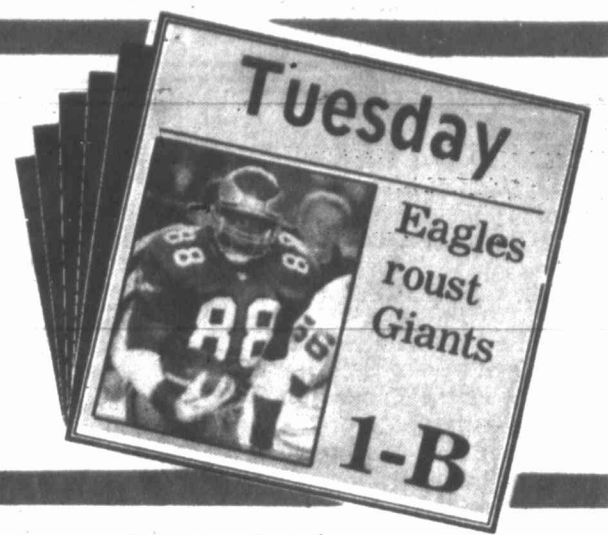


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## Weather

TONIGHT TOMORROW

CLEAR CLEAR

SUNSET 5:57 PM AM 7:09 SUNRISE

Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 30s. Light wind.  
 Wednesday, sunny with a high in the mid 60s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Extended forecast on page A-6.

## Records

Monday's high temp.	54
Monday's low temp.	28
Average high	70
Average low	42
Record high	86 in 1934
Record low	26 in 1970
Inches	
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.80
Year to date	25.83
Normal for year	17.07

## On the side

### Trade forum sponsors seminar

The Permian Basin International Trade Forum is sponsoring "The Mechanics of Effective Exporting" seminar at the Center of Energy and Economic Diversification, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa on Nov. 8.  
 Registration deadline is Nov. 6, and entry fee is \$15 per person.  
 For more information call Brian Malone at (915)561-5515.

### City crews plan shutoff

Coronado Hills residents will be without water Wednesday to allow for repairs, according to city officials.  
 The water will be off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow the water department to replace a valve on Belvedere.

### Appeals court grants reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A federal appeals court has granted a temporary reprieve to Texas death row inmate John Christopher Sawyers, who was scheduled to be executed Wednesday.  
 The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday granted the stay "pending further action of the court." The court did not issue an opinion on the case.

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DALLAS — The Rev. Earl Oldham, 71, became the world's oldest heart transplant recipient. Story and photo appears on page 2-B.

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## Appeals court hears negligence lawsuit

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
 Staff Writer

An appeals court recently heard arguments concerning a district judge's ruling last year that there was no negligence in the 1988 accidental death of Big Spring boxer Jaime Baldwin Jr.

District Judge Bob Moore of Howard County determined there were no disputed facts to be decided by a jury and signed a summary

judgment in November 1990. An appeal was submitted last month in the 11th District Court of Appeals in Eastland. Appeal court justices will hand down an opinion at a later date.

Baldwin, 22, slipped from a dam where he was fishing at Lake Colorado City May 20, 1988, fell into turbulent waters and drowned. There have been four other drowning deaths in that area during the

past decade.

The suit, filed by his father, asked for \$7.1 million in damages from Texas Utilities Electric. It cited a faulty dam design and a lack of proper fencing, adequate warning signs and no security guard to prevent fishermen from entering the private property owned by TU Electric.

An attorney for TU Electric said the design deficiencies of the dam

came under a 10-year statute of repose and that holes in a six-foot fence topped with barbed wire had been fixed and no-trespassing and warning signs added and brush removed following deaths in the area.

Odessa attorney Marc May, representing the Baldwin family, acknowledged in a motion for a

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Precinct 102 election judge Aurora Puga sits in a quiet Kindergarten Center room, waiting for voters to arrive for today's Constitutional amendment election. After the polls were open two hours, Precinct 102 reported six voters in what was expected to be a very light turnout.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## Texans deciding lottery, bonds, more

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans were casting ballots today to determine whether the state operates a lottery, builds more prisons and makes additional loans to college students.

Thirteen proposed constitutional amendments were on the statewide ballot, while Houston and Dallas were electing mayors.

Lottery backers said Monday that last-minute opinion polls indicated they would hit a winning number.

"It's looking good," said Lyda Creus of the Lone Star Lottery Committee. "All the latest polls ...

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Lottery proponent  
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Lottery opponents weren't so sure.

"I am not particularly perturbed by the polls. The polls are always dependent on who is polled and who

is going to vote," said Weston Ware of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The Legislature, which rejected the idea for years, this summer put the lottery question on the ballot after facing its third billion-dollar

budget shortfall since the mid-1980s.

Comptroller John Sharp estimates that a Texas lottery would bring in \$462 million the first year and \$1 billion or more in subsequent two-year state budget cycles.

If approved, instant games would begin by July 1, 1992, and the computerized "lotto" games that have offered million-dollar prizes in other states would start by Jan. 1, 1993, said Andy Welch, spokesman for the comptroller.

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## Court hears prayer case

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Vivian and Daniel Weisman have been subjected to hate mail and intense public scrutiny because of their case against prayer at public school graduations, which goes before the U.S. Supreme Court this week.

But they don't regret their stand. "We had an opportunity to do something that was right. ... As I keep re-examining it, I'm convinced I'm correct," said Mrs. Weisman, 42, who is assistant executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The case, in which the Weismans argue that the constitutional doctrine of church and state should prohibit prayer in invocations and benedictions at public school graduations, is among the most closely watched of the Supreme Court's 1991-1992 term.

The Bush administration has joined the Providence School Board in opposing the Weismans, urging the court to relax a 20-year-old standard for assuring a "wall of separation" between church and state.

The standard disallows any law or practice that does not have a secular purpose, has the primary effect of promoting or advancing religion or results in excessive government entanglement with religion.

Some legal experts say new boundaries could be drawn between church and state because of the conservative shift on the high court.

The Weismans plan to be at the Supreme Court in Washington for Wednesday's arguments on their case.

## Season opener



Herald photo by J. Fierro

Yumecca Brown, right, of the Howard College Lady Hawks brings the ball upcourt while Hardin-Simmons' Terri Rogers (10) applies defensive pressure during Howard College's season opener Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Story and photos appear on page 1-B.

## Mideast talks cease, settlements continue

MADRID, Spain (AP) — As Arab and Israeli delegates left the Madrid negotiating table, declaring they'd meet again but not when or where, Israel officials were defiantly opening a new settlement in the Golan Heights.

The United States is expected to take the initiative in keeping the talks going by picking a site for the next round of face-to-face talks. Washington is seen as a likely location.

The inauguration of the Kela settlement Monday in the Golan Heights, the strategic plateau Israel seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war came right on the heels of antagonistic direct talks between the Israelis and Syrians in Madrid.

The Syrians said they wouldn't be open to a single Israeli proposal unless the Golan, which Israel annexed in 1981, is first returned.

The Israeli hard-liners and Soviet immigrants at Kela were equally adamant that the Jewish state hold onto the Golan.

Middle East passions are so intense and the positions of Syria and Israel's right-wing government so unyielding that the hopes for peace that emerged from the four-day Madrid conference are unlikely to survive without sustained, hands-on American diplomacy.

The process may take years, although Palestinians suggest their sessions with Israel could resume in less than three weeks and progress could at least be made on that front.

President Bush, whose secretary of state spent eight months arrang-

## USPS urges postal hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service is considering again whether to make us stick an extra penny's worth of postage on a first-class letter, something the agency has been urging for more than a year and a half.

The Postal Service board of governors was meeting today to discuss raising the rate from 29 cents to 30 cents, a move that would require a unanimous vote of the nine governors. The governors may decide to vote, or they could put off the matter until later.

Even if the increase is approved, it won't take effect until next year, Postmaster General Anthony Frank has said.

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate subcommittee that oversees the mail agency, urged the governors on Monday not to raise rates. He contended that an increase was "unnecessary and not in the best interests of the Postal Service or its customers."

The push to raise the rate to 30 cents began more than a year and a half ago.

The independent Postal Rate Commission, in a complex decision affecting all classes of mail, approved a first-class rate of only 29 cents, however.

That rate, termed "penny foolish" by Frank, was instituted under protest in February.

Since then, the Postal Service twice has asked the rate commission to reconsider the matter, insisting that the one-cent difference costs it \$800 million annually.

The commission refused to go along, although it did agree to some other increases that will bring in an estimated \$300 million for the agency.

The second rejection placed the matter back in the hands of the governors, the presidentially appointed board that supervises the Postal Service.

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ing the Madrid conference, said pauses were to be expected.

"We have a long way to go and interruptions will probably occur, but hopes are bright," he said Monday in the United States.

Israel saw hope in the divergence of Arab positions at the conference.

The Palestinians were flexible, willing to discuss the establishment of self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as a first step to eventual statehood, while Syria was unyielding.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir noted how the promising tone of the Palestinian-Jordanian delegation's direct talks with Israel contrasted sharply with Israel's icy face-to-face meeting with Syria.

"This in itself is positive as it prevents the formation of a united Arab front against Israel," Shamir said on Israel radio.

But he offered nothing in the way of compromise.

Shamir, in an interview with Israel Television, was asked if he would consider halting settlements in the occupied territories in return for Palestinians ending their uprising against Israeli rule.

### Sidelines

#### Congressman's wife files Chapter 13

HOUSTON (AP) — The estranged wife of U.S. Rep. Craig Washington has filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

Dorothy M.L. Washington listed as her co-debtor in Monday's filing the freshman Democratic congressman, who filed for bankruptcy protection in January.

Mrs. Washington's action was an apparent attempt to prevent the sale of the couple's home at an auction of foreclosed properties. The home is cited among six properties with secured debt.

The house, valued in Monday's filing at \$74,500, was listed among properties posted for Tuesday's monthly sale of foreclosed property in Harris County. However, the bankruptcy filing removes the home from the list.

#### Man arrested in store shooting

LUBBOCK (AP) — A San Angelo man has been arrested on a murder charge in the fatal stabbing of a co-worker at a San Angelo grocery store.

Lubbock officers arrested Manuel Rodriguez, 21, early Monday in connection with the early Sunday slaying of Donald James Huisenga Jr., 38, an "M" System store employee.

Huisenga's bound and gagged body was found at 2:11 a.m. Sunday at the San Angelo chain store where he and Rodriguez worked, according to San Angelo police. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Preliminary autopsy results by medical examiners in San Antonio show that Huisenga suffered multiple stab wounds and bled to death, police said.

Rodriguez was turned over to San Angelo authorities late Monday.

#### Morales rules on groundwater

AUSTIN (AP) — State water officials can regulate groundwater, according to Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

Morales issued his opinion Monday in response to a question from the Texas Water Commission, which recently held a hearing on a catfish farm in Bexar County that is using millions of gallons of water each day.

The Living Waters Artesian Springs Catfish Farm uses 43.2 million gallons of water a day from the Edwards Aquifer.

Morales said a provision in the Texas Water Code authorizes the Water Commission to "make and enforce rules and regulations for conserving, protecting, preserving, and distributing underground, subterranean, and percolating water located in this state."

# Texas stands to lose \$1 billion in Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas stands to lose up to \$1.2 billion a year in Medicaid funds if the Bush administration continues to tighten the purse strings, state and health officials say.

New regulations issued by the administration could force the closure of some Texas hospitals, cutbacks at others, and increased taxes, experts say.

"There is a clear cliff that we're driving this freight train at high speed toward. Medicare, Medicaid, it's all going to fall apart," said Joe DaSilva, a spokesman for the

Texas Hospital Association.

"The question is can we band-aid it enough that when it falls apart the leaders that we have are going to be willing to look at the problems," DaSilva said Monday.

Last week, the Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees Medicaid, issued a rule clarification that would prevent states from getting extra Medicaid funds. HCFA objects to a practice by which states collect special taxes or "voluntary donations" from Medicaid providers such as hospitals and nursing homes and

qualify for a federal cash match.

HCFA claims that many states are undermining Medicaid by getting the matching funds then returning to the providers the tax and donations they originally paid.

The tightened rules, scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, could spell doom for poor Texans, said Jude Filler, executive director of the Texas Alliance for Human Needs, a statewide coalition dealing with poverty concerns.

"We're so far down at the bottom of the barrel in programs and it's really only been in the last couple

of years that Texas policymakers have understood the importance of taking advantage of matching monies to implement good programs. Now those monies won't be available," she said.

"This state does not have the resources or the philosophy really to take care of people. They will buck it to the counties ... and we'll have lots more people sick and dying and destitute because there's no more care for them," Ms. Filler said.

The State of Texas Office of State-Federal Relations projects

Texas would lose up to \$813 million in federal funds if the rules are implemented, with another \$400 million in state aid diverted from the state's \$6.3 billion Medicaid budget.

Bob Hardy, a HCFA spokesman in Washington, said the agency cannot determine how states would be affected.

"The programs are varied and I don't think we are able to do such an analysis at this point," he said.

The driving force behind HCFA's attempted cuts is President Bush, said Rep. Bill Sarpaluis.

## 71-year-old Texan becomes oldest transplant recipient

DALLAS (AP) — A 71-year-old minister says the weekend surgery that made him the world's oldest heart transplant recipient will enable him to continue what he enjoys — "serving the Lord."

The Rev. Earl Oldham received the heart of a 23-year-old donor during a four-hour operation at Baylor Medical Center last Saturday. Oldham suffered from cardiomyopathy, a degeneration of the heart muscle.

"I was delighted," said Oldham, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, a suburb 11 miles west of Dallas. "It gave me hope that I could finish doing what I enjoy — serving the Lord."

The International Registry of Heart Transplants said a 70-year-old patient had previously been the world's oldest heart recipient.

Oldham said Monday he had asked Dr. Peter Alivizatos, the hospital's director of cardiac transplantation, for permission to preach in two weeks.

"He said he thought that might be a little premature," Oldham said, laughing.

Oldham's attitude and health made him a good candidate for the surgery, Alivizatos said.

"He had a pristine body other than the isolated heart problem," Alivizatos said. "He was aggressive and motivated — far better than many younger patients."

Most transplant programs consider age 65 the limit for heart transplants. "We should serve patients, not regulations," the doctor said. "If we were going by the regulations, we never would have done it. And that wouldn't have been fair."

The hospital doesn't release information on organ donors.

Baylor's transplant review com-



DALLAS — The Rev. Earl Oldham, 71, displays a pulse sensor on his finger as he recovers Monday at Baylor Medical Center after surgery made him the world's oldest heart recipient.

mittee approved the surgery.

Oldham rested comfortably in the intensive care unit Monday, saying he felt well. Frequent gestures marked his lively conversation.

He attributed lifelong good health to hard work and his parents' strong genes. He plans to begin preaching again next month.

"I'm a little more cognizant that time is short for anybody," he said.

## Communities view prisons as business

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If Texas voters approve a \$1.1 billion prison bond issue today, a high-stakes derby will begin as cities and counties around the state try to land new prisons for their communities.

In South Texas, where officials are eager for the economic boost new prisons are expected to bring, community leaders are hiring consultants and devising secret strategies for the competition.

Proposition 4, the proposed constitutional amendment, would provide for \$1.1 billion in bonds for construction of 25,000 additional prison beds in the state.

Currently Texas has about 52,200 beds in 35 prisons and is building an additional 15,600 beds.

"Ten years ago, who would've thought counties would be fighting to get correctional facilities?" said Tom Vickers, director of the governor's criminal justice division.

"Now that times are tough, perceptions have changed ... a lot of counties find (prisons) attractive just for the added jobs and much-needed revenue," Vickers said.

So fierce is competition for the proposed prisons that officials in cities and counties refused to discuss strategies they are using to lure the prisons to their communities, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

"That's top secret," said Starr County Judge Jose M. Martinez. "We'd rather not offer any ammo to our competition."

His county on the Texas-Mexico border is one of the most im-

poverished in the nation.

"Some will do whatever they can," said Joe Montez, city manager in Beeville, which landed one of six new state prisons approved two years ago. The facility is now being built in Bee County and is providing about 450 construction jobs.

Willacy County Judge Estulio "Tolo" Gonzales said support for a state prison in his county has shifted 180 degrees from eight years ago, the last time county officials sought to lure a prison there.

"We're poor, and we need the jobs," said Gonzales, whose county depends heavily on agriculture. "This is a type of industry that will generate money year-round, and it doesn't depend on the weather."

Duval County commissioners have offered a \$75,000 bonus to a consulting firm if it lures a maximum-security facility to the county. A \$50,000 bonus was offered if the firm lands a medium-security prison.

An official with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice estimated nine prisons would be built if the bond issue passes. A recent count shows 26 South Texas communities are in the running or are ready to enter the competition for the prisons, according to the Express-News.

Those South Texas communities are among more than 100 areas statewide that have asked for paperwork to submit proposals for a facility. The number is expected to grow if voters approve the bonds and as the Jan. 15 deadline to apply approaches.

## State unveils blueprint for Texas needs in trade agreement

AUSTIN (AP) — A state task force has recommended that the federal government establish a fund for border environmental projects in conjunction with a free trade agreement.

Cost estimates for such projects in the Texas-Mexico border region alone would exceed more than \$2 billion, task force members say.

The Texas Consortium Report on

Free Trade — prepared by a coalition of public, private and academic participants — also pointed out the need for improving the state's highway system, restructuring tariff policies and improving re-training for workers.

Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, released the report Monday. She said that it also was given

to the federal team working on negotiating a North American Free Trade Agreement and to congressional leaders.

"Texas cannot be forced to pay the price of free trade alone by a deteriorating transportation system or a deteriorating environment at the border," Ms. Bonner said.

She said that the report shows

what Texas needs to take the greatest advantage of a free trade agreement.

In the best scenario, she said, such an agreement would mean increased trade resulting in 300,000 new Texas jobs by the year 2000.

Federal negotiators have said that environmental concerns will be addressed not as part of the free trade agreement, but "on a

parallel track," Ms. Bonner said.

Gov. Ann Richards has said a cleanup of the Texas border is essential to congressional passage of a free trade agreement.

Forty-eight House Democrats who voted with President Bush for fast-track trade talks with Mexico and Canada also said Monday they will resist a deal.

## Device may help avoid liver transplants

HOUSTON (AP) — An artificial replacement device may allow people with failing livers to avoid transplants, two Baylor College of Medicine physicians who developed the device say.

Drs. Norman Sussman and James Kelly, who developed the device, said Monday the "liver assist" device is nearly ready for systematic testing in humans.

They said it has already been used on one extremely ill patient for whom the Houston physicians received special permission from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The liver assist helped the patient, but she later developed an overwhelming infection and died, they said.

The doctors say they are nearly ready to submit an application to the FDA asking that they be allowed

to use the artificial liver with 10 patients and assess its effectiveness.

The device was described at a meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

Acute liver failure is fatal in 80 percent of cases without a liver transplant. The liver, however, will regenerate and become healthy in many cases if it can be relieved of its normal duties, Sussman said.

When kidneys and hearts fail, machines can take their places for a time, but there has been no such device for the liver.

The doctors said the problem involved in constructing such a device is that the liver, the body's largest organ, weighing as much as 4 pounds, plays a crucial role in three bodily functions: regulation of blood composition, metabolism

and detoxification.

Kelly was able to develop a culture of liver cells that mimicked the activities of adult liver cells.

"They act like little livers," observed Sussman, so perhaps they could take over some of that organ's functions.

The liver assist device is a cartridge containing hollow fibers covered with the liver cells and looking much like a kidney dialysis cartridge. The patient's blood flows through the fibers, where the cells perform natural liver functions, and then is returned to the body.

The device has performed well in three animals, but it was in the human patient that the effects were most dramatic, Kelly said.

The woman was in a coma and near death when they received permission to use it under the FDA's

special "compassionate use" rules, he said.

The patient had been in intensive care for nearly a month, and her liver functions were failing.

"When we were called, she had been in a coma about two weeks," Kelly said. "Within one hour of connecting her to the device, she regained consciousness."

The woman became more and more lucid and could communicate with her family, he said. "It was very dramatic."

Kelly and Sussman believe their device can help people with immediate but reversible liver disease, whose causes can include hepatitis, overdoses of medications and poisonous substances such as some mushrooms. In half of all cases of sudden liver failure, doctors never find the cause.

Eighty percent to 90 percent of these patients will die without liver transplants, Sussman said.

The use of the artificial assist would save the patients the \$150,000 to \$350,000 each transplant costs, Sussman said.

### Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — *Glamour* magazine pronounced Anita Hill one of "1991's bright spots."

The law professor whose sexual harassment allegations nearly cost Clarence Thomas a seat on the Supreme Court was among 10 women the magazine honored Monday. Hill was praised for "sacrificing her privacy to speak out for women."

The magazine said it chose women who were "beacons of integrity, humor, guts and grace in an often graceless and cold-blooded world."

Also recognized: Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.; Johnnetta Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta; Washington Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon; actress Jodie Foster; video producer Callie



Khouri; New York Times columnist Anna Quindlen; Texas Gov. Ann Richards; broadcast correspondent Cokie Roberts; and breast-cancer video creator Lilly Tartiboff.

A special honor went to Army Maj. Marie T. Rossi, a Desert Storm pilot who died in a helicopter accident.

The women, chosen by a panel of 29 distinguished women and the editors of the magazine, will be

featured in *Glamour's* December issue.

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RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Just call him Dr. Bono.

Singer-actor-politician Sonny Bono picked up another title Monday: doctor in disaster medicine.

Bono received the honorary degree at the first National Disaster Conference for helping rescue victims of July's bus crash that killed six people in Palm Springs.

Bono, mayor of Palm Springs, helped carry stretchers after the bus ran off a road and down a boulder-strewn hillside.

Bono, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, could not accept the honor in person because he was attending the dedication of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

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### Showdown on gas mileage delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of a bitterly contested proposal to toughen automobile fuel-efficiency standards say the Senate's defeat of an energy package sets the stage for a showdown on gasoline mileage next year.

"We think we've picked up some momentum," said Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., sponsor of a bill that would require domestic and foreign auto makers to improve the overall mileage of their new-car fleets 40 percent within a decade.

Environmentalists, other supporters of the bill and its industry opponents were girding for battle last week. Bryan was prepared to offer his plan as an amendment to energy legislation sponsored by

Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., which dealt with fuel economy in a manner favorable to industry.

But the Senate came up 10 votes short of the number required to halt a filibuster of the energy bill, in effect killing it for this year. A major fight broke out over a provision to extend oil drilling into an Alaskan wildlife preserve.

Bryan says the bill's demise boosts his plan, which now can be considered on its own merits.

Bryan is debating whether to push his bill separately or make it the centerpiece of an energy package more to environmentalists' liking than Johnston's.

He says he may seek a quick vote on his bill before Congress adjourns in a few weeks, but probably will wait until 1992.

### Court rules for baby's civil rights

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that a child who was a fetus when his father was killed after robbing a bank can sue police for violating his civil rights. But the court did not tackle the issue of fetal rights.

Without deciding the merits of the case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ruled that John Crumpton IV is entitled to claim that police, through excessive force, deprived him of a relationship with his father.

The suit claimed that Los Angeles police had targeted Crumpton's father, knew he was planning to rob a bank in nearby

Burbank, followed him after the robbery and shot him in the back.

In a decision described as the first of its kind, the court said it could reconcile two strands of federal law: the authority for any "person" to sue for civil rights violations, and the principle that under the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, "a fetus is not a person."

"A familial right cannot arise until a fetus is born and suffers from not having a parent," Judge Robert Boochever said in the 3-0 ruling.

### Lawyers tell Smith's side of story



JURY EXPERT HIRED BY THE DEFENSE

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — William Kennedy Smith's lawyers asserted for the first time that Smith's accuser willingly had sex with him and then cried rape after the two got into an argument.

The glimpse of Smith's defense was contained in court papers filed Monday after a third day of jury selection for his trial.

The 31-year-old nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., is accused of raping the woman, now 30, on March 30 at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach estate.

As of Monday, no members of the six-person jury had been seated for the trial.



Surgeon General Antonia Novello, M.D., holds an alcohol beverage pack during a Washington news conference Monday where a report was released by her office titled "Youth and Alcohol — Advertising That Appeals to Youth."

### Novello wants to meet with alcohol industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeon General Antonia Novello wants to meet with executives of major beer, wine and liquor companies next month to discuss her objection to advertisements that link drinking with sex, glamour and youth.

While industry representatives said they would be glad to meet with her, they defended their ads, denied they target young drinkers and said it was unlikely they would withdraw any of their ads.

Novello called on the industry, mainly brewers, to voluntarily pull television ads that appeal to youth with such images as bikini-clad women at beach parties, use of cartoon characters and attractive young people engaged in sports like skiing and surfing.

"The ads have youth believing that instead of getting up early, exercising, going to school, playing a sport or learning to be a team player, all they have to do to fit in is

learn to drink the right alcoholic beverage," she said Monday, releasing a third report on the issue.

Jeffrey Becker, a spokesman for the Beer Institute, which represents brewers, said that changing beer ads would not stop underage drinking. Rather, he said, education is the way to keep teens from drinking and abusing alcohol.

Becker said the beer industry shares with Novello a concern about teen-age drinking. He noted that the industry has sponsored prevention activities and promotes the responsible use of its products.

"There is a middle ground," Becker said, but added, "I don't know what that is."

"I don't think you're going to see the end of the lifestyle ads," he said, "but there's room to work with her office."

### Soviet Union will allow spy flights

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union will let spy planes fly over its entire territory to verify arms control agreements, Tass reported today, in a major departure from decades of tight Soviet secrecy.

The decision clears a major obstacle to an international "open skies" treaty, the news agency said.

A Soviet delegation made the statement in Vienna, where representatives from 22 NATO and former Warsaw Pact countries resumed talks today on the 2-year-old "open skies" proposal, Tass said.

Soviet military officials had refused to allow flights over their military bases and certain other areas considered sensitive,

despite arms control agreements signed by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The failure of the August coup removed many hard-line Soviet military officials, including Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov and Chief of Staff Mikhail Moiseyev. That apparently cleared the way for progress in Vienna.

The reversal followed Gorbachev's announcement last month of unilateral cuts in short-range nuclear weapons, and the July signing of a long-sought treaty on reducing the number of intercontinental weapons.

The "open skies" proposal encompasses all countries in the former Cold War alliances.

### Cuba opening to foreign investors

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Fidel Castro of Cuba has told foreign businessmen he's decided to dilute his hard-line brand of Communism and open his struggling country to foreign investment, a Mexican news agency reports.

Speaking at the inauguration of a trade fair, Castro evoked communism's founders in justifying the move.

"In no book did Marx, Engels or Lenin say that it is ever possible for countries to develop without capital, without technology, without markets," he was quoted as saying by the news

agency Notimex in a dispatch from Havana.

"Cooperation between the socialist system and the capitalist system is perfectly possible," he was quoted as saying in Sunday's speech to about 200 executives from 26 nations.

"We will be the best allies of those who will work with and have faith in Cubans."

Castro said the effects of the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba's struggling economy have grown even more acute because of the loss of most aid and trade from the Soviet Union and eastern Europe.

### Serbia reject EC plan for peace



MOTHER AND SON RUNNING SCARED

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Hard-line Serbia agreed today to another cease-fire in Yugoslavia's 4-month-old civil war, but it rejected a European Community peace plan despite a threat of sanctions.

Lord Carrington, chairman of the EC-sponsored peace conference, warned participants that if the cease-fire failed to hold, he would propose Friday that the talks be "indefinitely adjourned," said the spokesman.

The spokesman, who insisted on anonymity, said the parties failed to agree in a 90-minute session on an EC proposal to turn Yugoslavia into a loose association of independent states.

### New Medicare recipients should act

WASHINGTON (AP) — People turning 65 and signing up for Medicare could lose out on an important new health benefit if they do not act promptly and pay attention to the fine print, consumer advocates say.

Under a federal law that takes effect today, insurance companies can no longer refuse for health reasons to issue supplemental, or Medigap, health insurance to newly enrolled Medicare recipients 65 and over.

During the first six months of their enrollment, recipients who would otherwise be eligible for Medigap insurance will be protected from being turned down because of health problems.

They often have been turned down in the past, spokesmen for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and con-

sumer groups said Monday.

And they could be in the future if they are not careful, the groups said.

"Because each individual has only a limited open enrollment period, it is very important that consumers understand and take advantage of it," the organizations said.

There are some catches to watch out for, cautioned James Firman, president of the United Seniors Health Cooperative, a consumer group that counsels older people on health insurance issues.

For instance, as many as 500,000 people who have signed up for Medicare since June have less than six months to apply for the supplemental coverage without the danger of being turned down for health reasons. That is because the six months is figured from the day

the recipient signs up.

In addition, said Firman, an estimated 3.3 million Americans under age 65 have Medicare coverage because of severe disabilities. Of these, about 300,000 have only Part A coverage, for hospitalization. Firman advised them to consider delaying their enrollment in Part B, covering doctor bills, since this is what triggers eligibility for Medigap.

"If disabled persons enroll in Part B prior to reaching age 65, they are not eligible for open enrollment and will have a very difficult, if not impossible, time getting a comprehensive Medigap policy," Firman said.

The groups noted that the open enrollment provision allows a six-month waiting period before a policyholder can receive coverage for pre-existing conditions.

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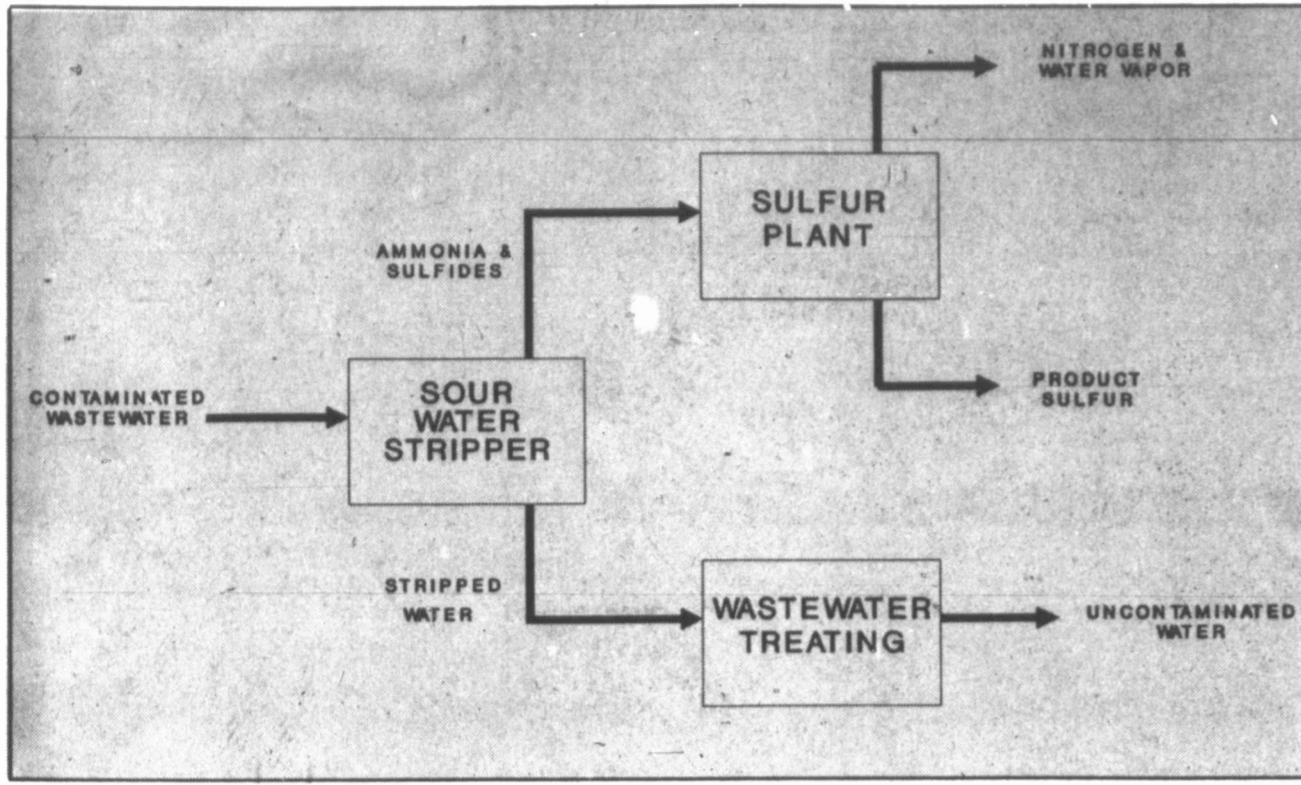


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# New processing facilities at Fina protect environment



By GARY SHANKS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fina Refinery's new construction projects will be a benefit to the Big Spring economy and environment, said Plant Manager Jeff Morris.

The new sour-water stripper facility will work in tandem with the other unit under construction, the sulfur plant. Together the two units will drastically reduce the amount of sulfur and ammonia released into the environment, Morris said.

"That white plume near the cat-cracker currently puts about six tons of sulfur into the air every day. When this project is completed, that plume will be gone," Morris told area taxing entities while seeking tax abatement for the \$15.5 million construction project.

Fina was granted 75 percent abatement on the project, which currently employs 63 construction workers from Big Spring alone,

Morris said.

When completed, the sour-water stripper will remove sulfur and ammonia from the refinery's wastewater. The chemicals are found in abundance in sour crude, and are removed by mixing water with the oil.

The stripper will then remove the ammonia, which will be processed into harmless nitrogen and released into the atmosphere.

The sulfur will be removed from the wastewater and this sulfur-laden extract will be sent to the sulfur plant for further processing.

The sulfur plant will process this into liquid sulfur, which can be sold to other companies for other uses, Morris said.

Most of the sulfur will be processed into sulfuric acid, a widely used industrial chemical, or used to make fertilizer.

These new units will allow the refinery to process more sour crude, which is a big advantage over many other refineries, said

Morris.

The project is the first ground-up construction at the refinery since 1969, and covers about 80,000 square feet on the northwest side of the refinery.

Cosden's extensive chemical production facility was razed to make room for the new facilities. The chemical plant had been closed for many years and was in a state of deterioration.

Benefits to the local economy could easily top \$1 million, since the project is only half completed and has already spent \$600,000 locally. This should top the \$800,000 Morris projected to the county commissioners would be spent locally.

The refinery competes for project funds with Fina's other facilities, said Morris. He hopes Big Spring businesses will use these funds to expand their services and inventory so that more project money can be spent locally.

## Whole Earth telescope turns stellar evolution into grand spectator sport

AUSTIN — The first successful measurements of a star's interior have been made by two University of Texas at Austin astronomers who used a worldwide network of observatories known as the Whole Earth Telescope to collect their data.

The information obtained from the pre-white dwarf known as PG 1159-035, or "McGraw's Star," already has provided the first experimental information about several theories of stellar origin, and could lead to a better understanding of the origin of the Milky Way Galaxy, say Dr. Donald Winget and Dr. Ed Nather.

"This technique tells you nearly everything you'd want to know about a star," says Nather, who invented the photometer with which the data were accumulated and also originated the idea of the Whole Earth Telescope.

"As one of our former graduate students said, this basically turns stellar evolution into a spectator sport," says Winget, the principal investigator of the study of McGraw's Star. "It's hard to think of a field of astronomy that this work won't impact."

In addition to Winget and Nather, 30 astronomers at the observatories participating in the Whole Earth Telescope are credited with the work.

The astronomers chose McGraw's Star, which is about 1,000 light-years from earth and almost directly over the equator, because it is known to be entering its death throes. As a pre-white dwarf, the star has lived far beyond the stage at which the earth's sun currently exists.

Because McGraw's Star is known to be shrinking, Winget and Nather decided that the star was a good candidate for photometer studies.

With several hundred hours of continuous observation, they speculated, enough information could be gathered to measure accurately for the first time the changes in a star's light intensity caused by its internal turmoil.

Using the Whole Earth Telescope, which links about a dozen major observatories worldwide by telephone and electronic mail, the researchers compiled their data by keeping at least one telescope in the world always trained on the star. In one intense 160-hour period, the observatories collected information on the star every 10 seconds and then transmitted the data to UT Austin by electronic mail.

The photometer accumulated information for the study by counting the photons — or basic units of light energy — coming from the star.

Because the target was a variable star, the researchers were able to see changes in the light intensity as often as every few hundred seconds, and this gave them the data they needed for the study.

When the raw data had been accumulated, the researchers split the information into separate frequencies by means of a mathematical formula known as the Fourier transform, and discovered that they had more than 100 separate frequencies for various depths within the star. They had expected nine or 10 frequencies at the most.

"It was like knowing that a dinosaur tooth had been found in a field and then going out to look for a few more teeth," says Winget. "What we found was the whole carcass!"

The light intensity changes that they observed are caused by a seismic activity in the star, which Winget describes as "something like sloshing." Similar data are collected by geologists when they bounce sound waves through the earth for research on earthquakes and plate motion.

"If you think of stars as layers, then each layer is sloshing differently than the layer above it, and this activity becomes especially pronounced in a shrinking star such as a white dwarf," he says. "Since you can only see the outer layer, or photosphere, then you can only know the interior of the star by these oscillations, which are changes in the photosphere caused by internal activity."

Nather's photometer, which was used by nearly all the Whole Earth Telescope observatories participating in the study, was designed to cancel out the changes in light intensity that can be caused by light pollution from the earth or by other atmospheric phenomena. The photo meter fits on the telescope at the focal point and collects data on the star to be studied, and at the same time samples a reference star that is known to be stable.

If the stable reference star and the target star together change in the course of data collection, then the astronomers know that terrestrial phenomena are corrupting the data set. The information can then be mathematically adjusted by filtering the data on the target star by the same margin that it takes to bring the reference star data into equilibrium.

What is left is a record of the star's variations in intensity, and the longer the data are collected, the more accurately the astronomers are able to ascertain these frequencies.

Technical reports on the McGraw's Star investigation appear this month in the *Astrophysical Journal* and in *Science* magazine.

## Book has tips for blind

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Nicolette Ringgold woke up one morning and the world had gone blurry.

Mrs. Ringgold wasn't fumbling around in blackness, but her central vision was gone. At 79, Mrs. Ringgold, a retired French professor, was legally blind.

Her driving days were over. She figured she had read her last book. So she wrote a book telling others how to deal with losing vision.

"Out of the Corner of My Eye," published by the American Foundation for the Blind, is printed in letters nearly a quarter-inch high so those with poor vision can read it. It also is available on tape. Either costs \$14.95.

Mrs. Ringgold said the foundation offered her about \$150 for the book, but she asked for books and tapes instead so she could give them away.

"I'm very glad to let them have the money. What I want is for people to get the use of what's in the book," she said.

The foundation and the Commission for the Blind in Norfolk, Va., will honor Mrs. Ringgold Nov. 13 at a party in Colonial Williamsburg.

Mrs. Ringgold, now 88, recalled waking up to find she had lost vision in her good eye. One eye already was afflicted with the condition, called macular degeneration. "All of a sudden you realize you can't read anymore. When you've been a college professor, that's hard," she said. "The whole pattern of your life is different."

Mrs. Ringgold was born in Paris in 1903 and taught French to foreigners. She came to the United States in 1932 and taught at Middlebury College summer school, Wellesley College and the College of William and Mary.

Today, she is proof that blindness needn't mean total dependence.

Her tips include the old saying "a place for everything and everything in its place." But that advice does more than prevent clutter — it prevents injuries for the blind.

"Putting things away after you use them not only helps you find them again, it helps you avoid clutter and unexpected encounters that



Nicolette Ringgold, 87, a former college professor and the author of "Out of the Corner of My Eye," works at her 1934 Remington typewriter at her home in Williamsburg, Va. Legally blind herself, Ringgold's book, published by the American Foundation for the Blind, helps blind people cope with everyday life and the outside world.

can lead to accidents," she writes. As she makes her way around her home, she realizes a visitor has left something on the floor. "Don't put anything on the floor. I might trip over it," she cautions.

The book has lots of tips on stairs, which she calls the most dangerous part of the house. Don't leave anything on stairs. Count steps going up so you will know what you face going down. Mark steps with strips of yellow tape. She has done this outside her home and has talked some shopkeepers into adding tape outside their stores.

She still lives in the home she and her husband bought in 1958. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease and died three years ago.

She has traveled to France twice since she became blind, once with a granddaughter but a second time alone. "I found I didn't really need her because I'm not afraid to ask for help," she said.

Her home has a private apartment that she rents out, reducing the rent in exchange for a number of hours of help on things like reading mail and driving to the store.

Her stove has small pieces of paper marking low temperature, and her telephone has a piece of yarn on the six so she can feel forward or backward to find the other numbers.

## All systems go



LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Douglas Platt, President of Select Tech, Inc. displays his "chordic" keyboard as he portrays a totally mobile full function computer at the COMDEX convention in Las Vegas recently. Platt uses a computer shorthand system, has a pocket-size DOS operating system in his vest pocket and views a screen through his mounted eyepiece.

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# Woman fears doctor's search for trouble Jeane Dixon - horoscope

DEAR ABBY: This refers to your answer to "Out of Ideas," whose wife refused to go to the doctor for checkups.

Your answer was very glib. I, too, refuse to go to the doctor. My reason is fear, pure and simple. I am so frightened of hearing something bad, I just don't go at all. The word "tests" is enough to send my blood pressure soaring. In fact, I can't get an accurate blood pressure reading due to fear of doctors.

I'm not as bad as "Out of Ideas" wife; I've gone to the doctor on occasion when I've had uncomfortable symptoms that drove me there. But the experience was sheer torture. The doctors kept saying, "Calm down, calm down"

Dear Abby



but I simply couldn't. I'm in my 50s and I've never had a mammogram, and I never go for regular checkups.

I would be delighted to learn how to overcome this deep-seated terror, but so far, no luck. I think you should consider this in relation to "Out of Ideas" wife. She may need help, and it has nothing to do with her intelligence. SCARED TO DEATH

DEAR SCARED — and I hope the "to death" is just a figure of speech I told "Out of Ideas": "Short of hog-tying her, there is nothing you can do. Every intelligent person realizes that routine physical checkups (physical and dental) are essential to maintaining good health; and early detection, should there be a problem, has saved many lives."

The help that both of you need is psychotherapy to overcome your fear of doctors. Literally tens of thousands of women could have added years to their lives had they caught a malignancy sooner.

DEAR ABBY: Our retirement center runs a trip to the shopping center once a week. Recently I

noticed one of the residents put a tube of lipstick in her purse instead of in her shopping cart. I was behind her in the checkout line and saw that she didn't declare the lipstick. Since then, I've been watching her. The week before last, she slipped a bottle of fingernail polish into her bag. Last week, it was toothpaste.

If I speak to her about her pilfering, I know she will deny it and say all sorts of unpleasant things. Still, I am uncomfortable now that I know she is shoplifting.

Should I tell the store manager? Or maybe tell the other village residents? Or just mind my own business? — IN A QUANDARY

DEAR IN: It would be a kindness to tell the woman privately that you saw her shoplift the lipstick, nail polish and toothpaste. Tell her you fear that if she does it again, she will be caught and asked never to enter that store again — or worse yet, arrested. This would be not only embarrassing, but a blow to her family — and it would reflect badly on the retirement center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Tremendous personal growth and business success are possible. Those contemplating a job change could see their dreams come true. Be patient. Jumping at the first offer would be a mistake in January or February of 1992. The family circle expands in spring. An enduring romance could lead you to the altar in June. Keep in touch with old friends, former co-workers and neighbors. Late summer is the best time for a vacation.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Sally Field, director Mike Nichols, musician Glen Frey, journalist Maria Shriver.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A great day for making a fresh start! Replace bad manners with good ones. You get support for a pet project that was rejected earlier. Evening will provide a happy romantic surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An excellent day for signing contracts and agreements. Legal matters are likely to be settled in your favor. You are practiced at getting your own way. Share the limelight with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A period of reflection produces a wise decision and inner peace. Your co-workers look to you for leadership. Do not let them down. Plan a dinner for two at your favorite restaurant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put a child's needs ahead of your own. Romance may have to wait. Your colleagues respect you but are afraid to hire you. They fear that you know more than they do!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give generously of your time or money. A special favor will be richly repaid. Anticipate delays or foul ups in

a business transaction and be patient. A favorite hobby helps you relax tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): To keep the course of romance smooth, be patient. A verbal or written financial arrangement proves beneficial. Words bring change — make your views known to influential people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ventures shared, either for profit or pleasure, bring tremendous satisfaction. Why not use a gift to say something nice? Your down-to-earth manner impresses a potential romantic partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A good day to perfect both business and family plans. Pour your energies into a project already on the launching pad. A woman's ideas give your spirits a lift. Dine out tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A good day for instigating changes at work or home. Greater self-discipline will help you solve a tricky personal problem. Give a close friend a token of your love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Those with tax problems should consult experts only. A lawyer or accountant offers excellent advice; follow it to the letter. Romance takes on exciting new overtones. A wedding date may be set.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Now is the time to make big changes! Creative and artistic pursuits deserve top priority. Career advancement is easier than in the past. An important event could take place this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The financial picture improves, thanks to a friend's behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Keep a promise to your loved ones. The more you give, the more you will receive.

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