelerated income tax cuts, child tax credits, business investment incentives and the centerpiece proposal to eliminate taxes on corporate dividends. The first year cost of Bush's plan was unclear Monday.

A late 2002 report by the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank says Texas seems to be lagging behind the nation in economic recovery because of a larger concentration of industries that suffered during the recession, including transportation, high technology and energy.

The report said that while the recession is shallower than others in Texas, it probably will last longer.

"The outlook for Texas depends very much on the health of the national economy," the reserve said in an online report. "If the U.S. economy double dips, the Texas economy will be stalled in recession for some time. If the U.S. economy picks up however, we could see Texas also turning the corner early (2003).

Texas Democrats criticized Bush's economic stimulus package, saying it favors the wealthy.

"The Democratic plan is targeted to be an immediate economic stimulus. It's also targeted to the middle class rather than the taxpayers that make over $200,000 a year," said Rep. Jim Turner of Crockett, a member of the Blue Dogs Caucus, made up of fiscally conservative Democrats.

But incoming House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said in a statement that the Democrats' plan "offers too little stimulus beyond an increased appetite for more federal spending."

"Only by empowering risk takers and entrepreneurs can we spark the economic growth that will create jobs, strengthen markets and improve the lives of every American," DeLay said.

Granger and Plano Republican Rep. Sam Johnson said Bush's plan will help bring order to the nation's tax structure.

"I think it's the best way to go and probably the only way to go. This plan helps people who could use extra money to buy clothes and buy car insurance. That's more money for real people," said Johnson, a House Ways and Means committee member.

Bernard Weinstein, a North Texas University economist, said the proposals are very similar, "but I don't see either plan doing much to encourage new business investment, which is sorely lacking in the economy."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003

Unusual conditions in the year ahead may have a direct effect upon your work or career. The aspects will be in your favor and the results should be both exciting and profitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You might take advantage of this time to work on something for the home that could save you a bundle of money. What you conceive will work out better than you thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today may be one of those days where you should give priority to your personal needs, even if you have to exclude other demands. Take care of yourself for once.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Timing may be of extreme importance to you today, and fortunately, you'll be able to use your instincts in order to play things perfectly. Trust your sixth sense.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If a situation should suddenly arise today that calls for someone to take control, you will be the one whom friends and associates turn to. You'll be prepared to take the reigns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Associations too steeped in tradition aren't apt to be of much help to you today. Chances are you'll be looking for progressive-thinking people who can make much of nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're still in a favorable cycle today where your hopes and wishes are concerned. Something triggered strictly by chance could reaffirm this and lift your expectations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A sudden shift in circumstance could provide you with an opportunity to realize an objective that's been important to you. What transpires won't be lasting, so move fast.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your judgment is keen today, so don't hesitate to make a snap decision should one be called for at this time. You'll be able to evaluate developments quickly and accurately.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone in the position to do so may enter the picture today and make a beneficial adjustment that you couldn't do on your own. It'll save you a great deal of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't hesitate to take advantage of a last-minute social invitation you get today. There's a chance a newcomer, whom you'll find extremely interesting, may be at the gathering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Chances are you'll be more ingenious or resourceful than usual today when you put your mind to working on special projects, especially those that are of the household variety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something fun might unexpectedly pop up today that you could find much to your liking and want to do, so you may want to keep your plans flexible.

Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Abusive husband looks inside after his family leaves him

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Texas Tina," whose husband drives like a maniac with her in the car when he's angry. As I read her letter, I saw myself a few years ago.

I agree that "Stan" must make his own anger-management appointment. I would like to go further and tell Tina that until her husband is willing to examine his own behavior and make changes, nothing will change.

I went on Zoloft for a while, but chose not to take drugs to fix a problem that was behavioral, not chemical. I went to counseling, said I was sorry, and promised to change.

However, not until my wife left me, not until she took my kids away, not until I was given a citation for telephone harassment and had to show up in court, did I change. I was lucky. As a first-time domestic violence offender, I was allowed to go through a program that gave me a lot of insight.

I'm sure that with a little searching, a similar program could be found in Tina's area. I WOULD STRESS THAT HER HUSBAND MUST BE THE ONE TO DO THIS. If he refuses — if he "doesn't get around to it" — then Tina needs to make a choice. This is a warning sign. Things may get worse, and Tina may wind up seriously injured.

Abby, I now acknowledge who and what I once was. To deny it would be to repeat it. I live every day of my life in fear that I will return to the place where I once was. It is that fear that helps me to keep a check on myself. I was given many useful tools to help me on my path, but the best thing I received out of all of this was enlightenment. — **KEVIN IN PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR KEVIN: You are a lucky man. You seem to possess the prerequisites necessary to change abusive behavior: remorse, willingness to assume responsibility, motivation to change and insight. These traits, however, are rarely found in abusive men. Most go into treatment not because they want to, but because they are forced into it, or are attempting to manipulate their intimates back into the relationship — or to avoid incarceration.

I commend you for not blaming your behavior on something other than yourself. Living "in fear that you may one day return to the place you once were," however, suggests that you should remain in a maintenance counseling program that can keep you on your positive track. If not, you could very well return to your abusive behavior.

Victims must realize that the obsessive need that most batterers have to control their partners usually escalates, is seldom satisfied, and can be fatal to entire families. The Domestic Violence Hotline ((800) 799-7233) can help them establish a safety plan and support system that could very well save their lives, particularly when they are exiting such a relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: What should you do when a friend or co-worker has a miscarriage? Someone suggested we send flowers and a card to our co-worker. I am afraid that flowers would be inappropriate. Is just a card enough to send? — **WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN OHIO**

DEAR WANTS: It is very important to acknowledge the loss. A card and flowers would be appropriate. So would a simple card or a note of sympathy and support "during this sad time." Your message need not be long and flowery, just a communication to let her know that she and her family are in your thoughts and prayers.

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Authorities try to identify bones

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Authorities are awaiting autopsy results to determine if bones found in an abandoned house are the remains of state Sen. Carlos Truan's half brother.

Truan, who said he filed a missing persons report on his half brother two years ago, said Police Chief Pete Alvarez told him Monday that bones found in an abandoned house in Corpus Christi could have belonged to a man who went by the name Joe Garcia, as did Truan's half brother.

"Over two years I have been concerned over his safety," Truan said in Tuesday's editions of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "You always hear about bodies found and things happening but you never think it would be someone you know."

Truan said his half brother, an alcoholic, suffered from cirrhosis of the liver. He said Garcia was known to frequent the area of the abandoned house and was known to have slept behind it from time to time.

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By Thomas Waterfield, Media Services

This Important Notification has been released to inform you of an opportunity for you to receive unclaimed U.S. Statehood Quarter Dollars FREE.

The United States Commemorative Gallery has a number of Statehood Quarter Dollars in their vault that have gone unclaimed by a small percentage of customers. These Statehood Quarter Dollars are all uncirculated and are in special protective capsules.

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United States Commemorative Gallery Officials have decided to offer these unclaimed U.S. Statehood Quarter Dollars FREE to a select regions of the county to ensure equal nationwide opportunity. Your region has been specially selected to receive these unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollars FREE. You only need to cover the small cost of the protective capsules and sealing labor costs for these unclaimed and Uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars.

Uncirculated Collector coins have the highest value because they are in perfect mint condition. Circulated coins are usually damaged through rubbing surfaces or other coins. Also, acid from people's hands cause coin metal to corrode. This is why it is important to seal uncirculated coins in protective capsules while wearing gloves.

The United States Commemorative Gallery has put these unclaimed, uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars into separate lots for each year the Quarter Dollars were released. There is one Statehood Quarter Dollar for each state minted to date.

The unclaimed, uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollar lots that are available will include the highest appreciating uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars - Delaware 456% and Pennsylvania 496%.

The other 18 Statehood Quarter Dollars have appreciated by at least 100% and could appreciate much more in the future. These are New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi.

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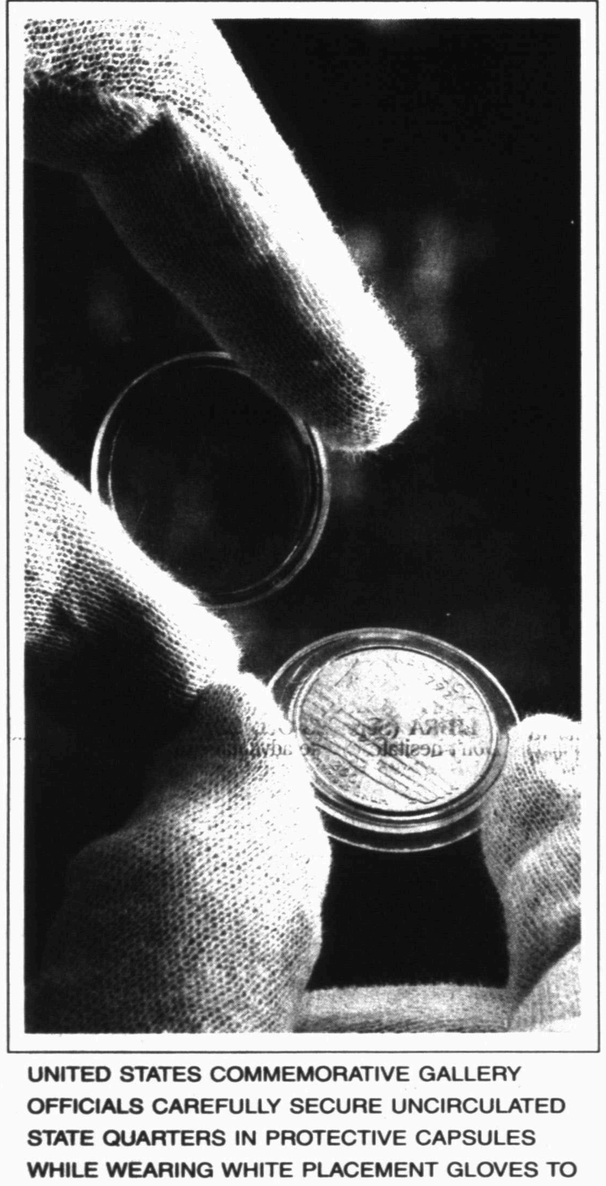
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LOT 1 – 1999

Delaware



Depicted here is Caesar Rodney and his two day ride to Philadelphia. He was the decisive vote for American independence.

Pennsylvania



The Pennsylvania Statehood Quarter portrays an allegorical female figure of Commonwealth.

New Jersey



A portion of an 1851 Leutze oil painting is pictured with Washington crossing the Delaware.

Georgia



The Georgia Statehood Quarter salutes one of the mainstays of the state: the Georgia Peach.

Connecticut



"The Charter Oak" is struck with fine detail on the reverse of the Connecticut Statehood Quarter.

LOT 2 – 2000

Massachusetts



The Massachusetts Statehood Quarter is adorned with the famous Statue of the Minuteman.

Maryland



The Old State House Capitol Dome is reserved in coin history on the reverse of the Maryland State Quarter.

South Carolina



The South Carolina Statehood Quarter honors the State's bird, trees and flower.

New Hampshire



The "Old Man of the Mountain," a natural rock formation, is struck on this New Hampshire Statehood Quarter.

Virginia



Virginia, known for the first English settlers, is shown with their ships: the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

LOT 3 – 2001

New York



As the national symbol of freedom, the New York Statehood Quarter is adorned with the Statue of Liberty.

North Carolina



North Carolina honors the first flight with Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Rhode Island



The Rhode Island Statehood Quarter is depicted with a common site in the state.

Vermont



The Vermont Statehood Quarter is adorned with a depiction of one of their largest crops - maple syrup.

Kentucky



"My Old Kentucky Home" is pictured with a thoroughbred horse on the Kentucky Statehood Quarter.

LOT 4 – 2002

Tennessee



Featured on the Tennessee Quarter is a guitar, violin, sheet music and trumpet, reflecting its musical influence to American culture.

Ohio



Ohio features an early Wright Flyer and the Apollo-era Astronaut over an outline of the state.

Louisiana



Louisiana design shows a brown pelican and celebrates the Louisiana Purchase with an outline of the United States.

Indiana



The Indiana Quarter is adorned with an Indy Car superimposed over the states outline.

Mississippi



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

City council meets Monday night

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second tank battery could be added if the next well is successful. A vapor recovery unit also will be added to curb odors.

Councilwoman Stephanie Ducheneaux, who also lives in the area of the well, asked how many times the company would come before the council to drill at the location.

"I won't lie to you here tonight," the company landman said. "If this well is as successful as the first, I'll probably be back here again asking permission to drill a third. That's how this business works."

A representative of Cox Communications reported on the cable reception.

John Linton, a Cox representative, said steps are continuing to solve the problems that have plagued the new system since its installation.

"We have two engineers coming to Snyder on Wednesday to further investigate our tower and see if they can help," he said. "We are still working."

Mayor Francene Noah said she appreciated the company's concern for Snyder's problem with reception.

The council accepted a bid of $2,148.50 for scrap metal accumulated over several years.

The city's investment policy also was approved with no changes.

Information items included a letter from Cooley advising the council on local purchases. Cooley said the council can accept a bid from a local company even if it isn't the lowest bid received if it would be beneficial to the city's economy.

Martin also requested that the next meeting's agenda include the inter-governmental agreements with Scurry County so the matter can be "revisited now that we have new county officials in place."

Three arrested on warrants

•Arrests

Travis Gaspar, 17, of 318 34th Street was arrested just after 5 p.m. Monday on a warrant resulting from a felony indictment for unauthori·d use of a motor vehicle.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old man at the justice of the peace office at noon Monday on city warrants for speeding and failure to appear before a judge.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, DPS troopers arrested a 38-year-old man on U.S. 84 for warrants from Taylor County for Class A theft, Potter County for Class B theft and a Swisher County warrant for theft by check.

•Thefts

Emmitt Hataway reported at 8 a.m. Monday that items had been stolen from his truck. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a motor vehicle.

At 10:25 a.m. Monday, Juan Arizmendi reported the theft of a cellular phone from his vehicle.

Maria DeLaPaz reported at 3 p.m. Monday the theft of a bicycle from 1406 19th Street. A Class B theft report was filed.

An employee at Snyder Oaks reported Monday the theft of narcotics and officers filed a Class B theft report.

•Disturbances

Officers were requested at the Movie Gallery at 12:36 p.m. Monday because a customer was creating a disturbance. The customer was advised to leave the store.

At 12:55 p.m., officers responded to a report of a woman creating a disturbance at the Scurry County Library. An offense report was submitted for disorderly conduct and language.

•Criminal mischief

A woman in the 2500 block of 25th Street reported damage to a window in her residence Monday. A report was filed for criminal mischief.

•Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol near Techno Tan on 37th Street after seeing a suspicious man walking in dark clothing at 9:15 p.m.

A woman in the 2800 block of El Paso reported someone standing by her bedroom window and yelling at 6:20 this morning.

WTC in-service to begin

Western Texas College faculty will get back to work tomorrow as in-service begins at 8:30 a.m. with a reception in the student center.

The opening session is scheduled for 9 a.m. in the science lecture hall.

Staff involved in the registration process will attend a registration information session at 10 a.m. and faculty and deans are required to attend a student retention program at 10:30.

At 1:30 p.m. the faculty association will meet in room 110 of building 2D.

Two sexual harassment lectures are set for 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the science lecture hall.

Orientation for new faculty and staff is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday in the administration boardroom.

Admission hearings begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

ITV training begins at 1:30 p.m. in Distance Learning Lab #1, room 106 in building 7D. Divisional meetings are at 3 p.m.

A prison security class for new employees involved with prison instruction will be in the workforce conference room at 4 p.m.

On Friday, the divisional chairperson meeting is at 9 a.m. in the library conference room.

A financial aid and scholarship meeting is set in the administrative boardroom at 10 a.m.

An 11 a.m. meeting for the American Disabilities Act also will be held in the boardroom.

The Internet Instructional Support Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the administrative boardroom.

New employees include Chris Barrera and Julia Lewis, both talent search advisors, and Manuel Galindo, a custodian.

J.R. Torrez is the new director of workforce education and Debra Brown is adjunct secretary.

Dorms open at 2 p.m. Sunday. Registration begins Monday and the spring semester begins Jan. 15.

Grand jury

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Sept. 7 offense of driving while intoxicated. She has two previous DWI convictions, one in Nolan County in 1990 and one in Scurry County in 1998.

Castro was also convicted on the felony charge of retaliation in Scurry County in 1994. Castro is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Travis Gaspar, 17, of 318 34th St. was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond. He is accused of stealing a vehicle on Nov. 30 owned by Sylvia Torres.

Roberto Longoria Rodriguez, 39, of 500 31st St. was indicted for injury to a child. His bond is set at $5,000 on the offense where he is charged with causing a door facing to hit a child under the age of 15 on Nov. 24.

John Hinojosa, 18, of 3902 Muriel Drive was indicted for the Oct. 16 offense of forgery. He is accused of forging a check for $25 at United Supermarkets on the account of Lino Felan.

Bond for Hinojosa is set at $5,000.

Obituaries

Henry Clark

1920-2003

Henry F. Clark Jr., a Scurry County native and longtime Snyder civic leader, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Clark, 82, is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Buddy Payne minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Henry Clark

Born March 13, 1920 in the Knapp Community, he was a lifelong resident of Snyder and Scurry County. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served from 1941-45 in Hawaii, Camp Lejune, Guam and Iwo Jima. He was a guest speaker at his church's Veteran's Day Service last November.

He married Virginia Preuitt on April 12, 1946 in Snyder and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a member of the Men's Maverick Sunday School Class and had served on numerous church boards.

Mr. Clark worked for Texas Electric Service Co. for 35 years and retired as manager of the Snyder office in 1985.

Mr. Clark was active in the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, helped establish the Industrial Foundation and was active in building the Wickes building (now TDCJ warehouse) and in locating American Magnesium to Snyder.

Mr. Clark served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1968 and 1977 and was presented the Vestal Award for community service at the chamber banquet in 1979.

He served as a member of the Cogdell Hospital board of mangers from 1966 to 1978 and served as board chairman. Mr. Clark was a member of the Snyder Rotary Club and served as president in 1969. He was a past-president of the Scurry County United Way. A Mason, he was member of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Clark sponsored the John Philip Sousa Award presented each year to a top student in the Snyder High School Band.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Charles Clark in August, 2000; and by a sister and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Clark of Snyder; a daughter, Marcia Draper of Fredericksburg; a brother, Lloyd Clark of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Eddie Miller

1918-2003

Ernest Hoyle "Eddie" Miller, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Jan. 6, in the VA Medical Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Miller, 84, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 21, 1918 in Spencer, N.C., he married Wanda Bly on July 14, 1945 in Corpus Christi. She died Feb. 17, 1991. He owned Miller Chevron Service Station on College Ave. for many years. He had lived in Odessa before moving to Big Spring.

Two sisters also preceded him in death.

Survivors include four daughters, Martha Forkner of Odessa, Mary Bluff of Odessa, Sister Patricia Ann Miller of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Linda McCurry of Jayton; a son, John Miller of Kerrville; a sister, Emma Ruth Ashmore of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Marlin Leech

1917-2003

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Joseph Marlin Leech, former Hermleigh resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, in Alvarado Hospital in San Diego.

Service for Mr. Leech, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at College Ave. Baptist Church in San Diego. Interment will be in the Bible Mausoleum of Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego.

Born on Oct. 6, 1917 south of Roscoe, his family moved to Hermleigh about 1923. He graduated from Hermleigh High School in 1936.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Oliver and Martha Elizabeth Dyer Leech.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Leech of San Diego; his son, Robert (Bob) Leech and his wife Kathy of San Marcos, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Janice Sanchez of San Diego; a sister-in-law, Lois Leech of Snyder; a niece, Sandra Browning of Snyder; a nephew, Gene Bowlin of Snyder; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

Calvin Edwards

1933-2003

HOUSTON — Calvin Edwards of Lubbock, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 4, in Houston.

Funeral service for Mr. Edwards, 69, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Brookside Funeral Home Chapel. A memorial service in Lubbock will be held at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at St. Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Born Sept. 30, 1933, Mr. Edwards was a teacher and coach for nine years at the Lincoln school in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie J. Edwards of Lubbock; a daughter, Vickie Edwards; and a son, Victor Edwards.

Larry Panter

1939-2003

TOOL, Tex. — Larry Don Panter, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 6, in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Tomlinson Funeral Home in Tool.

Born Oct. 2, 1939, Mr. Panter was a 1958 graduate of Snyder High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Robbie Panter; and a brother, Kenneth Panter.

Survivors include two sisters, Jean Jones of Snyder and Maxine Scrimshire and husband Jim of Kemp; two brothers, Johnny Panter of Farmers Branch and Paul Panter and wife Reta of Corsicana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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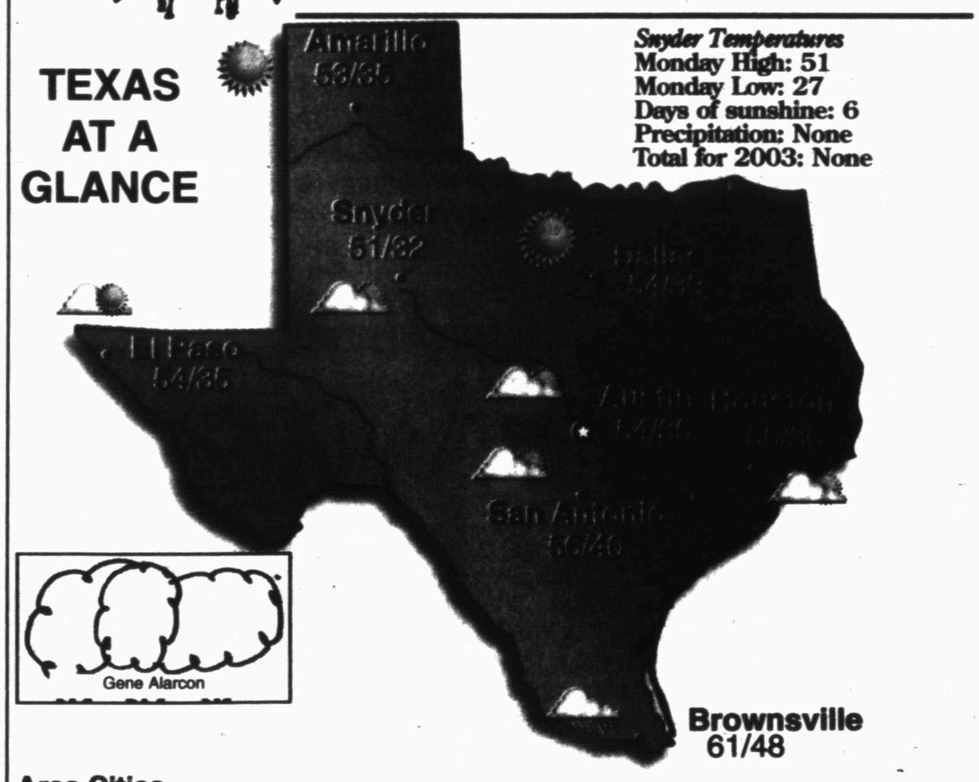
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Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 51F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 30s.
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Snyder Temperatures
Monday High: 51
Monday Low: 27
Days of sunshine: 6
Precipitation: None
Total for 2003: None

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	54	38	sunny	El Paso	54	35	cloudy	Midland	52	36	mst sunny
Amarillo	53	35	sunny	Fort Stockton	53	39	pt sunny	Raymondville	58	42	rain
Austin	54	36	pt sunny	Gainesville	51	31	sunny	Rosenberg	55	36	pt sunny
Beaumont	54	34	mst sunny	Greenville	51	32	sunny	San Antonio	56	40	pt sunny
Brownsville	61	48	rain	Houston	55	36	pt sunny	San Marcos	55	38	pt sunny
Brownwood	55	35	sunny	Kingsville	58	42	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	52	33	sunny
Corpus Christi	56	42	cloudy	Livingston	54	31	pt sunny	Sweetwater	54	34	pt sunny
Corsicana	54	36	sunny	Longview	53	32	sunny	Tyler	55	37	sunny
Dallas	54	39	sunny	Lubbock	54	34	mst sunny	Weatherford	53	32	sunny
Del Rio	57	44	pt sunny	Lufkin	55	34	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	55	36	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	28	sunny	Houston	55	36	pt sunny	Phoenix	75	55	pt sunny
Boston	29	24	flurries	Los Angeles	81	56	sunny	San Francisco	63	50	mst sunny
Chicago	45	39	cloudy	Miami	66	48	pt sunny	Seattle	50	39	pt sunny
Dallas	54	39	sunny	Minneapolis	47	31	pt sunny	St. Louis	49	42	mst sunny
Denver	58	33	mst sunny	New York	31	28	flurries	Washington, DC	39	33	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 2	Jan 10	Jan 18	Jan 25

UV Index

Tue 1/7	Wed 1/8	Thu 1/9
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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