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STANFIELD SMOKE — Snyder's emergency personnel responded to Stanfield Elementary at 10 a.m. today as smoke was reported in the computer room. At left, Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and EMS paramedic Jason Gruben look on as Bob Neblett checks for smoke above the ceiling. At right, Snyder fireman Doug Scott starts a ventalation fan to blow smoke out of the school. The school was evacuated and firefighters, officers and deputies searched the building for the source of the smoke. A ventilation motor burned out causing the smoke, but no fire occurred. Fire Marshal Cy Posey complimented the school's teachers and students on their orderly exit. (SDN Staff Photos)

WTC awards bid to install water lines

Western Texas College trustees Wednesday accepted a bid of $78,510.16 for water and sewer lines for the baseball and softball complex.

Jack's Roadboring submitted the low bid and was awarded the project.

WTC maintenance employees will be responsible for trenching the ditch for the pipelines, which will run from the fields on the southwest corner of campus to a main line near the on-campus apartments.

Trustee Scott Richburg questioned the maintenance department's ability to handle the project with a limited staff and open positions.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the college is looking for three part-time employees to fill openings and assured the board the department could handle the added responsibility.

"I'm not going to say it won't be tough, but we're having to squeeze and bend and continue to be flexible to save as much money as we can. That way, we can generate more revenue later."

The bid was accepted unanimously over two higher bids. A fourth was withdrawn.

In other business, Todd Hrbacek of the Sweetwater CPA firm of May and Hrbacek presented the annual audit.

This year's figures looked different than those in previous audits because of guideline changes enforced by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

WTC was made to depreciate more than $7 million in property, causing the college's assets to appear lower than last year — $10,255,340 compared to $17,350,837.

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, assured the board, "It looks much worse on paper this year.

"It's not that bad and it will look much better next year. The numbers are so different in this audit that we really can't even compare them to previous years. Next year we'll have more comparative figures."

The board also approved an agreement with the Scurry County Adult and Juvenile Probation Services to formalize WTC's relationship with the probation department.

"They occasionally come out and do work on the campus for community service and things like that," Dr. Williams said. "They have asked us to formalize the agreement."

In personnel matters, Faustino (J.R.) Torrez was approved as director of Workforce Education.

Torrez received his degree from New Mexico Highlands University and has worked for Midland College for three years. Nineteen applications were received for the position.

Snyder ISD trustees to hear campus plans

Snyder's school board will meet in closed session this evening to hear a report on the Lorber Industries of Texas bankruptcy hearing that was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. today.

A Lubbock attorney, Laura Monroe, is expected to discuss a settlement offer on the textile company's back taxes.

The textile firm that closed a year ago in October and declared bankruptcy in the spring owes the district some $186,453.05 in back taxes.

In other action items, trustees will consider $9,001 in budget amendments to last year's budget.

The amendments actually balance themselves out as the expenditures are offset by donations by various booster clubs including $2,438 by the tennis boosters, $4,463 by the football booster club, $1,000 from the volleyball booster club, and $1,100 from the county child welfare board for school supplies.

Trustees also will act on a recommendation for the administration to secure proposals for property and casualty insurance, and consider the resignation of Thomas Mabrey as an English teacher and assistant varsity coach at the high school.

Campus improvement plans also will be presented by representatives of all the district campuses, and a policy update will be given for the trustee's information.

For work in Italy...

Rotarians seeking medical professionals

Rotarians of District 5730, which includes Snyder's Rotary Club, are seeking four outstanding medical and health professionals (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, health care managers, administrators, etc) to visit Italy in May 2003 as part of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation.

Through the program, teams of professionals exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. The awards involve four-week visits.

The purpose of a GSE is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact.

While abroad, team members stay in Rotarian's homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts.

Visitors also will give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

People interested in applying should be employed full-time in a recognized business or profession. Young professionals within the age range of 25-40 are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must live or be employed in Rotary District 5730 — which includes Snyder, Andrews, Big Spring, Colorado City, Lamesa and other West Texas communities.

For an application, contact César Caro, GSE chairman, at 300 College Drive in Sweetwater, 79556, or call 235-7449 (office TSTC), or fax 235-7423.

Church to submit resignation to HISD

Jerry Church will become the third superintendent in Scurry County to resign this year, as the Hermleigh trustees will review his letter of resignation in a 7 o'clock meeting tonight.



Jerry Church

Church, who has served the Hermleigh district for almost two dozen years, will retire effective Dec. 31.

He joins the list of former Snyder superintendent Gayle Lomax and Ira superintendent Jim Rumage in resigning from their respective districts in 2002.

Lomax resigned in July, while Rumage now leads the Crockett County Consolidated School District in Ozona.

Also on tonight's agenda are several alternatives the Hermleigh board will discuss in replacing Church.

Church said the board would discuss the method and timeline for his replacement, including scheduling a meeting with a representative of the Region 14 Education Service Center for assistance.

Church said he did not know which direction the board would go as far as hiring an interim superintendent, or if they even would.

Other options would be keeping Church as a part-time superintendent during the search, or appointing an acting superintendent.

Both Ira and Snyder hired interim superintendents while searching for new school leaders.

The trustees also will hear from three citizens on school-related matters.

Tracey McClure will address the board on bus transportation, while LaWana Rigney will discuss the student transfer policy.

Candy Jones will again address the board on the district's extra-curricular meal policy.

Jones had met with the board earlier and expressed her displeasure with the district's policy of feeding students on extra-curricular trips at restaurants.

The mother of a Hermleigh student, Jones has suggested the students be fed in the host school's snack bar in order not to delay their arrival back home.

Tonight's meeting will be in the high school building.

ASK US

Q—Has Hermleigh made a decision about Friday classes due to the illness going around that school?

A—Supt. Jerry Church said classes will start at regular time Friday, and they would continue if enough kids are at school.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Pat Cain...

... has lived in Snyder for 47 years. She is retired from K-mart where she worked for 20 years, 15 of those at the Snyder store. She ended her career at the Sweetwater K-mart. Pat's son and daughter-in-law, David and Alisa Cain, live in Snyder. Pat enjoys working in her yard and cooking.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts.

—Coleman Cox

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Briesendine



While growing up, we traveled thousands of miles in a 1969 Lifetime RV, the youngest of a five-member family who loves to vacation.

Daddy always drove and we normally manned the co-captains chair and enjoyed the views while the rest of the family lazed around in the rear of the 25-foot auto.

We ambled our way one summer from Brownfield to Washington, D.C. and back over a three-week period, stopping at some of the nation's most famous destinations.

One of our most vivid memories of that trip is of a brief stop on the side of the road in the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee.

We read a piece this week by columnist Tumbleweed Smith who had just returned from a vacation in the same foggy mountains.

He wrote of a delicacy that he was inclined to sample at a roadside vendor's booth — a mistake we made as well.

From Tennessee to North Carolina, it's hard to drive five miles without laying eyes on a crude, hand-painted sign advertising the unique snack.

Even remembering these strange hunger busters almost enacts our gag reflex.

We'd venture to guess most Texans who have tried them weren't impressed. Boiled peanuts just aren't for us.

With the old Lifetime backfiring from the dramatic elevation changes, Daddy decided we could use a break and he chose a roadside park to take it.

Just across from our stopping point, we noticed one of the aforementioned homemade signs offering boiled peanuts for just $5 a pound.

Daddy offered the fellow a ten spot for two pounds — we had a lot of traveling ahead of us.

Thankfully the shabby looking salesman had a soft spot in his heart for goofy tourists. He offered to let us sample the goods before committing to two pounds worth.

He fished a ladle full of huge peanuts out of a kettle of boiling water and we both grabbed one.

These things were really big and we quickly cracked them open and popped them into our mouths. Thus began one of the strangest mixtures of taste, smell and texture we've ever experienced.

The peanuts, just as Tumbleweed Smith recalled, had the consistency of mashed potatoes — unfortunately they tasted nothing like the common side dish.

We were too much in shock to chew or even consider swallowing so we just stood in horror as the mushy morsels began to dissolve like rotten cotton candy.

We'd had all we could take and we were young enough not to worry with tact. We began spitting, coughing and hacking while we watched Daddy turn three shades of green as he contemplated doing the same, but politely forced the slimy bite down.

The old fellow selling the odd product smiled like he'd pulled a fast one on another bunch of saps from out of town.

But he didn't act the least bit offended at our antics and assured us, "not everybody likes them."

We've always like trying new things, but that experience almost changed our ways. We still love a good handful of peanuts, whether they're salted, roasted or candy coated.

Just keep the boiled ones away!

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Scurry Lodge to meet

Scurry Lodge #706 will have work in the Masters Degree at 7 tonight and Friday.

Angel project

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

Community Services raffle

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

Christmas band concert

Snyder ISD's Christmas band concert is set for 7 this evening at Worsham Auditorium. Performers will include the sixth grade beginning band, the junior high band and the high school band. The concert will last about an hour.

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.

Hospice open house

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice staff and volunteers will have an open house from 4-6 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church garden room. Everyone is invited.

WTC PE building to close

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

Drama booster club garage sale

The SHS drama booster club garage sale will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. All proceeds go to the varsity drama's trip to London in March.

Snyder Wheels' toy drive

Snyder Wheels will have a toy drive for Christmas for Kids from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic Drive In. Everyone is encouraged to bring a toy.

Support groups

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

Softball board meeting

The Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the BP Pipeline office at 2311 Ave. K.

Mesquite Country Emmaus celebration

Mesquite Country Emmaus' annual candlelight Christmas celebration will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Shirley Fritz will be held from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Day Care.

Retirement reception

There will be a retirement reception for Mary Brandon and Julia Juarez at East Elementary from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on next Thursday in Room 13.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include Jan. 4, 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 7, 9 a.m.,1:30 p.m. and 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.

Church of God

Ira Church of God's young adults are taking orders for smoked turkeys, 11-12 pounds. To order call 573-8148.

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.

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.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday, Jan. 8, 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.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

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

Tigers Lair yearbook

Orders for 2002 Tigers Lair yearbooks are still being taken. The cost is $50 with additional options available. Call 574-6138 for information.

Duncan's Christmas



Dad faces up to 10-year term

LEVELLAND (AP) — A former Panhandle police officer convicted of involuntary manslaughter faces up to 10 years in prison in the shaking death of his 3-month-old son 17 years ago.

Robert Sharp, 40, could have faced life had jurors convicted him of murder, the charge on which he was indicted earlier this year in Matthew Sharp's 1985 death. But jurors returned with the lesser sentence Wednesday after deliberating for more than four hours.

The infant's mother, Lisa Copeland of Carson City, Nev., declined late Wednesday to comment on the verdict until possibly after the punishment phase. She has remarried and has a 10-year-old daughter, and both were in Levelland on Monday when Copeland testified for the prosecution.

The Hockley County jury found Sharp guilty of the now-defunct involuntary manslaughter charge. It is no longer part of the state's penal code, but law requires that crimes be prosecuted using the statutes on the books at the time of the offense.

In the punishment phase which began this morning, Sharp also will be eligible for probation because he has no prior convictions.

He still, however, faces official oppression and indecency with a child charges from a short stint as an officer in Cactus in 2001.

The oppression charge came after two women from the nearby town of Dumas accused him of running them out of town. The indecency charge stems from an accusation by the mother of a then-9-year-old girl.

The case involving Matthew was reopened last summer by Hockley County District Attorney Gary Goff, who had attended a seminar in 2001 that reminded him of Matthew's case.

Goff was not a prosecutor in 1985 but rather was a recent law school graduate and pastor who was asked by Sharp to minister to Matthew as he lay in a coma in a Lubbock hospital. Goff, who asked to be removed from the case because of his ties, testified Monday that he thought he was at the hospital for show.

In statements to authorities 17 years ago and in January, Sharp said Matthew's death was an accident and that his son was injured while Sharp bounced the boy roughly on his knees to try to still the infant's crying.

He told jurors Wednesday that he had tried another tactic before placing the baby on his knees. Sharp told jurors he held his son under the boy's arms while standing in the bathroom.

"I told Matthew to be quiet and at the same time I told him to be quiet, I shook him," Sharp testified, fighting back tears. Then "for about a minute I bounced him pretty rough. When he became quiet, I thought he was going to sleep."

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Joseph Hayne Rainey of South Carolina was sworn in as the first African-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On this day in 1899, George Grant patented the golf tee.

On this day in 1901, a radio message was transmitted across the Atlantic for the first time from Poldu in Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), U.S. statesman and jurist; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), anti-slavery leader; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), writer; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), entertainer; Dionne Warwick (1941-), singer, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, James "Bonecrusher" Smith won the World Boxing Association heavyweight title by knocking out "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon in the first round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Human speech is like a cracked kettle on which we tap crude rhythms for bears to dance to, while we long to make music that will melt the stars." — Gustave Flaubert

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 11) and full moon (Dec. 19).

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Infant girl is found in abandoned vehicle

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An infant who disappeared when her grandmother's vehicle was stolen was found unharmed hours later Wednesday after police received an anonymous tip, authorities said.

Nine-month-old Brodgunique Dunn of Omaha was in a sport utility vehicle that was taken from a gas station in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Wednesday morning while her grandmother, Kimberly Lewis, was paying for gas, Council Bluffs Police Sgt. Jerry Mann said.

The child was found in the SUV later in the morning in Omaha, across the Missouri River from Council Bluffs, Mann said.

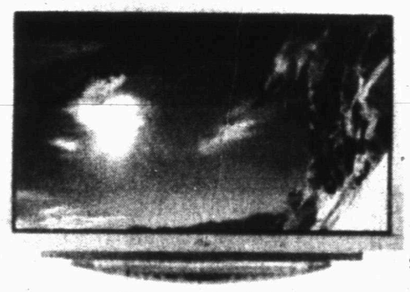
The discovery came after an anonymous telephone call, Nebraska State Patrol spokesman Mike Meyer said.

No arrests were made, Mann said, although a man was questioned and released.

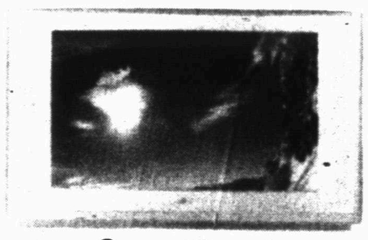
"I'm so sorry that this happened," Lewis said.

Both states triggered their child abduction notification systems after the girl's disappearance, broadcasting TV and radio messages asking people to watch for the SUV, and signs over Interstate 80 in Omaha also flashed notices. The Douglas County Sheriff's Department said it received more than 100 calls.

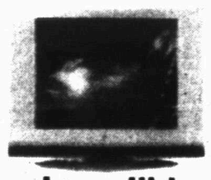
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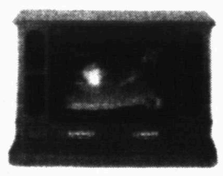
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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $12 million.

The ticket was sold in: Brownsville

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 5-16-28-35-46-51

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 0-2-0
(Night) 0-8-0
Cash Five
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STUFFED ANIMALS FOR CHILDREN — Sgt. David Holley and Cpl. Mike Ward, from left, accept Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals to be used to comfort small children policemen will encounter in stressful situations. The Order of the Eastern Star made the contribution represented by Sharon Bruns, worthy matron; Dorris Martin, associate matron; and David Hayes, worthy patron. Funds were raised to purchase the stuffed animals by selling cutlery. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SGC MAKES ORNAMENTS — Snyder Garden Club met at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to make Christmas ornaments from natural materials to give to the nursing homes. From left are Anna Sears, president Gertrude League and Maribeth Vestal. Members were served a Christmas dinner following the workshop. The group will meet Jan. 9 at the Scurry County Library for election of officers and a program, "Iris: The Rainbow Flower," and to plan activities for Arbor Day, Jan. 17. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no reservations necessary, cost $30; 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.

The square dance is the official state dance of Alabama.

Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.

—William Shakespeare

Delaware's state insect is the ladybug.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 12-12-02 ♠ A 6 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A K J 7 5 ♣ J 7 4	
West ♠ K ♥ A J 10 8 6 5 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ A K Q		East ♠ J 10 9 ♥ Q 9 ♦ 9 6 ♣ 10 9 8 5 3 2
	South ♠ Q 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ 6	

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002

Be prepared to be flexible

By Phillip Alder

Jeremy Campbell, a British journalist, wrote, "Computers are good at swift, accurate computation and at storing great masses of information. The brain, on the other hand, is not as efficient a number cruncher and its memory is often highly fallible; a basic inexactness is built into its design. The brain's strong point is its flexibility."

After forming a plan at trick one, declarer should be ready to be flexible, making adjustments when something unexpected happens. In this deal, you (South) are in four spades. West starts with the ace and king of clubs. After ruffing the second, how would you continue?

It is better for North to double than to overcall two diamonds because his hand is playable in three suits. (If the diamonds were spades, though, he should overcall one spade — get those five-card majors into the auction.) South's aggressive four-spade bid describes a moderately strong hand with a long suit, not one full of high-card power. With 12 points or more, he would start with a two-heart cue-bid.

You plan to score 10 tricks via five spades and five diamonds. And to draw trumps, you expect to play the ace and another, hoping that West began with king-doubleton. But when at trick three you lead a low trump, West's king unexpectedly pops up. What now?

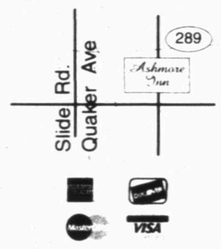
If you win the trick with dummy's ace, East will gain the lead with his trump trick for a lethal heart switch; you will lose one spade, two hearts and one club. Instead, be flexible: Play low from the dummy, letting West's king win the trick. With the heart king safe from attack, your contract is secure.

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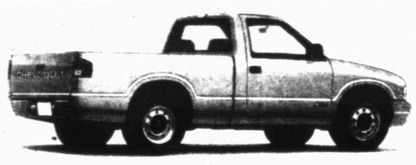
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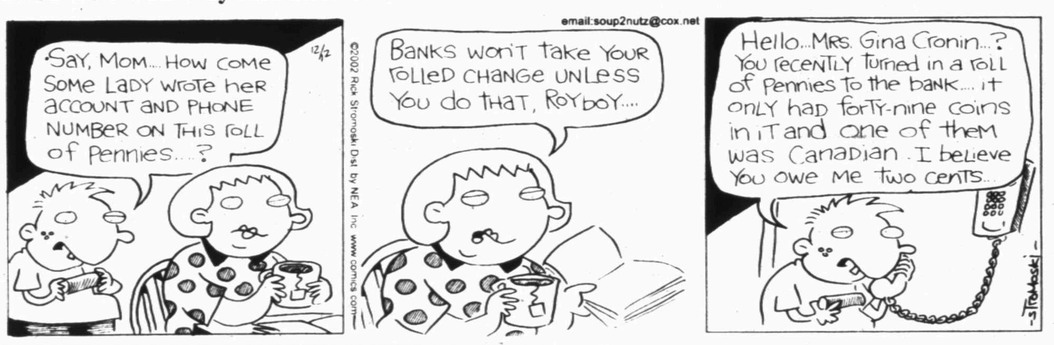
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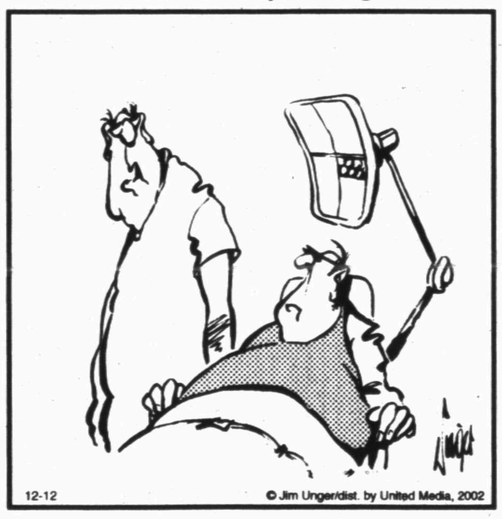
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Rose must admit he bet on baseball to be reinstated

NEW YORK (AP) — While fans were chanting his name at Cooperstown and the World Series, Pete Rose was slowly gaining his most valuable ally with Bud Selig: time.

The negotiations between the commissioner and the career hits leader have been going on for more than a year, according to a high-ranking baseball official. The talks, which had been secret until this week, became public following a meeting between Rose and Selig last month in Milwaukee.

Several baseball officials, all speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the sides appeared to be working their way toward a deal in recent weeks, but no agreement had been reached to end the ban, which Rose agreed to in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

While Selig is willing to allow him back in, Rose has to admit he bet on baseball as part of any agreement. He has been pushed to make the admission by Hall of Famers Joe Morgan and Mike Schmidt, and at the meeting last month, Schmidt was among those in attendance.

Selig had long opposed an end to the ban but allowed talks to start around the time of the 2001 World Series, the high-ranking baseball official said. Asked what triggered the change, the official said it was "just the passage of time."

Reinstatement would make Rose eligible for the Hall of Fame, and that mere possibility angered Hall member Bob Feller, a fellow Ohioan who has been vocal in his opposition to ending the ban.

"It's a publicity stunt by him and his people," Feller said Wednesday. "I'm tired of talking about it. I'm fed up. He's history."

Feller was among a group of Hall of Famers who threatened to walk out of ceremonies at Cooperstown in 2000 if Cincinnati Reds broadcaster Marty Brennaman had used his induction speech to campaign for Rose. Brennaman made a brief but impassioned plea on Rose's behalf, but the group of veterans remained.

In addition to becoming eligible for the Hall ballot, an end to the ban would allow the former Cincinnati manager to work for a team.

Rose raised the possibility of managing the Reds again in June when a Hamilton County Commissioner gave him a tour of the Great American Ball Park, which opens next April.

Reds chief operating officer John Allen, who extended manager Bob Boone's contract through 2003, said the team hasn't considered the possibility.

"Bob Boone is our manager," Allen said Wednesday. "We've had no discussions with Pete Rose or major league baseball about what happens if he does get reinstated. It hasn't even showed up on our radar screen. We haven't discussed it internally. We haven't even thought about it."

None of the 14 others previously banned for life by the commissioner's office was ever reinstated. But Rose remains popular with fans.

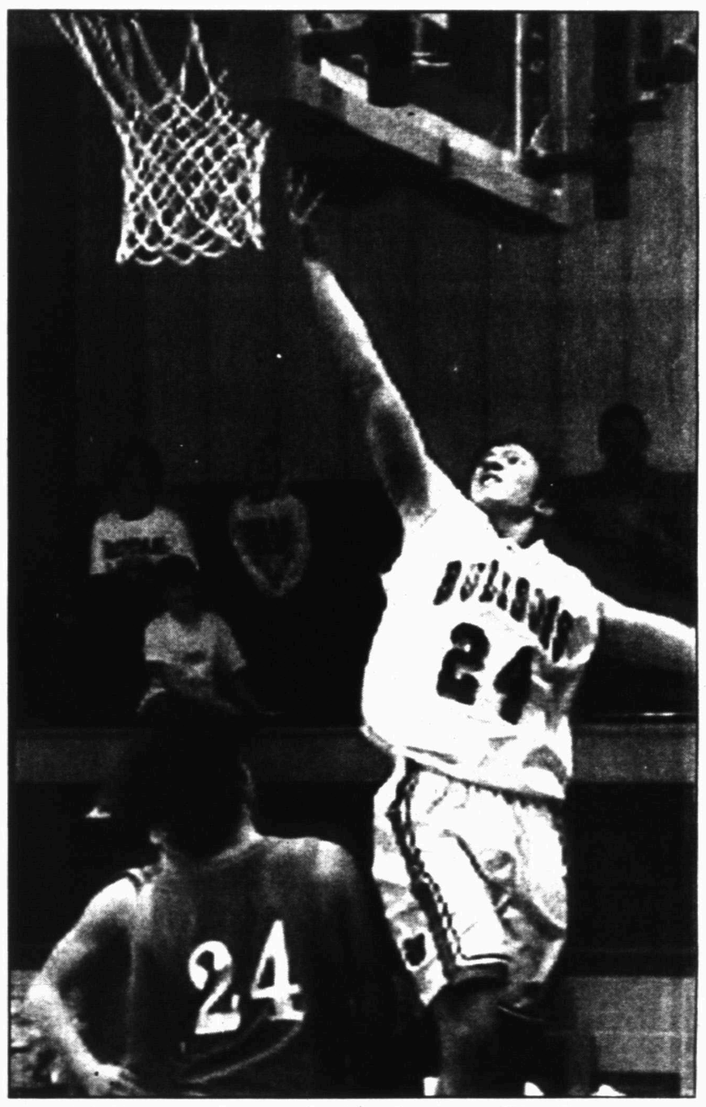
Baseball allowed him to appear on the field before World Series games in 1999 and this year to participate in ceremonies staged by a sponsor. At both Atlanta's Turner Field and San Francisco's Pacific Bell Park, Rose was given the longest ovation of all the baseball stars introduced.

New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said Wednesday night that Rose should admit his mistakes.

"I certainly hope he can get together with Bud Selig and work this out," Torre said. "He belongs in baseball. He has too much to offer. He's such a great PR person for the game."

Reinstating Rose is only one of the initiatives Selig is considering, according to the baseball officials. He is thinking of having the league that wins the All-Star game gain home-field advantage for that year's World Series, moving one World Series game per year to daytime, and moving the start of the World Series from a Saturday to a Thursday.

Rose, baseball's career hits leader, has maintained that he never bet on baseball.



THE SKY'S THE LIMIT — Bulldog freshman Wes Kellner leaps over two Rotan players during Tuesday's loss. The Bulldogs play Trent today at 5:30 at the Highland Hilltop Classic. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Lewis out of running for MSU job

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis is no longer a candidate for the Michigan State coaching job, a university source told The Associated Press today.

Lewis and school officials talked about a contract, but he was never offered the job, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Lewis flew to East Lansing immediately after the Redskins lost to the New York Giants on Sunday. He met with Michigan State athletic director Ron Mason and university President Peter McPherson.

When Lewis returned to Redskins Park, he said: "Any decision I make has got to be based on what's the best thing for the next six, seven years."

Lewis would not say whether he was ever offered the job.

Mason said Wednesday evening that he had not offered the job to anyone. He also would not say how many candidates he is considering or discuss his interview plans.

"Nothing has changed," Mason said.

Michigan State fired Bobby Williams with three games left in the season and replaced him with interim coach Morris Watts. The team finished 4-8, its worst record since 1991.

Williams and three others were the only black coaches among the 117 NCAA Division I-A teams this season.

Lewis has sought a head coaching job for several years, and he has been a candidate for several NFL jobs, including the Tampa Bay opening a year ago. His lack of success helped fuel the debate over whether minorities get enough coaching opportunities in the NFL.

Lewis is in his first season on Redskins coach Steve Spurrier's staff.

Ira cagers still developing after late start to the season

Despite dropping Tuesday's contest against Rotan, 59-53, Ira Bulldogs Head Coach Randy Jones said the game was important for the development of his squad.

"It was a good game for us," he said. "We are getting better and we played hard, but we got worn out at the end."

The Bulldogs (4-2) led most of the game, but were eventually stymied by a late run by a 13-0 Rotan squad that is ranked in the top 10 in the state.

"I give them credit, they are a good basketball team," Jones said. "They did a good job defending Jake (Barnes), and they played good defense the whole game."

Barnes was limited to six points, but the rest of the starters picked up the slack, with Eric Dickerhoff scoring a game-high 16 points, and Jess Wall delivering 11 with crisp outside shooting and aggressive drives to the basket.

Wes Kellner and Jeff Fine both scored 10 for the Bulldogs.

"All five starters got on the board, and they did a really good job all game," Jones said.

He said the team is not yet in basketball shape, so Jones gave every member of the team an opportunity to see action on the hardwood.

"Because we don't have our legs under us yet, we were able to play more kids," he said.

Ira has been dealing with the same flu-like illness that caused Hermleigh to cancel its games with Southland and cancel classes Wednesday and Thursday.

Girls' coach Brent Parr said his team also is dealing with the bug.

"It's running in a cycle," Parr said. "We've got some girls just getting over it and some who are just getting it."

Both varsity teams will participate in the Highland tournament, which begins today and will run through Saturday. The girls will square off against Trent at 4, and the boys will play Trent at 5:30.

Sports Briefs

Meyer hired for Utah job

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah hired Bowling Green's Urban Meyer to replace the fired Ron McBride as its football coach.

ASU's Suggs wins Lombardi Award

HOUSTON (AP) — Arizona State defensive end Terrell Suggs, who set an NCAA record with 22 sacks this season, won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

NFL says officials blew several calls

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The NFL has acknowledged its officiating crew made at least nine mistakes during Sunday's Green Bay-Minnesota game, including a key pass interference call, the Star Tribune and St. Paul Pioneer Press said, citing unidentified sources.

Cubs sign All-Star catcher

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs signed Damian Miller to a two-year, $5.7 million deal. The All-Star catcher was acquired last month in a trade with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Miller's season of pain is over

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bears quarterback Jim Miller will miss the final three games with a sprained ligament and bone bruise in his left knee.

Mavericks miss Nowitzki in loss

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker hurt the Dallas Mavericks just as much as Dirk Nowitzki's absence.

Parker, the second-year point guard from France, scored a career-high 32 points, including seven free throws in the final minute, to lead San Antonio to a 111-104 victory Wednesday night.

The offensive outburst, on 10-for-16 shooting, was nearly triple Parker's average of 11.7 points in the first 21 games.

"I knew I was struggling," said Parker, who made only 10 of 33 shots in the previous three games, "but you just focus on your defense during those times and just keep working on your shot until it turns around."

The loss was only the third in 22 games this season for the Mavericks, who lost scoring star Nowitzki to an ankle sprain Tuesday night in a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"We definitely missed Dirk, but don't get me wrong — this was a very winnable game," said Michael Finley, who scored 17 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter.

"We could have beat this team. They're very weak in the transition, and we didn't take advantage of that."

Actually, the Mavs took full advantage of that by scoring 20 fastbreak points in the first half, but they managed only three transition points in the final two quarters.

"We took care of the ball better and played better defense, (and) at the same time we made shots," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We were more patient in the second half."

San Antonio, trailing by one at the break, made 12 of their 20 shots in the third quarter and was sitting on a 90-73 lead with about nine minutes left in the game.

Dallas charged back behind Finley, who made four 3-pointers in the fourth period — the final one pulling the Mavs to 97-92 with about three minutes remaining.

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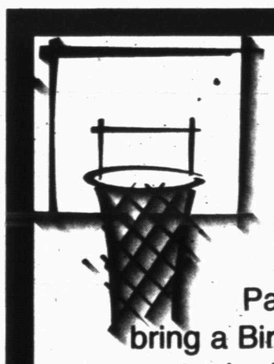
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District: Abilene
Contract 0053-10-038 for PLANING, SPOT REPAIR, ONE CST & PLANT MIX SEAL in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on January 08, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 8381

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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Astro-graph by Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 13, 2002
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The right people will be in the right spots today for you to talk about a concept with which you've been toying that you believe could be profitable. Something good could come of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Have your most choice friend in for an evening of entertainment at your place today. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just a simple get-together. It'll be most stimulating for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Leave your independence locked in your safe today, because you'll be far luckier doing things in combination with others than you will be operating strictly on your own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Some type of benefit or reward may come about in a unique manner. It could be a material gift or some type of service another performs for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Things should work out very well for you today if you follow your own counsel instead of relying upon the advice of someone else, especially in the romance department.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lucky you! Persons who have your best interests at heart will be working on your behalf today to do what they can to improve your lot in life. You won't have to lift a finger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An arrangement you have with others today in which you may not have any control will nevertheless work out as lucky for you as if you were the one calling all the shots.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Lady Luck may intervene in a situation in which you're involved today and work out something more profitable for you than you could have put together on your own. Don't get in her way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Some type of improvement could take place today that will a have a direct effect upon your personal interests. It will put you in an extremely happy frame of mind as things unfold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Joint commercial endeavors have better-than-usual chances for success today, especially if you are involved with a person who is born under the sign of either Leo or Sagittarius.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — What goes around comes around, and today it is your turn for being reciprocated for a number of kindnesses you've extended to others. They may not come from the same people you helped.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you have some business you need to conduct today with persons in your field of endeavor, forego keeping it strictly business. Warm, considerate behavior generates the responses you wish.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How to take aspirin

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every so often the subject of just how to use aspirin surfaces. I recently read an article that indicated the aspirin should be allowed to disintegrate in a little sugar water flavored with two drops of lemon juice. Should aspirin be taken on a full stomach, empty stomach, during a meal, just any time, whole or crushed?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, medicine in liquid form is absorbed more rapidly through the stomach wall than are pills, which have to disintegrate to produce any effect. (Crushed pills are absorbed more quickly than are whole pills, but more slowly than are liquid drugs.)

Practically speaking, it seldom makes any difference if patients choose pills, which are easier to swallow than liquid medicines that often have an unpleasant taste. Therefore, with respect to effectiveness, aspirin tablets are equal to alternative forms of the drug.

Aspirin itself, however, is somewhat unique in that it often causes stomach irritation. This may lead to heartburn, indigestion, peptic ulcers and intestinal bleeding. These side effects can be eliminated or reduced by buffering the aspirin, taking it with food or antacids or covering it (enteric-coated) with a film that delays absorption until the pill passes into the intestine.

Consequently, people who are bothered by the gastric effects of aspirin should take it with food, on a full stomach or with an antacid. Even so, such people should not dismiss any symptoms of gastric irritation.

As you know, both buffered aspirin and the enteric-coated variety are available without prescription and are two additional options for people who require aspirin therapy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an irregular pulse that began after cataract surgery. I'm in my 80s, take propanolol and blood pressure medication and have never had heart problems before. Why should my heart behave abnormally following this simple procedure?

DEAR READER: The relation between your cataract surgery and the irregular pulse may be pure serendipity: The two events, which are common in the elderly, may have occurred one after the other by chance.

However, I am intrigued by your unnamed "blood pressure medication." Could this be the culprit? Possibly.

Propanolol is a beta-blocker used to treat heart disorders and hypertension. It does not cause an irregular pulse; rather, it calms the heart.

On the other hand, other anti-hypertension drugs such as diuretics, are notorious causes of heart-rhythm disturbances, some of which can be dangerous.

To begin with, you should check with your primary care physician to sort out the puzzle. If you have a benign rhythm disturbance, such as atrial premature beats, no specific therapy may be indicated. In contrast, if you have a more profound irregularity, such as atrial fibrillation, aggressive treatment is appropriate. Once your doctor has defined the problem, he should be able to prescribe an effective antidote - or refer you to a cardiologist for a second opinion.

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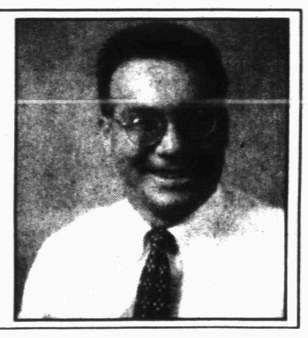
Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	7.71	7.45	7.64	+ .19
AOL TimeWrn	13.82	13.45	13.57	— .08
AT&T Corp rs	27.95	27.52	27.87	+ .36
Albertsons	22.15	21.88	22.00	— .15
Alltel	50.85	50.15	50.62	— .03
AmEl Pw	26.01	25.29	25.36	— .87
AndarkPtr	49.03	48.26	48.76	+ .14
ATMOS Egy	22.96	22.75	22.88	+ .03
Avall	9.24	8.97	9.19	+ .32
BP PLC	39.39	39.00	39.30	— .09
BakerHughes	33.16	32.45	33.03	+ .47
Bank of Amer	69.95	69.15	69.88	+ .38
BellSouth	27.00	25.55	25.65	— .33
BurlNoSFe	26.37	26.10	26.19	— .18
Caterpillar	46.00	45.00	45.61	— .10
CenterPoint	7.59	7.36	7.49	— .01
ChevronTex	68.13	67.35	68.00	+ .15
Citigroup	36.85	36.15	36.78	+ .52
CocaCola	46.31	45.35	45.80	— .95
ColgatePal	53.63	52.48	53.12	— .41
CmclMetals s	16.60	16.45	16.47	— .03
ConocoPhill	49.64	49.00	49.25	— .33
Cooper Inds	37.59	37.15	37.28	+ .10
DaimlrChry	33.41	32.52	32.98	— .42
DeltaAirl	12.87	12.50	12.78	+ .05
Dillards Inc	17.11	16.50	17.01	+ .29
DowChem	30.50	29.95	30.24	— .17
DuPont	43.75	43.10	43.46	— .29
EastmanChem	37.19	36.35	36.73	— .13
EstKodak	38.30	37.87	37.96	— .26
EDS Corp	19.00	18.42	18.80	
Entergy	45.07	44.72	44.92	— .03
ExxonMobil	35.07	34.66	35.00	— .02
FootLocker	12.54	12.34	12.50	+ .09
GenDynam	81.00	79.90	80.15	— .60
GenlElec	26.37	25.75	26.03	— .11
GenMills	44.23	43.55	43.83	— .14
GenMotors	37.90	37.25	37.87	+ 1.04
GaPacific	17.35	16.48	16.94	— .15
Goodrich	18.24	17.63	18.00	+ .13
Goodyear	7.43	7.26	7.41	+ .01
GtAtlPac	7.25	7.15	7.19	— .05
Halliburtn	21.90	20.55	20.60	+ .20
Hanson ADS	21.95	21.80	21.87	— .79
HarteHanks s	18.45	18.23	18.32	— .06
HomeDepot	27.29	26.78	27.05	+ .28
HoneywellIntl	25.25	24.38	24.90	+ .09
IBM	81.70	80.39	81.19	— .25
IntlPaper	36.11	35.43	35.82	— .28
JohnsonJn	56.18	55.35	55.72	— .45
vjK mart	56	54	54—	01
KinderMorg	42.40	42.05	42.31	+ .29
Kroger Co	15.04	14.81	15.00	+ .02
LockheedM	52.01	50.71	50.91	—1.10
Lowes Cos	40.16	39.55	39.96	+ .18
Lubys	3.45	3.06	3.44	+ .24
LucentTech	1.57	1.46	1.52	+ .07
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MayDeptStr	23.50	23.25	23.44	+ .14
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Motorola	10.01	9.60	9.94	+ .39
NCR Corp	25.00	24.55	24.82	+ .05
Navistar	25.25	24.71	24.85	— .14
PNM Rescs	23.37	22.78	23.28	+ .33
Penney JC	24.24	23.55	24.03	+ .62
PepBoys	11.65	11.15	11.55	+ .14
PepsiCo	43.50	42.60	43.10	— .05
Pharmacia	42.96	42.50	42.72	— .23
PhelpDodge	31.24	30.45	31.10	+ .28
PilgrmPrd B	8.08	7.94	8.08	+ .04
Praxair	56.80	56.10	56.54	— .36
ProctGamb	88.75	86.25	87.46	
RadioShack	20.52	19.96	20.47	+ .09
RoyalDut	42.70	42.16	42.59	+ .16
SBC Comm	25.78	25.11	25.51	— .02
SaraLee	21.86	21.50	21.61	— .39
Scripps EW	78.23	77.80	78.04	+ .24
SearsRoeb	25.76	25.16	25.71	+ .71
SherwinW	28.74	28.36	28.60	— .05
SouthernCo	27.77	27.42	27.75	+ .09
SwstAirl	16.21	15.90	16.11	— .02
SprintFON	14.53	13.73	14.50	+ .90
SprintPCS	5.40	4.75	5.30	+ .50
Sunoco Inc	32.92	32.10	32.72	+ .59
TXU Corp	15.50	15.26	15.34	— .22
TempleInland	45.25	44.40	45.07	— .05
TexInd	26.10	25.87	25.96	— .04
TexasInst	17.74	17.35	17.67	+ .45
Textron	42.10	41.52	42.01	— .18
TrinityInds	19.18	18.90	19.14	— .04
TylerTech	4.84	4.68	4.68	— .07
UnionPacif	59.76	59.02	59.25	— .86
USSteel	13.63	13.38	13.48	+ .15
UnitedTech	61.70	60.70	61.16	— .13
Unocal	31.20	30.80	31.04	— .01
VerizonComm	38.95	38.25	38.59	— .06
WalMart	52.40	51.62	52.36	+ .36
WellsFargo	46.75	46.20	46.57	— .13
WstnGasRs	36.80	36.36	36.69	+ .22
WinnDixie	14.24	14.01	14.20	+ .05
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Homeless evicted in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The silver train rumbles past Rod Bonner's makeshift home, just feet from the tracks. Its cars are full of businessmen riding into the city to support the type of lifestyle he used to have.

The former construction worker has lived along the tracks beside mounds of garbage and clutter for two years. Last week, he and other homeless people packed up their meager belongings after a city crackdown forced everybody off the property owned by Union Pacific Railroad Co.

"This has become a political issue," Bonner said, sitting on his bicycle atop an unused set of tracks. "The beautiful people have to be subjected to seeing the root of all evil."

The decision comes a month after city voters passed a controversial measure to cut monthly cash allowances for the homeless from up to $390 a month to as little as $59 a month. The savings will be reallocated to create more services and affordable housing for the homeless.

City officials say the sweep has nothing to do with a political agenda to crackdown on the homeless. Instead, they say it's about cleaning up an unsanitary dumping ground filled with health hazards, such as rodents and dirty needles.

Clearing Bonner and dozens of others away from the railroad tracks is just one of many cleanups that have involved uprooting homeless encampments. A couple of other large tent cities in the area also have been cleared and fenced.

"We're intolerant of people messing up the city," said Department of Public Works spokesman Alex Mamak. "Our issue is the beautification or removing trash or litter from San Francisco."

Union Pacific owns the strip of property that lies just below the tracks and runs parallel to Interstate 280. They gave the neighborhood of squatters until Wednesday to move on. Most of the squatters already were gone, but a few had to be rousted, said spokesman Mike Furtney of the company's western region. Once cleanup is complete, the area will be fenced off.

"My impression has been that it's an area used by the homeless as well as illegal dumpers for quite a period of time," Furtney said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Letter to Virginia sustained timeless spirit of Santa

DEAR ABBY: Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us, and my oldest child will again be asking me if there really is a Santa Claus. With all the traumatic events happening in our world today, I do not want to take anything away from him — and yet I realize he needs to know the truth.

A few years ago, there was a beautiful letter in your column from a mother who had a wonderful way of telling her child the truth about Santa without causing any damage or making the child feel let down. I am truly at a loss as to how to tell my little one the truth in a loving manner. Thank you, Abby. — **MOM IN CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL.**

DEAR MOM: The piece, "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus," is a classic. It was written in 1897 by Francis P. Church, the editor of the now-defunct New York Sun. He wrote it in response to this letter:

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" — Virginia O'Hanlon

"Dear Virginia: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

"There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in this world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle to see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

"Only faith, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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Longtime friend of Bush enters congressional race

ODESSA (AP) — Mike Conaway, former president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and a longtime friend of President George W. Bush, has announced his intention to seek the 19th District congressional seat that U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, will vacate on May 31.

"It's going to be a generally Republican crowd running, and the key will be in distinguishing yourself from the other candidates, somehow convincing the voters that I'm the best person for the job," Conaway said Wednesday.

Conaway, 54, a certified public accountant, becomes the eighth person in the race. He headed the Midland chamber in 2000-2001. He is chairman of the State Board of Public Accountancy and National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

Conaway has known Bush since 1979, when he began a relationship that included work as the chief financial officer in Arbusto Energy and Bush Exploration companies, the Odessa American reported.

Conaway said he has not spoken with the president about the race, which has also drawn commitments or statements of strong interest from former Midland mayor Carroll Thomas, Dr. Richard Bartlett of Midland and University of Texas assistant vice chancellor Bill Christian, all Republicans.

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U.S. relations with North Korea cool

WASHINGTON (AP) — The seizure and release of a North Korean missile shipment bound for Yemen may have further alienated the reclusive dictatorship in Pyongyang, hurting U.S. efforts to pressure the regime to end its nuclear weapons program, analysts say.

North Korea said today it will reactivate a nuclear power plant that was frozen under a 1994 deal with the United States. U.S. officials suspect the plant was being used to develop weapons.

The announcement followed this week's incident in the Arabian Sea, which North Korea observers said might lead the nation to accelerate its nuclear weapons program. The United States had never before publicly tried to intercept a North Korean missile shipment.

"It undercuts our goals and it looks like the Keystone Kops," said Lee Feinstein, a former State Department official under President Clinton. "We're snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. It's difficult to track these missile shipments, then when we have a major success in tracking and boarding this ship, we have to let it go."

Or, North Korea could interpret the move as a signal that the United States has abandoned diplomatic overtures in favor of hardball tactics, said Daniel Pinkston, a Korea expert at the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

"It may empower the hard-liners and embolden them to say, 'Look, we told you we couldn't deal with the Americans, the only way to deal with this situation is to strengthen ourselves militarily, and we need nuclear weapons to deter the United States,'" Pinkston said.

North Korea stunned U.S. officials in October by defiantly admitting it was conducting a secret program to enrich uranium to make nuclear weapons. The program violated a 1994 pact in which Pyongyang agreed to give up its nuclear weapons program in exchange for two civilian nuclear power plants and shipments of fuel oil.

A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that a nuclear power plant closed in 1994 was being revived to meet power needs because of the U.S.-led decision last month to suspend oil shipments.

TV cameras barred from sniper trial

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — A judge today denied a request from broadcasters to televise the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad, saying such coverage could compromise Muhammad's right to a fair trial.

Prince William County Circuit Judge Leroy F. Millette Jr. also set an Oct. 14, 2003, trial date and set aside eight weeks for the trial.

Muhammad, 41, is charged with capital murder in the shooting death of Dean Harold Meyers of Gaithersburg, Md., who was shot Oct. 9 while fueling his car at a gas station in Prince William County.

Meyers was one of 13 people hit — 10 fatally — by sniper fire during a three-week shooting spree in suburban Washington, D.C. Muhammad and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo are suspected in all 13, as well as eight other shootings across the country.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys both opposed the broadcasters' motion for TV cameras during Muhammad's trial. Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert said the coverage would detract from courtroom decorum. He has said his experience with the Lorena Bobbitt penis-slashing trial, which was televised, convinced him that TV cameras are problematic.

"The court well knows that at one point in time I had no objection to live coverage, but I've changed my mind based on personal experience," he said. "Witnesses, for lack of a better word, tend to ham it up."

Barbara Van Gelder, representing the Radio-Television News Directors Association, disputed the comparison between this case and the Bobbitt case. "This is not a celebrity matter, this is not a salacious matter," she said.

She said Virginia law put the burden on Ebert and Greenspun to show good cause for banning the cameras.

Millette sided with prosecutors and defense attorneys. He said he would allow a still camera on a day-to-day basis. Defense attorneys Peter Greenspun and Jonathan Shapiro had objected to that; Ebert did not.

Greenspun and Shapiro had argued in court papers that TV cameras could lead to saturation media coverage that would taint the jury pool and deny Muhammad the right to a fair trial.

"Although an extensive, legitimate public interest exists in this case and it is understandable that the public might want to watch this trial, the court cannot ignore the constitutional rights of the accused," the attorneys wrote.

Malvo, 17, is also charged with capital murder, in Fairfax County. His court-appointed guardian is preparing for a Jan. 14 preliminary hearing at which a judge is expected to determine whether he will be tried as an adult and face the death penalty in the shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin.

Arrests, accident occupy police

Arrest

Snyder officers arrested Jesse Delao, 37, of 1200 Ave. P late Wednesday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and for driving while intoxicated.

The vehicle was a 1987 Toyota pickup owned by Erlene Stroud in the 600 block of Ave. R. Stroud reported the truck stolen at 11:25 p.m. and two Snyder officers and two DPS troopers responded.

Delao was arrested after returning to the location in the stolen vehicle shortly after taking it.

Accident

Snyder officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 4500 block of College Ave. Wednesday afternoon.

The 12:20 p.m. mishap involved a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire driven by Kara Brumley, 19, of 3701 Dalton and a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Zack Starnes, 18, of 4001 Irving.

Theft

Bobby Davis reported several items stolen from his residence in the 1700 block of 9th Street Wednesday night. Taken was a barbecue pit, a weedeater and an aluminum ladder. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Disturbance

A woman reported a disturbance in the 1500 block of Voss Lane Wednesday morning. Deputies advised no assault had occurred and escorted one man to the bus station.

Close patrol

A woman in the 400 block of 35th Street requested a close patrol of her residence after Christmas decorations were stolen.

A woman on 22nd Street reported prowlers at 9:49 p.m. and requested a close patrol of the area.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $37 at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Another drive off was reported from the same location at 11:15 p.m. in the amount of $1.65.

Stenholm receives award from TFB

CORPUS CHRISTI — Congressman Charles Stenholm was presented the Texas Farm Bureau's Meritorious Service Award at the organization's 69th annual meeting.

In presenting the award to Stenholm, Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman said, "Our honoree today can only be described as one of the giants of Texas agriculture. That is true today and it's also true in the historical sense. He is on everyone's 'short list' of individuals who have had great and lasting impact on our industry."

Stenholm is the 21st person to receive the award in TFB's seven-decade history. It is the highest honor the organization can bestow.

Patman cited Stenholm's work on the 2002 Farm Bill as the Congressman's most recent contribution to Texas agriculture and noted his influence with other members of Congress.

"There have been many, many times that I've talked with a member of Congress about an issue or bill of concern to agriculture and Farm Bureau," Patman said. "Very often, when that Congressman did not understand the details of agricultural legislation, he or she would say something like, 'I'll have to talk to Charlie about that.'"

Obituaries

Viola Griffith

1919-2002

STERLING CITY — Viola Claudine Griffith, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Windcrest Alzheimer's Center in Abilene.



Viola Griffith

Graveside service for Mrs. Griffith, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Montvale Cemetery in Sterling City with James Mitchell, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Angelo, officiating.

Born Feb. 24, 1919 in Enid, Okla., she graduated from Wann High School and married W.L. Cushenbery in 1942. They moved to Hobbs, N.M., in 1949 and to Snyder in 1951.

Mr. Cushenbery died in 1965 and she married Robert Coffman in 1975 in Snyder. After his retirement from Sun Company, they moved to San Angelo. He died in 1988. In 1991, she married Walter Griffith who was a former resident of Mereta.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Griffith of Sterling City; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Jack Clark of Sterling City; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Karol Cushenbery of Abingdon, Md.; a stepson, Lee Griffith and wife Barbara of Arkansas; a stepdaughter, Luann Wirges of Arkansas; two grandchildren, Justin Clark of Sterling City and Scott Clark of San Diego, Calif.

Patsy Pate

1934-2002

PECOS — Patsy J. Pate of Pecos, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Dec. 9, in the Pecos Medical Center Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Pate, 68, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Mt. Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home. The Rev. Randy Foster will officiate.

Born on May 17, 1934 in Rising Star, Mrs. Pate was a secretary at Snyder National Bank from 1970-75.

Survivors include a son, Martin W. Pate of Richmond; a daughter, Cynthia A. Keahey of Midland; three brothers, Norman Hill and Roy Hill, both of Pecos, and Jack Hill Jr. of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Don Mauldin

1940-2002

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Don Mauldin, brother of Irene Mastersof Snyder, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at his home after a short illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Mauldin, 62, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Parker Funeral Home in Baird. Interment will follow at Belle Plain Cemetery near Baird. His brother, Carl Mauldin of Comanche, minister at the Rowden Baptist Church, will officiate.

He was born on July 13, 1940 at Rowden, Tex.

He was preceded in death by his parents who lived in Snyder during the 1970s, E.S. (Gene) Mauldin on Jan. 9, 2001 and Vernie Belle Mauldin on Oct. 16, 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Mauldin of Cape Coral; seven children; another brother, Roland Mauldin of Clyde; another sister, Marjorie Brown of San Antonio; two stepchildren; and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Rosselot

1901-2002

WACO — Mary Marguerite Rosselot, grandmother of Kim Gorman of Snyder, died Monday, Dec. 9, in a Waco nursing home.

Service for Mrs. Rosselot, 101, was held Wednesday at Ridgecrest Nursing Home Chapel with the Rev. Romero Pena officiating. Burial followed in Memphis, Tenn.

She was born on June 16, 1901 in Ashley, Ohio. Her husband, Carroll Rosselot preceded her in death in 1973. Mrs. Rosselot taught Sunday school for over 60 years in the Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn McCall on Feb. 7, 2002.

Survivors also include a daughter, Marilyn Kenyon and her husband John of Plano, and another son-in-law, Charles McCall of Claremore, Okla.

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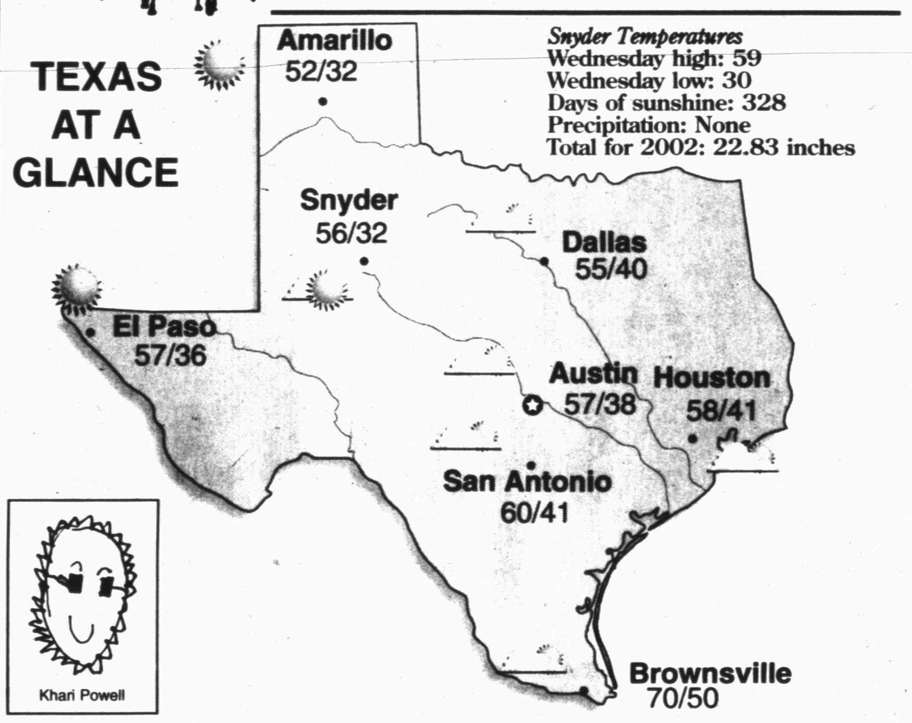
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

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Abilene	55	37	sunny	El Paso	57	36	sunny	Midland	56	36	sunny
Amarillo	52	32	sunny	Fort Stockton	60	38	sunny	Raymondville	66	45	pt sunny
Austin	57	38	pt sunny	Gainesville	53	33	pt sunny	Rosenberg	58	41	pt sunny
Beaumont	58	40	pt sunny	Greenville	53	34	pt sunny	San Antonio	60	41	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	50	pt sunny	Houston	58	41	pt sunny	San Marcos	58	39	pt sunny
Brownwood	56	35	sunny	Kingsville	62	44	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	33	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	60	46	pt sunny	Livingston	56	35	pt sunny	Sweetwater	56	35	mst sunny
Corsicana	57	38	pt sunny	Longview	50	35	pt sunny	Tyler	55	39	pt sunny
Dallas	55	40	pt sunny	Lubbock	56	33	sunny	Weatherford	55	33	sunny
Del Rio	64	43	sunny	Lufkin	56	39	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	54	36	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	36	rain	Houston	58	41	pt sunny	Phoenix	69	48	mst sunny
Boston	42	37	cloudy	Los Angeles	69	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	54	rain
Chicago	43	33	mixed	Miami	84	67	cloudy	Seattle	48	45	rain
Dallas	55	40	pt sunny	Minneapolis	40	25	pt sunny	St. Louis	41	33	mixed
Denver	55	28	pt sunny	New York	43	37	cloudy	Washington, DC	41	38	rain

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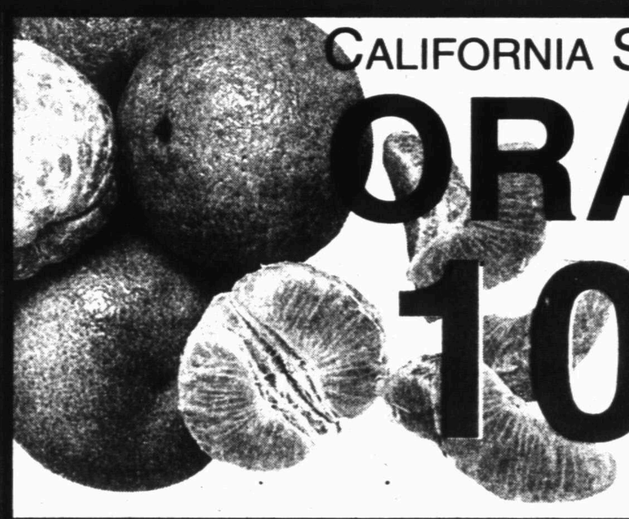
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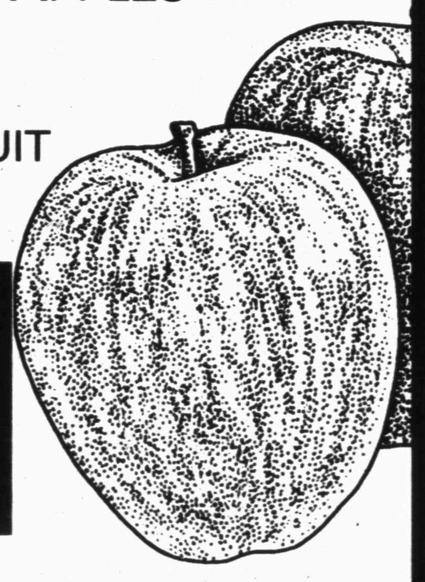
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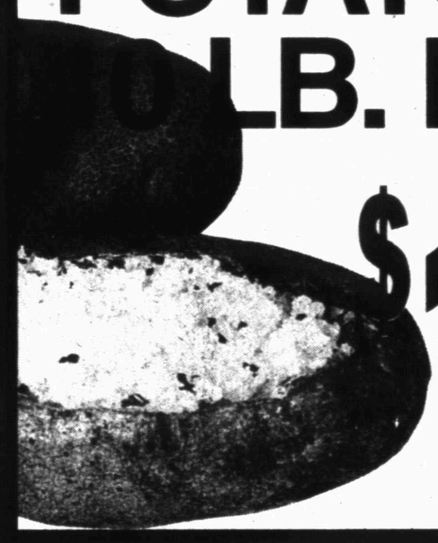
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