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# Judge rules for county in open meetings suit

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Senior District Judge Royal Hart, without explanation, reversed an earlier ruling against the Scurry County commissioners' court, and then granted a summary judgment in favor of Scurry County.

In an hour-long hearing in 132nd District Court Wednesday afternoon, the visiting judge from San Angelo ruled that the commissioners' court did not violate the Texas Open Meetings Act in reaching a decision last year on the management of the Scurry County Coliseum.

The lawsuit was filed last August by the Snyder Daily News and sought a permanent injunction against future violations.

Judge Hart's decision Wednesday set aside his ruling on Jan. 29 when he denied the county's motion for a summary judgment.

Charles King, attorney for Scurry County, had asked for a re-hearing on the Jan. 29 summary judgment motion.

Wednesday's hearing also included arguments by Don Richards, attorney for the Snyder Daily News, on a summary judgment in favor of the newspaper.

"There were multiple violations of proper notice by the commissioners," Richards said. "We're asking the court to declare that the commissioners violated the open meetings act, and for the court to declare a summary judgment in our favor.

"We are also asking the court to enjoin the county from future violations."

King, with the Houston firm of King and Pennington, argued as he did in the previous hearing, that the court could not enjoin the county from future violations.

"The plaintiff is asking the court to speculate about future violations," said King.

In his ruling, Judge Hart said the Snyder Daily News would be responsible for all court costs, and asked King to check with his clients if they would agree to the summary judgment on their behalf if the county would be responsible for its attorney fees.

The attorney and the commissioners' court then left to discuss the agreement but it was not long before King came back into the courtroom.

"I have to meet with the commissioners one at a time so we won't be in violation of the open meetings act," said King.

A short time later, King came back into the courtroom and said that in order not to even give the impression that a violation of the law was occurring, he would speak for his clients and agree for the county to pay its own legal fees.

Following the ruling, Richards said he felt there were very clear violations of the Texas Open Meetings Act by the commissioner's court.

"Obviously, the judge felt otherwise," the Lubbock attorney said.

The lawsuit stemmed from what the newspaper contended were violations of the open meetings law during the discussion of the management of the Scurry County Coliseum.

"We have never disagreed with their decision to take back the management of the coliseum, just the way they came to the decision," said Roy McQueen, publisher of the newspaper.

McQueen said he is surprised and disappointed with the ruling, but accepts the decision of the court.

GREASE OPENS TONIGHT — Snyder Junior High School's *Grease* debuts tonight at 7. In this scene, Danny Zuko, played by Chris Smith, gives a ring to Sandy Dumbrowski, played by Temi Thompson. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased at the junior high office. *Grease* performances will continue at 7 Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday nights. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Escapee's mom tried to give son saw blade

WAURIKA, Okla. (AP) — The mother of a convicted killer who escaped last month from a Texas jail has been arrested, accused of giving her son a hacksaw blade so he could try to escape again, officials said.

Officers took Cherese Smith into custody late Wednesday in Jefferson County in southern Oklahoma.

The Jefferson County district attorney said the arrest was made following a probe that included several agencies, including the FBI and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

An initial court appearance was scheduled for this afternoon.

Cherese Smith, also known as Cherese Bagwell, is the mother of Joshua Bagwell, one of four people who escaped the Montague County Jail on Jan. 28 after overpowering a jailer. The four were caught 10 days later in Carter County.

Bagwell and Curtis Gambill, another of the four who escaped, are being held in the Carter County Detention Facility.

Smith visited the jail Wednesday and left. Officers followed her to a store where she bought some hacksaw blades, said Carter County Sheriff Harvey Burkhart. She then returned to the jail, saw her son and Gambill and left.

The men were taken to a hospital to see if they had placed the blades in a body cavity. Officers then found the blades in their cells.

Burkhart said that as part of the escape plot, Smith had obtained two assault rifles, camping equipment and aerial maps.

She was arrested after being pulled over in Waurika, and was booked into the Jefferson County Jail pending charges.

Smith, who was an assistant Lawton city attorney in the late 1990s, was serving as an attorney for both men and had rights to visit them.

Carter County District Attorney Mitch Sperry praised the work of the sheriff and his deputies.

"I really want to brag on them," Sperry said. "They did an unbelievably good job."

The escape last month of Bagwell, Curtis Gambill, Charles Jordan and Chrystal Soto triggered a massive search along the Oklahoma-Texas border.

Bagwell and Gambill, convicted in the 1996 shotgun killing of a 16-year-old Waurika cheerleader, had been in the Montague County Jail for further proceedings in their case. Jordan and Soto were being held in the November killing of an elderly couple.

All four now remain in the Carter County Jail, where they face charges of burglary and unauthorized use of a vehicle for their alleged theft of automobiles while on the lam.

Bagwell and Gambill also face kidnapping charges for holding a Carter County convenience store owner hostage before they surrendered peacefully.

# Deadline today to renew brands

Five o'clock today is the deadline to renew brands in the county clerk's office at the Scurry County courthouse.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said brands can be registered anytime, but state law requires them to be re-recorded each decade.

Cost of renewing a brand is $11 and registering a new brand costs the same.

"If a rancher wants to renew a brand, he must do it before 5 p.m. today," she said.

If a brand is not re-recorded by this afternoon, it will become available on a first-come basis for others to use as their own, according to Bunch.

The clerk's office has been re-recording brands in this renewal period since September.

# *Cogdell hospital board hears reports*

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers heard a number of informational items this morning, including the annual human resource report.

Jo Beth Hardegree, human resource director, said recruitment and retaining employees is a major goal of the hospital.

"We recruit and promote from within in order to give all the staff the opportunity to be promoted or transferred," said Hardegree.

Hardegree said openings are posted at the hospital, home health and at the Price Daniel Unit.

"We recruit through the media, educational job fairs and through publications," added Hardegree.

"Retention of employees is accomplished by offering adequate compensation and benefits for full time employees," said Hardegree.

She said the benefits include health and dental insurance, life and supplemental insurance, a retirement plan, six holidays, plus vacation and sick time.

Hardegree said the hospital also participates with the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union.

"Funeral leave is offered up to three days paid to an employee following the death of a spouse, parent, grandparent, brother or sister, or a child or spouse's parent," said Hardegree.

She also said employees are paid for days missed from work when they report for jury duty.

Hardegree said plans for this year in her department include implementing new job descriptions and evaluations, plus putting in place a process for exit interviews.

The board unanimously approved Hardegree's report, and the monthly financial statements.

Joe Wright, chief financial officer, said January was a busy month at the hospital as the average daily census was almost 21 patients.

Wright said the hospital's home health agency also stayed busy as 1,421 visits were made last month as compared to just 425 in the same period last year.

Cogdell CEO George Parsley reported on a new telemetry system the hospital is to purchase, and he also gave an update on the emergency room and day surgery renovations.

Parsley said a corporation has been set up for the assisted living facility to be built on the hospital grounds, and that funding would be sought through the United States Department of Agriculture.

The board went into executive session at 9:10 with County Attorney Mike Hartman and reopened the meeting some 10 minutes later.

Board chairman Nan Swanson presided and all board members were present to include E.D. Walton, Carl Williams, Terry Williams, Bill Voss and Dink Foree.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "A born loser is an insomniac that finally falls asleep and then dreams he's awake."**

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It might be cheaper than a bottle of sleeping pills.

The 2001 Statistical Abstract is available from the U.S. Government printing office. Cost is $38 for soft-bound copy and $10 more for the hard-bound edition.

According to a wire story, here's some of the good stuff that you can find out.

Americans ate 76 billion pounds of red meat and poultry in 2000, up nearly 21 percent from 1990.

Nearly 110 million people in the U.S. used a cellular phone, up five percent from the start of the decade.

Birth rates for woman ages 15 to 19 fell to an all-time low in 1999, at about 50 births per 1,000.

These nifty facts, and others, come from the Census Bureau's Statistical Abstract of the U.S., which is light on narrative but heavy on numbers.

The 121st edition has 1,000 pages and is considered the government's version of the World Almanac. Besides compiling government statistics, the book includes data from trade associations and other groups.

Here are some other facts that will help you sleep, or perhaps not sleep:

—About one million people were involved in violent acts between intimate partners. Intimate partners is bureaucratic talk for current and former spouses, boyfriends and girlfriends and live-ins, etc. In other words, if you do doze off, sleep with one eye open.

—Per capita consumption of sweeteners like sugar, syrup and honey increased from 137 pounds in 1990 to 158 pounds in 10 years. Beware, Big Brother is keeping tabs on your donut intake. So do some spouses.

—Forty-two percent of U.S. households had Internet access in 2000, an increase of 26 percent in just two years. We figure all those technological-advanced households have at least one six-year-old to do computer maintenance for the old folks.

We also found out that 25 percent of households have one more car than they do licensed drivers.

Of course there's an explanation for that. In case the family jalopy won't start, it's considered bad form to have to walk to the coffee shop.

We Americans plan ahead.

## ASK US

**Q—Why was one building left at the Cozy Court when the rest was demolished?**

**A—The building contains asbestos and needs to be removed by specialists.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 53 degrees; low, 17; 7 a.m. Thursday, 30; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, cloudy, low around 40, S winds 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, breezy, warmer; high mid 60s; SW winds 15-25 mph. Friday night, cloudy, windy, colder, low mid 20s.

Michael David Warm

**Sunset:** 6:41 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:11 a.m.
**Of 58 days in 2002, the sun has shone 55 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Wisdom is knowing what to overlook.**
**—William James**

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# Air Force combat controllers recall arduous scouting run

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A pair of Air Force staff sergeants ate slaughtered farm animals and slept in the bitter cold without mats or blankets as their 10-hour mission to scout cave bombing targets in Afghanistan stretched into over a week.

The Air Force combat controllers, who asked that their last names not be used out of security concerns, recalled their arduous mission back at their home base Wednesday.

"The most important thing to remember is we have a very (long) memory," said 29-year-old Bill. "I don't want people to forget what happened Sept. 11. I was just glad to have been able to be there to fight terrorism."

The controllers, part of an elite unit that trains at Fort Bragg and other military bases, climbed steep mountainsides to help direct bombing missions aimed at destroying al-Qaida cave complexes.

At night, they were close enough to the targets to feel the concussion of bombs.

Bill and his comrade, Eric, brought two food ration packages on their mission — enough to get by on a 10-hour trip. But the mission grew as they found more and more caves in the forbidding mountains on the Pakistan border.

While they waited for more supplies, Eric and Bill and a Navy SEAL team they were attached to found an abandoned al-Qaida base. They made it on their own, slaughtering and eating chickens and a cow that had been left behind.

The controllers had M-4 rifles to protect themselves from enemies. But they didn't have sleeping bags or mats, and had to rely on their uniforms and parkas to fight the bitter nighttime cold.

There wasn't much time to sleep anyway — about three hours a night. Eric, Bill and the SEALS conducted foot patrols during daylight, and by night, the controllers directed bombers over the cave complex.

On one patrol, they found an al-Qaida training camp complete with classrooms and obstacle courses. Caves in the mountains stretched for miles and many were loaded with ammunition. One series of secondary explosions went on for 30 hours after a bombing, Eric said.

"No matter how far away we were, we could feel it," Bill said. "On some, you watch a whole ridgeline shake when they were getting hit."

During their five-month deployment to Afghanistan, the controllers also worked search-and-rescue missions and handled air traffic control work at the air base at Kandahar.

Teams of controllers answered to men like Master Sgt. Bart Decker, who also set up airfields in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. Decker, 40, was attached to a Northern Alliance unit with other American troops and rode horses with the Afghans.

KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY — The annual Kiwanis Pancake Day is slated from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at West Elementary School's cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each. A door prize, a color television donated by Wal-Mart, will also be given away. All proceeds benefit Kiwanis youth projects. Kiwanis members pictured are from left, Avon Rushing, C.R. Perez, Larry McAden, Darryl Calley, and Gary Shifflett. (Contributed Photo)

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## Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 1-20-23-25-50-54

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $13 million.

## Pick 3

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

1-9-3

# Families of two victims of fatal air crash file lawsuits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Relatives of two hair stylists who died in the plane crash that also killed singer-actress Aaliyah have sued her record company for hiring a "fly-by-night" charter aircraft company.

The families of Eric Forman, 29, and Anthony Dodd, 34, filed wrongful death lawsuits against Virgin Records America, its affiliated music and video production units, the plane's owner and the charter air company hired for the Aug. 25 flight.

All nine people aboard the Florida-bound plane died when it crashed immediately after taking off from an airfield in the Bahamas. The lawsuits allege that the aircraft was overloaded with passengers, luggage and equipment used in a video shoot, and that the pilot "was not approved to act as pilot of the accident aircraft."

Brian J. Panish, the families' attorney, said Virgin "took profits over the safety of transporting people" by using what he called a "fly-by-night" charter aircraft company. The families are seeking unspecified monetary damages and "answers to why this tragedy occurred," Panish said.

He said he believes no other legal action has been filed by Aaliyah's family or anyone else involved with the crash.

A spokesperson for Virgin Records in Los Angeles and an attorney representing Aaliyah's relatives did not immediately return calls seeking comment on the lawsuits.

Aaliyah had been in the Bahamas' Abaco Island to film a video for the song "Rock the Boat." The song earned the 22-year-old a nomination for best female R&B vocal performance at Wednesday night's Grammys in Los Angeles. She also had been nominated for best R&B album, but Alicia Keys won in both categories. Aaliyah had been nominated for Grammys twice before.

The film "Queen of the Damned," in which Aaliyah plays an ancient vampire, was No. 1 at the box office with $14.8 million in its debut in North America last weekend.

Panish said the lawsuits were not timed to the film's release or the Grammys. They were filed in Los Angeles because Virgin and other defendants do business in the city, and because that's where arrangements for the flight were made, he said.

In addition to Virgin Records America, the defendants listed were music video director Harold "Hype" Williams, Instinct Productions Inc., Big Dog House Films, Blackground Records LLC, Skystream, Inc. and Blackhawk International Airways.

Blackhawk is the Florida-based charter air company hired for the flight. The twin-engine Cessna 402B was registered to Skystream, the lawsuit said.

A Cessna Aircraft spokeswoman, Jessica Myers, has said the plane was certified to carry only six to eight people.

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By Abigail V

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# Study: Yearly IV treatment may protect bones

By The Associated Press

For the millions who suffer fractures or thinning bones because of osteoporosis, a simpler treatment could be on the horizon: A single intravenous dose of medicine a year rather than a pill a day may be enough to prevent the condition, research shows.

It will be about five years before doctors know whether the drug really does prevent the fractures and hunched backs associated with osteoporosis. The study in today's New England Journal of Medicine was only a one-year look at the medicine's effect on bone itself.

But doctors who treat the disease — which weakens the bones of more than 10 million Americans, especially women past menopause, and threatens millions more — are excited by the preliminary results.

Dr. Felicia Cosman, clinical director of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, said the thought of a once-a-year treatment is mind-boggling.

"It's potentially a huge change in treatment — and, I think, prevention — of osteoporosis," said Dr. Ian R. Reid of the University of Auckland, New Zealand, who led the study. "I think it almost comes into the category of a flu shot, rather than taking pills every day and having side effects."

The manufacturer, which paid for the research, has already begun much larger and longer studies on the medicine.

The startling finding published today came out of a study of a drug called zoledronic acid, which is approved for use in cancer patients to stop calcium from leaching from the bones.

Over the course of a year, 351 women in New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden and Canada were given four five-minute intravenous infusions three months apart. One-sixth of the women got a placebo in all four; the others had at least one IV with zoledronic acid in it.

All five drug treatment schedules had about the same results, and all were better than the placebo. The drug was found to slow the rate of bone loss and increase bone density, and the effect persisted for at least a year after treatment, long after the medication had disappeared from the blood.

Bone density was 4.3 percent to 5.1 percent higher in the spine and 3.1 percent to 3.5 percent higher in the hip than it was for patients on placebo.

The drug, sold by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. as Zometa, is in a class called bisphosphonates. Two other drugs in this class are used as one-a-day pills to treat osteoporosis; one also is available as a once-a-week pill.

However, the pills must be taken sitting or standing straight up, before eating, and the patient has to stay upright for 30 minutes without eating or drinking. Side effects include abdominal pain, nausea, heartburn and irritation of the esophagus. And research has shown that such patients often skip their pills or do not take them according to instructions.

The IV treatment has fewer side effects, Cosman said.

However, she warned that women still need to make sure they get enough calcium, vitamin D and exercise.

"No drug works as well in the absence of making other changes in the lifestyle," she said. "It's not like you can completely forget about bone health in between administrations of medicine."

Other treatments for osteoporosis include estrogen supplements or an estrogen alternative, both of which increase bone density but apparently not as well as bisphosphonates, and a bone hormone called calcitonin. Some of these treatments are often given in pill or patch form.

Novartis has begun enrolling patients for two big studies of the drug: a three-year study of 7,500 women who have been through menopause, and a two-year look at 4,500 men and women who already have had a hip fracture from osteoporosis.

Novartis said it does not know how much the drug is likely to cost. If a version of Zometa is approved for use against osteoporosis, it will probably be given another name.

## Astro-graph

### By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

**Friday, March 1, 2002**

Planning your moves well in advance is always helpful, but in the year ahead, this will prove to be very valuable. It will enhance your ability for garnering larger gains than usual.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Success is within your grasp, because you'll leave your wishful thinking cap in the closet and replace it with realism regarding your capabilities for accomplishment. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Set the example when dealing with others, by making a point to see that everyone is treated equally. They, in turn, will behave similarly to you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — An arrangement you have with a co-worker will turn out to be mutually good for both of you, even if the role each plays may be significantly different from the other.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Pals will welcome your company, even if it is merely visiting with each other over the telephone. Simply having the contact will be enough for you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — This is a good day to dream up some of those changes you'd like to make in your surroundings. Your mind is sharp and your eye is keen, and the results should be most pleasant.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Chances are nothing will rattle your cage, but even if you should wince inwardly, those around you will never know it. You'll keep your pleasant demeanor throughout it all.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It might be easier than usual to piece together the mosaic you're working on, because you'll be more successful than usual in gathering information you need.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Your wit could be razor sharp, yet no one would label you glib. Those who listen and observe you will be aware that what you say comes straight from the heart.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — It won't be any choice for you to choose between profit and pride of accomplishment. Achieving self-esteem could greatly outweigh a mountain of silver.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — A pal might be right there for you when you need him or her the most in offering constructive suggestions that could escape you at the moment. You'll welcome the input.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Your ally in a joint endeavor may be a bit slower than you, but will have things under control at all times, and eventually accomplish his or her part.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Because you're already aware of what you know, it will be most satisfying for you to listen to what other people know. It's a great way to gather additional knowledge.

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## Dear Abby

### By Abigail Van Buren

## *Making smoking uncool is challenge for ad campaigns*

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in reply to the 81-year-old woman who proposed creating an anti-smoking poster with two healthy sisters on each side of the unhealthy sister who smoked. It won't work!

I'm 20, and if I saw a poster of an elderly woman dying of lung cancer, I would scoff at the message. I would be sympathetic, but I would think, "I'm young. I'll NEVER be like that." However, if I met someone in his late teens or early 20s who had lung cancer, it would be a different story.

I propose sending teens who are ex-smokers to schools with their stories. Not just junior and high schools, but elementary schools, too. I recently quit smoking. (I was in third grade when I started.) I now work in a school. Every day I wonder which students smoke or drink. I wish I could make a difference. If you know of an organization looking for young adults like me to tell their stories — please let me know. — **CHRIS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

**DEAR CHRIS:** The problem with your proposal is that tobacco-related cancers usually take years to develop. The chances of a high school student meeting a contemporary with cancer of the mouth, throat, lung, pancreas, cervix, kidney or bladder are slim. However, every year a person smokes, the more deeply addicted he or she becomes.

**P.S.** I'd be interested in knowing why you finally quit. **Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** Thirteen-year-old kids don't care about 81-year-old cancer patients on oxygen tanks. When I was 13, I had two adjectives for everything — "cool" and "uncool." When you're 13, you're never going to be 81 or have cancer. Being uncool is the real danger!

Ad campaigns directed at teens pound the health issue to death, but kids think they are cool. Cigarettes are cool precisely because they are unhealthy and disreputable. The anti-smoking ads must improve. Somewhere there must be some principled, highly intelligent people with the media savvy to gradually make smoking uncool. Things will not change otherwise.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother is a lifelong smoker. She is dying from lung cancer. The bravest thing she has ever done is share her story with high school students. She makes no bones about her future. If her story prevents one kid from starting to smoke, she'll feel she has done something good with her life. — **P.T. IN ALLENTOWN, PA.**

**DEAR P.T.:** Please accept my sympathy for your mother's terminal illness. She's a courageous woman to share her story in the hope it will save others.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My deceased dad had the good grace to write a statement to be read at his funeral admitting that smoking is a killer, and he wouldn't wish it on anyone. — **M.L. IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

**DEAR M.L.:** My condolences to you for the loss of your father. He told it like it was.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My sister and I are in our 40s. Upon reading the letter from the 81-year-old woman, we both decided we wanted to be healthy and active in our retirement years. We quit smoking on the spot! — **GRATEFUL IN WOODSTOCK**

**DEAR GRATEFUL:** Yippee! A double victory! Your letter made my day.

**

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## Community Calendar

**THURSDAY**

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-0793, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

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

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Happy Birthday
Dawn & Denise
Love, Mom, Steve, James, Alicia, Alexis and Bubba

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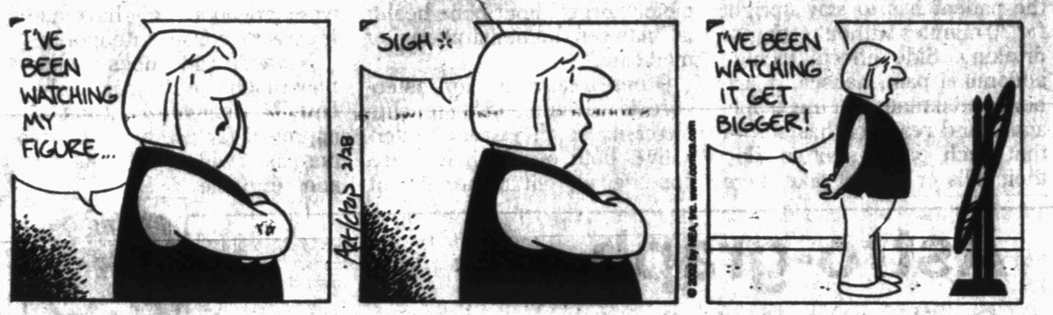


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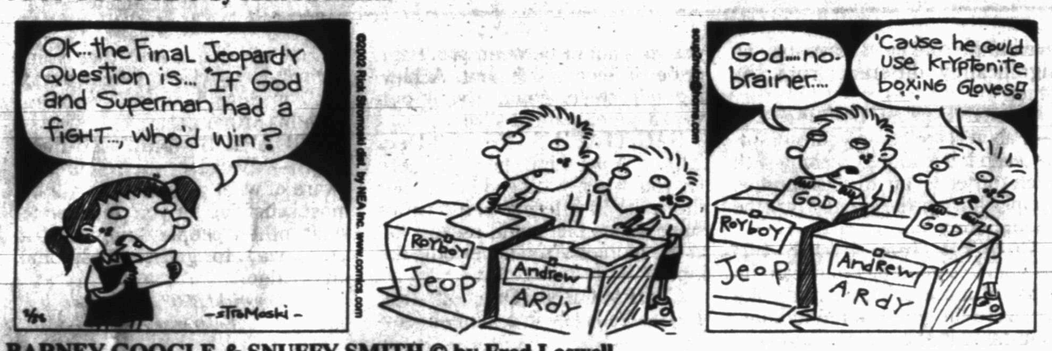


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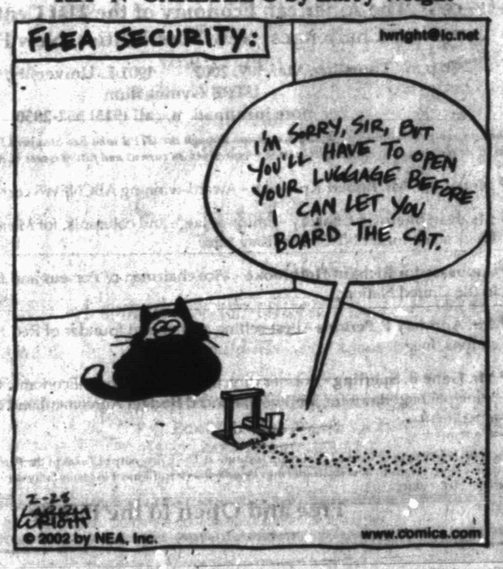


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Share
6 Pirate captain
10 Organic compounds
12 Plunder
14 Unfasten
15 Japanese martial art
16 Breaks the rules
18 Min. fraction
19 Joint problem
21 Athletic competition
23 Brynner of "Westworld"
24 Mother rabbit
26 Reddish-brown horse
29 Baseball stat
30 Utmost degree
32 Sit down heavily
34 Potato buy
36 Taunting cry
37 Cravat
38 Distort, as data
40 Longest Asian
42 Poisonous snake
43 Shrill barks
45 Twisted
47 Sheik's robe
50 Water boiler
52 Thataway
54 Pack animals
58 Range
59 Hidden
60 Kyoto cash
61 Copper coin

**DOWN**

1 Math proof abbr.
2 Put into service
3 Hall-of-Famer Mel
4 Instruct
5 Curved
6 Crusty roll
7 Vex
8 Speaker's platform
9 Kind of ranch
11 That ship
12 Hubby —
13 Dwarf with spectacles
17 Gemstone
19 Mystiques
20 Metallic sound
22 Upper part
23 De or la
25 Lennon's wife
27 Wedding vow site
28 Deafening
31 Work in the garden
33 Energy
35 Door opener
39 Rouses up
41 Smack
44 Fresh
46 Make baskets
47 Sailor's reply
48 Thickest
49 Feed the kitty
51 Pampering, for short
53 Lion's quarters
55 All dads
56 Prince Valiant's eldest
57 Dirty place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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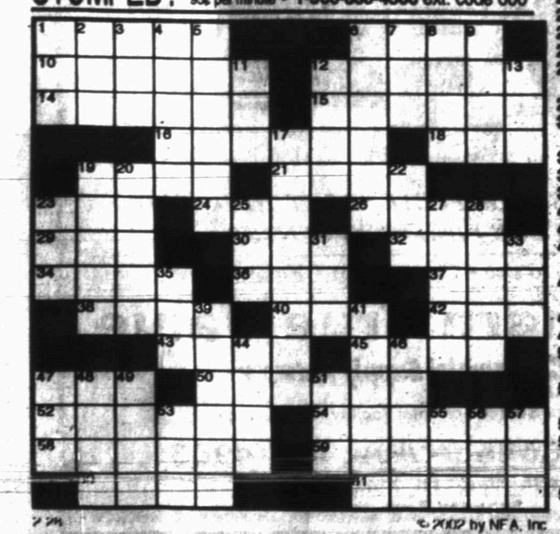

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"I USED TO RIDE THIS WHEN I WAS LITTLE. IT'S AN ANTIQUE NOW."

# SPORTS

## Diamond squads in tourney competition

Three local diamond squads are in tournament action this weekend, including the Snyder girls who host the Lady Tiger Invitational.

The SHS softball squad hits the field at 7:45 tonight in a pool-play game against Anson.

In other tourney action today, the Snyder baseball team was to have taken on Lockhart this afternoon in the opening round of the Seguin tournament, and the Ira Bulldogs square off with Coahoma JV at 6:30 tonight at the Ira Baseball Tournament.

As for the Lady Tigers, they'll face Anson, Sweetwater and Coahoma in pool play to determine their seeding for the bracket.

Bracket play gets underway at 3 p.m. Friday, with the finals slated for Saturday night.

Also competing in the tourney are Breckenridge, Hawley, Killeen Ellison, Snyder JV, Abilene Cooper, Midland Greenwood, Comanche, Abilene Wylie, Andrews, Clyde, Del Rio and Stamford.

On the baseball diamond in Seguin, a victory over Lockhart would give the Tigers a second-round match-up against Schertz Clemens or Canyon. Also entered in the event are Wimberly, Poth, Seguin and Lubbock Estacado.

At Bulldog Field in Ira, the tournament is a round-robin format involving Ira, Coahoma JV, Aspermont and Sweetwater JV.

The Bulldogs face Sweetwater JV at 11 a.m. Friday, then take on Aspermont at 6:30 p.m. to close out the tournament.

## Lady Raiders drop finale, 75-56

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Fifth-ranked Oklahoma didn't shoot all that well and didn't defend as well as coach Sherri Coale would have liked, although she wasn't complaining after a 75-56 victory over No. 15 Texas Tech.

"Texas Tech's a really good team, and I guess when you look at it through the lens of the emotion of this evening, I'm pretty pleased with it," Coale said Wednesday night.

The Sooners (24-3, 14-2 Big 12) said farewell to six seniors, including Stacey Dales and LaNeishea Caufield, who have helped lead them to three straight regular-season conference titles.

Dales had 17 points, 14 in the second half, and Caufield scored 18 as Oklahoma beat Tech (17-10, 8-8) for the fourth straight time.

Dales, whose family made the trip from Ontario, Canada, for the game, cried during her post-game remarks to the crowd as she thanked her coaches and teammates.

"This is a great night, but come with us to the Final Four," she said.

The Sooners held Tech to a season-low 31 percent shooting. The Lady Raiders, who had shot 52 percent during the three-game winning streak they carried into this game, missed several open shots inside.

"I'm disappointed in the way we shot the ball," coach Marsha Sharp said. "I thought we played well enough at times to have a chance to stay in it. We had some good looks at the basket and just missed a lot of shots.

Natalie Ritchie led Tech with 18 points. Leading scorer Jia Perkins had just eight, half her average, on 4-of-19 shooting.

Dales, just 1-of-4 from the field with four turnovers in the first half, started the second half by scoring inside and then hitting a 3-pointer to give the Sooners a 38-25 lead. She added a three-point play later as Oklahoma pushed the lead to 45-31.

After Ritchie scored seven straight to get Tech within 45-38, Oklahoma scored seven in a row to again go ahead by 14. They Sooners took a 61-46 lead on two free throws by Rosalind Ross with 4:07 left before Lady Raiders scored eight straight to get within 61-54 with 2:25 to got. It was all Oklahoma the rest of the way.

The Lady Raiders took an early five-point lead before Oklahoma went on an 8-0 run. The teams stayed within a few points of each other for the next several minutes, and Tech took what proved to be its final lead, 20-18, on a jumper by Ritchie with 7:06 left.

Another 8-0 run, which included 3-pointers by Ross and Caton Hill, gave Oklahoma a 27-20 lead. The Sooners held an eight-point advantage at halftime despite committing a dozen turnovers.

"We need to play better," Coale said. "We need to play smarter. We need to play fresher, and that's my job, to figure out how to get them that way.

"Every team in America is tired. Every team in the Big 12 is tired. It's more of a mental freshness that I'm searching for."

## Nazareth wins 16th title

AUSTIN (AP) — Stephanie Thiel scored 23 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and dished out a game-high seven assists as Nazareth won its 16th state championship Thursday with a 67-42 victory over Dodd City in the Class 1A Division II final.

Wendy Black added 20 points for Nazareth (33-2), which shot just 31 percent but forced Dodd City in 30 turnovers, converting them into 28 points.

Playing in its 20th state tournament, Nazareth led 20-6 after the first quarter as the Swiftettes held Dodd City without a point for nearly six minutes.

Thiel, who has signed to play next season for the University of Texas, closed the first period with three consecutive 3-pointers in the final 32 seconds.

Jeana Wilson led Dodd City (28-6) with 16 points and 12 rebounds in the Lady Hornets' first state tournament appearance.

Dodd City cut the lead to 45-35 at the start of the fourth before Thiel converted a 3-point play off a steal under the basket to push it to 48-35. Nazareth outscored Dodd City 22-9 in the final quarter.

Nazareth advances to Saturday's Texas Cup to play the winner of the 1A Division I final between Brock (35-2) and La Poyner (32-2) for the mythical small school championship.

## Reports say Woodson, Cowboys agree on $20 million contract, $5 million bonus

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and Darren Woodson have reportedly agreed on a five-year deal that would pay the strong safety $20 million, including a $5 million signing bonus.

Three unidentified sources told The Dallas Morning News that the deal, which would all but assure that Woodson finishes his career with the Cowboys, will be announced as soon as today.

"I'm very upbeat," George Bass, Woodson's Dallas-based agent, told the newspaper in Thursday's editions. "But I think both sides have agreed not to talk about the negotiations. Let's just say that I'm feeling a whole lot better about things."

Team officials did not return a telephone call early Thursday by The Associated Press for comment.

The sources told the newspaper that Woodson, 32, would make the veteran minimum of $750,000 in 2002 under the deal. His pay would jump to $2 million in 2003 before increasing each year after that, the sources said.

Last season, Woodson recorded 131 tackles, including nine behind the line of scrimmage with three interceptions. He's been a key leader on a young defense that finished fourth in the National Football League.

In the Cowboys' blitz-heavy scheme, Woodson often serves as a fourth linebacker. But the defensive back, who with running back Emmitt Smith are the only players remaining from the Cowboys' three Super Bowl championships in the mid-1990s, can also line up on a slot receiver and cover one-on-one.

With 1,178 career tackles, Woodson needs just 59 more to surpass Lee Roy Jordan (1,236) as the team's all-time leading tackler.

The Cowboys have been cautious about paying big money to aging free agents after doing so with Troy Aikman, Deion Sanders and Charles Haley, only to see those players' careers stymied by injury. Jones struggled with the salary cap by paying on those contracts long after the players were gone.

Jones has said he won't repeat those mistakes now that the Cowboys are expected to have between $12 million and $20 million to spend under the salary cap in 2002.

## Sports Briefs

### Sale of Red Sox completed

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Former Florida Marlins owner John Henry and his partners completed their record $660 million purchase of the Boston Red Sox, ending seven decades of ownership by the Yawkey family and its trust.

The purchase also includes 80 percent of the New England Sports Network plus $40 million in assumed debt. The price more than doubled the previous record for a baseball franchise — the $323 million paid by Larry Dolan for the Cleveland Indians in 2000.

### Astros dropping name 'Enron Field'

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros are dropping the name "Enron Field" from their ballpark, severing the embarrassing connection to the bankrupt energy giant.

The baseball team has agreed to pay Enron $2.1 million to buy back the naming rights. Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. said the stadium will go into its third season called "Astros Field" until a new sponsor is found.

### Jordan has knee surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan had surgery for the first time in his career to repair torn cartilage in the 39-year-old forward's right knee, an injury that was the result of normal wear and tear for an athlete of Jordan's caliber.

Typically, recovery time for such an operation is two to six weeks, and many variables — age, severity of the tear, workout ethic — can determine where a patient fits in that range. The Wizards will have a better idea of Jordan's time frame when he begins therapy after a few days of rest.

### Davis restructures deal with Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Terrell Davis and the Denver Broncos signed a restructured contract Wednesday that will likely allow the running back to retire with the team. Terms of the new deal weren't disclosed but it extended through 2006.

### Romanowski becomes a Raider

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Bill Romanowski always suspected he would look good in silver and black. Al Davis thought so, too.

In a seemingly inspired match between a player and a franchise, Romanowski agreed to a six-year contract with the Oakland Raiders, a week after the linebacker was released by the Denver Broncos.

### FBI investigates possible Olympic bomb

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The FBI is investigating the possibility that a power outage on the last day of the Winter Olympics was caused by a bomb, The Associated Press has learned.

Electricity was cut to 33,000 customers — including the airport — for up to two hours Sunday morning when a circuit breaker exploded at a substation. Investigators later found that a security fence had been cut.

## Boys Playoff Pairings

**CLASS 5A**
**Region I Semifinals**
**Chaparral Center, Midland**
Midland Lee (27-5) vs. Cedar Hill (32-1)
EP Franklin (29-5) vs. Duncanville (23-9)
**Region II Semifinals**
**Ferrell Center, Waco**
Tyler John Tyler (20-14) vs. The Woodlands (23-10)
Dallas Kimball (27-4) vs. Killeen Ellison (26-6)
**Region III Semifinals**
**Houston Aldine HS**
FB Hightower (32-3) vs. Houston Clear Lake (29-5)
FB Elkins (32-7) vs. Houston Eisenhower (25-9)
**Region IV Semifinals**
**UT-San Antonio**
SA Jay (24-9) vs. Brownsville Hanna (26-6)
Converse Judson (28-6) vs. CC Ray (29-5)

**CLASS 4A**
**Region I Semifinals**
**Howard College, Big Spring**
Lubbock Estacado (30-6) vs. FW Polytechnic (27-5)
Canyon (27-5) vs. FW Dunbar (30-2)
**Region II Semifinals**
**Moody Coliseum, Dallas**
Dallas Lincoln (35-0) vs. Terrell (22-9)
South Oak Cliff (26-5) vs. Lancaster (23-6)
**Region III Semifinals**
**Montagne Center, Beaumont**
Waller (24-8) vs. Galena Park (23-11)
Beaumont Ozen (29-2) vs. Texas City (28-3)
**Region IV Semifinals**
**St. Mary's, San Antonio**
SA McCollum (22-11) vs. SA Roosevelt (25-10)
Kerrville Tivy (32-4) vs. SA Houston (34-2)

**CLASS 3A**
**Region I Semifinals**
**United Spirit Arena, Lubbock**
Dimmitt (27-7) vs. Abilene Wylie (23-8)
Shallowater (23-8) vs. Sweetwater (19-10)
**Region II Semifinals**
**Texas A&M-Commerce**
Everman (25-8) vs. Tatum (25-7)
Gainesville (24-6) vs. Pittsburg (30-0)
**Region III Semifinals**
**Sam Houston State, Huntsville**
Crockett (24-7) vs. Kountze (31-4)
Waco La Vega (30-2) vs. Cleveland (26-8)
**Region IV Semifinals**
**Texas A&M-Kingsville**
Somerset (27-7) vs. Aransas Pass (26-6)
Hempstead (28-4) vs. Gonzales (25-9)

**CLASS 2A**
**Region I Semifinals**
**Moody Coliseum, Abilene**
Wall (23-6) vs. Olney (26-5)
Reagan County (23-8) vs. West Texas (20-15)
**Region II Semifinals**
**Tarleton State, Stephenville**
Ponder (26-9) vs. Godley (25-8)
Peaster (27-7) vs. Van Alstyne (21-11)
**Region III Semifinals**
**Tyler JC**
Frankston (29-5) vs. Hardin (25-7)
Kerens (21-4) vs. Centerville (23-7)
**Region IV Semifinals**
**St. Edward's, Austin**
Van Vleck vs. SA Cole (25-8)
Little River Academy vs. Port Aransas

**CLASS A—DIVISION I**
**Region I-II Finals**
**Texan Dome, Levelland**
Stratford (18-8) vs. White Deer (22-5)
Lipan (29-7) vs. Brock (27-7)
**Region III-IV Final**
**Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches**
Tenaha (18-4) vs. Kennard (30-4)
Charlotte (32-4) vs. Moulton

**CLASS A—DIVISION II**
**Region I-II Final**
**Wilkerson-Greines Center, Ft. Worth**
New Home (24-2) vs. Nazareth (23-3)
Utopia (29-1) vs. D'Hanis
**Region III-IV Final**
**Southwestern, Georgetown**
Woodson vs. Henrietta Midway (27-8)
Goodrich vs. Brookeland

## Girls State Tournament

**STATE TOURNAMENT**
**at The Erwin Center, Austin**
**CLASS 5A Semifinals**
**3 and 7 p.m. Friday**
Spring Westfield (33-1) vs. Mansfield (33-3)
SA Taft (34-3) vs. FB Dulles (29-7)
**CLASS 4A Semifinals**
**7 and 8:30 p.m. today**
Angleton (31-4) vs. Dallas Lincoln (23-5)
Plainview (33-1) vs. Dripping Springs (31-5)
**CLASS 3A Semifinals**
**2 and 3:30 p.m. today**
Perryton (33-2) vs. Llano (30-6)
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (28-5) vs. Kountze (27-9)
**CLASS 2A Semifinals**
**9:30 and 11 a.m. Friday**
Somerville (28-3) vs. Abernathy (24-8)
Buffalo (29-8) vs. Pilot Point (26-9)
**CLASS A—DIVISION II Final**
**8:30 a.m. today**
Nazareth 67, Dodd City 42
**CLASS A—DIVISION I Final**
**10 a.m. today**
Brock (35-2) vs. La Poyner (32-2)

## Big 12 Basketball

**MEN**

| | Conference | | | AllGames | | |
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| Kansas | 15 | 0 | 1.000 | 26 | 2 | .929 |
| Oklahoma | 12 | 3 | .800 | 23 | 4 | .852 |
| Texas Tech | 9 | 6 | .600 | 20 | 7 | .741 |
| Oklahoma St. | 9 | 6 | .600 | 22 | 7 | .759 |
| Missouri | 9 | 6 | .600 | 20 | 10 | .667 |
| Texas | 9 | 6 | .600 | 18 | 10 | .643 |
| Nebraska | 6 | 9 | .400 | 13 | 13 | .500 |
| Kansas St. | 5 | 10 | .333 | 11 | 15 | .423 |
| Baylor | 5 | 10 | .333 | 15 | 13 | .536 |
| Colorado | 5 | 10 | .333 | 14 | 12 | .538 |
| Iowa St. | 4 | 11 | .267 | 12 | 17 | .414 |
| Texas A&M | 3 | 12 | .200 | 9 | 20 | .310 |

**Wednesday's results**
Kansas 103, Kansas State 68
Nebraska 75, Baylor 55
**Saturday's games**
Texas Tech at Baylor
Oklahoma at Colorado
Texas at Iowa State
Texas A&M at Oklahoma State
Nebraska at Kansas State
**Sunday's game**
Kansas at Missouri
**End of men's regular season**

**WOMEN**

| | Conference | | | AllGames | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Oklahoma | 14 | 2 | .875 | 24 | 3 | .889 |
| Baylor | 12 | 4 | .750 | 24 | 4 | .857 |
| Colorado | 11 | 5 | .688 | 21 | 8 | .724 |
| Kansas St. | 11 | 5 | .688 | 23 | 6 | .793 |
| Texas | 10 | 6 | .625 | 19 | 8 | .704 |
| Iowa St. | 9 | 7 | .563 | 21 | 7 | .750 |
| Texas Tech | 8 | 8 | .500 | 17 | 10 | .630 |
| Oklahoma St. | 7 | 9 | .438 | 15 | 14 | .517 |
| Texas A&M | 5 | 11 | .313 | 13 | 15 | .464 |
| Missouri | 5 | 11 | .313 | 14 | 13 | .519 |
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**Wednesday's results**
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Kansas State 74, Missouri 55
Oklahoma State 62, Texas A&M 49
Baylor 95, Iowa State 91
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Game 3: (7)Texas Tech vs. (10)Missouri, 6 p.m.
Game 4: (6)Iowa State vs. (11)Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.
**Second Round, March 6**
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. (1)Oklahoma, noon
Game 6: Game 2 winner vs. (4)Kansas State, 2:30 p.m.
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. (2)Baylor, 6 p.m.
Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. (3)Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
**Semifinals, March 7**
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, March 9**
Game 11: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlantic Division** | | | | |
| New Jersey | 38 | 16 | .679 | — |
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| Orlando | 31 | 26 | .544 | 7½ |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 28 | .500 | 10 |
| Washington | 27 | 29 | .482 | 11 |
| Miami | 23 | 32 | .418 | 14½ |
| New York | 20 | 34 | .370 | 17 |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Milwaukee | 33 | 23 | .589 | — |
| Detroit | 32 | 23 | .582 | ½ |
| Indiana | 28 | 28 | .500 | 5 |
| Toronto | 29 | 30 | .491 | 5½ |
| Charlotte | 28 | 29 | .491 | 5½ |
| Cleveland | 20 | 36 | .357 | 13 |
| Atlanta | 20 | 37 | .351 | 13½ |
| Chicago | 15 | 42 | .263 | 18½ |
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| **Midwest Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Dallas | 40 | 17 | .702 | — |
| Minnesota | 39 | 18 | .684 | 1 |
| San Antonio | 36 | 20 | .643 | 3½ |
| Utah | 31 | 25 | .554 | 8½ |
| Houston | 20 | 36 | .357 | 19½ |
| Denver | 16 | 38 | .296 | 22½ |
| Memphis | 15 | 41 | .268 | 24½ |
| **Pacific Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Sacramento | 41 | 15 | .732 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 39 | 17 | .696 | 2 |
| Portland | 33 | 24 | .579 | 8½ |
| Seattle | 32 | 26 | .552 | 10 |
| L.A. Clippers | 29 | 30 | .491 | 13½ |
| Phoenix | 27 | 30 | .474 | 14½ |
| Golden State | 16 | 39 | .291 | 24½ |

**Wednesday's Games**
Milwaukee 95, Boston 92
Philadelphia 82, Miami 72
Portland 105, Washington 101
Charlotte 104, New Jersey 85
Seattle 98, Atlanta 81
Detroit 101, Chicago 89
Orlando 90, Toronto 85
Minnesota 112, L.A. Lakers 101
Golden State 110, Denver 93
**Thursday's Games**
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New York at Miami, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
**Friday's Games**
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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# 4th quarter: Economy grows slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) —The U.S. economy, propelled by the biggest surge in consumer spending on big-ticket goods in 15 years, grew at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the final quarter of 2001, the government reported today.

The bigger-than-expected increase in the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of the economy's health, could mean that economists will date the end of the recession around the end of last year or the beginning of this year.

"I think the reality is that we just finished the mildest recession that we've ever had, but we may have something of a mild recovery as well," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

The revised reading on fourth-quarter GDP as reported by the Commerce Department is much stronger than the 0.2 percent growth rate estimated by the government a month ago.

Many economists were forecasting a revised 0.9 percent rate of advance in the GDP, which measures the total output of goods and services produced within the United States.

The 1.4 percent growth rate marked the economy's strongest performance in a year and came after the economy shrank at a 1.3 percent rate in the third quarter.

The latest reading on GDP comes one day after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress the country is recovering from the recession that began in March. Though the recession may turn out to be one of the country's mildest, Americans shouldn't anticipate a robust rebound, he cautioned.

That's because consumers, the lifeblood of the economy, kept buying throughout the slump, so they will have less pent-up demand, meaning their spending probably won't rise as quickly as in past rebounds.

Many economists are estimating the economy grew in the current January-March quarter at a rate of 1.5 percent to 3 percent.

The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 17,000 to 378,000 last week. But the more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out week-to-week fluctuations, fell to a six-month low of 373,250, a sign that the economy is improving.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States, ratcheted up spending on costly manufactured goods, such as cars, at a rate of 39.2 percent in the fourth quarter. That was the biggest increase since the third quarter of 1986. Zero-percent financing offers motivated buyers and sent car sales soaring during the fourth quarter, analysts said.

Total spending by consumers rose at a brisk 6 percent rate in the fourth quarter, the largest gain since the second quarter of 1998. The government had previously estimated consumer spending rose at a 5.4 percent rate in the final three months of 2001.

Robust consumer spending powered the economy in the fourth quarter and has been a main reason the economy hasn't sunk into a deeper recession.

Another factor contributing to the stronger fourth-quarter GDP was more brisk government spending, which rose at a rate of 10.1 percent, compared with a 0.3 percent growth rate in the third quarter. Economists said the increase reflects a big rise in federal spending on the war in Afghanistan and to improve security at home.

And, the trade deficit in the fourth quarter was less of a drag on the economy than the government previously thought. The deficit reduced fourth-quarter GDP by 0.35 percentage point, rather than 0.85 percentage point as initially reported.

Businesses continued to cut back on spending on new plants and equipment and in the fourth quarter they reduced such investment at a rate of 13.1 percent, one of the biggest reasons for the economy's weakness.

To cope with the slump, companies have sharply cut production and capital investment, especially on high-tech equipment, and let workers go.

Companies reduced excess stocks of unsold goods in the fourth quarter at a record rate of $120 billion, another factor holding back economic growth. While inventory liquidation reduces the GDP, economists say companies must get rid of excess stocks before they can crank up production in the future.

To revive the economy, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates 11 times last year. Fed policy-makers last month decided to keep rates unchanged, citing mounting signs of a recovery. Many economists believe the Fed's aggressive rate cutting will help the economy return to healthy rates of growth in the second half of this year.

Economists said the National Bureau of Economic Research, the group of academics who officially date the beginning and end of recessions, could end up declaring the recession ended in December, January or February.

While one rule of thumb for classifying a recession is two consecutive quarters of declining GDP, something that did not occur in the current downturn, the NBER uses several monthly statistics to better pinpoint the economy's exact turning points.

# Both sides approve changes in proposed suit settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. and the Justice Department disclosed significant changes today to the proposed settlement in their landmark antitrust case, partly to stem criticism from many legal and technology experts that the software giant was getting off too easy.

The company and the government outlined the changes in court papers filed in Washington with U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, who must decide in the coming months whether to approve the settlement. The Justice Department described the deal today as "a comprehensive remedy that puts into place meaningful, effective and enforceable restrictions on Microsoft."

The most significant change deletes an entire provision of the settlement that some state attorneys general accused Microsoft of manipulating so the company could use valuable hardware technology patents from computer makers without paying them.

Microsoft, which had fought for the provision during the settlement talks, told the trial judge that it "continues to believe that the provision was reasonable and justified," but that it agreed with the government's request to drop it "in the interest of eliminating confusion."

Nine states that rejected the settlement had accused Microsoft of using this provision to prohibit computer makers from enforcing their patents against the software giant. Officials cited the recent deposition of Richard Fade, a Microsoft executive, who told the states' lawyers that computer makers particularly objected to Microsoft's interpretation of the provision during recent contract talks.

Microsoft described those complaints as "a great deal of misunderstanding and wild charges that Microsoft would use the right to misappropriate the intellectual property of others."

Other changes to the settlement include:

—Broadening some technical definitions to clarify Microsoft's responsibilities to ensure that rival software functions as well as its own with its dominant Windows operating system.

—Changing another key provision to expand the types of technical information Microsoft must disclose to rival companies about how software operates with business-level Windows "server" software. Microsoft said this change would "make crystal clear what is now clear."

Microsoft also argued that the trial judge's role in approving the proposed settlement is "almost ministerial," and urged her to defer to the judgment of the Justice Department about whether the agreement "is the most appropriate mechanism to resolve the competing interests at stake." To do otherwise, the company argued, would risk constitutional questions over the separation of powers between the executive and judicial branches of government.

The Justice Department also urged the judge to approve the settlement, but did not raise constitutional questions. Instead, the government said the judge "should not lightly reject the government's predictions" that the agreement would be effective.

It cautioned that failure to approve the settlement "would mean that Microsoft's anti-competitive practices likely would continue unabated for several more years, an eternity in this ever-changing market."

Also today, Microsoft defended its decision to disclose to the trial judge only its antitrust discussions with officials in the executive branch, but not to those in Congress. Records of such contacts are required under the 1974 Tunney Act, passed to guarantee that a company settling antitrust charges doesn't improperly lobby the government. Critics of Microsoft's disclosures — including former Sen. John Tunney, D-Calif., who wrote the law — accused the company of failing to disclose all its conversations with U.S. government officials.

Microsoft called those "meritless complaints," and said Tunney's opinion, "coming over 25 years after enactment of the statute, is irrelevant as a legal matter."

## Authorities find tunnel under border

By the Associated Press

The tunnel was discovered in the mountains east of San Diego, known as a busy corridor for illegal immigration and drug smuggling. U.S. authorities blocked the tunnel Wednesday and were working with Mexican officials to do the same on their end.

The exact location of the tunnel was not immediately released. DEA Special Agent Steve Lough said it was fairly sophisticated but declined to give further details.

In 1993, agents discovered a tunnel 65 feet underground between Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego that was lined with cement and equipped with electricity. Other tunnels have been found in Arizona.

## Date Book

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002

Today is the 59th day of 2002, and the 70th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1692, the Salem witch trials begin in Salem, Mass.

On this day in 1854, the Republican Party is formally organized in Ripon, Wis.

On this day in 1917, the Associated Press broke the story that Mexico and Japan would ally with Germany if the United States entered World War I.

On this day in 1993, a gunfight erupted between FBI agents and David Koresh's Branch Davidian cult.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Linus Pauling (1901 - 1994 ), chemist; Mario Andretti (1940 - ), race car driver, is 52; Gilbert Gottfried (1955 - ), actor, is 47; John Turturro (1957 - ), actor, is 45; Eric Lindros (1973 - ), hockey star, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, the United States won the ice hockey gold medal with a 9-4 win over Czechoslovakia. The Czechs led 4-3 after two periods, until one of the Russian players suggested to the Americans that they should take in some extra oxygen in the high altitudes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Are you to give the orders that will cause you to go down in history as one of the most immoral men of all times and one of the greatest enemies of the human race?" — Linus Pauling, in a telegram to John F. Kennedy denouncing Kennedy's intention on allowing nuclear testing.

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

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## Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

# *Bowel incontinence can be treated*

DEAR DR. GOTT: About 10 years ago, I had hemorrhoid surgery and have not been able to control my bowels ever since. I've returned to my surgeon. He cannot help me. Where can I turn? I'm fed up with soiling my clothing and having to wear pads for protection.

DEAR READER: In some cases, fecal incontinence is caused by certain diseases, such as diabetes and bowel inflammation, that affect the nerves controlling evacuation. Based on the scanty information you provide, I cannot conclude that your bowel problem is a direct consequence of your surgery. To establish a cause-and-effect relation, I'd have to know the extent of the surgery and how much tissue was removed, as well as an analysis of your intestinal control before the operation.

For example, the simple ligation (tying off) or cautery (burning) of external hemorrhoids (outside the anus) would be implausible causes of the affliction you describe.

On the other hand, surgical removal of internal hemorrhoids, inside the rectal canal, can damage the anal sphincter, a ring of muscle that permits voluntary control of evacuation. Such a complication is a nightmare for any surgeon and a disaster for any patient.

Because the anal sphincter lies so close to the intestinal surface, surgeons must be obsessively cautious about injuring or cutting it when performing hemorrhoid operations. An internal hemorrhoidectomy, during which swollen and painful veins inside the anus are removed, carries some risk of post-operative incontinence. By and large, however, it is a safe operation — providing the surgeon confines the procedure to the veins themselves and avoids damaging the deeper tissues, including muscles and nerves.

Regardless of the cause, you have a serious problem that needs to be addressed by a qualified rectal surgeon, a specialist who plies his trade in a specific area of the body. Such specialists are generally on the staffs of major teaching centers and are trained in repairing the very damage I mentioned.

I urge you to explore this option. A rectal surgeon may be able to return you to normal by repairing the anal sphincter and other tissues that contribute to your incontinence.

In a final thought, I'll go out on a limb. Severe, advanced, persistent, uncontrollable fecal incontinence is more than a nuisance — it is a physical and psychological catastrophe that severely disrupts a patient's quality of life. In such instances, doctors often recommend a colostomy, surgery to reroute intestinal contents away from the rectum and into a plastic appliance that can be periodically emptied. While this alternative is not for everyone, the operation enables patients to regain control of their bowels — a huge asset that invariably changes their lives for the better. Therefore, even if the rectal surgeon is unable to help you, all is not lost. Colostomy, although a last resort, is worth considering.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is adrenoleukodystrophy?

DEAR READER: This is a rare, inherited metabolic disease that occurs in boys and is marked by shrinkage of the adrenal glands (which produce natural cortisone and other vital compounds) and brain damage. Although the adrenal complications are treatable with medicine, the nervous system consequences are not, and lead to mental deterioration, weakness, blindness and paralysis. Despite therapy, death occurs within five years. Patients with this awful affliction should be under the care of neurologists.

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| AOL TimeWrn | 25.50 | 24.15 | 24.65 | +.90 |
| AT&T Corp s | 15.80 | 15.41 | 15.62 | +.17 |
| Albertsons | 30.39 | 29.81 | 30.12 | +.27 |
| Allfel | 57.00 | 56.12 | 56.50 | +.61 |
| AmEl Pw | 43.82 | 43.40 | 43.81 | +.38 |
| AnderkPtr | 52.45 | 51.80 | 52.17 | +.37 |
| ATMOS Egy | 22.55 | 22.43 | 22.51 | |
| Avlall | 6.85 | 6.70 | 6.85 | +.19 |
| BP PLC | 50.19 | 49.70 | 49.86 | +.05 |
| BakerHughes | 35.82 | 35.15 | 35.70 | +.58 |
| Bank of Amer | 64.59 | 63.62 | 63.95 | +.39 |
| BellSouth | 39.13 | 38.70 | 38.99 | +.21 |
| vjBeth Steel | .40 | .38 | .40 | +.01 |
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| Caterpillar | 56.10 | 55.49 | 55.59 | —.31 |
| ChevronTex | 85.38 | 84.80 | 85.38 | +.38 |
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| ColgatePal | 56.75 | 56.00 | 56.51 | +.11 |
| ComclMetals | 36.35 | 36.00 | 36.01 | —.26 |
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| DeltaAirl | 36.01 | 35.20 | 35.22 | —.59 |
| Dillards Inc | 19.80 | 19.26 | 19.53 | —.16 |
| DowChem | 31.24 | 30.37 | 31.09 | +.66 |
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# Witness: Murder defendant 'oddly calm' after mauling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A witness in the dog mauling trial of two San Francisco attorneys described defendant Marjorie Knoller as "oddly calm, almost cold" after her two dogs attacked and killed a college lacrosse coach.

Andrea Runge, an animal control officer, testified she stood in the hallway outside Diane Whipple's apartment while Whipple lay dying and found the scene "devastating."

"There was 20 to 30 feet of blood, shreds of clothing. The carpets were soaked in blood, and the victim was in the hallway being attended to," she said Wednesday. "It was just incomprehensible, and Ms. Knoller was oddly calm, almost cold."

Runge said she asked Knoller to lead her two Presa Canario dogs out of the building, but Knoller refused, claiming she couldn't handle the dogs.

Prosecutors were expected to use that comment against Knoller as they attempt to prove she knew the animals were uncontrollable.

Emergency personnel and a neighbor who saw a wounded Whipple through her apartment peephole also testified Wednesday in the trial of Knoller and her husband, Robert Noel. Their dogs, Bane and Hera, killed Whipple, 33, in the hallway of their building on Jan. 26, 2001.

Knoller, 46, who was present during the attack, is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous animal that killed a human being. Her husband, Robert Noel, 60, faces the latter two charges.

The couple's defense attorneys said the dogs' behavior was unexpected, and that Knoller was badly injured trying to stop the attack.

But in court Wednesday, a San Francisco Fire Department emergency medical technician who examined Knoller testified that she was covered in blood, but appeared to have no serious injuries.

Paula Gamick said she asked Knoller whether she was OK. "Her response was, 'I've seen this sort of thing before. I'm an EMT.' And she intimated, 'I've been in bloody situations like this,'" Gamick said.

Knoller's attorney, Nedra Ruiz, said Knoller's father is a dentist and she had medical training, but she was not an EMT.

Wednesday's court proceedings also included testimony by Esther Birkmaier, a neighbor who was alerted to the attack after hearing dogs growling and barking and a woman crying, "Help me! Help me!"

Birkmaier, 78, said she peered through the peephole and saw a body on the floor with long hair, wearing light-colored clothes.

"And did you see anything on top of the person?" asked prosecutor Jim Hammer.

"I saw a dark shadow that looked like a dog. This is all I saw," Birkmaier said.

During her cross-examination of Birkmaier, Ruiz suggested that the shadow she saw was not a dog but Knoller throwing her body over Whipple, trying to save her. But Birkmaier never conceded that.

Birkmaier and other residents of the building have testified that they were afraid of Bane and Hera, who lunged and snarled at them.

Minutes after Birkmaier's testimony, prosecutors introduced a gruesome series of photos showing Whipple's badly mauled body. In grotesque, bloody close-ups, jurors saw the woman's gnawed neck, puncture wounds on her legs, buttocks and abdomen and blood streaked along her arms. She died shortly after the attack.

Whipple's mother, who was seated in a front row of the courtroom, watched for a while but finally left in tears.

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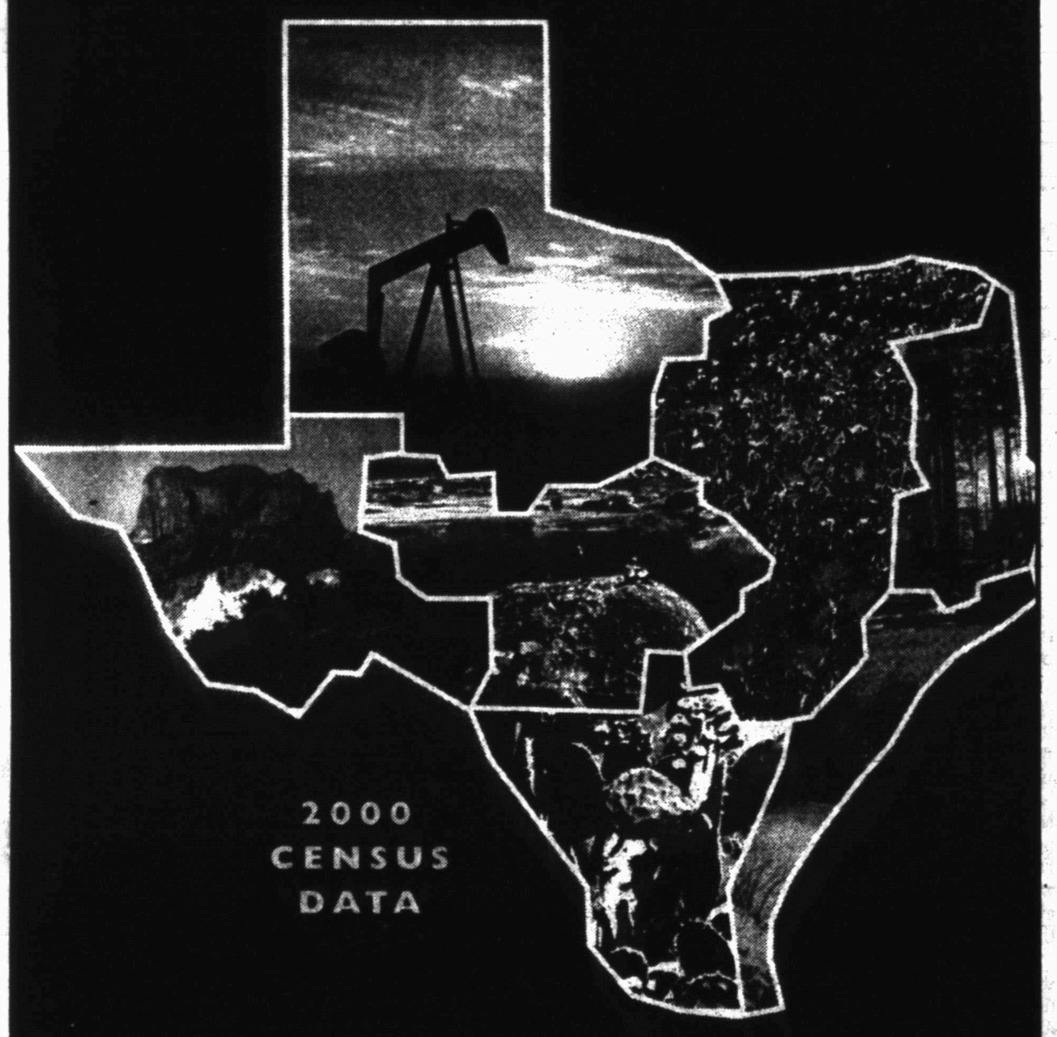

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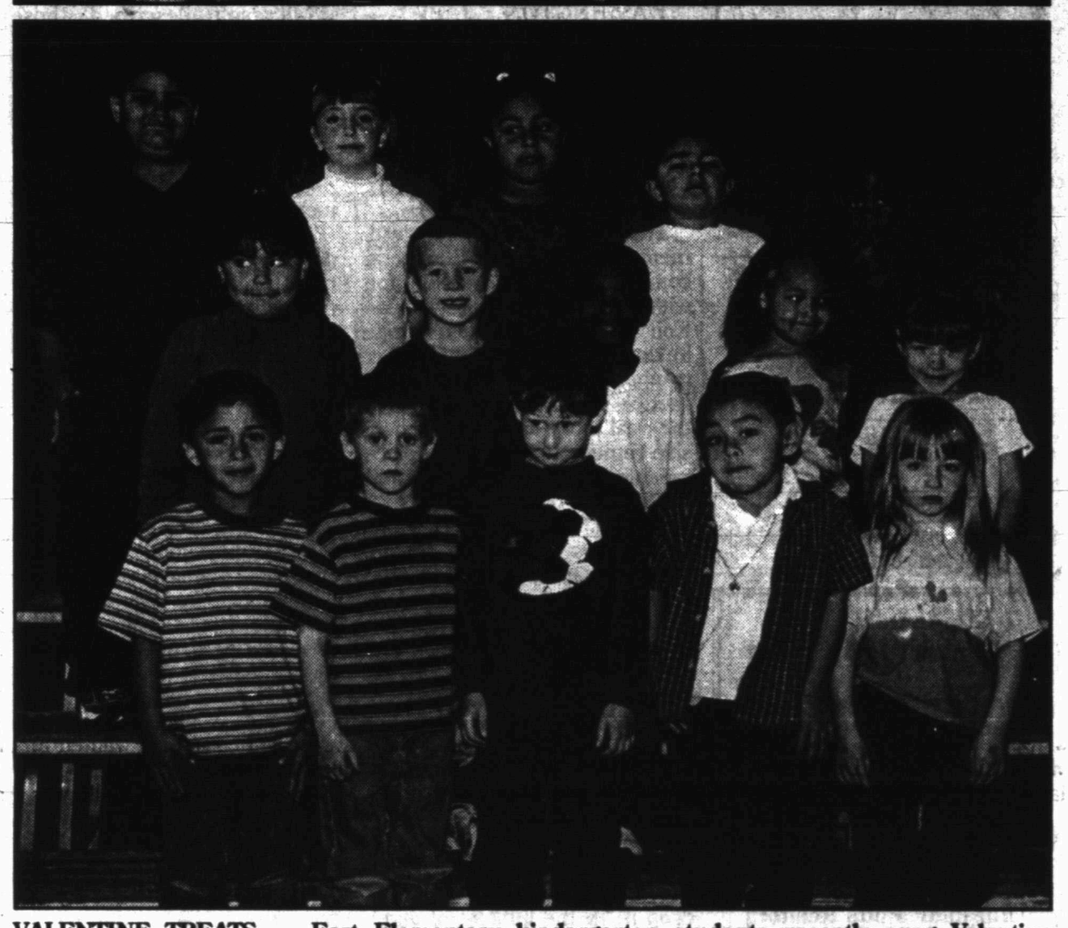

VALENTINE TREATS — East Elementary kindergarten students recently sang Valentine "treats." Jo Henry's students (top photo) are from left, first row, Stephanie Gomez, Miguel Juarez, Blake Redman, Joey Alvarez; second row, Shyanne Miller McBeth, Matthew Lara, Joe Mireles, Cecilia Valdez, Lauren Floyd; third row, Felicity Alarcon, John Culwell, Jay Williams, Victoria Molina. Dawna Pyburn is not pictured. Patsy Massey's students (bottom photo) are from left, first row, Bobby Martinez, Tyler Davis, Lane Wood, Robert Martinez, Cristen Pyburn; second row, Victoria Jaramillo, Nathan von Roeder, Travis Greathouse, Alexxus Jackson, LeAnn Hall; third row, Jeremy Garza, Jaycie Roach, Cassandra Romero, Nicholas Perez, Jordan Davis. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Character actor Lawrence Tierney dies at 82

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran actor and B-movie leading man Lawrence Tierney, whose tough-guy characters during the 1940s and '50s often mirrored his troubled real life, has died. He was 82.

Tierney died in his sleep Tuesday at a Los Angeles nursing home.

Throughout his 80-film career, the actor perfected many gangster roles. But he is probably best known for the title role in the 1945 B-movie classic "Dillinger" and the leader of a group of killers in Quentin Tarantino's 1992 crime drama "Reservoir Dogs."

Tierney's acting roles often mimicked his troubled off-screen life during the 1950s. The actor was arrested numerous times on charges stemming from participating in drunken brawls at bars and Hollywood parties.

"The people who knew Larry knew that wasn't all there was to Larry," said Tierney's nephew, Michael Tierney, told the Los Angeles Times. "He was a wacky, kind of quirky, comical guy, and a very nice man to a lot of people."

Tierney was born in Brooklyn in 1919. As a star member of his high school track team, he earned a scholarship to Manhattan College but he dropped out after two years and ended up traveling around the country while working numerous odd jobs.

In 1943, RKO studios signed Tierney to a contract when a talent scout spotted him among members of the American-Irish Theater.

He soon landed supporting roles in films such as "The Ghost Ship" and "The Falcon Out West." Stardom for Tierney came in 1945, when he played the vicious gangster John Dillinger in "Dillinger."

That role led him to play other tough guy characters — both good and bad — in such movies such as "San Quentin," "The Devil Thumbs a Ride," "Born to Kill," and "Kill or Be Killed."

He also played the bad guy who caused the train wreck in Cecil B. DeMille's 1952 best-picture Oscar-winner, "The Greatest Show on Earth."


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# Body of missing girl believed found

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Investigators believe the gruesome discovery of a nude, partially burned girl's body ends the hunt for Danielle van Dam, the 7-year-old who disappeared more than three weeks ago.

Volunteers who have tirelessly searched for the little girl found the body Wednesday near a small grove of trees, just off a winding, two-lane road east of San Diego.

"Tonight we believe that Danielle van Dam's body has been found," San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst said. "Investigators believe the body was dropped at this site."

The child was wearing a plastic necklace similar to one Danielle was seen wearing in thousands of flyers distributed after her disappearance. An earring matching the description of a pair she was wearing at the time of her disappearance also was found, Pfingst said.

"At this point we cannot positively confirm that it is Danielle," San Diego police Lt. Jim Collins said at the scene. "However, we don't have any other young children missing in the county that have been reported. It's a high probability that it is her."

The body was removed from the crime scene late Wednesday night. Investigators hoped to use dental records to identify the remains.

After the discovery, investigators at the crime scene worked through the night under spotlights. They kept the roadway closed Thursday morning as they continued to search for evidence and clues.

"We are hopeful we will know what happened to this young girl," Pfingst said.

Initial reports indicated that the body had been burned but authorities declined late Wednesday to discuss the condition of the remains except to say that the body was partially decomposed. A positive identification could take several days.

Authorities have not yet determined the cause of death.

# Three torture convictions overturned

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court overturned the convictions of three police officers in the Abner Louima torture case today, finding insufficient evidence they obstructed justice.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the convictions of Charles Schwarz, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder. The ruling does not affect the conviction of the chief attacker, Justin Volpe.

Prosecutors said Louima was tortured in a police station bathroom in 1997 following his arrest in a melee outside a Brooklyn nightclub. They said a handcuffed Louima was pinned down and Volpe sodomized him with a broken broomstick.

Volpe pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 years.

The appeals court said the conviction of Schwarz, who allegedly held down Louima as he was being attacked, for civil rights violations must be thrown out. It said he must get a new trial because he was denied effective assistance of counsel and because the jury was improperly exposed to prejudicial information during deliberations.

The court also held that convictions against Schwarz, Wiese and Bruder at a second trial for conspiracy to obstruct justice must be thrown out for insufficient evidence. They had been accused of conspiring to hide Schwarz's alleged role.

Sanford Rubenstein, a lawyer for Louima, said that if there is a new trial for Schwarz, "we look to the federal government to retry the case and we will be supportive of their efforts as we have in the past."

Louima suffered severe internal injuries in the attack, including a ruptured bladder and colon, and spent two months in the hospital.

Louima filed a civil suit against the city and the police union, which was settled in July after months of hard-fought negotiations. The city and union agreed to pay Louima and his lawyers $8.7 million to settle the suit. The settlement was the largest ever in a police brutality case in New York.

In their appeal, lawyers for Schwarz had argued that his attorney in both trials had a conflict of interest as he also represented the police union, thereby hindering him from deflecting blame to another officer.

# State is appealing execution reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A federal appeals court today was considering a request from the Texas attorney general's office to lift a lower court's order that stopped the execution of convicted killer Monty Delk set for later in the day.

U.S. District Judge Richard Schell of Beaumont, acting late Wednesday on an appeal from Huntsville lawyer John Wright, halted Delk's lethal injection. Wright contends Delk is insane.

Delk, who turned 35 on Sunday, was condemned for killing an East Texas man more than 15 years ago. His execution had been set for after 6 p.m. today.

The attorney general's office, which handles death penalty cases when they reach the federal courts, filed an appeal today with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, seeking to vacate Schell's order.

Court spokeswoman Monica Washington said it was uncertain when the court would rule.

"The object of the drill from their standpoint is to try to get the stay order vacated before 6 o'clock (today) so we don't have any time to appeal," Wright said. "A stay is always good news. The fact they're appealing it is always bad news. But I'd just as soon let them have something to appeal."

Prosecutors in Anderson County, where Delk was tried in 1988, and attorneys for the state contend Delk's erratic behavior is an act.

Besides agreeing to halt the punishment, Schell agreed with Wright that he should hear from mental health experts about the inmate and hold a hearing on the matter, probably by July.

Delk was condemned for killing Gene Olan "Bubba" Allen II of Grapeland. Allen's body was found in a remote area of Anderson County, about 140 miles north of Houston. He had been shot in the head with a shotgun. His wife, Sheila, last saw him Nov. 29, 1986, driving away with Delk, who had called earlier about a newspaper ad that listed their car for sale. He wanted to take a test drive.

Several days later Delk was arrested in Louisiana. He was driving the car, had Allen's billfold and was carrying a photograph of Allen's wife. The sawed-off-shotgun used in the slaying also was linked to him.

In recent years, Delk's behavior has become bizarre. He babbles incoherently when spoken to, has refused for months to take a shower and occasionally is found in his death row cell smeared with his own feces.

Wright has expressed frustration trying to represent Delk because the inmate won't make sense with him in conversations.

In a 1986 ruling in a Florida case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional to give a death sentence to someone who is insane. While not defining insanity, the court said a person must be aware of the punishment and the reason for it.

Prosecutors say prison psychiatrists have determined Delk is faking his incoherence and point to conversations he's had with other inmates bragging how clever he was.

Delk's mental competency, never an issue at his trial, was reviewed by his trial court in 1997. The court ruled his behavior, which at the time required him to be gagged in the courtroom because of his repeated outbursts, was voluntary.

"I don't recall him acting that way during the trial," said Richard Handorf, the now retired district attorney who prosecuted Delk in 1988. "What I remember is it was a horrendous crime. There was no excuse for it as far as I was concerned."

## Obituaries

### Audeen Austin

1912-2002

SPUR — Audeen Austin, the mother of Duffy Wilkes of Snyder, died Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Funeral service for Mrs. Austin, 89, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Hill Street Church of Christ with Van Cash and Larry McClenny officiating. Burial will follow in the Spur Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

Born May 6, 1912 in Whit, she moved with her family to Dickens County in 1915. She married Jay Austin on Oct. 8, 1933 in Spur. He died in 1989.

Mrs. Austin was a homemaker and a member of the Hill Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include another daughter, Ann Walker of Crosbyton; three brothers, Harold Simmons of Olney, George Simmons of Cisco and Phil Simmons of Weatherford; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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# Energy Department to release thousands of task force papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost a year after getting the request, the Energy Department will release thousands of records on Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force on orders from a judge who criticized the agency for moving too slowly.

The Energy Department has no legal justification "for working at a glacial pace," U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler said in a ruling sent Wednesday to the environmental group that has been seeking the documents.

The Natural Resources Defense Council asked for the documents April 26 and sued the government in December.

Energy Department spokeswoman Jill Schroeder said, "We've always said we would comply with their request and have worked diligently to do so."

The ruling could undercut the Bush administration's effort to keep secret the names of industry executives and lobbyists who met with the White House as it formulated its energy policy last spring.

The General Accounting Office and a conservative group, Judicial Watch, have filed separate lawsuits trying to force the White House to surrender the material.

The Energy Department says 7,500 pages on Cheney's task force are responsive to the NRDC's request.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham was on Cheney's task force, and the government must release information about who from industry met with energy officials, said NRDC attorney Sharon Buccino.

Buccino said the government may try to withhold information about what happened at the meetings, which would set the stage for the next battle in the lawsuit. The judge required the Energy Department to submit a list of withheld documents by April 25.

Starting March 25 and ending April 10, the Energy Department must turn over its documents to the NRDC, an environmental group. The department had asked to release the material in stages, beginning March 15 and ending May 15.

"There can be little question that the Department of Energy has been woefully tardy" in processing the request, the judge wrote in her ruling, dated Feb. 21.

# Man taken to hospital after assault

***•Assaults***

Floyd McKenzie, 58, reported he was assaulted Wednesday evening by another man and requested officers at 909 31st Street. An officer contacted McKenzie and advised an offense report for Class A assault would be submitted.

The officer then requested an ambulance to transport McKenzie to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released for injuries sustained in the assault.

At 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, a woman reported her juvenile daughter was assaulted by another girl while at school. A report for Class C assault was filed.

***•Arrest***

At 12:20 this morning officers took a 58-year-old man into custody in the 4200 block of College Ave. for public intoxication and on two local warrants for no driver license.

***•Criminal trespass***

An employee at Eckerd Drug reported a male subject in the store not paying for a greeting card. Officers responded and issued the man a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the store.

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## ONGOINGS

### Upcoming West activities

West Elementary School will have its regular family reading session from 5:30 to 7 tonight. Two activities are set for next week in conjunction with Public School Week. Donuts for dad will be from 7:30-8:10 a.m. Monday and muffins for mom are set for 7:30 to 8:10 a.m. Tuesday.

### Benefit dance

There will be a benefit dance for Joe Villa Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the American Legion. Villa is in a Houston hospital. Mi Gusto will play and admission is $8 per person or $15 per couple.

### Revival services

Revival services at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., with Rev. Jerry Williamson will be Sunday through next Thursday. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

### Bible study tapes

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

### Medicare choices seminar

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

### 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, [illegible] Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

### 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.

### Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

# Yates testifying on wife's behalf

HOUSTON (AP) — During an emotional day of testimony, Russell Yates tearfully described his wife as a loving mother who was a victim of mental problems that worsened in the months before she drowned their five children in a bathtub.

Yates smiled at his wife as he entered the courtroom to testify on her behalf Wednesday. Andrea Yates, 37, has confessed to drowning the couple's five children but has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She could face the death penalty if convicted.

The couple mouthed words of encouragement to each other on Wednesday as defense attorneys played home movies of their children watching butterflies and greeting their mother after the birth of her fifth child. The tape was an attempt by defense attorney to depict a nurturing mother who they say became so severely mentally ill that she killed her children.

"She's wonderful," Russell Yates testified through teary eyes. "She was so involved with the children. She loved them and read to them."

Prosecutors say Andrea Yates suffered from a mental illness but knew the difference between right and wrong at the time of the drownings. To prove insanity, the defense must show the Houston woman didn't know the difference.

The husband, who sometimes rocked nervously on the witness stand, recounted his wife's mental decline in the months before the killings, but insisted she posed no threat.

"We didn't see her as a danger," Russell Yates said.

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# Demos support war, critical of buildup plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a delicate political balancing act, Democrats are starting to couple their support for the battle against terror with challenges to President Bush's plans for the biggest defense buildup in two decades.

Though few Democrats are willing to say so publicly, some think the administration is using the conflict in Afghanistan to leverage a big Pentagon budget increase. There is little justification for that, they say, because the campaign against fighters in Afghanistan of former Taliban rulers and al-Qaida terrorists has been less intensive than the 1999 air war against Yugoslavia or the far costlier 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"They're bootstrapping this operation into adopting the dramatically higher defense spending they'd been proposing before this ever happened," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "That's a budget tactic they're using."

Bush administration officials deny that. They say their budget is driven by the Pentagon's needs to simultaneously battle terrorism across the globe, upgrade equipment and troops and restructure its forces and bureaucracy for the 21st century.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a Senate hearing this month that cuts in the defense budget after the Cold War ended went too far. Increases now are necessary to overcome a "decade of overuse and underfunding" of the armed forces, as well as position the military for the future, he said.

Rumsfeld's chief deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, repeated the message Wednesday to the Senate Appropriations Committee. "We need the world's best military force," the deputy defense secretary said. "We can't afford to have less."

With elections for control of Congress in November, Bush and the fight against terrorists remain so popular that Democratic critics must be cautious. Tacitly acknowledging that, Democrats usually voice support for U.S. anti-terror efforts whenever they question the Pentagon's budget.

"We stand behind the president on funding the war on terrorism and homeland security, but ... those seem to be relatively small shares of the (Pentagon) budget," the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, said recently.

Direct Democratic attacks on Bush's anti-terrorism policy have been rare. Two weeks ago, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., questioned Bush's "axis of evil" label for North Korea, Iraq and Iran. Wednesday, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., complained "there's no end in sight" to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

With the return of federal deficits, however, budgeting has again become a zero-sum game in which money for one program comes at the expense of funds for another. In this case, every defense dollar leaves less money for domestic programs or the debt reduction many Democrats want.

As a result, Democrats have begun focusing on two aspects of Bush's defense plans: His request for a $10 billion contingency fund that he could spend without congressional interference for military operations against terrorism next year, and his long-range spending blueprint.

The contingency fund has been called a slush fund by some Democrats and drawn bipartisan criticism for the lack of say Congress would have over it. Prospects for its approval by lawmakers seem dim.

Bush's proposed $48 billion defense increase for next year, to $379 billion, is a 14 percent boost, the largest in two decades. That is just a start to Bush's plans, which envision the Defense Department budget growing to $451 billion by 2007.

When past years' budgets are adjusted for inflation, that would be second only to President Reagan's 1985 defense budget of $451.8 billion. Spending increases of that magnitude have raised doubts among some lawmakers.

"I will not be a party to short-changing defense, but I think you have your work cut out for you" in persuading Congress to approve the entire increase, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, warned Defense Department officials at Wednesday's hearing.

Defense Department officials project that their agency's costs for the war in Afghanistan and tightening security at home could reach $30 billion this year.


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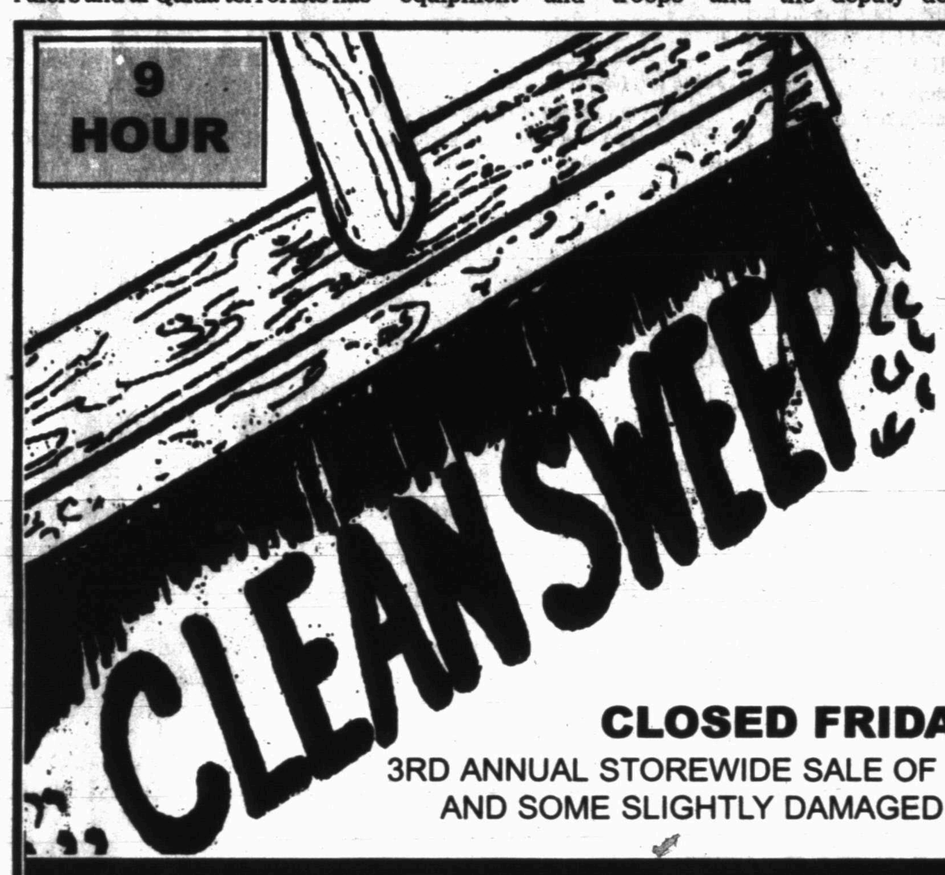


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♠ A K 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ A 4 2
♣ 10 5 4 2

West
♠ J 10 9 7 4
♥ J 9 5
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ K

East
♠ 8 5
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 7
♣ Q 9 8 7

South
♠ Q 6 2
♥ A K 2
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♠ J

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002

### Grasping the manipulative thought

By Phillip Alder

Erich Fromm, one of our most famous psychologists, wrote, "Reason is man's faculty for grasping the world by thought, in contradiction to intelligence, which is man's ability to manipulate the world with the help of thought."

Let's see if we can grasp the key way to manipulate the North-South cards in this deal to land nine tricks. What is your line in three no-trump after West leads the spade jack?

There are 28 combined points — appropriate for February 28 — but you have only eight top tricks. Clearly, the club suit must provide the vital ninth winner, but how should you attack that suit?

For some reason, there is inclination to play a club to the jack. "I was taking the finesse, partner." Unfortunately, in the cold light of day, there is no reasbn to make this risky play, which will gain only when East has either a doubleton honor or king-queen-third. With this layout, though, it costs the contract. West takes declarer's club jack with his singleton king and plays a card. South can no longer collect that second club trick.

Here, starting with dummy's club 10 or leading low toward dummy's club 10 works fine, but neither would look intelligent if it were East with the singleton honor.

All plays work when the five missing clubs are dividing 3-2. But in case they are 4-1 or 5-0, the thoughtful play is first to cash the ace. Whatever happens, you continue with a low club toward the 10 and must — sooner or later — establish that second club trick.

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