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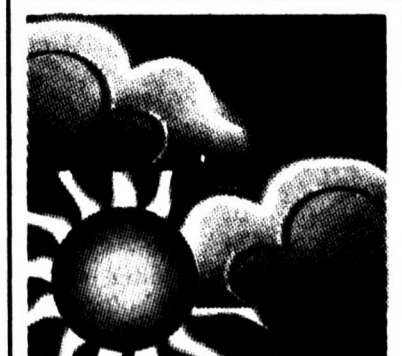
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**Searchers find drowned man**  
 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Searchers have recovered the body of a Dallas man believed to have drowned while swimming. The body of John Black, 54, was recovered from Joe Pool Lake on Monday. Authorities said Black jumped from a pontoon boat early Sunday to retrieve a hat. "They thought he would be found in the middle of the lake because apparently that's where witnesses said he went down," said Detective John Brimmer, a spokesman for the Grand Prairie police.

• Jerry Joe Blackburn, 46, professional comedian  
 • Mildred J. McConnell, 80, homemaker, nurse's aide

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## Water plan public hearing tonight

**"We have the draft plan out,"** said C.E. Williams, who heads the Panhandle Water Planning Group. He said, according to the proposed plan, there are 28 communities that could face shortages in the next 50 years. "Those are mainly on the North Plains," Williams said.

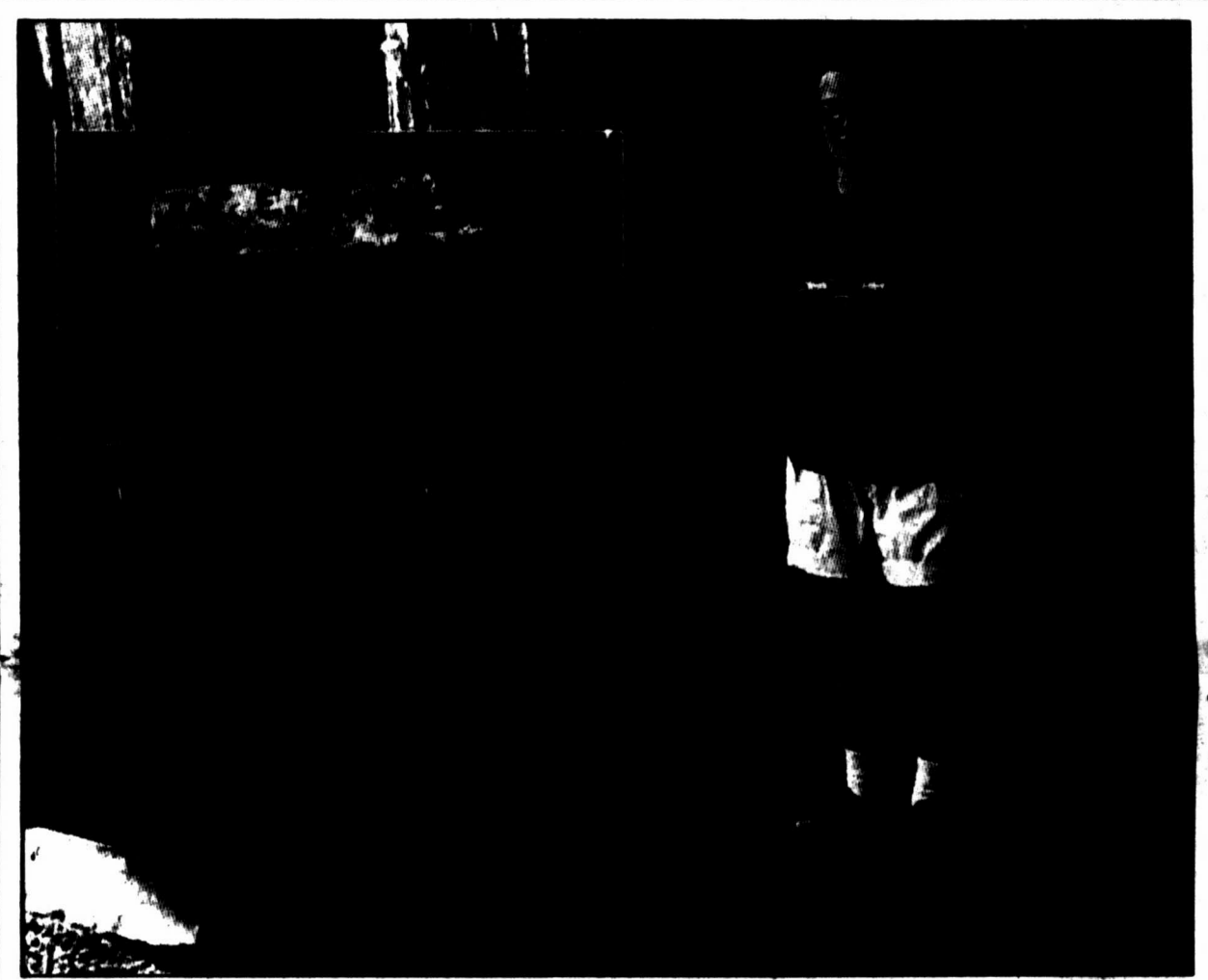
**By DAVID BOWSER**  
**Staff Writer**  
 WHITE DEER — A public hearing on the panhandle portion of a state-mandated water plan will be this evening at the Texas A&M research center in Amarillo. "We have the draft plan out," said C.E. Williams, who heads the Panhandle Water Planning Group. Williams said, according to the proposed plan, there are 28 communities that could face shortages in the next 50 years. "Some of them are quite far out," Williams said. "The closest one was 10 or 12 years out." Six counties, he said, show need for irrigation water during the next half century. "Those are mainly on the North Plains," Williams said. He said that the presentation tonight in Amarillo will cover the plan and the needs

that the planning group has found. A state water plan was mandated by the Texas Legislature following a drought in the 1990s. Regional water plans are to be developed in each part of the state covering the next 50 years. The regional water plans will then be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board and be used to form a state water plan. "We'll go through the plan," Williams said of tonight's meeting, "and then take public comments." He said he expects the presentation of the plan to take about 35 to 40 minutes. One area that could prove to be a point of contention is a reservoir project that was planned in the 1980s on Sweetwater Creek. "That has been on the books," Williams said. "They did not build the project, but they did do the engineering studies." There was a provision in an interstate compact with Oklahoma that the project

could be built for municipal and industrial use until Jan. 1, 2000. After Jan. 1, 2000, the project could be used for anything including recreation and irrigation. Irrigation districts in Oklahoma, however, are concerned that building such a reservoir would dry up some Western Oklahoma water resources. Williams said, however, that building the reservoir is not in the plan, but they did reserve the project. "From my perspective, I think you need to look at it and see what needs to be done so you can figure out a win-win deal for everybody," Williams said. He said that all the planning group did was reserve the right to build the reservoir. They didn't say they would do it. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. today at the Texas A&M Regional Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, in Amarillo.

## Body identified as former Pampa Found in Amarillo warehouse

**By DEE DEE LARAMORE**  
**Staff Writer**  
 AMARILLO — Police have identified a woman's body found in an old warehouse on Harrison Street last week as that of a former Pampa resident. Sgt. Rudy Montano of Amarillo Police Department Special Crimes Division said today the body found on Sept. 14 is that of Kelly Cave, 38, formerly of Pampa. Montano said during his investigation he learned that workers first had gone to an old warehouse at 105 S. Harrison, near the railroad tracks downtown, on Saturday, Sept. 9. They had smelled a strong odor of decay at that time, he said, but did not go into the building. The workers returned to inspect the building the following Thursday and found the stench was even stronger, the detective said. "They opened the overhead door and let the light in and that's when they saw the body laying there," he said. Since the fully-clothed body was badly decomposed, police were not certain at first if it was a man or a woman. The body was sent to Lubbock for autopsy and detectives began the search for an identity. (See BODY, Page 2)



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)  
 Carrie Darnell stands at the spot where her boyfriend found a mysterious stone while tearing down a termite-riddled porch on an old home at 700 S. Reid. Darnell said Eric Ballew was tearing the porch away when he found what appears to be a gravestone underneath. The stone (inset), is etched with the name Joe E. Thomas and the dates 1911-1931. It also contains the words: "Erected by (unreadable) Moore". Darnell and Ballew bought the property from John M. English who said his parents had owned it since the 1940s. "Joe E. Thomas" is not listed in any Gray County death records. If anyone has any information about the stone, call Darnell at 662-5200.

## Adding insult to injury Hurt woman theft victim

While a Pampa woman lay in an Amarillo hospital suffering severe head wounds from a beating, burglars helped themselves to her barbecue grill. Neighbors reported seeing two men taking a barbecue grill from the backyard Monday afternoon at 345 Miami. Stephanie Lynn Nunley, 26, who lived at the home with her boyfriend, Michael Anthony Moreno, 27, was in Northwest Texas Hospital today with head injuries suffered in a beating Sept. 13. Moreno is in Gray County jail accused of aggravated assault. Authorities said today that burglars apparently tried to break into the home at 345 Miami by cutting into a back window, but nothing inside the house appeared to have been disturbed. Neighbors, however, said they saw two men carrying off a barbecue grill from the backyard between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday.

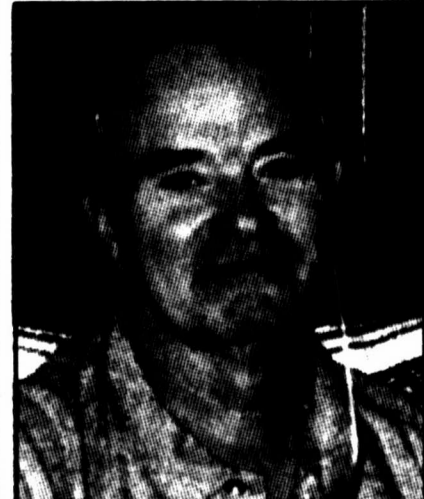
## Artist-in residence to be featured on ABC

Charles Bell, artist-in-residence at Pampa schools, is to be featured in a 20-minute interview with ABC News on Channel 8, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20. Bells work will also be displayed at an art show. That event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22, at the Pampa High School cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Quite frankly... How can Pampa improve its economic situation?



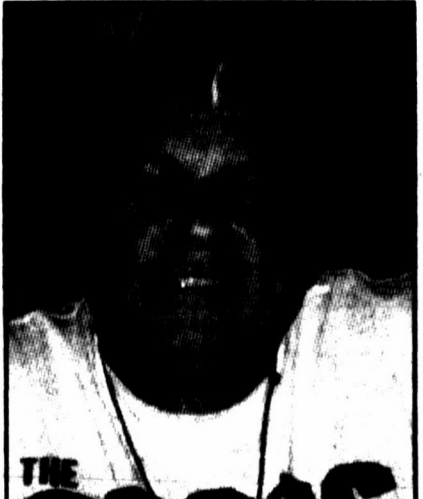
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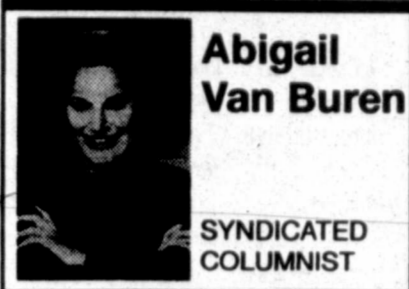
By coincidence, my children and I went to visit my father's place of rest in the late afternoon on the day that the headstone was installed. While saying some prayers for my father, my 9-year-old daughter noticed a tag on the headstone. Upon taking a closer look, I discovered that it was a metal business card that had been wedged into the concrete between the base of the headstone and the top portion. The business card had the name and telephone number of the "monument designer" on it.

I immediately pulled the metal business card out of the drying concrete. Had we come to visit my father's place of rest a day later, that advertisement would have been cemented into eternity along with my father's memory.

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**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Your letter is a first. A "monument designer" who regards a headstone as a billboard has no concept of the sensitivities of family members who might see it. It's in such poor taste that I almost wonder if it wasn't placed there by his biggest



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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are both in our 80s. I recently ran across a column of yours that I have saved these many years. I thought you might like to reprint it. Perhaps some grandchildren or their young parents might be helped by it.

GRANDMA OF SIX

**DEAR GRANDMA:** The topic of that letter recurs regularly, and you're right — the grandchildren and young parents who "forgot" this courtesy might be helped by reading it again. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** On my son's 16th birthday, he received a birthday card from his grandparents on his father's side. (His father and I are divorced.) "Grandma Jones" added the following handwritten message on the card: "Sorry, Billy, no money this time because we received no thank-you for the money we sent with our card last year. Lots of love, Grandma and Grandpa Jones."

Abby, although these grandparents are retired and living on a fixed income, they are far from poor. It wouldn't have hurt them to have enclosed a \$10 bill. It would have made the difference between my son feeling good or bad on his birthday.

I wrote to my ex-mother-in-law and told her what I thought about her birthday message to Billy. I haven't heard from her since, and I don't expect to.

What do you (and your readers) think about the message a grandmother sent to her grandson on his 16th birthday?

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Carefully review a decision that involves work and your image. A change might be overdue. Read between the lines in a message from someone at a distance. Maintain communication. Tonight: Get errands done on the way home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Allow more of your playfulness to come out in your work and life! Others respond to your energy. Reach out for another at a distance. Something you have wanted for a long time now becomes a probability rather than a possibility. A loved one could feel insecure as you bloom and draw more of what you want. Tonight: Play the night away.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Work with fundamentals rather than aiming randomly. A logical approach draws a partner in. You get the kind of results you want. Your intuition blends with your insight. You instinctively deal with a domestic matter and succeed. Don't undermine yourself because of another's reaction. Tonight: Order in.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Sophia Loren (1934), Dr. Joyce Brothers (1928), novelist Upton Sinclair (1878)

to what you are hearing. Stay steady. Tap into a trusted partner's thoughts. You make an excellent team. You might back off from a difficult conversation. What is the toll of holding in your feelings? Think twice. Tonight: A good night's sleep.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Keep your focus and don't let others shake you up. Your sixth sense needs to come out with partners. Network to make key inroads. Others respond to your energy. Your strong personality plays into the mix. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You could feel unusually tense about decisions at work. Gather information about finances. Your practical side saves you from complications. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Maintain a sense of humor with an unpredictable co-worker. Tonight: Work late.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your efforts make a difference. Others respond to your natural charm and diplomatic ways. Your ideas hold weight. Do research. Gossip might be aimed directly at you. Remain detached. Tonight: Where the music is.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating touches another. You might choose to reveal yourself in a totally different manner. You could be overly sensitive and reactive. Step back. Trust an associate with important information. You don't always have to agree with this person, but you can count on him. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Unexpected requests come your way. You are only too happy to please another. Your actions make a big difference. Stay secure with choices. Your style and diplomacy make a big difference. Speak your mind at work in the afternoon. Tonight: Visit friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Surprises at work push you in a new direction. Listen carefully to someone who shares unusual ideas. Incorporate the practical with the innovative, and you'll gain professionally. Your diplomatic skills push you in a new direction. Trust your sixth sense with finances and don't take risks. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Listen to another's ideas. You are energized. Follow through on what you know works and what is right for you. Brainstorm with another. You might want to call someone at a distance for another opinion. A loved one plays a major role in your choices. Have an important talk before making a decision. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Another has an odd way of expressing his feelings. You could react

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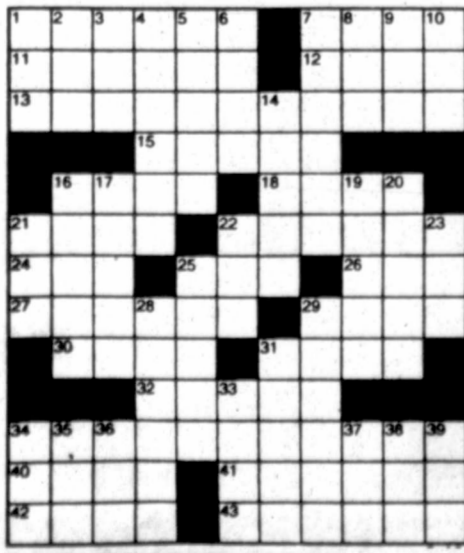


## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 7 Superhero accessory
- 11 Nabokov classic
- 12 Vaccine type
- 13 Serve a specific purpose
- 15 Physicist Nikola
- 16 Docking spot
- 18 Thunder sound
- 21 Combo
- 22 Tries to pick up
- 24 Picnic pest
- 25 Bounder
- 26 Bakery buy
- 27 Hamburg talk
- 29 Remainder
- 30 Crazy one
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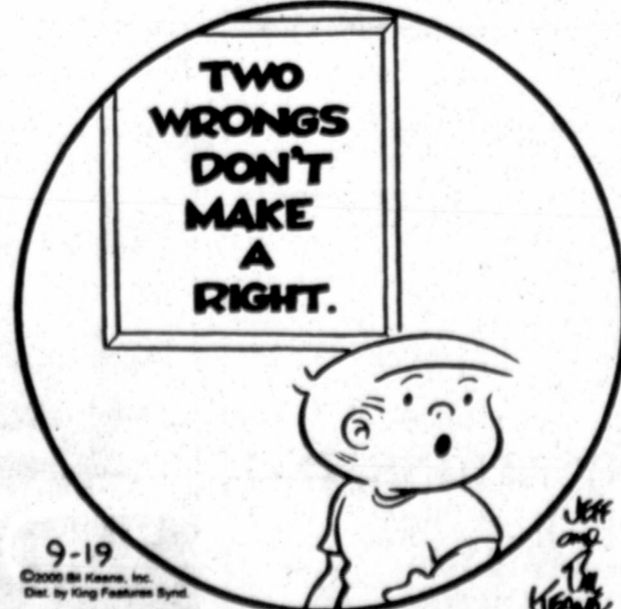
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# Texas round up ...

## Jury convicts Tommy Lynn Sells on capital murder charge

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — The father of a slain 13-year-old girl said he hopes Tommy Lynn Sells gets the death penalty instead of a life prison sentence when the punishment phase of his murder trial begins.

"He took my baby. It's hard to explain the rage," said Terry Harris, the father of Kaylene Harris, who was killed in their home on New Year's Eve. "Hopefully he'll get what's coming to him."

A jury convicted Sells of capital murder and attempted murder after 70 minutes of deliberating Monday.

Sells, a 36-year-old former carnival worker, was accused of breaking into the Harris family's mobile home near Del Rio around 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 31 and slitting the necks of Kaylene and a young friend, who survived the attack and testified against Sells.

## Frio sheriff admits theft, marijuana sale

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Frio County Sheriff Carl Henry Burris intends to plead guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana and one count of stealing from a federal-funded agency, according to court documents.

In a signed plea agreement, the 21-year veteran law enforcement officer admits he stole money confiscated in a traffic stop and sold marijuana seized from smugglers, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Tuesday's editions.

The agreement, filed Friday in federal court, will likely end a career in law enforcement that includes two election victories and an acquittal on state charges of soliciting a bribe.

Burris was arrested by FBI agents Dec. 8, 1998 and although agents accompanied the arrest with a detailed affidavit alleging Burris pocketed seized money and peddled seized marijuana, no indictment ever followed.

Instead, Burris posted bond and went back to work, although he was forbidden to carry a gun as a condition of his release.

## Critics hold talks for fluoride war

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fluoride foes say they will arm themselves to the teeth if San Antonio voters support an upcoming ballot measure that would add the element to the city's water supply.

"We are drawing a line in the dirt like they did at the Alamo," said longtime fluoride critic Kay Turner. "And win, lose or draw, none of us can stop fighting."

The San Antonio fluoride issue comes to a head Nov. 7, when the measure appears on the ballot. The vote will mark the third time since 1966 that San Antonio voters have been asked whether to fluoridate the city's drinking water.

The move failed twice, most recently in 1985.

Mayor Howard Peak, who supports the fluoride movement for its dental health benefits, said San Antonio is the country's largest city without fluoridation.

## Now a star, Armstrong rolls into Sydney fit and ready for gold

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Imagine being Lance Armstrong's teammate. You give a news conference and nobody even asks you a question — unless it's about Lance.

But that's what happens nowadays when The Lance Show rolls into town.

Armstrong is back at the Olympics, for the third time. But this time, things are oh so different. In the intervening four years, he has become a star — one of those stars whose fame transcends their sport.

Four years ago in Atlanta, the Texan cyclist finished way out of medal contention. Known as a good rider, but not necessarily a great one, he left Atlanta not knowing that he was ill — very ill.

Two months later, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Doctors gave him about a 50 percent chance of surviving.

The story of Armstrong's recovery was stunning enough. Then there was his remarkable victory in the 1999 Tour de France, one of the most grueling events in all sports. And then, as if to show it was no fluke, he repeated that victory this year.

## UT considers standardized testing

DALLAS (AP) — In an effort to gauge how well students are learning, the nine-campus University of Texas system is considering standardized tests similar to the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills taken by public school students.

The plan, to be discussed before the board of regents Oct. 2, would issue standardized tests on some subjects beginning in the 2002-03 school year, followed by tests in all core subjects by 2004-05.

"We have to have some measure to say how we're doing," UT regent Charles Miller, chair of the UT regents' Academic Affairs Committee, said in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"I don't think it has to mimic or copy the public schools. The whole issue of accountability is on the table for education," Miller said.

College presidents were notified of the proposal two weeks ago, and faculty presidents received letters Friday. In addition to the main campus in Austin, UT has satellite schools in Arlington, Brownsville, Dallas, Edinburg, El Paso, Odessa, San Antonio and Tyler.

## Atlantis crew packing up for landing

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Near the end of a jam-packed 12-day mission to outfit the expanding international space station, the crew of space shuttle Atlantis closed up their spacecraft Tuesday for a planned return home.

Atlantis and its seven-man crew will have two shots to land at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday, both coming before daybreak. The orbiter has enough fuel to stay up for two extra days if needed.

Mission managers decided not to call up Edwards Air Force Base as a backup landing site, given the favorable weather forecast for Cape Canaveral. There was a minor possibility of some low clouds and showers, NASA said.

During their orbital ride, Atlantis's crew outfitted and equipped the space station, slated to get its first permanent resident crew in just six weeks.

## ELSEWHERE:

**CON MEN QUESTIONED:** One of two brothers who helped federal authorities in New Orleans build their corruption case against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards said Monday he could not remember details of the immunity agreement he received in exchange for his assistance. ...

**ALCOHOL USE FALLS:** Alcohol and drug use has declined among Texas teen-agers, according to results of a state survey released Monday, but the drop isn't enough to satisfy a coalition of groups battling teen drinking. "Parents have to understand that (alcohol) is not the lesser of two evils," said Jay Kimbrough, director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. "This is a killer." ...

**AGENCY CRITICIZED:** Despite pleas to offer solutions rather than criticism, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission got an earful Monday as the agency began a weeklong series of hearings on proposals designed to end the Houston area's dubious distinction as the nation's smog capital. Under a plan that must be submitted to the federal Environmental Protection Agency before the end of the year, Harris County, which includes Houston, and the seven counties surrounding the nation's fourth-largest city would be brought into compliance with federal clean air standards.

## Leg with Nike shoe washes ashore in South Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A human leg clad in a sock and a Nike tennis shoe washed ashore Monday in South Texas.

The right skeletal leg was found along Mustang Island's coast. It apparently belonged to a man between 5 feet 7 and 5 feet 10 inches tall, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

A passer-by first noticed the leg and called police.

The Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office is looking south of the site for a matching left leg or

other clues to the wayward limb's source.

"Since we think the currents from Mexico are running up this way, we're going to look south for clues," Ortiz said. "We're going to see if anyone else has come up with a left foot with a Nike Air Max."

The leg, which was severed a few inches above the kneecap, appears to have been in the water no more than three days. Investigators said it appears to have been cut from the body, but they still don't have any other clues.

## American Airlines blames fuel costs for surcharge

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Citing that fuel charges have yet to peak, the cargo division of American Airlines on Monday said it would raise the fuel surcharge on air freight an additional five cents per kilogram.

The higher fee will apply to cargo flights originating in the U.S. and traveling to all international destinations. The surcharge to Canadian destinations is five cents, while fees to Asia, Europe and Latin America are 15 cents per kilogram. "Despite our hopes that fuel prices had peaked, it is clear that oil prices will continue to remain high for the time being," airline spokesman Mark Najarian said in a release.



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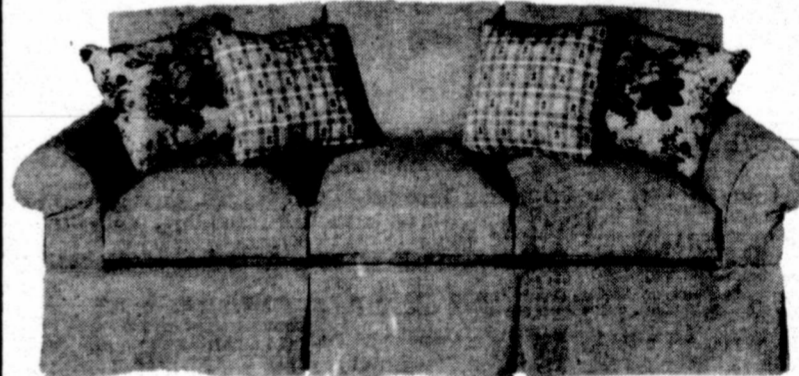
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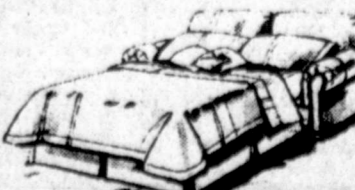
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