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Home of Brady Cobb Sr.

# Arlington firm chosen to draw up parks plan

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning selected Schrickel Rollins and Associates to formulate a master plan to dictate the future of the county's recreation facilities.

Acting on the recommendation of parks head Scott Crenwelge, the court unanimously approved the Arlington company, then asked that the panel which conducted interviews of the finalists to negotiate a fee.

"The panel interviewed all three firms last week and they really were three different types of firms, kind of a small, medium and large," Crenwelge said. "The large firm (Freese and Nichols Inc. of Fort Worth) brings a lot to the table, but we're afraid it will also bring a very big price tag.

"The small firm (Halff and Associates of Dallas) was very personable, but we feel it might be lacking the expertise necessary to help us gain grant funding.

"We feel Schrickel Rollins, being the middle firm, brings it all to the table," he said. "It was an unanimous decision on the panel's part to work with this firm."

Crenwelge said another bonus of the chosen firm is its strong ties to West Texas, with most of its graduates from local schools, including Western Texas College and Texas Tech.

County Judge Ricky Fritz reminded the court that time is of the essence and asked Crenwelge if Schrickel Rollins could work efficiently with the county.

"I think if I called them today, they would be here tomorrow," Crenwelge said. "What I like about this firm is that they are not going to come in, look around and then just tell us what they think we need. They are going to seek public input, find out what our community wants, then go back and develop a plan."

In other business, the court approved a contract with WTC for use of the Towle Park ball fields by the baseball and softball programs for a yearly sum of $5,000.

Jim Clifton, WTC dean of student services, was present and said the baseball team would have a 56-game schedule with one-third to half of those games played at Moffett Field.

The softball team will play 32 games with the same ratio of them at home on Cates Field.

Concerns arose about scheduling conflicts with the high school, but Crenwelge told the court that shouldn't be a problem and recommended the college schedule Saturday games.

"Anytime you can play during the day and keep from turning those lights on at Moffett, you're saving a whole lot of money," Crenwelge said. "Running those lights really eats into the budget."

The court also voted unanimously, with little discussion, to ratify its attorney's decision to finalize the district court's judgment in favor of the county in a lawsuit brought by the Snyder Daily News.

"We could not deliberate at the time because there was no posted meeting," Fritz said. "We hired an expert to represent us and this was his decision."

The court also agreed to provide office space free of charge to Scurry County Youth Outreach Inc., a non-profit agency that provides assistance to children and their families in crisis.

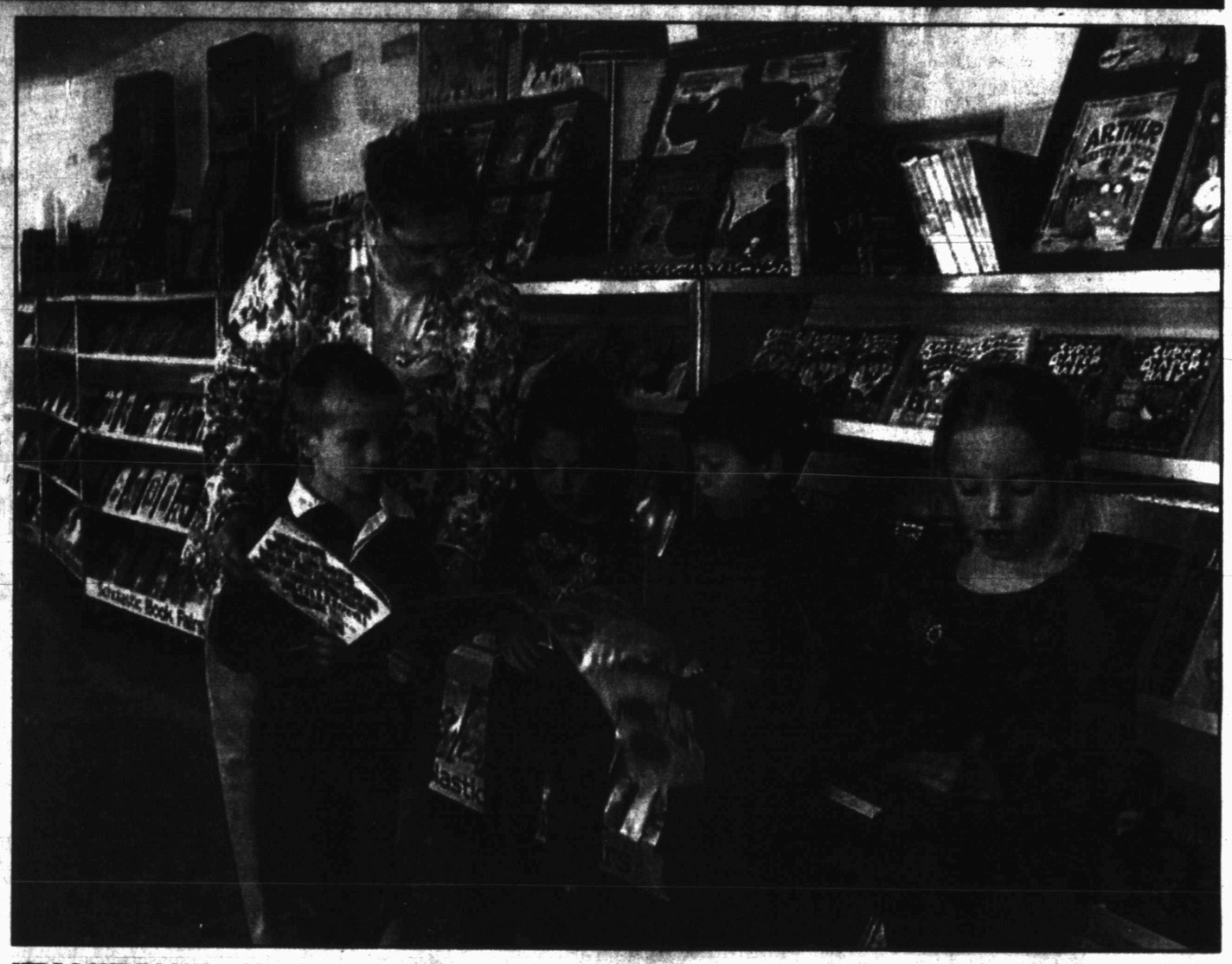
Fritz said there is a precedent for the county to provide space, but not funds, to non-profit agencies. The court approved office space in the Diamond M building.

Other items approved by the court were a tax reimbursement of $4,447.73 to Kinder Morgan because of an over valuation and a declaration naming March 17-23 National Agriculture Week in Texas.

One line-item transfer for $93 was approved in the Justice of the Peace office and no budget amendments were presented.

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

Fritz presided and all members of the court were present to include Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.



KIDS LOVE BOOKS — The first day of Public School Week saw Carson Edmonds, Katelee Brock, Riley Arnold and Emilee Atwood, from left, find books they like at the Scholastic Book Fair at Stanfield Elementary as Kem Fogleman looks on. Schools have activities planned for visitation and parents are invited to their child's school this week. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

*North Texas hardest hit...*

# Five deaths result from arctic blast

DALLAS (AP) — Two deaths from hypothermia and three traffic fatalities, all in North Texas, are blamed on an arctic cold front that sent temperatures slicing below freezing.

Dallas County medical examiner's officers said today that an autopsy showed a 73-year-old woman, Corine Curry, died of hypothermia on Saturday. The unresponsive woman was found on the porch of her house in South Dallas.

A 67-year-old homeless man whose body was found Sunday outside a building in East Dallas also died of hypothermia, a medical examiner's spokeswoman said. She said the victim's name was withheld pending notification of relatives.

All three traffic fatalities occurred Saturday because of icy roads, law officers said.

But after a frigid weekend of bone-chilling temperatures, North Texas is expected to thaw out quickly, said Steve Fano, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Fano said warmer air from the Gulf of Mexico will replace the blast of icy weather that dropped the temperatures at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to 15 degrees, five degrees shy of the record set in 1943.

Dalhart, in the northwest corner of the Texas Panhandle, recorded a bone-chilling temperature of five degrees on Sunday. Monday's low was 10 degrees, the weather service said. It was nine at Muleshoe.

Sunday morning's low in Snyder was 13 degrees, and 17 degrees both Saturday and today.

But it could have been colder.

The record low temperature in Snyder for March is five degrees that occurred in 1943.

Freeze warnings were in effect through early today along the Texas coast and along the Mexican border in far South Texas.

Fano said the weather is expected to warm steadily throughout the week, reaching into the low 70s on Wednesday and the mid-70s on Friday. The warming trend is expected to remain through Sunday, he said.

"It's unseasonably cold, but it's not out of the ordinary to have one of these arctic fronts moving through this time of year," Fano said. "Almost every winter you'll get a couple of invasions of arctic air. About the only place not affected by it is central and southern Florida."

The cold front struck in the Houston area just as Entergy officials had taken a 500,000-volt transmission line out of service for upgrades. The energy provider asked all customers west of Lafayette in Louisiana and its Texas customers to conserve power.

But the company's remaining power generation sources were expected to struggle to meet demand, said officials.

Only one other arctic front has hit North Texas this year. That was Jan. 3, when the low hit 14 degrees.

Temperatures should climb into the upper 50s by this afternoon, Fano said.

"We'll be into the lower 60s by Tuesday and into the 70s on Wednesday," he said.

"That's more in line with normal temperatures for this time of year," Fano said, noting that the average high is 65 degrees and the normal low is 43 degrees.

As the mercury crept to a high of 37 degrees Sunday afternoon, city officials and fire crews received a rash of calls related to pipes bursting.

By 6 p.m. Sunday, Fort Worth firefighters had responded to about a dozen water breaks at area businesses, said spokesman Mike Smith.

"As the water thaws out, the pipes are either leaking or breaking," said Smith, a dispatcher for the Fort Worth Fire Department. "The water causes the alarms to go off. Most of them just needed to be better insulated. That's been keeping us busy for most of the day," Smith said.

# Six killed as chopper shot in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least six Americans were killed and an unknown number wounded when their helicopter was shot down over eastern Afghanistan in intense fighting that caused the worst U.S. casualties of the 5-month-old war, Pentagon officials said today.

It was not clear how many of the soldiers died in the crash and how many were killed by small-arms fire during fighting that broke out after the crash, said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

She said she didn't know the number of wounded nor whether a search-and-rescue operation had been completed.

The helicopter, normally used to ferry special forces troops and supplies, was downed on its way to the largest battle of the five-month war so far — an assault on suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters that the Pentagon says were regrouping south of Gardez.

It was the first American aircraft taken down by enemy fire in the war, after accidental crashes of other craft since the anti-terror campaign opened in October.

# Few tickets remain for chamber banquet

A limited number of tickets will be available through Tuesday for that evening's chamber of commerce banquet.

Tickets are $12.50 each.

The event will get underway at 6:30 at Scurry County Coliseum and this year's theme is "Down Memory Lane."

Local citizens will be honored for their contributions to the community over the years, and Snyder High School's drama department will present a fashion show of dress spanning several decades.

Sheriff Darren Jackson serves as president of the Snyder chamber and other officers include Jeffrey Martin, vice president; Paula McWilliams, secretary-treasurer; and Mike Thornton, president-elect.

Directors are Carl Burleson, Wilhelmenia Howard, Anita Talbott, David Harrell, Elliot Cox, Joni Gonzales and Billy Grimmett.

The banquet committee consists of Ann Smartt, Jessie Scarborough, Judy Hays, Elois Pruitt, Aline Parks, Debra Medrano, Nancy Smith, Dewey Fay Miller, June McGlaun and Jean Everett.

# Council will begin review of manager

Snyder's city council will begin the yearly evaluation process of City Manager John Gayle when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The council will have an executive session on the evaluation as part of tonight's agenda.

Other items the council will consider are bids for the relocation and reinforcement of utility lines at the 37th Street bridge over Deep Creek, and for a backhoe for the street department.

Contracts between the city and Borden County for fire-fighting equipment and personnel, and between the city and Snyder ISD for leasing the East and West fire stations are expected to be renewed during the meeting.

A request by Cloyce Talbott for the city to pay a portion of the expenses for paving some 350 feet of Ave. Z from Towle Park Road also will be heard.

Discussion of the 2002-2003 budget also will begin.

The meeting will be in council chambers in the west end of city hall.

## ASK US

Q—Who represents Snyder on this region's water development board planning group?
A—City Manager John Gayle.

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Saturday, 34 degrees; low, 13; high Sunday, 42; low, 17; 7 a.m. Monday, 17; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, clear; low 25-30; S winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny, high around 70; S winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, low around 30.



Dylan Early Warner

**Sunset**
6:44 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:06 a.m.
Of 62 days in 2002, the sun has shone 59 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

None of my inventions came by accident. They came by work.
—Thomas Edison

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# Study finds sleep problems and ADHD could be linked

CHICAGO (AP) — New research suggests children who snore face nearly double the risk of being inattentive and hyperactive, providing fresh evidence of an intriguing link between sleep problems and attention deficit disorders.

While the study doesn't answer whether one condition causes the other, the researchers believe snoring and other sleep problems may be the culprit in some cases because children often express sleepiness by being inattentive and "hyper."

If it turns out to be true, this theory could help explain the paradox over why stimulants such as Ritalin can effectively treat children with conditions like attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder who already seem over-stimulated, said Dr. Ronald Chervin, a University of Michigan neurologist and sleep researcher, and the study's lead author.

"If there is indeed a cause-and-effect link, sleep problems in children could represent a major public health issue," Chervin said. "It's conceivable that by better identifying and treating children's snoring and other nighttime breathing problems, we could help address some of the most common and challenging childhood behavioral issues."

ADHD is the most common neurobehavioral disorder in childhood, affecting between 4 percent and 12 percent of school-age children — or as many as 3.8 million youngsters. Data cited by Chervin suggest that between 7 percent and 12 percent of children snore frequently, with apnea — brief breathing lapses during sleep that can cause snoring — present in up to 3 percent of school-age children.

Numerous other studies have found a link between sleep problems and ADHD, but many sleep specialists and psychiatrists are divided over which condition might cause the other.

"There's absolutely a connection," said Dr. Stephen Sheldon, a sleep specialist at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. "There is a proportion of youngsters that have sleep pathology causing their daytime symptoms that appear virtually identical to ADHD."

Dr. Timothy Wilens, a child psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, is more skeptical.

"I would say the verdict is still out," said Wilens.

ADHD is thought to have a genetic cause and runs in families, Wilens said. The sleep disturbances his research has found in ADHD children, including restlessness and difficulty falling asleep, are likely the result of behavioral problems, not vice versa, he said.

Chervin's study involving 866 children aged 2 through 13 is published in the March issue of Pediatrics. It is based on surveys of parents about their children's behavior and sleep patterns.

Parents rated their children's behavior based on a list of psychiatric criteria for ADHD, which includes impulsiveness, inability to pay attention and excessive activity. Parents weren't asked if their children had been diagnosed with ADHD, which Chervin acknowledged limits being able to generalize the results.

Overall, 16 percent were frequent snorers and 13 percent scored high on the ADHD scale.

Among frequent snorers, 22 percent had high ADHD scores, compared with only 12 percent among infrequent snorers.

Since snoring is often caused by apnea, which in turn is frequently caused by large tonsils, removing the tonsils might in some cases improve behavior, Chervin said.



THE T'BIRDS — Jason Cave, sitting on the car, is telling his fellow T'Birds about his car Greased Lightning. From left are Chris Lopez, Rudy Ibarra, Cade Simpson, Chris Smith, Casey Arnold, Tyler Price, Cody Reed and Ryne Trout. *Grease* continues at 7 p.m. tonight and Tuesday night at Snyder Junior High School. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased at the office. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY
RESULTS

## Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in: Houston.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-17-25-27-51-52

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

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-1-5

# Reagans will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald and Nancy Reagan celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, still inseparable after years together in Hollywood, the White House and finally, in the shadows of Alzheimer's disease.

"Ronnie and I have been through so much together, but it still doesn't feel like 50 years," Mrs. Reagan she said in a statement Friday to The Associated Press.

"I've been asked over and over again if there is a secret to staying married for this long and I'd have to say there isn't one," she said. "Marriage is never 50/50. One of you is always giving more, always compromising. And we've both done our share of compromising in these 50 years."

The couple is spending their anniversary together in their Bel-Air home with a celebratory cake, likely his favorite chocolate. This year, Mrs. Reagan laments, she will miss the traditional anniversary letter from her now-91-year-old husband.

"(It's) one of the days that I most looked forward to every year, since I always knew I would receive a special letter from Ronnie," she writes in the paperback edition of her book, "I Love You, Ronnie," being released today.

The book, first released in fall 2000, is a compilation of his letters to her that exposed the depth of passion for Reagan's beloved wife.

"He wrote me letters all the time, including on ordinary days and sometimes more than once a day, but our anniversary was always special," Mrs. Reagan said.

The extraordinary letters continued for more than 40 years.

"They are a kind of lifeline — preserving the past, Ronnie's wonderful voice and humor, his character, and his special way of seeing things and expressing himself. As they bring back Ronnie in his own words, they help me go on into the future," Mrs. Reagan said.

The former first lady, who turns 81 on July 6, has been chief caregiver for the former president as Alzheimer's has taken its toll. Reagan has rarely been seen in public since his poignant 1994 letter announcing he has the memory-sapping disease.

The couple recited their wedding vows March 4, 1952, at The Little Brown Church in the Valley, a small chapel near Ventura Boulevard in the Studio City area. Actor William Holden was best man, and his wife, Ardis Holden, was the maid of honor.

The Holdens held a post-wedding dinner in their home, then the newlyweds drove 50 miles in the Gipper's new convertible to Riverside's landmark Mission Inn for their wedding night. It was then on to Arizona for a few days.

On the way back to Los Angeles, fierce winds shredded the convertible top and the brief honeymoon ended with Mrs. Reagan on her knees in the front seat holding down the top.

"We had to stop every once in a while so I could warm my hands," Mrs. Reagan wrote later.

The couple's golden wedding anniversary is also being celebrated at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley with a room dedicated to the half-century love affair. There are giant photographs of them dancing, laughing and embracing.

The centerpiece is the booth from their favorite haunt, Chasen's restaurant. It's where the Gipper proposed to Nancy Davis in January 1952.

Mrs. Reagan got a peek on the eve of the couple's 50th.

"Oh my!" she said as she entered the room, memories sweeping across her face with a smile as she spied the red leather booth where she was swept off her feet by the dashing future president.

She paused to read anniversary cards and letters written in better days, loving missives beginning with "My darling wife," "My darling First Lady," "Dear First Lady" and "Mommie darling." In one he wrote, "Glad we're roommates," and all were signed, "Your husband."

"Oh my!" Mrs. Reagan gasped over and over. "I was pretty lucky, wasn't I?"

Americans are fascinated by such an everlasting relationship, popular culture psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers said. There is something "so poetic and royal" about the Reagans, she said.

"Those who marry for love have extremely successful marriages. And more important to older marriages is being able to hold somebody tenderly. There's somebody there for them, and that's especially true now with the Reagans."

Whenever asked about the nation's 40th chief executive, Mrs. Reagan and his chief of staff Joanne Drake say he's doing fine and leave it at that.

## Quintuplets born to Chinese woman

BEIJING (AP) — A 33-year-old woman from northern China gave birth today to quintuplets and a dairy products manufacturer promised them free milk powder up to age 7, state media reported.

Doctors at Beijing Maternity Hospital delivered Wang Cuiying's three girls and two boys by Caesarean section, two months premature, the Xinhua News Agency reported. Mother and infants were in good condition, it said.

Wang and her husband, Jiao Baocun, had originally wanted to abort some of the quintuplets because they feared they could not afford so many children, Xinhua said. But an abortion was not possible because Wang was more than three months pregnant when the quintuplets were detected during a routine medical checkup, the agency reported.

But the Yili Industrial Group, a firm based in the northern Chinese region of Inner Mongolia, offered to cover the costs of delivering the infants, milk powder for their first seven years and $2,400 for their schooling, Xinhua said.

It did not say whether Wang took fertility drugs. But multiple births run in neither parent's family, Xinhua said.

## Accepts film award

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Caryn Johnson didn't pick the name Whoopi.

"It picked me," the actress now known as Whoopi Goldberg explained while accepting the American Film Institute's Star Award during the eighth annual U.S. Comedy Festival on Saturday.

"I get gassy," Goldberg said.

She recalled a friend telling her, "You're like a whoopee cushion."

The name stuck but her career didn't really take off until, at the suggestion of her mother, she added Goldberg.





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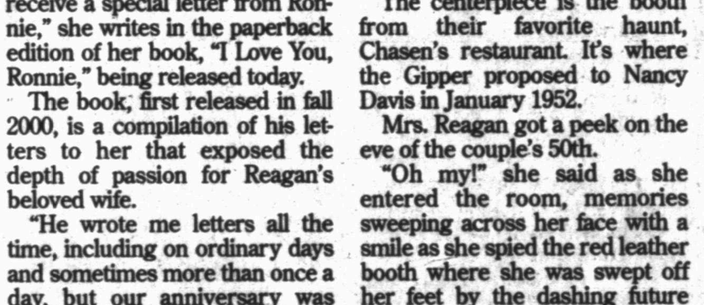
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### Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 4-C South Ride, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 140, Block 97, H&TC survey.

### Garza County

Brothers Production Co. Inc. will drill the No. 33-1 RJK in the Dover field, 12 miles south of Post. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 8,343 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 1, G.E. Lockhart survey.

### Howard County

Prize Operating will drill the No. 1-W Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles southeast of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.


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# Americans' usage of Internet shifts to better quality

NEW YORK (AP) — As Americans gain online experience, the nature of their Internet usage is shifting from quantity to quality.

A study released Sunday found that as the Internet becomes less of a novelty, veterans spend less time online and e-mail their friends and family less often. But they use their online time to do more tasks and are more likely than newcomers to share worries or seek advice.

"People get more serious," said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project, which conducted the study. "It's a story about how the Internet is working its way into everyday rhythms of life."

Suggesting people are becoming less dazzled by the Internet, 12 percent of people who e-mail relatives did so every day in March 2001, compared with 21 percent a year earlier.

In March 2000, 88 percent of Americans who e-mail family members considered e-mail "very" or "somewhat" useful for keeping up with relatives. When respondents were contacted again a year later, only 79 percent thought so.

Subject matter is becoming more serious. Forty-four percent in 2001 sometimes raised issues they were worried or upset about, up from 37 percent in 2000. Fifty-six percent e-mailed a relative seeking advice, up from 45 percent.

The study found similar patterns with e-mail to friends.

Users in 2001 spent 83 minutes online during a typical session, down from 90 minutes a year earlier.

But they made better use of their time, buying stocks, making travel reservations and finding jobs online as they gain experience.

# More data on war on terrorism sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the United States opens more fronts in its war on terrorism, calls are increasing in Congress for the Bush administration to better define the new military missions — and give some idea how long they might last.

The Republic of Georgia, the Philippines and Yemen are just as messy and full of rival fighting factions as Afghanistan, where no U.S. exit strategy is in sight while Osama bin Laden remains elusive and his al-Qaida terrorists regroup.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., faults the administration for what he sees as lack of a clear direction while expanding the anti-terrorism campaign globally.

"We really don't know what the direction is, frankly. We talk about going into Yemen. We're talking now about going into the Philippines and other places," Daschle said on "Fox News Sunday."

"... Before we go into a lot of these other locations, I think it is important for us to better understand what our purpose is, how long will we be there, how many troops will be there, how does it affect our efforts in Afghanistan."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said there should be "a lot more consultation with the Congress and the American people as to exactly what our strategy is and what our overall immediate objectives are. ..."

"I think there's been good consultation ... but now we're embarking in other parts of the world in other kinds of operations. And that new phase of this war on terrorism, I think, needs to be explained, and I have confidence that it will be," McCain added on CBS' "Face the Nation."

All of the recently announced U.S. military commitments are limited to sending American troops or advisers to train local forces to help those forces hunt terrorists, officials note.

But all the commitments also are open-ended, in potentially messy places with ethnic or regional conflicts difficult to solve, critics say. They note that administration officials themselves have said the goal is to stabilize friendly countries as much as fight al-Qaida terrorists.

Especially in Georgia, which wants U.S. help to both fight Muslim extremists and limit Russia's influence, "It seems the United States may once again be drawn into somebody else's civil war," said Charles Pena, a defense analyst at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank that favors military restraint in general.

President Bush has warned from the beginning that the U.S.-led global war on terrorism will be long and hard, and that Afghanistan is just the first battle.

Bush says he believes Americans are a patient people and that "wherever we find an al-Qaida presence we will work with the (local) government to root them out."

But some administration officials worry that Americans' interest or commitment could wane.

"Sometimes people act as if it's all gone away," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said in a speech two weeks ago. "I do fear the country has not absorbed that the conflict is far from over."

The administration's reluctance to use American troops as peacekeepers in Afghanistan is a clear sign of its desire to keep from getting bogged down there, said Ivo Daalder, an analyst at the Brookings Institution.

Yet, Pentagon officials have made clear the 5,000 American troops now in Afghanistan won't leave until the country is free of al-Qaida and stable enough to keep terrorists at bay.

Even if bin Laden were found, the U.S. military has pledged to stay to extract peacekeepers if they get in trouble.

Beyond Afghanistan, the administration is pressing ahead with military aid and training for several friendly nations that face terrorist threats — sometimes connected to al-Qaida, sometimes not.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the goal is not necessarily to fight al-Qaida but to help Georgia gain sufficient military strength to defend itself — a circumstance that would make it more secure and less likely to attract any al-Qaida or other terrorist groups in the future.

The Pentagon is preparing to send troops to Yemen to provide much the same type of anti-terror training there.

In still other instances, the anti-terror help is not related to al-Qaida at all. U.S. aid, for example, is providing machine guns, helicopters and military advisers to Colombia in its fight against anti-government rebels and drug lords.

The risk is that the United States will be forced, as in Pakistan and India, into the middle of "regional quarrels and conflicts" difficult to solve, said Anthony Cordesman, an analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Pena of the Cato Institute calls the recent expansions a formula "for a costly war with no end in sight."

"What was originally supposed to be a war against terrorist groups with global reach — ostensibly al-Qaida — has now become a global war ... even against groups that do not threaten or attack the United States," he said.

## Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



### *Compulsive eating can be matter of life and death*

**DEAR ABBY:** I read with great empathy the series of letters that began with "Frustrated Wife," who was overweight and whose husband had moved to another bedroom.

"Cindy in Arizona" wrote, "If he really loved his wife he would urge her to go to counseling with him and go to a diet clinic with her, where he could learn to support her needs." Then "Rebecca in New Orleans" wrote, "The husband was not justified in withholding sex." You replied with some realistic points about obesity as an important health issue.

On Sept. 1, 2000, my wife of 20 years died in her sleep of a fatal arrhythmia. "Reba" was 49 years old, the doting mother of two teenaged boys, and possibly as much as 150 pounds overweight. It was something she battled all her life, and it eventually killed her.

Compulsive eating is an insidious and complex problem, and any family member living with a compulsive eater deserves the benefit of the doubt. Through the years, I tried to support Reba through many diets, exercise programs, support groups and counselors. The end result was that I was failing along with her and getting sucked into her illness. I also lost all trust in her.

Four years of Al-Anon taught me to detach myself from the sickness while loving my wife. It also taught me to stand up for myself in certain areas. Joining Al-Anon may be the best thing "Frustrated Wife's" husband can do for himself and for her.

Of course, no one is justified in withholding sex. However, no one should feel compelled to have sex, either. There were times when I simply couldn't do it, and I'm not going to apologize to anyone for it. Reba was a wonderful woman, but I had to learn all over again to be attracted to her. We were lucky in that the bonds of our relationship went deeper than most. But I'm not going to judge anyone whose marriage may not have as much going for it as ours did.

I wish I had some answers for the problem of compulsive eating. Reba worked hard to accept herself as a good person, regardless of her weight. But she resisted taking the next step, which would have been treating her obesity as a health issue. Possibly, she simply wasn't ready to and ran out of time. However, it doesn't change the end result: two motherless children and a bewildered husband who can't quite comprehend what has happened to his life and who still halfway expects her to come home one day.

So, please keep preaching, Abby. This is not a matter of learning fat acceptance — it's a matter of life and death. — **DWIGHT IN WYOMING**

**DEAR DWIGHT:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for the untimely loss of your beloved wife. Since that series of letters ran, you wouldn't believe the irate letters I have received from people who felt I had personally insulted or ridiculed them. Your letter illustrates the importance of taking care of our health.

Sometimes the problem isn't so much what we're eating as what's eating us. I hope the people who read this will realize it was written because I care about them.

**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Forgiveness is freeing — for yourself as well as for others. It frees you from carrying the burden of past resentments. It allows you to release the past so that all your energy can be fully available for the present. Forgiveness is the ultimate gift you can give yourself. (Author unknown)

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## Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-04-02
♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ A J

West
♠ A 4
♥ Q 7 4
♦ A J 9 8
♣ K Q 10 7

East
♠ 7
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 10 6 3
♣ 9 6 5 4 2

South
♠ K Q J 9 8 3
♥ A J 2
♦ Q 5
♣ 8 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 NT | Pass | Pass |
| 2 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ K

When you are competing against a strong no-trump, the normal principle is: get into the auction, find a fit, get out of the auction. Here, though, North and South pushed into game.

After West leads the club king, check your losers. Having one spade, one diamond and one club clearly apparent, the heart suit must be played without loss. And from the bidding you know that West has the queen.

Win with dummy's club ace and play a trump. West will win, cash his club trick, and exit with his last spade. Win in hand and lead a diamond toward the dummy, hoping West will make the error of taking his ace. However, assuming he ducks, the only chance is a backward finesse in hearts. (West cannot have the doubleton heart queen unless he opened one no-trump with 2-2-4-5 distribution. And then surely East would have made a weakness takeout into two hearts.) Play another diamond, ruff West's diamond exit, and lead the heart jack from hand. After West covers with the queen, win with dummy's king and run the heart nine through East — success!

Here is one of my favorite palindromes, found at http://palindromes.org: Doc, note I dissent: a fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod.

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## Reading the same in both directions

By Phillip Alder

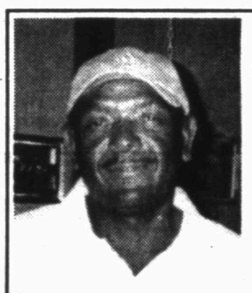
Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "A character is like an acrostic or Alexandrian stanza; — read it forward, backward, or across, it still spells the same thing."

That's a bit like this year, which is palindromic: the same forward and backward. We have a backward play in bridge too. See if you can spot it in this deal.

Berry's World




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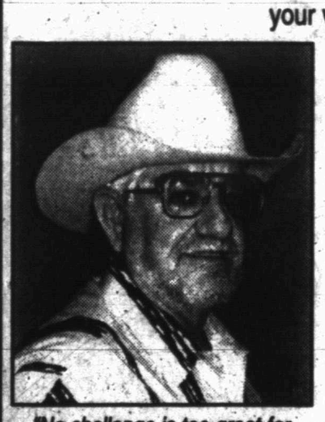
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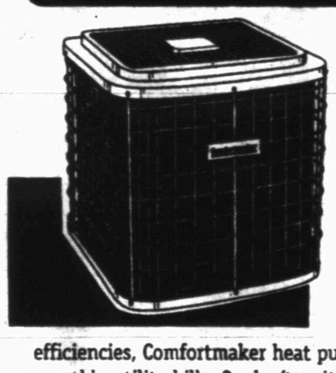
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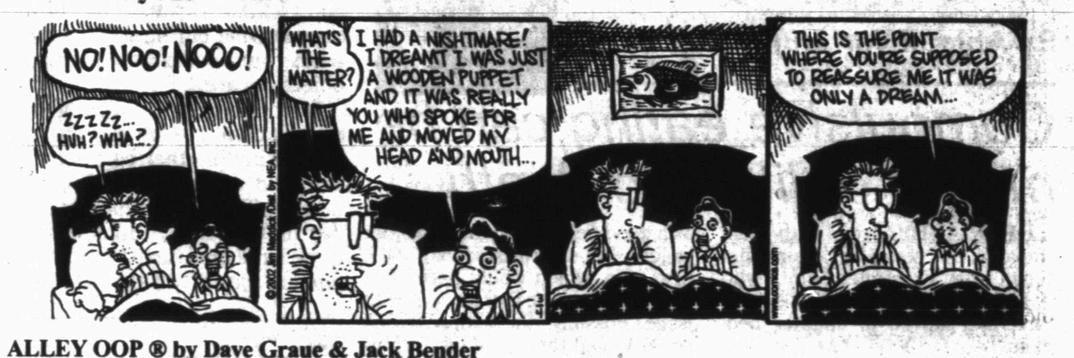

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Water, to Pierre
4 Pvt.'s boss
7 Make a decision
10 Groaner, maybe
11 "They Call the Wind —"
13 — Alamos, NM
14 Kitchen pest
15 Veldt herd animal
16 Slangy approval (hyph.)
17 Jungle drum (hyph.)
19 Tizzies
21 Poet Jonson
22 Period of time
23 Film award
26 Primeval
30 Bodies of water
31 Geisha's accessory
32 Rabbit's foot
33 Feminine pronoun
34 Flop
35 Pasta choice
36 Downy fruit
39 Georgia city
40 Stray dog
41 Bush's org.
42 Hilltops
45 Saves (2 wds.)
48 Hither's partner
49 Give shelter
51 "— been robbed!"
53 — — standstill
54 Mongol dwellings
55 Green parrot
56 Harp on
57 W-2 collectors
58 NYC zone

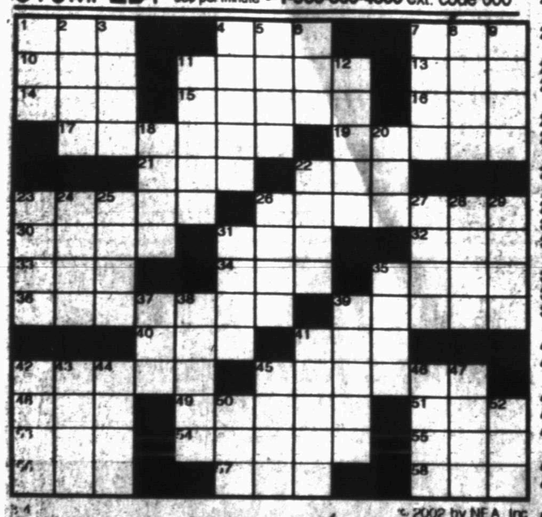
**DOWN**

1 Ecol. bureau
2 Dad's sister
3 Till
4 Drawing room
5 Lab weight
6 Bronze component
7 Viking name
8 Magician's word
9 Clucks
11 — maid
12 Impromptu (2 wds.)
18 Suits' dege.
20 Verse lead-in
22 Oklahoma town
23 Labor Dept. division
24 Trickle
25 Singer Vikki
26 Border on
27 Grand in scale
28 SEATO counterpart
29 Bed size
31 Scent
35 Shocks somebody
37 Kind of cube
38 Easy
39 Specks of dust
41 Blows hard
42 Meg of the movies
43 Smidgen
44 Hitch
45 Feline sound
46 Cycle
47 Actor Montand
50 Yes, in Nice

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | E | R | E | | B | B | C | | S | O | A | K |
| O | D | E | S | | O | R | R | | I | D | L | E |
| P | E | N | S | | D | O | U | B | L | O | O | N |
| | N | E | A | P | | I | S | M | | R | E | S |
| | | | Y | E | L | L | O | W | S | | | |
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| M | I | A | | Y | E | T | | N | A | V | Y | |
| A | D | J | A | C | E | N | T | | V | E | A | L |
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**Snyder Daily News**

# Comics

**DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham**




"NO WONDER CATS HAVE NINE LIVES... THEY SPEND EIGHT OF THEM SLEEPING."

# SPORTS

## Tigers maintain momentum at Wells Fargo tournament

SEGUIN — Heading into the final week of non-district action, the Snyder Tigers are on a roll, and they hope to keep it that way.

Snyder split its games Saturday to post a 3-1-1 record at the Wells Fargo Baseball Tournament.

The Tigers knocked off Wimberly, 9-4, before falling to host Seguin, 11-3. Snyder had tied Lockhart, and toppled Schertz Clemens and Estacado during the first two days of competition.

"Going 3-1-1 at the tournament isn't bad," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "We improved in some areas, and we found out where we need to improve some more."

The Tigers (8-4-1) got a grand slam from senior Stephen Ortegon to fuel their victory over Wimberly. It was Ortegon's second homer of the tournament and helped him earn all-tourney honors along with fellow senior Brandon McGuire.



Ortegon



McGuire

"Our hitting has definitely improved since the season began," Herrera stated. "Our kids are really aggressive at the plate, and they're hitting the ball hard.

"Stephen has been a big asset to our offensive line-up, and Brandon is coming around, too."

Snyder is in action again Tuesday when it hosts Odessa High at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field. After one day's rest, the Tigers open the Snyder tournament Thursday against Crane.

"Our pitchers are getting their share of innings. There's no doubt about that," Herrera said. "We're finding out that we have some pitching depth. We've had to throw some kids that we weren't expecting to, but they've come in and done good jobs. Now we know who to call on if we have to."

Joining the Tigers for this weekend's tournament are Hereford, Lubbock Cooper, Big Spring, Perryton, Odessa Permian, Dumas, Pampa, Odessa High, Levelland, Mineral Wells and Crane.

**Snyder 3, Lockhart 3**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0— | 3 5 4 |
| Lockhart | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 3 6 1 |

Game ended by time limit.
Alaniz and Ortegon; Escobedo and Delgado. 2B: Snyder, Pena, Ortegon; Lockhart, Braune, Delgado. 3B: Snyder, McGuire; Lockhart, Escobedo.

**Snyder 8, Clemens 4**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0— | 8 13 7 |
| Clemens | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0— | 4 3 6 |

Game ended by time limit.
Hill, Trout (6) and Ortegon; Pander and Zimmerman. WP: Hill. LP: Pander. HR: Snyder, Ortegon.

**Snyder 15, Estacado 2**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Estacado | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 2 | 5 2 |
| Snyder | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5— | 15 | 12 1 |

Game ended by run rule.
Mendoza, Carranza (1), Ramos (4), Reyna (4), Rodriguez (4), Shaw (5) and Holguin; Franks and Ortegon. WP: Franks. LP: Ramos. 2B: Estacado, Shaw; Snyder, Ortegon, Franks, Alaniz. 3B: Snyder, Dorsett.

**Snyder 9, Wimberly 4**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wimberly | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0— | 4 | 4 1 |
| Snyder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6— | 9 | 9 4 |

Game ended by time limit.
Churchuan and Benson; Trout, Franks (4) and Ortegon. WP: Franks. LP: Churchuan. 2B: Snyder, McGuire, Rollins. 3B: Snyder, Pendleton. HR: Snyder, Ortegon.

**Seguin 11, Snyder 3**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seguin | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 6— | 11 11 0 |
| Snyder | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 0— | 3 7 3 |

Trevino and Scott; Pendleton, Trout (7) and Ortegon. WP: Trevino. LP: Pendleton. 2B: Snyder, Pena, Nunley. HR: Seguin, Wallace.

## Seeds set for Big 12 tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — No. 1 Kansas is more than merely Big 12 champion.

The Jayhawks are Big 12 perfect.

No other member of a Division I conference did it. No other Big 12 team has done it since the league was formed in 1996. No other Kansas team had done it since 1970-71.

Roy Williams' Jayhawks did it this season. With a 95-92 victory over old nemesis Missouri on Sunday, the Jayhawks (27-2, 16-0) completed an unbeaten Big 12 season and gave a brand new meaning to the familiar term "sweet 16."

While winning 16 conference games, the Jayhawks won by only seven points or fewer five times — at Missouri, Nebraska, Texas and Iowa State, and at home when Oklahoma fell 74-67.

The Sooners (24-4, 13-3) finished second in the regular season and with a No. 5 national ranking are hoping to join Kansas as one of four No. 1 seeds when the NCAA tournament field is announced next Sunday.

Texas, No. 12 Oklahoma State and surprise-of-the-year Texas Tech all tied with 10-6 records in the conference race. Missouri was next at 9-8 followed by Nebraska and Kansas State at 6-10, Colorado (5-11), Baylor and Iowa State (4-12) and Texas A&M (3-13)

In Saturday's regular-season wrapups, Kansas State beat Nebraska 67-58, Oklahoma overcame a sluggish start to defeat Colorado 82-71, Oklahoma State downed Texas A&M 66-51 and Texas beat Iowa State 79-76, in a game where freshman sensation T.J. Ford got hurt.

Also, Texas Tech slipped past Baylor 91-89 on what coach Bob Knight called as fine a play as he's ever seen.

As a result of their regular-season finish, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and No. 12 Oklahoma State all get first-round byes in the first round of the conference tournament.

Opening the tournament at noon on Thursday will be eighth-seeded Nebraska (13-14, 6-10) vs. No. 9 seed Colorado (14-13, 5-11).

At 2:20, No. 5 seed Texas Tech (21-7, 10-6) meets No. 12 Texas A&M (9-21, 3-13).

At 6 p.m., No. 7 Kansas State (12-15, 6-10) meets No. 10 Baylor (14-15, 4-12). At 8:20 it will be No. 6 Missouri (20-10, 9-7) against No. 11 Iowa State (12-18, 4-12).

## *Van Exel leads Mavs against former team*

DENVER (AP) — Nick Van Exel expected the worst in his first visit to Denver since a trade sent him to the Dallas Mavericks.

"I expect to be booed," Van Exel said. "And there isn't a set of ear plugs that could help."

Van Exel read the mood of the 16,000 fans perfectly as he scored 20 points despite a constant chorus of boos as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Nuggets 116-110 in overtime Sunday night.

Van Exel, who demanded to be traded early this season and was finally dealt to Dallas on deadline day, expressed disappointment with his reception.

"I did play. I played hurt with two bad groins, with bad knees, a bad back and I played hurt all the time," said Van Exel, who was booed loudly when he entered with 2:06 left in the first quarter and each time he touched the ball thereafter. "I got Antonio McDyess there. I did a lot for that team, that franchise. but people seem to forget that."

The fans also booed Michael Finley when he scored seven of his 30 points in overtime for Dallas. Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who completed their first season sweep of the Nuggets.

"Coming back was a lot easier than I expected and I knew the kind of reception I was going to get coming in," Van Exel said. "I'm glad I won't have to come back here and listen to all those boos again."

Juwan Howard, sent to the Nuggets in the Van Exel trade, led Denver with 30 points and 10 rebounds. George McCloud had 20 points for the Nuggets, who have lost seven of eight.

"This was a game we really wanted to win," Denver coach Mike Evans said. "We shot ourselves in the foot by missing key free throws down the stretch and not being able to contain Finley."

Dallas guard Steve Nash broke a 104-all tie with a 3-pointer and then a jumper.

Donnell Harvey's dunk cut it to 109-106, but Finley completed a three-point play with 1:29 left.

Howard was 2-for-4 on free throws on Denver's next two possessions. Finley's dunk clinched it with 15 seconds left, putting Dallas ahead 114-108.

"I had some good looks at the basket in overtime," Finley said. "I was hoping to be fouled at the very least and I got a dunk out of it."

Eduardo Najera scored six of the first eight points for Dallas to start the fourth quarter, extending its lead to 87-81, but McCloud scored five points to make it 89-86 with 8:48 left.

Howard's 10-foot jumper with 1:56 left gave the Nuggets a 102-99 lead, but Dallas tied it at 102 on Finley's layup with 57 seconds left.

With Nowitzki hitting three shots, Dallas went on a 16-0 run to take a 23-8 lead. The Nuggets closed to 33-25 by the end of the quarter, and the game was tied 56-56 at halftime.

## San Antonio's Robinson closes in on milestone

NEW YORK (AP) — David Robinson is only 12 points away from accomplishing something only 26 other NBA players have done — scoring 20,000 points.

"It's a special club to be in, guys who scored 20,000 points," Robinson said Sunday after the San Antonio Spurs coasted past the New York Knicks 99-83. "It means you really stuck in there year in and year out, so I feel really good about that."

Robinson had 13 points and 15 rebounds, Tim Duncan had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and Steve Smith added 18 points as San Antonio began a stretch of seven games against some of the NBA's worst teams.

The Spurs' next six are against the Warriors, Rockets, Bulls (twice), Nuggets and Grizzlies. San Antonio does not play a team with a winning record until March 16 against Boston.

## Girls State Basketball Tournament

**STATE TOURNAMENT**
**at The Erwin Center, Austin**
**CLASS 5A**
**Semifinals**
Mansfield 61, Spring Westfield 57 (OT)
SA Taft 66, FB Dulles 43
**Final**
Mansfield 47, SA Taft 42
**CLASS 4A**
**Semifinals**
Dallas Lincoln 69, Angleton 53
Plainview 76, Dripping Springs 59
**Final**
Plainview 68, Dallas Lincoln 40
**CLASS 3A**
**Semifinals**
Llano 46, Perryton 40
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 71, Kountze 68
**Final**
Llano 67, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 51
**CLASS 2A**
**Semifinals**
Abernathy 47, Somerville 33
Buffalo 59, Pilot Point 53
**Final**
Buffalo 48, Abernathy 43
**CLASS A—DIVISION II Final**
Nazareth 67, Dodd City 42
**CLASS A—DIVISION I Final**
Brock 58, La Poyner 26
**Consolidated Final**
Brock 46, Nazareth 38

## Boys Basketball Playoffs

**CLASS 5A**
**Region I Final**
Midland Lee 56, EP Franklin 54 (OT)
**Region II Final**
Dallas Kimball 80, The Woodlands 58
**Region III Final**
FB Hightower 82, FB Elkins 78 (OT)
**Region IV Final**
SA Jay 47, Converse Judson 37
**CLASS 4A**
**Region I Final**
FW Dunbar 74, FW Polytechnic 65
**Region II Final**
Dallas Lincoln 75, South Oak Cliff 34
**Region III Final**
Beaumont Ozen 65, Waller 30
**Region IV Final**
SA Roosevelt 55, SA Houston 52
**CLASS 3A**
**Region I Final**
Dimmitt 65, Shallowater 64
**Region II Final**
Gainesville 56, Everman 53
**Region III Final**
Kountze 57, Cleveland 56
**Region IV Final**
Aransas Pass 63, Hempstead 58
**CLASS 2A**
**Region I Final**
Olney 48, Reagan County 45
**Region II Final**
Peaster 67, Ponder 51
**Region III Final**
Frankston 46, Centerville 44
**Region IV Final**
Little River Academy 65, Van Vleck 52

**CLASS A—DIVISION I**
**State Semifinals**
Brock 65, Stratford 57
Kennard 66, Moulton 39
**CLASS A—DIVISION II**
**State Semifinals**
Nazareth 63, Utopia 50
Goodrich 100, Henrietta Midway 55

**STATE TOURNAMENT**
**at The Erwin Center, Austin**
**CLASS 5A Semifinals**
**3 and 7 p.m. Friday**
Midland Lee (29-5) vs. Dallas Kimball (28-6)
FB Hightower (34-3) vs. SA Jay (26-9)
**CLASS 4A Semifinals**
**7 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday**
Dallas Lincoln (36-0) vs. SA Roosevelt (27-10)
FW Dunbar (33-2) vs. Beaumont Ozen (31-2)
**CLASS 3A Semifinals**
**2 and 3:30 p.m. Thursday**
Kountze (33-4) vs. Dimmitt (29-7)
Aransas Pass (28-6) vs. Gainesville (27-6)
**CLASS 2A Semifinals**
**9:30 and 11 a.m. Friday**
Frankston (31-5) vs. Olney (29-6)
Little River Acad. (31-3) vs. Peaster (28-7)
**CLASS A—Division I Final**
**10 a.m. Thursday**
Brock (30-7) vs. Kennard (32-4)
**CLASS A—Division II Final**
**8:30 a.m. Thursday**
Nazareth (25-3) vs. Goodrich (35-2)

## National Basketball Association

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 39 | 19 | .672 | — |
| Boston | 31 | 27 | .535 | 8 |
| Orlando | 31 | 28 | .525 | 8½ |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 28 | .517 | 9 |
| Washington | 28 | 30 | .483 | 11 |
| Miami | 25 | 32 | .439 | 13½ |
| New York | 21 | 36 | .368 | 17½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 34 | 23 | .596 | — |
| Milwaukee | 34 | 24 | .586 | ½ |
| Charlotte | 29 | 30 | .491 | 6 |
| Indiana | 29 | 30 | .491 | 6 |
| Toronto | 29 | 32 | .475 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 21 | 37 | .362 | 13½ |
| Cleveland | 21 | 38 | .356 | 14 |
| Chicago | 16 | 43 | .271 | 19 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 41 | 18 | .695 | — |
| Minnesota | 40 | 19 | .678 | 1 |
| San Antonio | 38 | 21 | .644 | 3 |
| Utah | 32 | 26 | .552 | 8½ |
| Houston | 21 | 37 | .362 | 19½ |
| Denver | 17 | 39 | .304 | 22½ |
| Memphis | 15 | 44 | .254 | 26 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sacramento | 42 | 16 | .724 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 41 | 17 | .707 | 1 |
| Portland | 35 | 24 | .593 | 7½ |
| Seattle | 33 | 27 | .550 | 10 |
| L.A. Clippers | 30 | 30 | .500 | 13 |
| Phoenix | 28 | 31 | .475 | 14½ |
| Golden State | 16 | 41 | .281 | 25½ |

**Saturday's Games**
Atlanta 84, Cleveland 81
Miami 109, Dallas 95
Portland 104, Milwaukee 103, OT
Minnesota 116, Utah 105
Houston 104, Phoenix 97
L.A. Clippers 109, Golden State 95
**Sunday's Games**
Philadelphia 96, Toronto 84
San Antonio 99, New York 83
New Jersey 92, Chicago 84
Seattle 96, Memphis 71
Detroit 83, Charlotte 81
Indiana 97, Sacramento 86
Washington 107, Orlando 102, OT
Milwaukee 101, Cleveland 91
Dallas 116, Denver 110, OT
L.A. Lakers 95, Houston 79
**Monday's Games**
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
**Tuesday's Games**
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
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New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## Big 12 Basketball

**MEN**
**Saturday's results**
Texas Tech 91, Baylor 89
Oklahoma 82, Colorado 71
Texas 79, Iowa State 76
Oklahoma State 66, Texas A&M 51
Kansas State 67, Nebraska 58
**Sunday's result**
Kansas 95, Missouri 92
**Big 12 Tournament**
**at Kansas City, Mo.**
**First Round, Thursday**
Game 1: (9)Colorado (14-13) vs. (8)Nebraska (13-14), noon
Game 2: (12)Texas A&M (9-21) vs. (5)Texas Tech (21-7), 2:20 p.m.
Game 3: (10)Baylor (15-14) vs. (7)Kansas State (12-15), 6 p.m.
Game 4: (11)Iowa State (12-18) vs. (6)Missouri (20-11), 8:20 p.m.
**Quarterfinals, Friday**
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. (1)Kansas (26-2), noon
Game 6: Game 2 winner vs. (4)Oklahoma State (23-7), 2:20 p.m.
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. (2)Oklahoma (24-4), 6 p.m.
Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. (3)Texas (19-10), 8:20 p.m.
**Semifinals, Saturday**
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 3:20 p.m.
**Final, Sunday**
Game 11: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2 p.m.

**WOMEN**
**Big 12 Tournament**
**at Kansas City, Mo.**
**First Round, Tuesday**
Game 1: (8)Oklahoma State (15-14) vs. (9)Texas A&M (13-15), noon
Game 2: (5)Texas (19-8) vs. (12)Kansas (5-24), 2:30 p.m.
Game 3: (7)Texas Tech (17-10) vs. (10)Missouri (14-13), 6 p.m.
Game 4: (6)Iowa State (21-7) vs. (11)Nebraska (14-14), 8:30 p.m.
**Quarterfinals, Wednesday**
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. (1)Oklahoma (24-3), noon
Game 6: Game 2 winner vs. (4)Kansas State (23-6), 2:30 p.m.
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. (2)Baylor (24-4), 6 p.m.
Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. (3)Colorado (21-8), 8:30 p.m.
**Semifinals, Thursday**
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8:30 p.m.
**Final, Saturday**
Game 11: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.

## Sports Briefs

### NBA suspends Miller, Bryant

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The NBA suspended Reggie Miller and Kobe Bryant two games apiece for their fight at the end of a game Friday. Both players also were fined — Bryant $12,500 and Miller $10,000.

### Spurs' Bowen fined $7,500

NEW YORK (AP) — Bruce Bowen of the San Antonio Spurs was fined $7,500 by the NBA for kicking the Minnesota Timberwolves' Wally Szczerbiak in the face Friday.

### Els holds off Woods at Doral

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After review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the request will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the earliest date available.

Vick Chambers, Secretary
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# Many states eye banning cell phones

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Many states over the past year have considered banning the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving, but so far only one — New York — has taken that step.

More than 2,000 tickets have been issued since the ban took effect Nov. 1 and at least 20 states have begun tracking cell phone involvement in traffic accidents, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Even so, states may be reluctant to single out cell phones, which business people on the go consider essential, said conference spokesman Bill Wyatt.

"State legislatures are looking at it within the bigger picture," Wyatt said. "Are cell phones the only problem? How different is using a cell phone while driving than putting on your makeup or tuning the radio?"

Last year, cell phone legislation was introduced in 43 states, 35 of them calling for an outright ban on the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Some safety advocates believe the legislation has been stalled by powerful cell phone lobbyists.

Patricia Pena's 2-year-old daughter Morgan Lee Pena was killed in 1999 when a driver dialing a cell phone ran a stop sign and hit the car the mother was driving in Pennsylvania.

She said many lawmakers don't bother to research the issue themselves and the cell phone industry has convinced them that bans are unnecessary.

"They hire lobbyists to cover every state capital in the nation and put on the pressure," said Pena, of Perkasie, Pa. "The telecommunications lobby is huge, powerful and has lots and lots of money."

Travis Larson, spokesman for the Washington-based Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, said his group does not lobby at the state level. However, he said the association supplies information to cell phone companies that do.

In 1999, the Cleveland suburb of Brooklyn became the first community in the country to ban the use of hand-held cell phones by drivers. Brooklyn fines drivers $35 for a first offense, with a possible $100 fine for a second offense.

Brooklyn Patrolman Rich Hovan, who wrote the first of what now totals 650 cell phone tickets in the city, jots the initials of Morgan Lee Pena on tickets and gives each motorist a photo of the girl.

"They always have an excuse about why they use the phone," Hovan said. "I ask them, 'Would you accept that as an excuse if somebody killed your daughter?' I haven't had anyone tell me 'Yeah.'"

Brooklyn is among at least 14 communities around the country that have restricted the use of cell phones by drivers, according to the state legislature conference. A statewide ban for Ohio was introduced in the Legislature last year but is languishing in committee.

A few states have adopted lesser restrictions. Arizona and Massachusetts ban school bus drivers from using cell phones while driving.

Since Brooklyn imposed its ban, local free-lance photographer Jamie Janos said he has been using an earpiece with his cell phone, which he relies on for assignments.

"It's extremely important to me because this is my way to communicate," Janos said, adding that his business doubled when he began using a cell phone. "Without it, I can't work effectively."

He said the change has been an inconvenience, but he puts up with it because of safety.

Tim Hurd, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said there are no reliable statistics on crashes involving cell phones, but he estimated that 25 percent of crashes are related to distractions.

"There is a broad problem of driver distraction that includes cell phone use, but is not restricted to cell phone use," said Stephanie Faul, spokeswoman for the Washington-based AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

"People feed their babies. People write. People read. People eat. They put on makeup. They comb their hair," Faul said. "Any legislation should encompass the full range of distractions."

On the Net:
AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety: http://www.aaafoundation.org/home/
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## Marchers protest appeals court's action

NEW YORK (AP) — About 150 marchers gathered outside a federal courthouse Sunday to protest an appeals court's overturning the convictions of three white former police officers in the torture case of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

"Don't blame us when our people get tired of marching, tired of holding press conferences, tired of saying, 'No justice, no peace,'" said City Councilman Charles Barron, who addressed the rally at the Brooklyn courthouse.

On Thursday, a federal appeals court ordered a new trial for Officer Charles Schwarz, 36, who denies he was in the bathroom when Officer Justin Volpe sodomized Louima with a broken broomstick in 1997.

The court found there was insufficient evidence to sustain the obstruction-of-justice convictions of Schwarz and Officers Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder.

Marcher Nicole Bird called the appeals court ruling "a slap in the face to Americans."

"If the justice system doesn't work for some of us," she said, "it doesn't work for any of us."

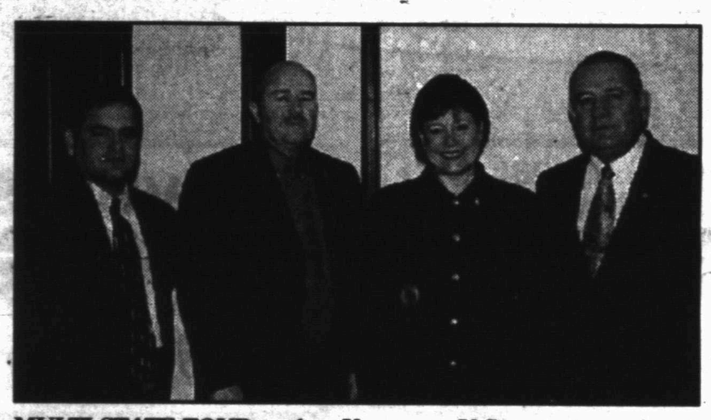
Mayor Michael Bloomberg, addressing the appeals court ruling on Sunday, said he had visited officers at the stationhouse where the torture occurred, and told them, "What we need to do is make sure that it never happens again."

## Moore to star in film

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Actor Roger Moore, the retired James Bond, is stretching his acting muscles, taking a turn as a flamboyant gay man in his next film.

Moore, 74, hopes his appearance in "Boat Trip" with Cuba Gooding Jr., to be released this summer, "will make the audience raise their eyebrows a little bit."

Moore will star on the March 10 episode of "Alias."



MULTI-STATE TOUR — Ann Veneman, U.S. secretary of agriculture, met with the 2002 National Cotton Council last week in Dallas. Members of the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) pictured with her are from left, Eddie Trevino, district director; John T. Fuston, executive director; Secretary Veneman; and Jerry Harris, state committee chairman. (Contributed Photo)

# Ag, homeland security linked

DALLAS — Rounding out a whirlwind multi-state tour this month, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman stopped off in Dallas last week to address the 2002 National Cotton Council delegation and appoint members and alternates to the National Cotton Board.

Veneman thanked American farmers and ranchers for supplying the nation with safe, abundant food and fiber, emphasizing agriculture's importance to homeland security.

Veneman stated, "we need to do everything we can to protect our food and agricultural sector not only from unintentional threats, but now also from intentional threats to our food supply, and we've been working very hard on this at USDA."

In her message to the 700 delegates representing a cross-section of the nation's cotton industry, Secretary Veneman emphasized the Administration's and U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) support for policies and a farm bill that ensure American agricultural producers are afforded every opportunity to maximize production and compete in the growing global market.

"The Administration supports farm policies that would strengthen the farm economy over the long term... programs that are market oriented and encourage independence but don't hurt producers. The president also wants a farm bill that supports international trade," said Secretary Veneman.

These are welcome words of encouragement to the cotton industry considering the volatile nature of the agriculture economy. Cotton communities in Texas alone lost an estimated $433 million for the 2001 crop year.

Secretary Veneman expressed her desire to have farm policy passed that is "generous but affordable" and able to jumpstart the agriculture economy through export expansion, increased support for research and technology, conservation, elimination of unfair trade practices, and risk management.

"A good farm bill must provide a safety net for farmers without encouraging over-production which thereby depresses prices. If we set loan rates too high, it could reverse their intended impact and make an already difficult situation even worse," Veneman said.

According to Veneman, passing new farm legislation is just one hurdle facing the Administration. USDA then faces the daunting task of implementing the associated farm program changes. USDA must be ready to quickly deliver the programs once the President signs the farm bill.

Farm Service Agency (FSA), under the USDA umbrella, will be responsible for timely, efficient program delivery which will include distributing payments to producers.

John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency spoke candidly with the Secretary during her Texas visit. Fuston assured the Secretary that Texas FSA is poised and ready to implement the legislative changes as soon as the state receives regulations and software for program delivery.

Veneman agreed with Fuston that timing and availability of technological tools were essential to effective farm program delivery. She reiterated her commitment to improved information technology within the Department. Veneman acknowledged the need for a streamlined program delivery process and envisions USDA coming into the 21st century with technology mirroring that of the private sector.

Before leaving Dallas, Veneman appointed 17 members and 18 alternate members to the National Cotton Board responsible for competitively positioning cotton in the marketplace. For more information regarding the appointments, see the Secretary's remarks on the USDA official website at www.usda.gov.



# On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

## *Is decaf dangerous?*

**DEAR DR. BLONZ:** My husband and I have been drinking decaffeinated coffee and tea for years, partly because of health reasons. A close friend has told me that it is more dangerous to drink decaf because of the way it is processed. Will you please enlighten me on this subject? - S.A., San Diego, Calif.

**Dear S.A.:** A population study in the journal Arthritis and Rheumatism (January 2002) reported an increased risk of rheumatoid arthritis in women drinking more than four cups of decaffeinated coffee per day. It was a finding of the Iowa Women's Health Study, but no other research has made this connection. No relationship found between drinking caffeinated coffee and getting arthritis, and those drinking tea were found to have a decreased risk. With this type of study it is unclear what, if anything, is causing what. Thus, it's inappropriate to conclude that decaffeinated coffee might increase the risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis. Aside from this study, there do not appear to be any additional health risks associated with drinking decaffeinated coffee.

We should discuss the ways in which coffee and tea are decaffeinated. One thing they share is a need for a solvent that does a good job of dissolving caffeine. This solvent can be water, methylene chloride, ethyl acetate, triglycerides, or pressurized carbon dioxide.

An indirect method involves taking a load of green coffee beans and placing them in a quantity of water. All water-soluble substances — including caffeine — is then drawn into this water. At this point, the solution includes components that give coffee its desirable aroma and flavor. This solution is removed from that first batch of coffee beans, and those beans are discarded.

The next step is to remove only the caffeine from the solution, which is accomplished by using a selective caffeine solvent that effectively pulls the caffeine out of the water. The caffeine-rich solvent is then separated from the water extract.

At this point, the water extract contains the water-soluble portions of the coffee bean — minus caffeine. This now becomes the working solution into which the next batch of (caffeine-containing) green beans are placed. Only the caffeine gets extracted in this second mixture, as all other components are already there and will exist in a state of equilibrium between what is in the beans and what is already in the solution. This second solution then goes through its caffeine extraction, and the process continues with subsequent batches.

Another indirect process is called the Swiss water process. It is similar to the above, except that the caffeine is not removed from the water mixture by solvents. The Swiss water process passes the caffeine-rich water mixture through charcoal filters pre-treated with substances that grab the caffeine. The caffeine-free water mixture is then mixed with the next batch of green coffee beans, and the process continues.

The direct method involves mixing the selective caffeine solvent directly with the beans (or tea leaves). Methylene chloride and ethyl acetate are the solvents most often used. After it has had a chance to dissolve the caffeine, the solvent is removed, and the beans/tea leaves are steamed gently to eliminate any remaining solvent residue. Methylene chloride is a carcinogen, but there shouldn't be any left to pose a health risk. This is because [illegible] evaporates at around 110 F — well bellow steaming temperature and well below the temperature at which coffee and tea is brewed. Ethyl acetate is a compound that occurs naturally in fruits and vegetables and is the one most often used with tea leaves. In all the above, the green beans or tea leaves are ready for drying, roasting or further processing after the caffeine is removed.

There is a newer, more expensive method that utilizes carbon dioxide that has been liquefied under high pressure. (This is the only process approved for organic coffee and tea production.) The liquefied carbon dioxide dissolves the caffeine from the tea leaves or coffee beans and is then drained off. Yet another method utilizes the fatty substances called triglycerides. Whatever the method, decaffeination technology has improved greatly over the years, and flavor differences may be hard to detect. Much also depends on the quality of the beans and tea leaves, together with the particular practices of the roaster.

Note that the use of the term "water process" with decaffeinated beans doesn't tell you the whole story, as most indirect methods utilize a water extraction somewhere along the way. If the label states "Swiss water process" or has other additional information, a better determination can be made.

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# Markets

## Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 28.25 | 27.25 | 28.11 | + .86 |
| AOL TimeWrn | 26.80 | 26.21 | 26.66 | + .66 |
| AT&T Corp s | 16.06 | 15.75 | 15.77 | —.11 |
| Albertsons | 31.39 | 31.00 | 31.06 | —.07 |
| Alltel | 56.38 | 54.96 | 55.86 | —.07 |
| AmEl Pw | 44.69 | 44.17 | 44.66 | + .54 |
| AnderkPtr | 52.45 | 52.10 | 52.19 | + .25 |
| ATMOS Egy | 22.45 | 22.27 | 22.37 | + .08 |
| Avistl | 7.07 | 7.02 | 7.05 | —.05 |
| BP PLC | 51.07 | 50.45 | 50.93 | + .33 |
| BakerHughes | 37.51 | 35.92 | 37.31 | + 1.21 |
| Bank of Amer | 66.75 | 64.97 | 66.66 | + 1.86 |
| BellSouth | 39.75 | 38.92 | 39.02 | —.38 |
| vjBeth Steel | .47 | .41 | .46 | + .06 |
| BurlNoSFe | 30.12 | 29.70 | 30.05 | + .48 |
| Caterpillar | 58.46 | 56.38 | 58.46 | + 2.13 |
| ChevronTex | 85.70 | 84.91 | 85.50 | |
| Citigroup | 47.30 | 46.27 | 47.20 | + 1.40 |
| CocaCola | 48.40 | 47.60 | 47.70 | —.71 |
| ColgatePal | 56.95 | 56.23 | 56.23 | —.62 |
| ComclMetals | 36.45 | 36.25 | 36.36 | —.08 |
| CooperIn | 36.75 | 36.03 | 36.65 | + 1.25 |
| DaimlrChry | 42.98 | 42.37 | 42.90 | + 1.40 |
| DeltaAirl | 38.06 | 36.42 | 37.80 | + 1.63 |
| Dillards Inc | 20.12 | 19.60 | 19.99 | —.01 |
| DowChem | 32.77 | 32.23 | 32.53 | + .33 |
| DuPont | 48.28 | 47.70 | 47.95 | + .09 |
| EastmanChem | 46.00 | 45.13 | 45.94 | + 1.21 |
| EstKodak | 34.30 | 32.70 | 33.99 | + 1.55 |
| EDS Corp | 60.99 | 60.27 | 60.90 | + .75 |
| Entergy | 41.94 | 41.58 | 41.89 | + .39 |
| ExxonMobil s | 42.50 | 42.11 | 42.42 | + .42 |
| FstBksAm | 34.30 | 33.75 | 34.30 | + .40 |
| FootLocker | 16.79 | 16.65 | 16.74 | + .19 |
| GenDynam | 92.34 | 91.25 | 91.86 | + .56 |
| GenElec | 40.00 | 39.00 | 39.84 | + .39 |
| GenMills | 45.94 | 44.67 | 44.84 | —1.10 |
| GenMotors | 58.00 | 56.00 | 57.90 | + 2.93 |
| GaPacific | 28.25 | 26.75 | 28.15 | + 1.23 |
| Goodrich | 30.90 | 30.30 | 30.82 | + .64 |
| Goodyear s | 27.53 | 27.05 | 27.52 | + .53 |
| GtAtlPac | 27.90 | 27.59 | 27.62 | —.08 |
| Halliburtn | 17.49 | 16.85 | 17.22 | + .32 |
| Hanson ADS | 34.85 | 34.57 | 34.85 | + 1.02 |
| HarteHanks | 31.15 | 30.79 | 31.10 | + .30 |
| HomeDepot | 49.40 | 46.66 | 49.06 | —1.21 |
| [illegible] | 40.00 | 39.50 | 40.35 | + .56 |
| IBM | 111.61 | 103.13 | 105.84 | + 2.82 |
| IntlPaper | 45.20 | 44.50 | 45.19 | + 1.03 |
| JohnsonJn s | 62.50 | 62.25 | 62.35 | + .25 |
| vjK mart | 1.15 | 1.09 | 1.10 | |
| KinderMorg | 43.35 | 42.98 | 43.04 | + .06 |
| Kroger Co | 22.75 | 22.33 | 22.41 | + .06 |
| LockheedM | 57.36 | 56.91 | 57.03 | —.04 |
| Lowes Cos s | 42.81 | 41.69 | 42.30 | —1.69 |
| Lubys | 6.34 | 6.21 | 6.34 | —.10 |
| LucentTech | 5.89 | 5.75 | 5.86 | + .08 |
| MarathonOil | 28.26 | 27.99 | 28.16 | —.04 |
| MayDeptStr | 37.48 | 37.02 | 37.48 | + .38 |
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| Motorola | 14.22 | 13.64 | 14.17 | + .27 |
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| PhilipPet | 59.68 | 59.23 | 59.50 | + .20 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 12.49 | 12.35 | 12.49 | + .10 |
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| ProctGamb | 87.35 | 86.61 | 86.87 | —.68 |
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| RoyalDut | 52.68 | 52.02 | 52.62 | + .38 |
| SBC Comm | 39.49 | 38.19 | 39.02 | + .02 |
| SaraLee | 21.25 | 20.71 | 20.90 | —.35 |
| Scripps EW | 75.60 | 75.33 | 75.35 | —.19 |
| SearsRoeb | 53.00 | 52.60 | 52.75 | —.24 |
| SherwinW | 27.10 | 26.29 | 27.06 | + .80 |
| SouthernCo s | 25.98 | 25.56 | 25.78 | + .13 |
| SwstAirl | 20.99 | 20.52 | 20.70 | —.10 |
| SprintFON | 14.88 | 14.61 | 14.86 | —.09 |
| SprintPCS | 8.84 | 8.12 | 8.19 | —.64 |
| Sunoco Inc | 39.45 | 38.95 | 39.04 | + .05 |
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| USSteel | 17.64 | 17.19 | 17.30 | + .19 |
| UnitedTech | 75.70 | 74.21 | 75.60 | + 1.40 |
| Unocal | 36.70 | 36.45 | 36.53 | —.06 |
| VerizonComm | 48.70 | 47.44 | 47.47 | —1.12 |
| WalMart | 63.09 | 62.45 | 62.63 | —.18 |
| WellsFargo | 48.71 | 47.92 | 48.65 | + .81 |
| WstnGasRs | 33.44 | 33.27 | 33.40 | — .12 |
| WinnDixie | 16.09 | 15.83 | 16.08 | + .44 |
| Xerox Cp | 10.10 | 9.91 | 10.08 | + .13 |

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# Abuse in nursing homes investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nursing home patients have been dragged down hallways, doused with ice water, sexually assaulted and beaten in their beds, yet few prosecutions have resulted, a congressional investigation found.

The Senate Special Committee on Aging's 18-month review concluded that many physical and sexual abuse cases in nursing homes are not treated the same as similar crimes elsewhere, and it is presenting evidence that includes a dramatic deathbed interview with one victim.

Helen Love sat with a metal band pinned to her skull and described a 1998 beating she said was delivered by a caretaker at her Sacramento, Calif., nursing home after she soiled herself.

"He started beating me all along the bed," the elderly women said in a slurred voice as she described the attacks to lawyers. "He choked me and he went and broke my neck. He broke my wrist bones, my hand. He put his hand over my mouth."

Love died two days later from the trauma. The nursing home staffer eventually pleaded no-contest in the 1998 attack and served a year in prison.

The investigation found that nursing homes rarely call police for attacks that would bring an instant response if they occurred elsewhere.

"A crime is a crime, whether in or outside of a nursing home, where residents should not spend their days living in fear," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., chairman of the aging committee.

About 1.6 million Americans are cared for in 17,000 nursing homes. The homes received $58.4 billion in reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid in 2001.

Government figures show that from July through September 2000, nearly 26 percent of nursing homes were cited for violations that ranged from actual harm to residents to poor record keeping and failure to put into practice policies to prevent abuse. Fewer than 2 percent of the cases, however, involved actual harm to residents.

Nursing home-industry officials said most facilities provide quality care. "We deplore any that do not," said Alan DeFend, spokesman for the American Health Care Association, which represents 12,000 mostly for-profit nursing homes.

"We are concerned that the bad actions of 2 percent of nursing homes would overshadow the good work of hundreds of thousands of caring health professionals who provide quality, compassionate care every hour of every day," DeFend said.

Love's videotape was to be aired today at a hearing by the Senate committee. In it, she recounts how a Valley Skilled Nursing Facility staff member "got real nasty" after she soiled herself.

Love's son, Bruce, didn't learn of the attack until the next day and called police, his wife said in an interview.

Trina Kaplow, the current Valley Skilled administrator who was not at the facility in 1998, said records show the home "contacted all of the appropriate authorities."


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## Date Book

**Monday, March 4, 2002**

Today is the 63rd day of 2002, and the 74th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1791, Vermont was admitted into the Union as the 14th state. It became the first member of the Union from outside the original 13 colonies.

On this day in 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from Desi Arnaz.

On this day in 1977, the first CRAY supercomputer was shipped. The recipient was the Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico.

On this day in 1997, President Clinton issues an executive order banning the use of federal funds for human cloning research.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741), composer; Knute Rockne (1888 - 1931), football coach; Catherine O'Hara (1954 - ), actress, is 46; Patricia Heaton (1958 - ), actress is 44.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1930, Emma Fahning became the first woman to bowl a sanctioned perfect game of 300.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "'Rock,' he said — 'sometime, when the team is up against it — and the breaks are beating the boys — tell them to go out there with all they got and win just one for the Gipper...I don't know where I'll be then, Rock,' he said - 'but I'll know about it — and I'll be happy.'" — Knute Rockne, in his famous "Win one for the Gipper" speech.

**TODAY'S MOON:** In between the full snow moon (Feb. 27), and the last quarter (March 5).

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## Baby falls to death

ATLANTA (AP) — A 20-month-old boy died Sunday when he fell five stories from a balcony at a downtown hotel, police said.

Hunter Neal apparently wandered out on the ninth-floor balcony of his family's room at the Omni Hotel and slipped through the railings, police spokesman John Quigley said.

The toddler fell onto a fourth-story roof, police said. He died at a hospital.

"He got out on the balcony through the door that was left ajar," Quigley said.

Quigley said charges are pending but would not elaborate.

Police did not immediately release the names of Hunter's parents.

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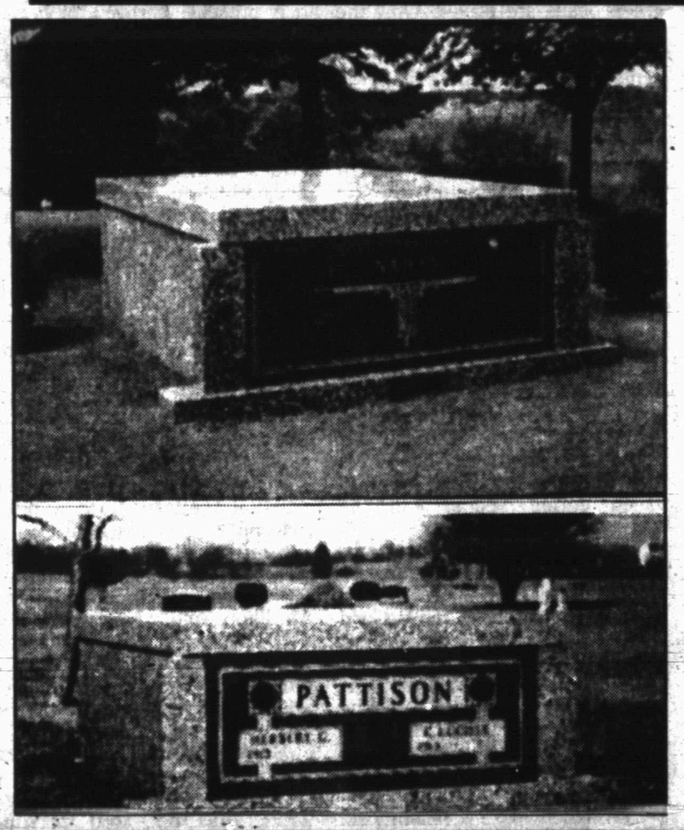


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# Man is mistakenly shot by FBI agent

PASADENA, Md. (AP) — A 20-year-old man riding in a car with his girlfriend was mistakenly shot in the face by an FBI agent who was seeking a bank robber.

Joseph Charles Schultz was in serious but stable condition Sunday at a Baltimore hospital. He suffered a gunshot wound to the cheek, said Charles Ravenell of the Anne Arundel County police.

Schultz, who works for a medical company, has no connection to the bank robbery, FBI officials said.

Schultz and his girlfriend, 16-year-old Krissy Harkum, were pulled over in Pasadena late Friday, authorities said.

FBI agents were attempting to serve an arrest warrant based on the description of a bank robber, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

There was no immediate word where or when the bank robbery occurred; FBI and Anne Arundel County officials did not return calls Sunday from The Associated Press.

Harkum's father, Joseph Harkum, said the agent ordered the two to put their hands up, and then fired, hitting Schultz once. Krissy Harkum was sprayed with glass and blood but was not injured, he said.

Schultz, of Orchard Beach, was unable to speak while being treated at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. But he wrote his girlfriend a note asking, "Why did he shoot me?" Joseph Harkum said.

"Here you got two of the sweetest kids on the Earth going to the mall and having Slurpees, getting shot through the car window. It's a mess," Joseph Harkum said.

The FBI would not identify the agent who shot Schultz and said it would not release information while the investigation was underway.

FBI spokesman Peter A. Gulotta Jr. said Anne Arundel County police will investigate and present evidence to a grand jury, and an FBI unit from Washington also will investigate and give its findings to the Department of Justice.

Schultz' attorney, Joseph Asensio, did not return calls to his home or office Sunday.

# Better radiation detectors are sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department is developing a new generation of devices to detect nuclear radiation, a capability that the Bush administration views as vital in the battle against terrorism.

Administration officials said Sunday the emphasis on radiation detection has grown in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and in response to fears that the al-Qaida terrorist network may succeed in its ambition to obtain either a nuclear device or materials to spread radiation in an urban area.

Several administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, however, that they knew of no recent indications that al-Qaida had made any new progress toward obtaining such materials.

The Washington Post reported in its Sunday editions that the administration is alarmed by growing hints of al-Qaida's progress in this area and that in response the government has deployed hundreds of sophisticated sensors since November to U.S. borders, overseas facilities and sites around Washington.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said radiation sensors were used at the Salt Lake Olympic Games and the Super Bowl in New Orleans.

"We clearly are in heightened alert, and we should be," Craig said on CNN's "Late Edition." "At the same time, the American people have to get on with their lives. But I want to make sure that they are as safe as we can possibly make them."

Research and development of better radiation sensors is being done by the Energy Department's national laboratories, officials said.

The Post report said newer devices for detecting radiation are placed around some fixed points in Washington. It said the devices are called gamma ray and neutron flux detectors that until now had been carried only by members of Nuclear Emergency Search Teams, which are on standby at various locations.

The Post also reported that Delta Force, the elite military unit with anti-terror responsibilities, has been placed on a new standby alert to seize control of any nuclear materials that are detected by the new sensors.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday he was unfamiliar with the deployment of newer radiation sensors. He said it is well known that the U.S. government has been concerned for years about nuclear materials falling into the wrong hands — whether it be terrorists or governments hostile to the United States.

"I don't know if the administration has new information or not, but it seems perfectly logical that that would be one of the avenues that a dedicated group of terrorists would pursue," McCain said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "But whether they have that capability or not, I just don't know."

McCain noted that searches of al-Qaida hideouts in Afghanistan by U.S. forces have turned up plenty of evidence that the terrorist network is interested in obtaining a weapon of mass destruction.

"But I'm not sure that it's a reason for panic," he told CNN. "I have seen no hard evidence that any terrorist organization has acquired these weapons, although Saddam Hussein, as we know, has been making significant progress in that direction."

# Airport's traffic could double in 2 decades

KINGSVILLE (AP) — Traffic at a small Coastal Bend airport which becomes a hunter's destination during deer and quail season is expected to double in the next 20 years, according to a new study.

Much of the business at Kleberg County Airport will be from employees of large corporations flying in for business or to hunt on leased land, according to the study requested by county commissioners.

To handle the growth, the study recommends widening the single runway from 75 feet to 100 feet to accommodate high-end private aircraft and improving the terminal to include such amenities as multi-stall bathrooms and more seats in the reception area.

"It is really an airport that is in the process of some major growth," airport manager Judy Muzyczyn told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in today's editions.

With a single landing strip, the airport was built about in the mid-1960s on land that the King Ranch donated to the county.

"There is just a lot of business that comes in there tied to King Ranch and the university and to hunting leases," said Dick Messbarger, executive director of the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council.

The county's master plan shows there were 9,700 airplanes taking off and landing from the airport in 2000, with about 60 percent of those in some way related to hunting.

The master plan, prepared by the Kansas City-based Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation, predicts that airport operations will increase by about 6 percent a year over the next 20 years.

# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



## Routine testing can be altered

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have noticed a marked change in what was once considered to be a routine check up by my gynecologist. In addition to taking a Pap test and examining my breasts, my former OB-Gyn ordered blood work and urine testing. He retired. My new gynecologist takes a Pap test, examines me thoroughly and orders a mammogram, yet he does not include any blood or urine testing. Am I being short-changed?

**DEAR READER:** No, you're not. In the past few years, the components of an annual gyn exam have changed, in large part because health insurance companies now frequently balk at paying for what they consider to be routine testing. In all honesty, they're probably correct. Most healthy women do not need annual blood and urine examinations — unless there is some reason, such as an elevated cholesterol level or diabetic tendency, that must be monitored. During your reproductive years, you should have annual pelvic exams and Pap tests; later (after 40), periodic mammograms. But if your blood tests for anemia, sugar, liver function, cholesterol and so forth — have been OK for two or three years (and you're feeling all right), annual testing is neither necessary nor fiscally responsible.

Nonetheless, I suggest that you share your concerns with your gynecologist. Perhaps you should have specific, regular testing — for thyroid disorders, as an example — or evaluations of specific health complaints. In contrast, you may well be one of those lucky individuals who can rejoice that she doesn't require routine testing more often than five to ten years.

Your situation is not unique. Given today's emphasis on minimal testing, insurance companies are far less willing to reimburse members for "unnecessary" medical expenses. This is reality. But it can be altered in the presence of exceptions. Your physician can advise you.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am 53, had a hysterectomy and am on estrogen patches. After years of no problems, I have recently been told that I can no longer get my patches unless I have a Pap smear by my gynecologist. I've tried other doctors as well, to no avail. The basic issue is that my insurance company refuses to cover the costs of such expensive medication unless I have what I consider to be unnecessary medical attention. What do you suggest I do?

**DEAR READER:** Fight 'em. If you had a complete hysterectomy, there is nothing left to "Pap." This is a test for cancer of the cervix, the uterine opening. Your uterus has been removed along with, I assume, the cervix. Therefore, there's no tissue to examine. The insurance company is eager to save money, so it is putting your round peg into a square hole. You no longer need to have Pap smears.

You do not say why you need estrogen patches. That reasoning could be vital in your conflict with the insurance company. Can you adapt your round peg to fit into the square hole? Yes. Ask your gynecologist to request an exception in your case. If he (or she) stipulates that you should have the patch, the insurance company will probably approve it. Let me know the outcome of this dilemma.

**A NOTE TO READERS:** For updated and revised Health Reports on "Erectile Dysfunction" and "Coronary Artery Disease," send $2 for each report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title(s) of the Health Report(s). Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

**Tuesday, March 5, 2002**

There are strong indications you will do rather well in the year ahead using some little known talents you possess. Don't hide your light under a bushel — let it shine out brightly.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Visibly protect the interests of your associates along with your own, because persons with whom you have dealings will try to stymie your efforts if they think you're too self-serving. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Be your own person and judge people for yourself. Being unduly influenced by another could cause you to erroneously look unfavorably on someone.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Feeling upbeat, optimistic and ready to take on the world can produce a rather exciting day for you. However, letting a deadbeat tag along could spoil all the fun.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Chances are you'll be able to generate a number of benefits because you're able to respond quickly and accurately to events. But, be willing to share what's gained with contributors.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Operate at a consistent pace, and this can be a productive day for you. Even if you should make a mistake, patiently amend it and don't allow yourself to get upset.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You have a lot going for you, but ventures that have too many chancy elements could backfire on you. It's best not to take flyers or bet in the blind.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Nothing is ever resolved by airing one's problems out in public, so if you and your mate have a disagreement, wait and settle it privately, out of view and earshot of others.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Criticizing someone to others who isn't present and able to defend him or herself would be a big mistake. What you say will be repeated, and what's worse, it could be exaggerated.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Keep a close eye on your expenditures when you are out and enjoying yourself. The probability is that you'll end up spending more than you should.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Be careful not to take things too seriously or too personally. If you do, you could blow an incident way out of proportion and say or do something you'll regret.

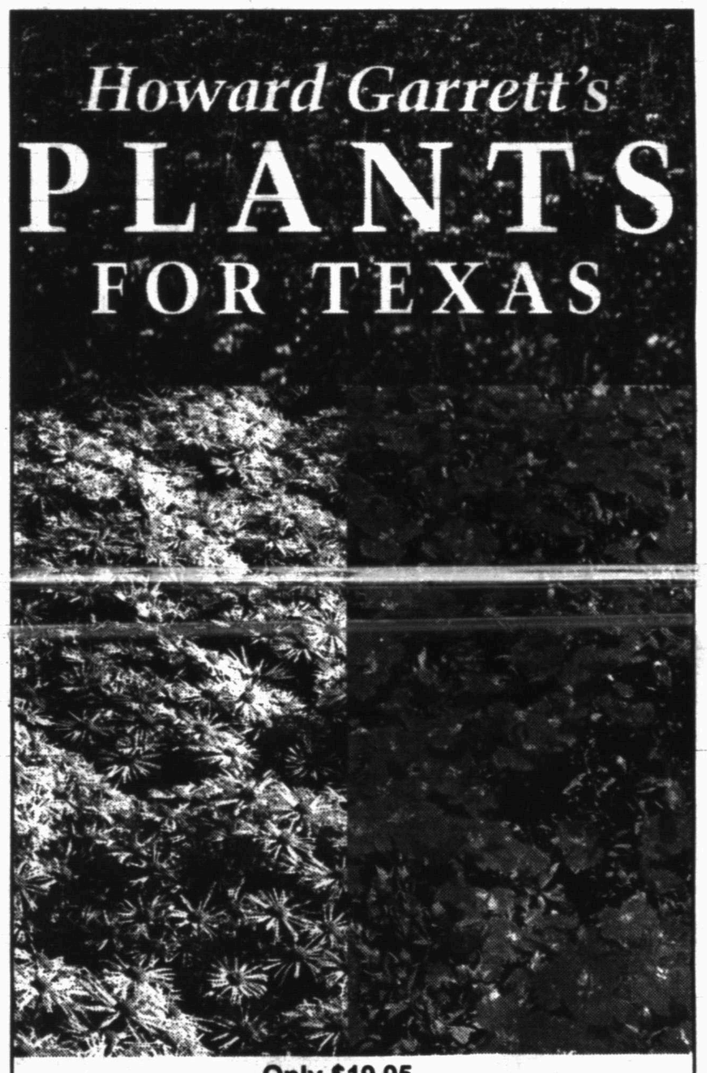
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Although you try to be upbeat, you do have a tendency to be a bit negative from time to time. Today could be one of those days, and, unfortunately, it will govern the way you react.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Don't try to mix business with pleasure, especially if the get-together includes both friends and business associates. Talk of money will be deemed out of place.

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# Hubble telescope gets new solar wing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two shuttle astronauts ventured out on a spacewalk today and successfully installed the first of two new, powerful solar wings on the Hubble Space Telescope.

"Hello, Mr. Hubble, the telescope," lead spacewalker John Grunsfeld said as he emerged from space shuttle Columbia. "We're here to give you more power to see the planets, stars and the universe."

This morning's 350-mile-high tuneup was the first of five planned this week to enhance Hubble, not just electrically but scientifically. The shuttle had linked up with the telescope on Sunday.

Even though he worked on Hubble during the last service call in 1999, Grunsfeld was mightily impressed. So was Richard Linnehan, a first-time spacewalker.

"It's amazing to be here," Linnehan said as he floated outside. Then he saw the 43-foot, 24,500-pound telescope jutting out of Columbia's payload bay: "Oh, wow."

Before removing Hubble's right rolled-up solar wing, Grunsfeld slowly tilted it up against the telescope, from its original 90-degree position. He used a pistol-grip tool to disconnect the wing and its electrical relay box, which were stowed aboard Columbia, and to hook up a new relay box.

Linnehan lifted the new 640-pound wing up to the telescope, and the two spacewalkers pushed it into its socket. An hour later, Linnehan flipped open the hinged panel like the cover of a book. "Slowly you turn, step by step," he said as the wing unfolded to its full 25 feet. Noted Grunsfeld: "It looks beautiful."

As the seven-hour spacewalk drew to a close, NASA reported the new solar wing passed its initial test.

Only one wing was replaced today. The second will be swapped out during Tuesday's spacewalk by two other astronauts.

Columbia's crew grappled Hubble on Sunday following a two-day chase and watched with relief from inside the cockpit as its 40-foot solar wings neatly rolled up like window shades. The telescope's aperture door had already been closed by ground controllers; the last observation was of a quasar in the constellation Cancer, taken shortly after Columbia blasted into orbit Friday.

# Fed electricity competition rules affirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld federal rules intended to give people choices for electricity service, but rejected arguments by Enron Corp., for even freer access to the nation's power grids.

The justices, in a case involving states' rights and federal authority over electricity markets, also turned back an argument by nine states that the government had overstepped its authority when it directed utilities to open power lines to competitors.

Enron, which before its bankruptcy was one of the nation's top electricity traders, had maintained that federal regulators had not given power marketers the same access to electricity grids as held by traditional, state-regulated utilities.

The states in presentations before the court Oct. 3, before the severity of Enron's troubles was publicly known, said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had usurped the states' traditional authority to regulate retail prices when it opened the wholesale power grids to competition in 1996.

But the Justice Department, speaking on behalf of the commission, had argued that the commission pursued a balanced approach that allowed competitors access to power lines, but left retail market issues to states.

The justices agreed and in its ruling today rejected the arguments of both Enron and those of the nine states, led by New York.

The case has been viewed as pivotal in determining the direction of electricity competition at a time when many states — in light of the Enron debacle and recent California power crisis — have been reconsidering electricity deregulation and retail competition.

Some members of Congress also have questioned the extent to which wholesale power markets should be regulated amid allegations of market abuses by Enron.

Enron had maintained that the 1996 FERC order continued to give too much power to state-regulated utilities to "hog" the transmission lines with power they generate and also sell retail.

The ruling said the federal government controls the management of the nation's power grids — and the future of electricity competition. But it also said that the federal government could limit its assertion of such authority in some cases.

# Police activity picks up; firefighters battle blaze

***Arrests***

The driver of a Honda Civic carrying six passengers fled on foot at 12:20 a.m. Sunday after a Snyder police officer stopped the vehicle in the 700 block of 26th Street.

The officers arrested one of the passengers, an 18-year-old male, for consuming alcohol as a minor. The vehicle was towed and an offense report was submitted for evading arrest.

A DPS trooper arrested a 35-year-old man at 8 p.m. Saturday for possession of marijuana.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody on U. S. Hwy 180 early Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Two men were arrested at 3 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of Crockett for alcohol violations. A 22-year-old man was taken in for public intoxication and a 19-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers were called to the 2800 block of Ave. X at 3:30 a.m. Sunday as dispatchers received reports of a man assaulting a woman in the roadway and her yelling for help. Two officers and two DPS troopers responded to the scene and arrested a 27-year-old man for Class A assault and family violence.

A 20-year-old man was arrested Sunday afternoon on four warrants from the city.

Troopers arrested a 45-year-old man at 3:30 p.m. Sunday for driving with no license or liability insurance.

An officer took a 23-year-old man into custody Sunday evening for public intoxication.

At 9:15 p.m. Sunday a 29-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

***Fire***

Snyder firefighters responded to a house fire at 4 p.m. Saturday and remained on the scene for almost four hours.

Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the blaze was confined to the northeast bedroom of the 1007 27th Street home, owned and occupied by Yvette Jones.

Twenty-two firefighters fought the fire with four trucks and had to return to the house a second time after the blaze flared again in the attic.

Posey said the house suffered extensive smoke and heat damage and the cause of the fire was electrical, most likely a short in a ceiling fan.

***Threatened suicide***

An offense report for threatening suicide was submitted by Snyder officers at 9:35 p.m. Saturday and officials from Mental Health, Mental Retardation were contacted in reference to a man warning of another subject threatening to take his own life.

***Prowlers***

A man in the 800 block of Coliseum requested a close patrol of the area Saturday night after reporting prowlers in the area.

***Gas drive off***

The clerk at United Fuel reported a drive off at 2 p.m. Saturday.

A drive off was reported from the Plaza Truck Stop just before 6 p.m. Saturday.

# Obituaries

## Maxine Barron

1920-2002

Maxine Marie Hall Barron, 81, died Sunday, March 3, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Barron, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Walter McCall and Buddy Payne will officiate. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories in Sweetwater.

Born June 26, 1920 in Loraine, she married Ernest Hall on Aug. 17, 1940 in Loraine. He died March 12, 1979. She married Paul Barron on Dec. 5, 1981 in Snyder.

Mrs. Barron was a former resident of Loraine and worked as a bookkeeper for VonRoeder Seed Farm in Snyder for many years. She was a member of the Loraine Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, J.J. and Amanda (Roberts) Land; and a brother, Garnet Land.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Barron of Loraine; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kim and Kathy Hall of Snyder, Lanny and Lynda Hall of Maryneal and Wayne and Donna Barron of Coahoma; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Carl Stanley of Sweetwater; five grandsons, Bradley Hall of Maryneal, Michael Hall of San Angelo, Matt Barron and Morgan Barron, both of Coahoma, Scott Hall and his wife, Kathryn, of Lubbock; and two great-grandsons, Sheldon and Jeremey Hall.

The family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring in Midland, 79705.

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## Elva Marie Brown

1917-2002

SAN ANGELO — Elva Marie Brown, the aunt of Gayle Lomax of Snyder, died Friday, March 1, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brown, 83, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Shaffer Funeral Home Pioneer Chapel. Burial was to follow in the Belvedere Memorial Park.

Born on April 14, 1917 in Cotton County, Okla., she was a longtime San Angelo resident. A homemaker, Mrs. Brown was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors also include one son, Paul Dorin of River Oaks; three brothers, Hub Bills of Gillette, Wyo., Ed Bills of Lawton, Okla., Herman Bills of Tupelo, Okla.; four sisters, Mary Lomax of Amarillo, Fran Milner of Temecula, Calif., Bea Blue of Oildale, Calif., and Betty Whitten of Bakersville, Calif.

## James Sullivan

1950-2002

MERTZON – James Alan Sullivan, 52, died Saturday, March 2, in an Abilene hospital.

A memorial service for Mr. Sullivan, 52, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church.

Born Jan. 18, 1950 in Iraan, he was preceded in death by his father, Thurman Sullivan; and two brothers, Robert and Gary Don Sullivan.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Sullivan of Mertzon; two daughters, Rebecca Rochelle of San Angelo and Jamie Dean of Santee, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Edwin and Elaine Sullivan of Midland and formerly of Snyder; his mother, Vivian Sullivan of Mertzon; and three grandchildren.

# Births

Donald and Melissa Wells of Snyder are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Kaye Wells, born at 6:22 p.m. on March 2 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Kimberly weighed seven pounds, 5½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Darla Wells and maternal grandmother is Velma Ward, all of Snyder.

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Linda Garza announces the birth of her daughter, Jerrika Lynn Olivarez, born in Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 6:16 p.m. on March 1, weighing eight pounds, 14½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Vincente and Elvera Olivarez and maternal grandmother is Amelia Garza, all of Snyder.

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Charli and Scotti Boone of Snyder and Erin Hickman of Midland announce the birth of their brother, Dylan Tyler Boone. He was born weighing seven pounds, ¼ ounce on Feb. 20 in Midland Memorial Hospital Birthing Center. Parents are Darryl and Susan Boone of Midland.

Paternal Grandparents are Billy and Marie Boone and maternal grandparents are J.C. and Doris Harrison, all of Snyder.

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### Revival services

Revival services at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., with Rev. Jerry Williamson continue through Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Stanfield activities

The Stanfield Scholastic Book Fair will be held today through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. It will also be open during Family Reading Night this evening. Stanfield will host Muffins for Mom Tuesday morning, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and then Donuts for Dad Wednesday morning, also at 7:30 a.m.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. today is "The End of the World" followed by "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

### Upcoming West activities

In observance of Public School Week, West Elementary has set Muffins for Mom from 7:30 to 8:10 a.m. Tuesday.

### Medicare choices seminar

A free Medicare choices seminar will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Senior Citizens Center.

### FFA booster club

Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building. All booster club officers need to meet at 6:30.

### Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

### West Elementary science fair

West Elementary's Sixth Grade Science Fair projects will be displayed from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Towle Park Barn. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

### Girls softball association board

The Snyder girls softball association board will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Texas Savings Bank. The upcoming season will be discussed.

### Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

### CPR for healthcare providers

Western Texas College will have a CPR course for healthcare providers from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Tammy Shirley will be the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

### Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

### 1977 SHS class reunion

The 1977 class reunion committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in the home of Janie McCormick at 2805 32nd St.

### Community garden planning

There will be a planning session for the community garden at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. All interested are invited to attend. For more information, call BeBe Boren, coordinator, at 574-1967 or 806-629-4475.

### American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

### Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 18, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

### SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

### Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday, March 24, at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

### Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

### WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

### Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

### ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.