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Home of Lois Leech

CHRISTMAS TREES — JoAnn Prince of Snyder Nursery fluffs the branches on one of the Christmas trees they have for this holiday season. There are only 23 more days before Christmas. (SDN Staff Photo)

To enclose breezeway...

Commissioners okay more coliseum spending

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning accepted a bid totaling almost $40,000 for enclosure of the breezeway at Scurry County Coliseum and also for construction of an animal washing area.

The bid, submitted by Davis Construction, was the only one received.

The enclosure project will cost $32,750 and will transform the coliseum and annex into one large facility to include four large garage doors to allow heavy equipment access to any portion of the structure.

The large doors are to be 16-feet wide and 14-feet tall and will be roll-type. Also included are two smaller garage doors and two regular doorways.

The animal washing area, to cost an additional $5,968, will be 16 x 17 feet and can be configured to accommodate up to four washing stalls.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer said he wasn't expecting the cost to be as high as the bid submitted and Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey questioned if the court could accept the bid "without having the money in the budget."

County Judge Ricky Fritz said a budget amendment isn't necessary to accept the bid, because the project might not be paid for in the current budget, which ends Dec. 31.

Limmer also suggested using excess funds earmarked for the parks master plan.

The court budgeted $80,000 for the master plan, but paid only $55,000.

"That money was set aside for parks and recreation, which is what this project falls under," Limmer said. "That would take a good chunk out of this cost."

Parks head Scott Crenwelge told the court the project is worthwhile and also that it could pay for itself.

"After operating the coliseum for a year, we know that our best revenue generating events are the stock shows and the rodeos," he said. "Enclosing the breezeway will make our building even more versatile and we can attract more of those events."

Crenwelge said the enclosure also would cut down on utility costs by making the coliseum and the annex more air-tight and weather resistant. "If it can cut our utility bills, it won't take long to pay for itself."

In other business, the court assigned office space in the courthouse.

The district attorney's office will move down one level from its current location on the fourth floor to occupy the space being vacated by the juvenile probation department.

Lindsey said when the court gave the DA an assistant, no additional office space was offered.

Game Warden Mel Reed will move to the DA's current office.

The juvenile probation department moved across College Ave. to the adult probation building on the west side of the square.

Limmer said some courthouse employees proposed using the fourth-floor office space for storage, but he agreed that "office space is more valuable than storage."

Budget amendments approved totaled more than $105,000, with the largest — almost $90,000 — accounting for shortfalls in several county departments. Four line-item transfers also were approved.

Minutes from two previous meetings were approved and bills payable were approved on a 3-0 vote with Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom abstaining.

Fritz presided over the half-hour meeting and all members of the court were present to include Idom, Limmer, Lindsey and Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey.

At 6:30...

Youth curfew on city agenda

Snyder city council will hear a request to establish a curfew for youths 17 and under when it meets this evening at 6:30.

Celia Morales will present petitions with some 500 signatures calling for an 11 p.m. curfew on weeknights and midnight on weekends.

Other items of new business include repealing an ordinance setting guidelines for retail electrical providers for citizens.

The state's public utility commission is in the process of adopting statewide guidelines and when they are approved, the city will adopt those rules.

The council also will hear a request from the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a fire truck for $120,000, with $108,000 of the cost to be reimbursed through a grant from the Texas Forest Service grant.

In another fire department matter, Chief Perry Westmoreland will be recognized for completing the professional development series for emergency management through the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The council also will review and consider bids for three police vehicles, including one full-size pickup truck, and one vehicle for city hall use.

The second reading of two ordinances also is on the agenda. One relates to budget amendments for the fiscal year ending Oct. 30, and the other concerns hydrocarbon removal units.

San Antonio hoping to land Toyota plant

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A fallow field a few miles south of the Alamo could hold a new identity for San Antonio: From Military City, USA to latest Foreign Car Building City, USA.

Toyota Motor Co. is said to be eyeing a 1,000-acre parcel in southwest San Antonio for its sixth plant in North America, this one to assemble the small pickups and sport-utility vehicles that have been speeding off dealers' lots in recent years.

Toyota officials aren't saying whether the company is even committed to a new plant, not to mention where one might be built.

But just the idea that Japan's largest carmaker might be sweet on San Antonio, and might bring a $265 million annual payroll here, is fueling high-octane daydreams within the city's business community.

"It would do as much to transform San Antonio as the Hemisfair did in 1968," said Marty Wender, president of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, adding that getting it would be "one of the economic development coups of the decade."

Hemisfair, a World's Fair that marked the city's 250th birthday, is considered the start of San Antonio's emergence as a high-volume tourist and convention town. Today tourism, at $4 billion a year, is second only to health care in local economic impact.

A plant that would turn out an estimated 100,000 vehicles per year would give San Antonio a large-scale manufacturing presence that it has never really had in its nearly three centuries of existence.

The city "went from a pre-industrial economy to a post-industrial service economy," said Char Miller, a history professor at Trinity University. "This is a remarkable opportunity for this city to change itself and its economy."

It's not that San Antonio didn't have its chances at manufacturing.

Miller says during the 1920s and '30s, when the local economic pillars were brewing and pecan-shelling, three attempts were made to build airplane assembly plants in the city. But, he says, the businessmen who ran San Antonio turned up their noses.

"If they brought in an airplane manufacturing plant, they'd also bring in unionized labor, which they did not want," Miller said. "They kissed off the Industrial Revolution to keep their social standing."

Wender has his doubts about whether San Antonio blew off its chance at aerospace, but he says there are no doubts about the enthusiasm for Toyota, as well as the secondary parts suppliers and other support businesses that together could create more than 16,000 well-paying jobs.

Landing a car factory would also attract other enterprises to the area, Wender says.

"People follow a winner," he said. "If San Antonio is fortunate to get (the plant), San Antonio will be a winner, and people will want to come and see what a winner looks like."

Being a winner in this case will cost millions of dollars upfront in the form of tax breaks and financial inducements, but even those generally opposed to public incentives concede that a big auto plant is probably worth it.

"It's the trophy of trophies, the plum of plums," said Bill Schweke, a researcher with the Corporation for Enterprise Development in Durham, N.C.

John Cornyn takes Senate oath of office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican John Cornyn became Texas' newest U.S. senator in an informal ceremony today.

Senate financial clerk Tim Wineman administered the oath to the former Texas attorney general as Cornyn's wife, Sandy, looked on with tears in her eyes. Also present were a pair of aides Cornyn is retaining from the staff of Republican predecessor Phil Gramm, as well as an assortment of reporters.

"It doesn't feel all that different yet," Cornyn said afterward.

Cornyn said he will participate in the more formal swearing-in ceremony in January, when all other freshmen senators will be sworn in. By taking the oath, he assumes all the powers of a senator and will be able to vote if President Bush calls an emergency session.

Cornyn officially resigned as Texas attorney general earlier today. He was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to finish the remainder of Gramm's unexpired term. Gramm, who officially stepped down Saturday, was at his new job as vice chairman of financial services for UBS Warbug today, a former aide said.

Along with getting an early start on his new job, Cornyn said he also had prepared for the climate change, purchasing a wool coat just before heading to Washington.

DCOS board meets Tuesday

The Development Corporation of Snyder board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Agenda items include the minutes from four previous meetings, plus the consideration of monthly financial statements.

Executive Director John DeLille also will give his monthly report to the board.

The meeting will be in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.

New Jersey killings have Texas ties

ROXBURY, N.J. (AP) — Investigators probing the shooting deaths of two electronic game store employees at the Roxbury Mall were searching today for three men seen near the store just before the slayings occurred.

The men, who left the mall in a four-door compact car, were sought in the deaths of FuncoLand store manager Jeff Eresman, 22, of Lake Hopatcong, and assistant manager Eric Rewoldt, 26, of Netcong. They were found after a mall patron called police around 11:35 a.m. Sunday to report a man lying on the floor in front of the store's sales counter.

After discovering that the man had been shot to death, police searched the store and found the second victim in a rear storage room. A motive for the slayings has not been determined, said Lt. Jeffrey S. Paul, spokesman for the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

FuncoLand is a subsidiary of Grapevine-based GameStop Corp., the nation's largest video game retailer.

ASK US

Q—Why does Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom abstain from the vote to pay the bills?

A—Idom said he is acting on advice from counsel to abstain because he is a "lame-duck" commissioner.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Estella Castelan...

...is a lifelong resident of Snyder. Her husband of 25 years, Angel, is a driller for Nabors Drilling. The couple's son, Ocielo, is an Ira High School graduate and is currently studying anthropology at the University of Notre Dame. Estella is a housewife and enjoys gardening and reading a good mystery.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The happiest miser on earth is the man who saves up every friend he can make.

— Robert E. Sherwood

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

VFW, auxiliary to meet
The VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight at the post home. Members are urged to attend.

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

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

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

Scurry 4-H Christmas party
Scurry County 4-H will meet at 7 tonight at the Senior Center for the annual Christmas party. Members are asked to bring old Christmas cards to use for decorations. Refreshments will be served.

Chevron retirees dinner
Retired Chevron SACROC employees will have a Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. today at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $8.50.

Financial aid session
Ira High School seniors and their parents are invited to a college financial aid information night at TSTC's Sweetwater campus beginning at 6 p.m. today.

Bible study tapes
Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Learning to Properly Listen to God's Word," followed by "Meaning of the New Birth."

Drama booster club
The Snyder High School drama booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Texas Savings Bank.

Stanfield Parent Council to meet
Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the faculty lounge.

FBC services televised
First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Canned food drive
Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services that ends Tuesday, Dec. 10. Bring canned goods to the care center.

FBC support groups
Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

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

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

Sr. citizen swimnastics
Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

WTC PE building to close
The PE building at Western Texas College will close at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, for the fall semester and will reopen for the spring semester on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 a.m.

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.

Wild hogs tearing up lawns

HOUSTON (AP) — Wild hogs have driven a Chambers County city to hire a trapper in an attempt to try and stop the destructive animals from tearing up gardens, lawns and crops.

"They look at our flower beds and lawns as a huge buffet," said Guy Robert Jackson, a councilman for the Chambers County seat of Anahuac, east of Houston.

The porkers have also been blamed for damaging golf courses, jogging trails, soccer fields, hay fields, parks and reservoirs.

Since Anahuac hired trapper Jay Parker two weeks ago, he has caught more than 40 swine.

Homeowners say the hogs make regular raids under the cover of night to cause the destruction. They use their long snouts to uproot or plow the ground looking for food, including acorns, roots and grub worms.

European explorers brought the first hogs to Texas in the 1600s and gave them free range. Additional hogs were turned loose by farmers in later years when pork prices were so low the pigs weren't profitable. Now their numbers have swelled.

"I'm getting calls about them all the time. Not just in rural areas, but in suburban areas and even within the city limits of Houston and other towns," said David Veale, an urban wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The hogs, which are described as smart animals, have adapted to urban encroachment by changing their diets, said Doug Smith, a Harris County extension agent.

David McGregor, Waller County's extension agent, said a resident there trapped 180 hogs, "but the hogs still kept coming."

With few predators, feral hogs are able to multiply quicker than rabbits. Each sow can have two litters a year with as many as 13 babies in each, Veale said.

"The tremendous rains that we've had recently have produced plentiful food and made conditions ripe for hogs to reproduce," said Mark McCown, Chambers County's extension agent.

Duncan's Christmas

State, Farmers reach agreement

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials and Farmers Insurance Group reached a settlement Saturday that will keep the company in the state homeowner's insurance market.

The deal is worth $100 million for homeowners in restitution, refunds and rate reductions, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. The state called it the largest property and casualty insurance settlement in Texas history.

The agreement ends the lawsuit and administrative enforcement actions the state had taken against Farmers.

The settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing, the company said.

"This agreement is good news for consumers and will have a positive impact on the Texas homeowners market," said Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor.

However, a consumer group criticized the settlement as a political "slap on the wrist" and a big victory for the company.

The state's second-largest homeowner insurer had been at an impasse with the state since August, when the insurance department filed an emergency cease-and-desist order against the company for what it called unfair pricing policies.

Farmers has been operating under a 30-day "standstill agreement" since Nov. 11, two days before the deadline set by the insurance department for the company to change the way it prices policies.

The state had said it planned to seek $25,000 per every individual harmed plus $150 million in restitution for Farmers customers. The company in turn announced it would stop renewing policies for its 700,000 customers.

The settlement takes effect Jan. 1. Farmers will continue to renew policies for existing customers but will not seek new ones, said Mark Toohey, assistant vice president for public affairs.

Toohey said he had not seen the settlement and could not discuss it in detail.

According to state officials, it includes $65 million in refunds or credits for various overcharges, including improper credit scoring and discounts based on the age of a home.

Refunds would also be paid for incorrect credit scores for homeowners and auto insurance customers.

Another $35 million will come in rate reductions of 6.8 percent effective until Sept. 1, 2003, adjusted discounts for credit scoring and age of home discounts.

Although the state originally alleged the company was engaging in deceptive pricing practices, Toohey insisted they are legal and said they would not change.

The settlement does not include any punitive damages.

"The most important thing about the agreement is that it allows Farmers to stay in the homeowners' market in Texas," Toohey said.

Insurance department spokesman Robert Black said state officials made consumers savings, not punitive damages, the priority in negotiations.

D.J. Powers, president of the consumer group Center for Economic Justice, said the rate reductions fall far short of addressing allegations that Farmers raised its rates many times that while it also reduced coverage.

He also said the company should have to pay interest on the overcharges.

"We criticized the lawsuit from the beginning as a political move. This confirms that," Powers said. "They (Farmers) have a big smile on their face. They just walked away with a lot of money."

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who campaigned on a promise to rein in rising insurance rates, said he was pleased with the settlement.

"It provides reduced rates, refunds and premium credits for Farmers' policyholders, and it will allow the thousands of good Farmers agents in Texas to continue writing policies," Perry said.

Although the company admits no wrongdoing, Perry said, "I believe the state's complaints were valid."

Many politicians campaigned on insurance reform as some homeowners saw their insurance rates increase by as much as 200 percent, and several lawmakers have filed bills to address the issue in January.

Florida Boy Scout leader charged

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Boy Scout leader faces charges that he fondled at least three members of his troop and showed them gay pornographic photos, police said.

Robert King, 50, was held in Brevard County Jail on $75,000 bail Sunday after police charged him with lewd and lascivious molestation and exposure of sexual organs.

King, who is married, confessed that exposed himself and showed the troop members pornography, Titusville police spokesman John Lau said.

Lau said King invited at least five boys to his home on Friday under the guise of preparing to build a Christmas float. The boys ranged in age from 10 to 12.

Police became involved after at least one scout's parents learned of the incident Friday evening. King was arrested Saturday and appeared in court Sunday.

Today's chuckle

Patients like singing surgeon

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dr. Ronald Johnson is a breast cancer surgeon, but he does some of his best work with his voice.

The 44-year-old staffer at Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh is drawing kudos from patients for his musical bedside manner. He sings during rounds and sometimes asks his patients to join him to break the ice.

"The message is that your doc is a human being and not a robot," said Johnson, who croons tunes from Bruce Springsteen, Kenny Rogers and others. "It makes everybody relax. I don't wear a grim face."

"He's just a delightful man," said Angie Lutton of Monroeville, whom Johnson treated for breast cancer two years ago. "I would hear him coming to the room and there was always a song."

Johnson said he learned the importance of bedside manner from Dr. Scott Williams, another breast cancer surgeon who was his mentor.

"This guy would sit down with a patient. He didn't seem to be in a hurry at all," Johnson said. "He would ask unrelated questions like, 'Where do your kids go to school?'"

That approach didn't work for Johnson, so he developed his own style. For example, patients seemed to perk up if he sang Rogers' "Lucille" during rounds.

"I'd walk into a room singing and I'd hear a patient say, 'My doc is singing today, and the news must be good,'" Johnson said.

Date Book

Monday, Dec. 2, 2002

Today is the 336th day of 2002 and the 72nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Napoleon I, France's first emperor.

On this day in 1823, the Monroe Doctrine, which forbade European interference in the American hemisphere, was declared by President James Monroe during an annual address to Congress.

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Senate censured Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wisc., for behavior "contrary to senatorial traditions."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright and lyricist, is 87; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. Army general and politician, is 78; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 77.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins completed 35 of 57 passes for 470 yards.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The warning message we sent the Russians was a calculated ambiguity that would be clearly understood." — Alexander Haig

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 27) and new moon (Dec. 4).

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events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $5 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 5-9-32-34-35-41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 9-8-5
(Night) 2-3-1
Cash Five
17-19-20-32-36

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Cruise ship returns with sick passengers

MIAMI (AP) — A Carnival cruise ship returned from a three-day sail today carrying more than seven dozen people who had contracted a gastrointestinal virus, health and police officials said.

The Fascination, an 855-foot ship that carries as many as 2,052 passengers and 920 crew members, returned to the Port of Miami waters shortly before 5 a.m. after a voyage to the Bahamas.

It was not immediately clear how many passengers were aboard the cruise, which departed Miami on Friday afternoon.

Florida's Department of Health alerted police officials Sunday that the ship would return to port with numerous sick passengers, although Carnival spokesman Tim Gallagher refused to confirm if anyone aboard was ill.

"We got a call advising us that the Fascination was coming in with 86 people aboard with some type of illness," Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Ama Tangelo said.

It could not be immediately determined if the illness is the same Norwalk-type virus that has plagued other cruise ships in recent weeks, including Holland America's ship Amsterdam and the Disney ship Magic.

Holland America Line Inc. is owned by the Miami-based Carnival Corp.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Christeve Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-B Beach-Johnson in the Tonto field, 10 miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 2,000 feet, location is in Section 236, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Chevron will drill the No. 3440 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 46, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Southwest Royalties Inc. will drill the No. 8-13 Powell, an 8,100-foot wildcat located three miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 13, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

WG Operating Inc. will drill the No. 1-48 Wilkinson, a 10,700-foot re-entry wildcat located three miles northwest of Morita. Location is in Section 48, Block 35, T1N, T&P survey.

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Arson cited in blaze at house built by ex-Enron executive

HOUSTON (AP) — A blaze at the three-story mansion once owned by former Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow was deliberately set, fire investigators said.

The 11,493-square-foot house — sold to another energy company official for $3.9 million in October — caught fire early Sunday.

The blaze began at the front door of the home, which is still under construction in an exclusive subdivision.

"Right now, we have no idea why this fire was started," Houston Fire Department spokesman Jay Evans told the Houston Chronicle. "No suspect has been arrested and the case is under investigation."

Evans described the fire as "very small" and said it was contained in the front portion of the house, which federal prosecutors have accused Fastow of building with laundered money.

"It was very, very minimal damage," said Evans, adding it was confined to the front door and the area immediately around it.

The home was sold for $3.9 million in October to Thomas Hook, the chief financial officer of Hilcorp Energy, and his wife Laura. The proceeds will be turned over to the U.S. Marshal's Service until a judge rules on whether it was looted from Houston-based Enron Corp., which collapsed in bankruptcy in December after revelations about years of inflated profits and hidden debt.

Hook did not return a telephone message left Sunday by The Associated Press. About $300,000 of work remained on the house when the couple purchased it. It was not immediately clear whether they had moved into the home.

The house is one of five properties included as equity for a bond that let Fastow go free after he was charged with five counts of fraud in early October related to his alleged use of off-balance-sheet partnerships at Enron. Prosecutors also froze $14 million in Fastow family bank accounts.

A grand jury indicted Fastow Oct. 31 on 78 counts of fraud, money laundering and other felonies.

Stepdad goes on trial for abuse

DALLAS (AP) — The stepfather of a girl locked and starved inside a filthy closet was a battered husband, an expert that will testify in the defense of Kenneth Atkinson says.

Atkinson goes to trial this week on a charge of causing serious bodily injury. Jury selection starts today in Dallas County.

Atkinson exposed what he called "Barbie's secret" nearly 18 months ago when he told a neighbor his stepdaughter was locked inside a closet in the Hutchins mobile home he shared with his wife.

He is hoping his disclosure will save him from the life sentence that a jury gave the girl's mother, Barbara Atkinson, for depriving the child of food, water, clothes and a toilet.

"He's not quite the monster one would have you believe," William Tedford, a psychologist hired by the defense, told The Dallas Morning News. "He was pretty well dominated by his wife."

The 35-year-old man also is charged with sexual assault of a child, but prosecutor Patricia Hogue said she expects to try him only on the injury to a child charge. If convicted, he could face five to 99 years or life in prison.

The 8-year-old girl weighed 25 pounds and stood 3 feet tall when she was rescued from the bedroom closet of a Hutchins trailer in June 2001. She has since been adopted by a Van Zandt County couple, which tried to adopt her at birth but was forced to return her because of a technicality.

The child, now 9, has since gained weight and is enrolled in the first grade. She is not being named because she is a victim of sexual abuse.

Kenneth Atkinson has expressed regret, Tedford said.

"I think he had been trying to rationalize to himself that it was bad, but maybe not all that bad," Tedford said.

Atkinson feared his wife, who he said was emotionally and sometimes physically abusive, said Tedford. He added the man never called the police because he was embarrassed.

Tedford said Atkinson told him he was not aware that the girl was living in the closet until about two or three months before their arrests, after he had injured his back while working as a carpenter and began staying home during the day.

Previously, his wife told him the girl was sleeping or visiting someone.

"Certainly, he's guilty of not telling about it sooner," said Tedford.

Court documents and testimony show that the child told authorities that both parents denied the girl food and forced her to live in the closet. She called them her "bad dad" and "bad mom."

During the months he knew the child was in the closet, he would feed her and let her out when his wife was away, Tedford said.

"Kenneth fed the girl and Barbie didn't," said the man's attorney, Malcolm Dade. "That's in the words of the children. That's a result of caseworker interviews with the children."

A judge has terminated the Atkinsons' parental rights to the girl's five siblings, who are living in a North Texas foster home and can now be adopted. Kenneth Atkinson is the biological father of three of the children. The others have different fathers.

Pediatrics academy urges flu shots for kids up to age two

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Academy of Pediatrics is encouraging flu shots for all healthy children from 6 months up to 2 years old.

Siblings, parents and other caretakers also should get the shots if possible, the academy says.

Its policy echoes new government recommendations issued in September and is based on recent data showing that young children are hospitalized with influenza at least as often as adults over 50, for whom yearly flu shots are recommended.

Tens of thousands of youngsters under age 2 become so sick each year with flu that hospitalization is needed, said Dr. Cody Meissner, a member of the academy committee that wrote the new policy.

While the flu vaccine isn't licensed for babies under 6 months, they too are at risk for hospitalization. The academy recommends shots for their families and caretakers as well, said Meissner, chief of pediatric infectious disease at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston.

The new policy says shots should be given whenever feasible but stops short of saying they are absolutely essential because of concerns over vaccine shortages, which have occurred in recent years, and with flooding pediatricians' offices with youngsters needing shots every fall, Meissner said.

"The logistics of this need to be carefully worked out," he said.

Unlike most childhood vaccines, flu shots are needed every year because the virus changes so often.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Widow resents sons refusal to make her friend welcome

DEAR ABBY: I am a 62-year-old widow. My husband died two years ago. We were married 40 wonderful years. Determined not to fall into depression, I arranged my finances so that my future is secure. If anything should happen to me, my four sons will not be unduly burdened.

During my late husband's long hospitalization, a friend of more than 27 years, "Norman," made it his mission to keep my spirits up. Four months after the funeral, he insisted I get out of the house and go with him to the movies, the beach, for a drive, etc. I have always been comfortable with Norm. He is caring, concerned, affectionate and active in our church and community.

This past year, we have gone on trips together, and he never fails to make me laugh. Norm is financially secure, and we have no plans to live together or marry. I've made that clear to my sons. However, they are very upset that I'm seeing him!

They have informed me that they are not comfortable with including Norman in holiday and family affairs or vacations we take together. They have known this man since they were kids, and he has done nothing to account for their attitude. Norm's children have no such qualms and have extended me an open invitation to their homes.

I have never made any of my sons' friends, girlfriends, lovers or wives unwelcome in my home — whether I liked them or not. My sons' "significant others" were always included on vacations.

More and more, I am angry that Norm is not welcome at family gatherings. I don't want to cause a scene or estrange my children, but I will not exclude someone I care about.

What should I do, Abby? Christmas is just around the corner, and Norm is not invited. As much as I want to be with my sons and their families, I am tempted to stay home. — **NO NAME PLEASE IN CHARLESTON, S.C.**

DEAR NO NAME PLEASE: Why stay home? Spend the holidays with Norm's family. In time, your sons will get the message that excluding Norm is driving you away.

Life is for the living, and you have every right to be happy.

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DEAR ABBY: I was 8 years old and it was the last day of school. I was living in a less-than-caring foster home and worried about the 50 cents I owed my school for several lost books. Unless I paid for the books, I would not get my fourth-grade report card.

When I heard that news, I left school crying and running, and didn't see the tall man until I ran straight into his legs. He asked me what was the matter, and I told him about the 50 cents. He reached into his pocket, took out two quarters, and in a kind voice said, "Things will be all right now."

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The year was 1942; the world was at war. Our state of Florida was still in a depression, and that 50 cents was a lot of money in those days.

Abby, to this day, every act of generosity I perform — every dime I give to a cause — is in honor of that man. I don't remember his face. I only recall his brown shoes, which I saw first when I ran into him. His kindness to a crying child made all the difference in my life. — **MARILYN IRLBACHER, NASHUA, N.H.**

DEAR MARILYN: Your letter is a relevant one for this season of giving. He who takes care of the least of us invests in the best of us.

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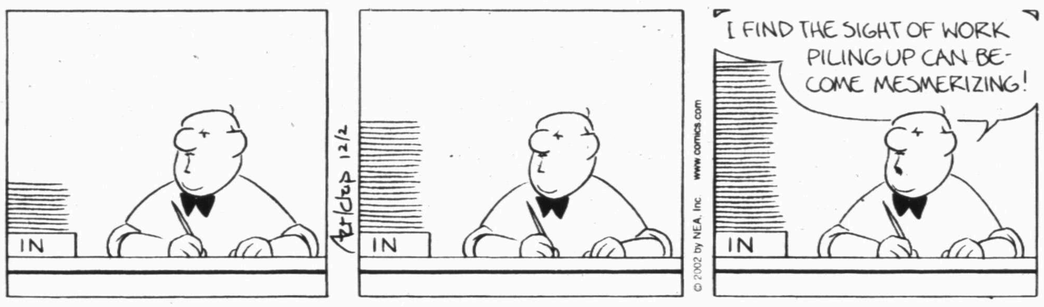

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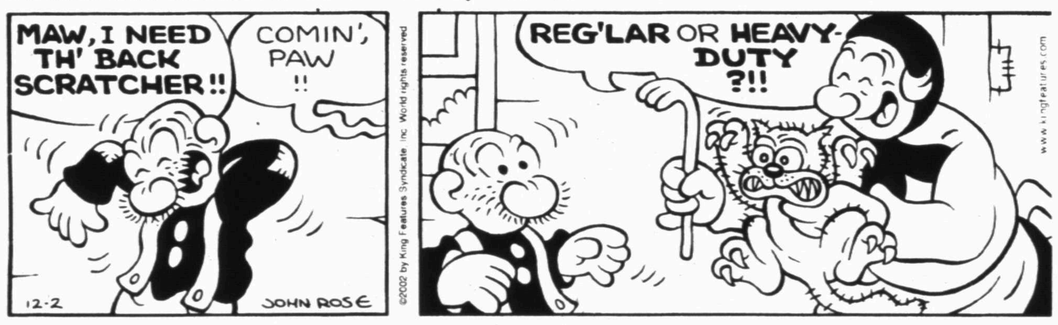

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ACROSS

1 Fast talk
5 Ziegfeld nickname
8 Curly hairdo
12 Platoon
13 L-o-n-g time
14 Sports match
15 "Wow!"
16 Tank
17 Itemize
18 Hammered
20 Peril at sea
21 Commuter vehicle
22 Ms. Taylor, briefly
23 Beg
26 Road workers
29 Nobleman
30 Empty
31 Clinch a deal
33 Hairpiece
34 Arid
35 MD employers
36 Prowled
38 Squander
39 Greet formally
40 Scientist's question
41 Decade part
43 Voting number
46 Leave in a hurry
47 Stray dog
48 Tehran's country
50 Lazing about
51 Towel word
52 Hill's opposite
53 Quartet member
54 Addams Family cousin
55 Mountain pass info

DOWN

1 Pitcher
2 — — a good thing
3 Passport companion
4 Honest
5 Peggy Lee tune
6 Fill the camera
7 Sudbury's prov.
8 On fire
9 Thin metal
10 Clever ploy
11 Slugger Mel —
19 Young chap
20 Donate
22 Animal fat
23 Church seat
24 Bear's pad
25 Therefore
26 Not owing
27 Tire supports
28 Dundee citizen
30 Make coffee
32 Capt.'s heading
34 Love, to Pedro
35 Rural outing
37 Leesens
38 What peron
40 German sausage
41 Skywalker's guru
42 Annexes
43 Halt
44 Europe-Asia range
45 Stag or stallion
46 Apron part
47 Sweater letter
49 Carson City's st.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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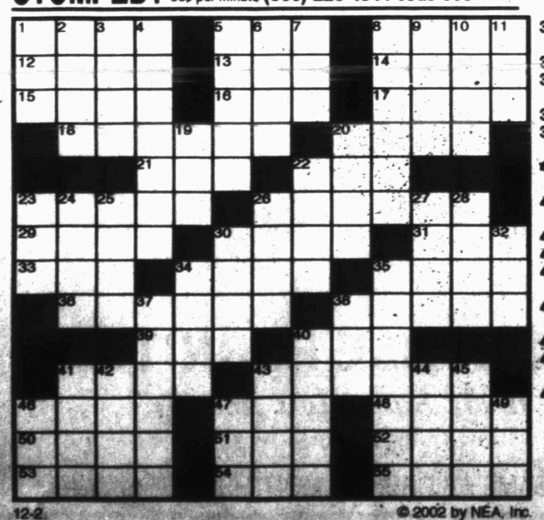

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SPORTS

165 total yards...

Texans' offense sputters in loss

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For the third time this season the Houston Texans were only able to scrounge up three points in a game after winning the week before, losing 19-3 to the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

The Texans , who have both stunned and looked every bit the freshmen during the team's inaugural season, narrowly avoided a shutout in the final minutes of Sunday's game by scoring a field goal following an Indianapolis fumble.

The Colts were up 19-0 when Troy Walters fumbled a punt and Houston recovered at the Indianapolis 21.

After six plays only netted the Texans four yards, punter Kris Brown put a 34-yard field goal through the uprights with 3:51 to go.

"Everybody needs to look internally and see what exactly the problem is," Texans' linebacker Jay Foreman said. "Most of the time it is right there in front of your face and you might overlook it. It might be a little thing or it might be a big thing, but we need to correct it quick."

After winning the team's season opener against the Dallas Cowboys 19-10, the Texans came back the following week and lost to the San Diego Chargers 24-3.

The Texans went another month without a victory before posting a win against the Jacksonville Jaguars 21-19. A week later, the rookie team lost to the Cincinnati Bengals 38-3.

They then lost to the Titans 17-10, and the Jaguars 24-21, before upsetting the New York Giants 16-14 last week. Giants coach Jim Fassel blamed the loss on mistakes.

A week later, it was the Texans' mistakes that got them in a bind early in Sunday's matchup with Indianapolis.

Houston went nowhere on the team's first series, then fumbled the next two times it touched the ball.

Chad Bratzke recovered Jonathan Wells' fumble at the Houston 17, and the Colts settled for Vanderjagt's 31-yarder to make it 3-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Frank Murphy fumbled, and the Colts' Jason Doering recovered at the Houston 16. Peyton Manning wasted no time, hooking up with wide-open Marcus Pollard on the next play for a 16-yard touchdown and a 10-0 lead.

That's all the Colts' defense needed. The Texans' next five drives all ended with punts, David Carr, who was sacked six times, was under pressure the rest of the half, and the mounting penalties took away any threat of a score.

The Colts' Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 46-yarder early in the second quarter to make it 13-0.

"We had a hard time establishing much offense," Houston coach Dom Capers said.

Indianapolis sealed the victory with a nine-play, 55-yard drive that ended with James Mungro's 1-yard TD run to make it 19-0. A conversion pass failed, and Indianapolis ran out the clock after taking over on downs deep in Houston territory.

"They come out and do the same thing every week and they're good at it," Carr said. "They shoot you down. What's so frustrating about it, is you have to sustain drives. Or you have to be in a two-minute situation. You're not going to get big plays against this team."

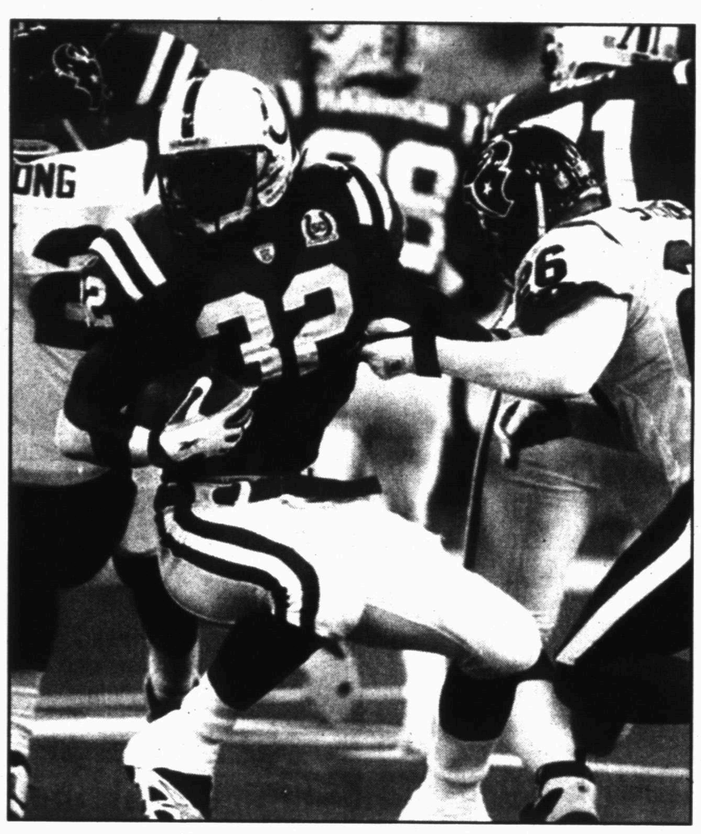
Carr was 20-of-35 for 137 yards, while James Allen was the Texans' workhorse. He carried 16 times for 64 yards and caught 10 passes for 49 yards.

The victory was Indianapolis' (8-4) fourth straight and put the team one game ahead of Tennessee, setting up a showdown for the AFC South lead next week in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans beat the Giants 32-29 in overtime Sunday.

Marvin Harrison was his usual self, catching nine passes for 101 yards and tying Raymond Berry's franchise record for receptions. Both players now have 631 career receptions, and it was Harrison's fourth straight 100-yard game.

The Texans (3-9), however, held the Colts mostly in check. Manning was 15-of-28 for 190 yards and one touchdown, while two-time rushing champ Edgerrin James carried 20 times for 65 yards and sat out the final few series after irritating his injured right ankle.

With the offense bogging down, the Colts turned to their improving defense. They swarmed to the ball, and it created all kinds of confusion for Houston. The Texans had two turnovers and six sacks, and their most sustained drive went to the Colts 26 before ending at the Houston 47. Houston finished with 165 total yards.



RUN THROUGH — The Colts' Edgerrin James spins to avoid Houston tackler Matt Stevens (26) during Sunday's game. The Colts won 19-3. (AP Photo)

Men's League Basketball

Snyder National Bank	8-0
American State Bank	5-3
West Texas State Bank	5-3
Rotan	2-6
Big Country Autoland	0-8

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Tuesday night at 7 in the film room.

Poll: Augusta controversy not an issue

NEW YORK (AP) — Three-fourths of Americans said knowing Augusta National Golf Club has only male members has not affected their view of the Masters, according to the poll conducted for The AP by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pa. About one in five, 21 percent, said it made them view the tournament less favorably

Snyder frosh 56, Big Spring 36

The Snyder freshmen boys beat Big Spring Tuesday, 56-36, behind 21 points from sharpshooter Dustin Williams.

The freshmen, who host Merkel tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the high school gym, got 11 points from Blake Scott in the runaway win.

Garrett Pinson, Jason Cave, Chris Smith and Mitch Williams also contributed key buckets for the frosh squad.

Rematch with Tyson on champ's agenda

LONDON (AP) — Heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis is planning three fights starting in March, including bouts against Vitaly and Wladimir Klitschko and a rematch with Mike Tyson.

Minor bowl games get participants

Louisville and Marshall accepted bids to play in the GMAC Bowl at Mobile, Ala., on Dec. 18, and Clemson has accepted a bid to play in the Tangerine Bowl.

Brooks leads Saints past Bucs; Green Bay clinches division title

By The Associated Press

Having the league's best defense didn't help the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the New Orleans Saints this season.

Aaron Brooks threw two third-quarter touchdown passes despite a bruised arm, and the Saints held on to beat the Buccaneers 23-20 Sunday night.

Bucs defensive end Simeon Rice, the NFL's sacks leader at 14½, took only five minutes to bring Brooks down twice, setting a record for consecutive games with multiple sacks with five. Six minutes later, Rice got a third sack that resulted in a safety and a 2-0 lead.

Chargers 30, Broncos 27, OT

LaDainian Tomlinson ran for a franchise-record 220 yards and three touchdowns, and Steve Christie won it with a 27-yard field goal with 3:01 left in overtime.

San Diego (8-4) took a half-game lead in the AFC West over Oakland (8-4), which faces the New York Jets at home Monday night.

Packers 30, Bears 20

The Packers clinched their first NFC North title in five years by forcing five turnovers and getting an outstanding performance by rookie running back Tony Fisher.

Brett Favre threw two second-half touchdown passes and improved to 33-0 at Lambeau Field when the temperature is 34 or below. He beat the Bears (3-9) for the 18th time in 22 tries.

Falcons 30, Vikings 24, OT

Michael Vick ran for 173 yards — the most by a quarterback since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 — and his 46-yard TD run in overtime helpd the Falcons improve to 7-0-1 since losing to Tampa Bay on Oct. 6.

Vick also passed for 173 yards, giving him 346 of the 379 yards gained by the Falcons (8-3-1).

Bills 38, Dolphins 21

Drew Bledsoe threw three touchdown passes and a ran for another TD to help the Bills overcome Ricky Williams' career-high 228 yards rushing.

Bledsoe finished 15-for-27 for 306 yards as Buffalo (6-6) ended a three-game losing streak and got within a game of the Dolphins (7-5) in the AFC East.

Steelers 25, Jaguars 23

Kordell Stewart made a bid to get his job back by throwing for 202 yards and running for 84 more, including a 28-yarder for the Steelers' only touchdown.

Rookie Jeff Reed added six field goals for Pittsburgh (7-4-1).

49ers 31, Seahawks 24

Garrison Hearst ran for 124 yards and a career-high three touchdowns as the 49ers snapped their first two-game losing streak in two years.

Jimmy Williams added an 89-yard punt return for a TD for the 49ers (8-4).

Matt Hasselbeck threw for 311 of his 427 yards in the second half, and his 3-yard pass to Darrell Jackson with 1:57 cut the deficit to seven.

Titans 32, Giants 29, OT

Steve McNair threw three touchdown passes, ran for a tying 2-point conversion and set up Joe Nedney's 38-yard field goal in overtime.

Chiefs 49, Cardinals 0

Priest Holmes scored two touchdowns as Kansas City handed Arizona the worst loss in the documented history of its franchise.

Holmes had 169 total yards — 47 more than Arizona (4-8).

Eagles 10, Rams 3

Third-string quarterback A.J. Feeley threw for 181 yards without an interception in place of the injured Donovan McNabb and Koy Detmer, and the Eagles forced five turnovers.

The NFC East-leading Eagles (9-3) sacked Kurt Warner eight times, including four by defensive end N.D. Kalu.

Panthers 13, Browns 6

Dee Brown ran for 122 yards in his first career NFL start as Carolina ended an eight-game losing streak while crippling the sloppy Browns' playoff chances.

Ravens 27, Bengals 23

Rookies Chad Williams and Ron Johnson scored touchdowns on returns, and Jeff Blake's 22-yard TD pass to Todd Heap won it.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys vs. Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder frosh girls at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder junior high boys vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira junior high boys and girls at Sands, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh junior high at Westbrook, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity boys vs. Lubbock High, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity girls vs. Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira JV and varsity boys vs. Post, 5 p.m.
Basketball: Ira girls vs. Roscoe, 6:30 p.m.
Basketball: Hermleigh varsity vs. Lueders-Avoca, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity, JV and frosh girls at Lamesa tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity boys and girls at Blackwell tourney.
Basketball: Hermleigh at Patton Springs tourney.
Basketball: Ira JV at Sands tourney.
Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews tourney.
Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Snyder tourney.
Basketball: Snyder varsity, JV and frosh girls at Lamesa tourney.
Basketball: Ira varsity girls and boys at Blackwell tourney.
Basketball: Snyder junior high boys at Sweetwater tourney.
Basketball: Snyder junior high girls at Slaton tourney.
Basketball: Ira JV boys at Sands tourney.
Basketball: Hermleigh at Patton Springs tourney.
Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio.

SATURDAY

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Golf: Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio.

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (73)	11-0	1,825	1
2. Ohio St.	13-0	1,749	2
3. Iowa	11-1	1,663	4
4. Georgia	11-1	1,597	5
5. Southern Cal	10-2	1,542	6
6. Kansas St.	10-2	1,402	8
7. Washington St.	9-2	1,315	9
8. Oklahoma	10-2	1,304	3
9. Texas	10-2	1,296	10
10. Penn St.	9-3	1,070	11
11. Notre Dame	10-2	1,052	7
12. Colorado	9-3	1,041	13
13. Michigan	9-3	1,023	12
14. Alabama	10-3	943	14
15. West Virginia	9-3	616	24
16. Florida St.	9-4	559	23
17. N.C. State	10-3	495	21
18. Virginia Tech	9-3	494	22
19. Boise St.	11-1	482	19
20. Auburn	8-4	470	20
21. Maryland	10-3	386	25
22. Arkansas	9-3	379	—
23. Florida	8-4	262	15
24. Colorado St.	10-3	239	16
25. Pittsburgh	8-4	221	17

Others receiving votes: LSU 126, Marshall 40, Tennessee 39, South Florida 21, Oklahoma St. 20, TCU 16, Oregon St. 15, Virginia 8, Hawaii 6, Arizona St. 4, Washington 3, Texas Tech 1, UCLA 1.

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Mechanics set another vote for United deal

CHICAGO (AP) — The union representing 13,000 United Airlines mechanics announced early today that its members will vote a second time on the wage reductions they rejected last week.

The vote will be held Thursday.

The announcement by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers came after the union met with United officials until late into the night as the carrier pressed for hundreds of millions of dollars in cost cuts it says are necessary to stave off bankruptcy.

The mechanics last week rejected a proposed package of steep wage and benefit cuts that nation's No. 2 airline says are necessary to land a $1.8 billion federal loan guarantee that would keep it out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy court proceedings.

The proposal that will be before the mechanics makes some changes in language from the one that was rejected by 57 percent of those voting last week, but the dollar figures were essentially the same, the announcement said. The package had included 7 percent wage cuts.

The meeting came a day after the airline's 24,000 flight attendants agreed to $412 million in wage concessions. However, that deal and other cost-cutting agreements accepted by United's pilots and other employee groups will expire Dec. 31 unless the mechanics sign on.

United is seeking $5.2 billion in companywide labor cuts over 51/2 years. The mechanics' proposed share is believed to be $600 million to $700 million.

The cash-strapped airline also must decide whether it can make a $375 million debt payment today, although under a grace period it could push that deadline back to Dec. 16. Its cash reserves are believed to be around $1 billion and on a pace to run out this winter.

A ruling is expected any day on its application for a $1.8 billion federal loan guarantee, which United says it must have to obtain $2 billion in private loans. Without the loan guarantee, United has said it would have no choice but to file for bankruptcy.

United has been struggling since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to reverse multimillion-dollar losses each day. It has reduced service and laid off 20,000 workers because of the weak economy and sharply reduced spending by business travelers. On Friday, speculation that United was headed into bankruptcy sent shares of UAL Corp., the airline's parent company, tumbling 31 percent.

A bankruptcy is likely to have no immediate effect on passengers, since United has said it would continue flying its normal schedule. But the prospect of such a filing has raised concerns among some of the other unions that represent United workers, which fear that a bankruptcy court would order even more severe concessions.

The president of the local representing ramp workers and public contact workers criticized the mechanics for not being more flexible, saying the alternative to working with United on cost cutting is "so undeniably worse I question the motives and judgment behind such a decision."

"Simply put, every benefit we currently enjoy can be lost at the stroke of a judge's pen," Randy Canale wrote in a letter to District 141 members Friday.

Potter, Bond duel for box office lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was a photo finish between Harry Potter on his broomstick and James Bond in his Aston Martin at the box office over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" won the regular weekend with $32.2 million from Friday to Sunday, compared to $31 million for the latest Bond flick, "Die Another Day," according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Die Another Day" led for the full Thanksgiving holiday, taking in $46.3 million Wednesday to Sunday, compared to $45.8 million for "Chamber of Secrets."

Rankings could change when final numbers are released Monday.

Both films proved much bigger draws than a rush of new movies that opened the day before Thanksgiving.

Disney's animated sci-fi tale "Treasure Planet" led the newcomers, coming in at No. 4 with $11.9 million Friday to Sunday and $16.5 million for the five-day holiday period. It came in just behind Disney's "The Santa Clause 2," with $12.3 million for the three-day weekend and $17.2 million for the five days.

Another animated adventure, "Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights," opened in fifth place with $10.1 million for the regular weekend and a five-day haul of $15.1 million.

Steven Soderbergh and George Clooney's brainy sci-fi drama "Solaris" premiered at No. 7 with a three-day gross of $6.8 million and a five-day take of $9.5 million. The horror flick "Wes Craven Presents: They" opened at No. 9 with $5.7 million for the three days and $8 million for five days. The snowboarding caper "Extreme Ops" debuted out of the top 10 with a three-day gross of $2.3 million and a five-day total of $3.1 million.

"Typically, new pictures come roaring out. But there's no question the stuff that was already out, whether Bond or 'Harry Potter' or 'Santa Clause,' that's where people wanted to go," said Disney head of distribution Chuck Viane. "There's a long Christmas holiday ahead of us, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that in the long run we'll end up doing the numbers we expected."

The cerebral "Solaris" "maybe wasn't quite the holiday fare we thought it was," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released the film.

The overall box office was down, with the top 12 movies grossing $196.1 million Wednesday to Sunday, off 1.6 percent from Thanksgiving weekend last year.

"It was still a very solid Thanksgiving weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "There weren't any new movies that really generated a lot of interest, and when you have a 'Potter' and Bond movie out there, it's going to be hard for the new ones to knock those off their perch."

"Chamber of Secrets" pushed its 17-day total to $200.2 million, becoming the sixth movie released in 2002 to cross the $200 million mark, tying last year's record. That record should fall after "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" hits theaters.

Airport closed for two hours Sunday

EL PASO (AP) — A concourse at El Paso International Airport was evacuated for about two hours Sunday after an airport screener spotted a suspicious item in the X-ray machine but somehow lost track of it.

One airport official described the item as contraband.

"A person might have had a weapon," said Antonio Ortiz, a director of the Transportation Security Administration in El Paso. "My first concern was to make sure people were screened."

The security sweep of the airport's east concourse and passenger rescreenings caused the delay of most aircraft leaving and entering El Paso. Thousands of travelers were affected on one of the airport's busiest days.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

When 'NewsRadio' made headlines

Q: I have been watching reruns of "NewsRadio," and I would like to know which came first: Phil Hartman's death or his character's death on the show? I thought it was a bit odd. **— W.M., Waterloo, Iowa**

A: Hartman's death came first. On May 28, 1998, his wife shot and killed him and then turned the gun on herself in what police say was a murder-suicide. The show ran for another year.

Q: I am looking for a movie that was made in the late '60s or early '70s about Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. I believe it starred Vanessa Redgrave as one of the monarchs, but I can't remember who played the other one. I saw it once about 20 years ago and never caught the title. Can you help me? **— V.C., Ardmore, Okla.**

A: The movie's name, appropriately enough, is "Mary, Queen of Scots," and Redgrave played the title character. Glenda Jackson played Elizabeth I, and the movie was released in 1971. It is widely available on VHS, so if you want to buy it you can probably order it through your local video store.

Q: I have been watching reruns of "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," and I wondered what happened to David Hedison. I remember seeing him on an early episode of "The Love Boat" and playing bit parts in other shows. Is he still alive? How old is he? What about his co-star Richard Basehart? **— C.V., Roseburg, Ore.**

A: Hedison is very much alive and still acting. He's 75 years old, and last year he appeared in the film "Megiddo: The Omega Code 2." Basehart died in 1984 at the age of 70.

Q: I would like to get the mailing address for poet Maya Angelou. I want her to autograph one of her books for a graduation present for my daughter, who will be graduating from law school in 2003. **— E.J., Roland, Okla.**

A: Congratulations. You must be very proud of your daughter. You can write to Angelou at 3240 Valley Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 28106.

Q: What is the address for sending mail to Oprah Winfrey? She is great. **— A.S., Bradford, Mass.**

A: Winfrey's address is P.O. Box 909715, Chicago, IL 60690.

Q: Do you think there is a chance of "Wonder Woman" or "The Bionic Woman" ever coming back to the Sci-Fi Channel? I enjoyed both shows. What are the lead actresses doing now? **— L.B., Little Rock, Ark.**

A: There are no plans to bring either series back, but anything can happen. USA is working on a remake of "The Bionic Woman," scheduled to air next summer, which die-hard fans might want to check out.

Lindsay Wagner and Lynda Carter are still acting. Last year, Wagner starred in the movie "A Light in the Forest," and she guest starred on an episode of the Lifetime series "The Division." Carter's recent movies are "Elder Scrolls III: The Morrowind" and "Tattered Angel." Look for her next year in "Bloodhead."

TRIVIA: Lindsay Wagner was born on the same day as Meryl Streep — June 22, 1949.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-02-02
♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ K Q
♣ A K 8

West
♠ Q 7
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 10 9 5 4

East
♠ 6
♥ A K Q 10 4
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ 7 6 3

South
♠ A K J 9 4 2
♥ J 5
♦ J 9
♣ Q J 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

Monday, Dec. 2, 2002

Getting a trump trick from "nothing"

By Phillip Alder

In "The Wind in the Willows," Kenneth Grahame, British essayist and author of children's books, wrote "There is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

It is true that many people play bridge in boats and cruise ships every year. But whether on the high seas or on land, there is nothing more fun for defenders than generating trump tricks from "nowhere." This may be done by ruffing away one of declarer's winners, but more often this generation of a trump trick comes via either a trump promotion or its close cousin, the uppercut.

Here is an elementary example of a trump promotion.

North's jump to four spades is a little aggressive, but it is difficult to stay out of game — and if only East had the courtesy to hold the spade queen as part of his opening bid, one wouldn't want to.

West led the heart eight: two, queen, jack.

East was not fooled by the heart jack. If West had had 8-5-3 of hearts, he would have led the three, not the eight. So, East cashed the heart ace. Then, although it wasn't necessary here, he took the diamond ace before continuing with a third high heart.

South was in a frustrating position. If he could have won an early trick, he would have drawn trumps without loss. Now, though, West had to score his spade queen. If South ruffed with the spade nine or jack, West would overruff. If South ruffed with the spade king or ace, West would discard and score his queen later.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	8.16	7.81	7.84	+.10
AOL TimeWrn	17.89	16.40	16.40	+.03
AT&T Corp rs	28.88	28.25	28.44	+.40
Albertsons	23.60	23.15	23.24	—.10
Alltel	56.28	55.13	55.18	+.10
AmEl Pw	28.85	27.84	27.94	—.48
AndarkPtr	47.69	47.34	47.35	+.15
ATMOS Egy	22.76	22.39	22.39	+.09
Aviall	8.54	8.30	8.49	+.33
BP PLC	38.86	38.48	38.57	—.64
BakerHughes	33.22	32.67	32.97	+.23
Bank of Amer	71.30	69.64	70.00	—.08
BellSouth	28.56	27.40	27.49	—.31
BurlNoSFe	25.65	25.02	25.08	—.25
Caterpillar	50.84	49.45	49.46	—.44
CenterPoint	7.73	7.47	7.47	—.18
ChevronTex	67.45	66.41	66.70	—.33
Citigroup	39.62	38.60	38.62	—.26
CocaCola	46.19	45.10	45.32	—.32
ColgatePal	51.50	51.00	51.41	+.02
CmclMetals s	17.21	17.00	17.05	+.25
ConocoPhill	49.03	47.65	47.88	+.07
Cooper Inds	38.50	37.85	38.01	—.01
DaimlrChry	36.69	35.77	35.85	—.53
DeltaAirl	14.10	13.78	13.79	+.29
Dillards Inc	20.17	19.32	19.65	+.33
DowChem	32.21	30.52	30.70	—1.20
DuPont	45.30	44.21	44.28	—.34
EastmanChem	39.99	39.72	39.85	+.72
EstKodak	37.95	37.20	37.21	+.29
EDS Corp	18.98	17.71	17.77	—.77
Entergy	44.35	44.01	44.12	+.39
ExxonMobil	35.23	34.23	34.23	—.57
FootLocker	13.73	13.27	13.30	—.10
GenDynam	82.90	80.36	80.71	—.74
GenElec	27.98	27.10	27.15	+.05
GenMills	44.87	44.02	44.14	—.48
GenMotors	41.50	40.25	40.31	+.61
GaPacific	21.00	18.41	18.84	—1.89
Goodrich	18.72	18.00	18.05	—.35
Goodyear	8.35	8.08	8.09	—.15
GtAtlPac	7.85	7.45	7.62	
Halliburtn	23.00	19.87	20.00	—1.00
Hanson ADS	25.75	25.45	25.45	+.26
HartleHanks s	19.68	19.10	19.10	—.05
HomeDepot	27.64	26.60	26.66	+.24
Honeywellintl	27.45	25.90	25.92	+.05
IBM	89.46	87.99	88.24	+1.14
IntlPaper	39.64	38.19	38.33	—.92
JohnsonJn	56.60	54.25	54.40	—2.62
vjK mart	.84	.70	.71	+.03
KinderMorg	41.59	40.87	40.95	—.10
Kroger Co	16.20	15.78	15.85	+.12
LockheedM	52.80	51.10	51.36	—.84
Lowes Cos	42.68	41.38	41.39	—.11
Lubys	4.25	4.15	4.20	+.05
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MarathonOil	20.10	19.84	19.93	—.07
MayDeptStr	26.10	25.08	25.17	+.71
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Unocal	29.90	29.35	29.45	—.20
VerizonComm	43.20	41.66	41.75	—.13
WalMart	56.74	55.30	55.45	+1.29
WellsFargo	47.19	46.31	46.34	+.13
WstnGasRs	36.05	35.45	35.58	+.19
WinnDixie	15.19	14.86	14.88	—.04
Xerox Cp	8.96	8.75	8.87	+.15
YumBrands s	24.25	23.86	23.87	—.04

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Berry's World

Critics say state's new school test too hard

AUSTIN (AP) — At public schools in Texas, it will soon be out with the TAAS and in with the TAKS, the new — and tougher — standardized test that will determine whether students move up to the next grade.

There is plenty of uncertainty among teachers, administrators and parents over the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS, which will be given for the first time in March.

The state Board of Education voted 12-3 on Nov. 22 to set grading guidelines for the new test, which replaces the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. Children, parents and educators now know the scores needed to pass.

The more-rigorous test is part of the state's accountability system, which rates schools based on test scores and other factors such as attendance. Students, educators and administrators are held accountable based on the test and ratings.

Critics say the board set the passing standards too high despite projections that more students, many of them poor and minority, would fail. Supporters say state standards must continue to rise if education is to be improved for all students.

"In Texas, when it comes to education, we have always recognized the value of well-supported transition, incremental change, and steady, unwavering progress toward our goals," said Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis.

Here are some common questions about the new test, and the answers.

Q: What is TAKS?

A: TAKS is the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. It replaces the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. It will be administered every March.

Q: What is different about TAKS?

A: Education officials say it does a better job than the old test of measuring whether students learned information they studied during the year. TAKS also is more difficult than previous state tests.

Q: Who must take TAKS?

A: Public-school students in grades 3 through 9 are required to take the test every year. High school students must take and pass an exit-level exam, first given in 10th grade.

Children enrolled in special education or in Limited English Proficiency programs are exempt from taking the test.

Q: How many chances does a student get to pass the test?

A: Third-graders get three chances. The third test can be another state-approved test. High school students get as many chances as needed. Education officials promise special attention for students who struggle on the test.

Q: What happens if a student fails on all chances?

A: Beginning this spring, third-graders must pass the reading test to advance to fourth grade unless a committee made up of the child's parents, teacher and a school administrator agrees to promote him.

Within the next five years, fifth- and eighth-graders will similarly be required to pass the reading and math sections to be promoted.

High school students must pass all portions of the test to get a diploma.

Q: What are the new passing standards?

A: They vary by grade level. A complete list is posted on the Texas Education Agency's Web site at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/index.html.

Some examples: Third-graders this spring must answer at least 20 of the 36 reading questions correctly.

To pass the high school exit-level test, students must correctly answer at least:

—25 of 56 math questions

—41 of 73 reading/English arts questions

—23 of 50 social studies questions

—27 of 55 science questions

Tougher passing standards will be phased in over the next two years, requiring better scores to pass in 2004 and even higher scores in 2005.

Q: How were the passing standards set?

A: The State Board of Education approved the passing standards recommended by Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis. His proposal was based on recommendations made by advisory committees of 350 school officials, community and business leaders, parents, teachers and others. The committees spent months studying results of trial tests and other factors before setting the passing standards.

Q: What will the test scores mean for schools?

A: Schools will not be rated this spring to give them time to adjust to the harder test. But in the spring of 2004, the test scores will count for schools. The education commissioner must decide new ratings to replace the TAAS ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable and low-performing.

The new test is part of the state's education-accountability system, which rates schools on test scores, dropout rates and other factors.

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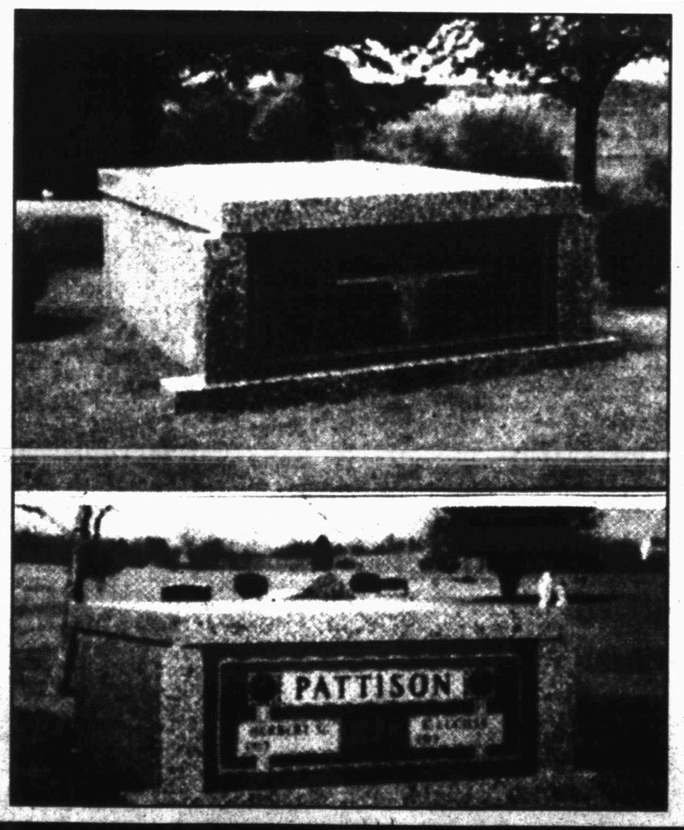

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002

You may establish several enviable new relationships in the year ahead with people who will be just as concerned about advancing your hopes and interests as they are their own. They'll know how to get things done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although perhaps a shade mysterious, friends and associates will find your personality dynamic and appealing. Your charisma isn't generated by role-playing, but by just being yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Appeal to the emotions of associates today if you want them to be more receptive to your desires. People whom you've recently helped will be especially susceptible to these tactics.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Having positive, optimistic expectations can be a powerful motivator and today can be used to help bring something you strongly desire into play. Try it and see for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Others will find your conduct commendable today when you are placed in a position of authority. You know how to treat them kindly and fair, yet can be just as firm when necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take action today to assure the positive outcome of events that could have far-reaching effects. Use your imagination to facilitate how you envision things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Whether you want to get involved or not will be up to you, but you do have the ability today to undertake the complicated affairs of others and satisfactorily unwind their entanglements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Through mutual agreement you'll be able to transform an undesirable arrangement today if you take the time to sit down and discuss the matter with the parties involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — An unsatisfactory condition at work that has everybody in a dither can be visited today with understanding and compassion. It's time to have that talk with the powers that be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your reluctance to reveal the truth to someone for whom you really care has been hampering the relationship. Don't keep your feelings bottled up; find a way to let them be known.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If taking a circuitous route is what is called for today in order to accomplish your aims, then plan one out. If it gets you where you need to go, it won't matter if it baffles others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Knowing that you aren't promoting anything you don't personally believe in is what makes such an exceptional impact on your presentation today. Others realize this and will accept your facts at face value.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your insight in financial matters today is likely to be rather remarkable. Focus on earning dollars instead of dimes by selling the likes of ocean liners instead of pencils.

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Harvard study: Economic cost of cell phone accidents equals benefits of calls on the road

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers say increased cell phone use has led to more crashes caused by drivers on the phone, but the value people place on being able to call from the road roughly equals the accidents' cost.

Opponents of banning cell phone usage by drivers have cited studies that showed the benefit of car calls outweighed the toll from such accidents — medical bills and property damage, for example.

Harvard researchers, drawing on previous research involving cell phones and government figures for auto accidents, says in a study there is a growing public health risk from the reliance on cell phones in cars. The number of cell phone subscribers has grown from 94 million in 2000 to more than 128 million.

Data on the number of crashes caused by cell phones is incomplete, said the study being released today by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis. But it suggested that drivers talking on their phones are responsible for about 6 percent of U.S. auto accidents each year, killing an estimated 2,600 people and injuring 330,000 others.

The figure was reached using current cell phone usage estimates to update a 1997 study. That study looked at phone records of Canadian drivers involved in crashes to see if they were making calls at the time.

The cell phone industry found fault with the projections and their connection to wireless phones.

"It's sort of assumptions built on assumptions," said Kimberly Kuo, spokeswoman for the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association. "There are not a lot of substantial findings that allow us to make policy conclusions."

The Harvard researchers also updated previous studies on the economic costs associated with accidents caused by cell phones, such as medical bills and loss of life. The costs added up to an estimated $43 billion a year — about the same as the researchers arrived at for the value that cell phone owners put on their phones.

Joshua Cohen, lead author of the study, said an individual has a small risk of being in an accident caused by a driver who is talking on the phone, but an overall public health issue exists nonetheless. At the same time, he urged careful consideration when deciding whether to ban cell phone usage.

"People place a value on these calls, so just wiping out the phone calls and saying we are going to ban them, that's not something that should be taken lightly," he said.

Cell phone owners cited benefits such as security and peace of mind for instant communication, increased productivity, privacy and quicker crime and accident reporting.

New York state banned driver cell phone use for drivers use in June 2001. Six other states have some regulation of in-vehicle use of cell phones, ranging from a one-hand-on-the-steering-wheel rule to prohibiting school bus drivers from using a phone.

Felix Ortiz, a New York assemblyman who fought for six years to pass the ban, is helping lawmakers elsewhere write similar legislation.

"Whether they say I'm crazy or they harass me, you know what? I think I am doing the right thing for the public safety and for the quality of life," he said.

The Harvard study found that a cell phone user has about a 13 chances in 1 million of being killed in an accident while making a call; that compares with 49 in 1 million for someone driving without a seat belt.

Other drivers and pedestrians have about four chances in 1 million of dying in an accident caused by a cell phone user, according to the study. Their chance of being killed by a drunken driver is more than four times as high — 18 in a million.

The statistics are based on an average cell phone owner using 600 minutes a year.

Harvard's statistics update a center study released two years ago that estimated the chance of being killed while driving and talking on a cell phone were about six in a million and 1.5 in a million for other people on the road.

The original study was financed by the center and a grant from AT&T. The second phase was paid for solely by the center, which is supported by money from government, academia and individuals and private companies, including some automakers and insurers.

The original study found that the costs saved by a cell phone ban would be $2 billion, compared with about $25 billion in benefits lost, meaning a cell phone ban would have a loss to society of about $23 billion.

Boston archdiocese considering bankruptcy

BOSTON (AP) — Two lawyers negotiating on behalf of alleged clergy sexual abuse victims said they will walk away from settlement talks unless the Boston Archdiocese assures them it does not plan to file for bankruptcy.

"They should either go ahead and declare bankruptcy, or stop talking about it," said Jeffrey A. Newman of the law firm Greenberg Traurig.

Newman and his partner, Roderick MacLeish Jr., represent about half the estimated 450 people who have hired law firms to press sexual abuse claims against the Roman Catholic archdiocese.

The Boston Globe reported Sunday the archdiocese is preparing to file for bankruptcy rather than face a legal battle that could drag on for years, and cost more than $100 million.

Senior advisers to Cardinal Bernard F. Law favor filing for bankruptcy, and any decision must be approved by the cardinal, according to the Globe, citing an unnamed senior church official and two unnamed sources close to the archdiocese.

Donna M. Morrissey, archdiocese spokeswoman, said Sunday no decision on bankruptcy had been made, but that every option is being considered. She said the church's first desire is to settle in a fair manner.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Primary care MDs may need help

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 50, has had high blood pressure for more than 20 years. He has been hospitalized twice in the last month with readings in the 200/120 range. His doctors have tried various medications, to no avail. He is overweight, but exercises daily. Should he be evaluated at a major medical center?

DEAR READER: When I began practice more than 30 years ago, there were pitifully few effective drugs to treat hypertension. Uncontrolled high blood pressure was a national health problem, in large part because these medicines were inconsistently effective and, when they were effective, they were usually the cause of multiple side effects, including depression and harmful mineral imbalance.

Today, in contrast, there are many medications to treat hypertension; they include beta-blockers, calcium-channel blockers, diuretics, ACE inhibitors and angiotensin receptor antagonists. Unpleasant side effects are uncommon; two or three drugs are often used simultaneously.

I don't know why your husband's doctors are having a hard time. Judicious use of medicine should bring his blood pressure down into the (140/80) normal range.

Certainly your spouse's weight plays a role in the problem because, in general, obese patients have higher blood pressures than slim people. Even so, one or more antihypertension medications should do the trick.

I suggest that you and he sit down for a thorough discussion with the doctors. Ask about their future plans with respect to treatment and supervision. This is important because uncontrolled hypertension will, over time, lead to stroke and serious cardiovascular disorders.

If, for some reason, the doctors are at the ends of their ropes, request a referral to a clinic or vascular specialist in a teaching center. Don't procrastinate. Patients with their blood pressures consistently in the 200/120 range are walking time bombs.

To give you related information I am sending you a copy of my newly revised and updated Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can old injuries act up to cause symptoms repeatedly? I was hurt at work several years ago, lost time on the job and subsequently returned to work. Now my injury is acting up again, and my employer is not covering any medical bills.

DEAR READER: Old injuries can, indeed, cause periodic problems. For example, people who broke bones in the past may be very sensitive to changing barometric pressures and can, because of pain, predict a shift in the weather. Also chronic back pain frequently re-surfaces to cause discomfort year after year.

Because you don't specify the site and nature of your old injury, I am unable to give you specific advice. However, your own doctor certainly can. Check with him and enlist his support in reclassifying your injury so that you may, perhaps, be covered under workers' compensation.

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Train hits truck, killing three

HOUSTON (AP) — A 51-year-old man and his two grandchildren died after their pickup truck was struck by a train as it crossed railroad tracks.

Donald Badeau and his 8-year-old grandson, Joshua Perez, died at the scene. Seven-year-old Jennifer Perez died Sunday morning at Memorial Hermann Hospital, spokeswoman Amy Berryman said.

Officials said Badeau was driving near his home in Plantersville on Saturday afternoon when he pulled onto the railroad crossing and a train slammed into the driver's side of his 1997 GMC pickup.

"For some reason he did not see the train," Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell said. "The sun was setting in the west, so there could have been a glare or maybe he was distracted by one of the grandchildren. He lives in this area and would be familiar with the crossing."

Jennifer Perez was taken by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann with an apparent skull fracture and broken neck, officials said.

All three victims were wearing seat belts, officials said, but the railroad tracks didn't have any guard rails or signals.

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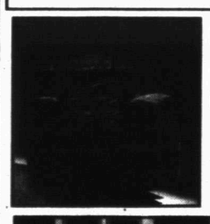

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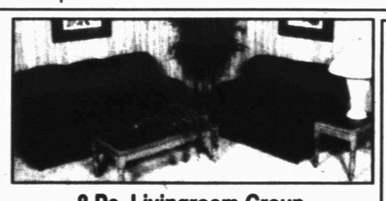

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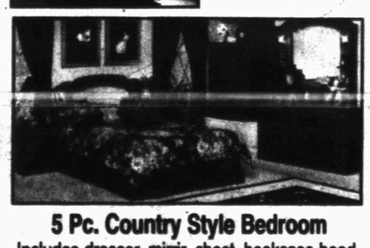

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High court to rule on affirmative action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court re-entered the debate over affirmative action today, agreeing to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities.

The court will decide by next June if race can be used in college admissions, an issue that the justices have dealt with only once before, in a cloudy 1978 ruling that led to more confusion.

The justices will consider whether white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were unconstitutionally turned down because of their race.

The cases give the court an opportunity to ban affirmative action in higher education or say how much weight universities may assign to an applicant's race. The stakes are high because many public and private colleges have race-conscious admissions policies.

In other action today the court:

— Said it will consider a Texas case over whether states can punish homosexuals for having sex, a case that tests the constitutionality of sodomy laws in 13 states.

— Agreed to decide if inmates have constitutional rights to jailhouse visits from young relatives and others, in a case that could have far-reaching implications for prisons around the country.

—Turned down an effort to block specialty car license plates in Louisiana with the slogan "Choose Life.'

—Said it will consider whether California prosecutors can get around time limits on child molestation cases, agreeing to hear an appeal from a grandfather charged with sexually abusing two family members decades earlier.

Affirmative action supporters argue that without policies that encourage diverse student bodies, the top public colleges in the country would not be representative.

Opponents contend that those policies discriminate against white students, giving slots to less qualified minorities.

"We come to this with a great deal of trepidation because affirmative action has been under assault," said Theodore Shaw, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which urged the court to review the cases. "Confusion isn't going to go away until the Supreme Court resolves this question."

Curt Levey, a lawyer with the Center for Individual Rights which is representing the white students, said black enrollment initially fell when race considerations were outlawed in public colleges in California, Florida, Texas and Washington state.

Man arrested for DWI and unlawfully carrying weapon

•Arrests

Officers arrested a 22-year-old man in the 3700 block of Austin Ave. at 8 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

At 4:30 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 500 block of 15th Street on warrants for theft by check.

A 22-year-old man was taken into custody at 7 a.m. Sunday for assault and family violence.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old man at 7:15 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of 33rd Street for criminal trespass.

•Criminal trespass

A woman in Hermleigh requested a deputy Sunday morning to serve a criminal trespass warning against a man at her residence.

•Thefts

Kim McFatridge reported her car was broken into Sunday morning and officers submitted an offense report for burglary of a vehicle.

A clerk at Skinny's on Coliseum Dr. reported the theft of a donation jar and officers filed a report for the theft.

•Disturbance

A girl called 9-1-1 from Skinny's Saturday night and reported her father was beating her mother at their residence. Officers responded and advised no assault had occurred.

•Prowler

A woman in the 1900 block of Ave. M reported a possible prowler in her residence at 2 a.m. Sunday. Officers checked the home and initiated a close patrol.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Snyder One Stop reported a drive off worth $13.22 just after 6 p.m. Saturday.

Two gas drive offs were reported from Town and Country East Sunday afternoon, one worth $10 and the other for $30.

Inspectors visiting Iraqi factory, plant

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. inspectors visited alcoholic beverage plants and a factory that once made parts for now-banned missiles, while Britain charged today that Saddam Hussein uses torture, rape and terror to oppress his people.

On the fifth day of the renewed search for weapons of mass destruction under a tough U.N. mandate, the inspection team went to a Baghdad factory that made guidance and control systems for Iraq's "stretch Scuds."

Iraq modified Soviet-made Scuds to longer range and used them in the Persian Gulf War. Iraq is prohibited from having such missiles and inspectors presumably wanted to ensure that such work has not resumed.

The inspectors left the missile plant after six hours inside and did not comment to reporters. The plant's deputy director, Brigadier Mohammed Salah, said all went smoothly and the arms experts found nothing.

"We don't engage in this kind of activity," he said.

A second team said to be from the U.N. nuclear regulatory agency visited three alcoholic beverage plants on Baghdad's outskirts, according to the plants' Iraqi managers. The purpose of the inspection could not immediately be determined. The managers said inspectors also visited the plants in the 1990s and placed tags on some equipment.

"They surprised us with a visit today," said Albert Moussa Younan, manager of one plant. "They did not find anything because we are a company that produces alcoholic beverages."

Surprise has been an important tactic for the inspectors. The Security Council resolution that sent them back after a four-year absence empowered them to go anywhere at any time to determine whether Iraq still is harboring banned weapons.

The U.S. military said allied warplanes bombed an Iraqi air-defense site today after coming under anti-aircraft artillery fire while patrolling a northern no-fly zone. The U.S. European Command based in Stuttgart, Germany, said coalition planes were fired on near the northern city of Mosul.

There was no immediate word from Iraqi officials on the strike.

U.S. aircraft also dropped 240,000 leaflets over communications facilities about 100-150 miles southeast of Baghdad. The sites, between the cities of Al Kut and An Nasiriyah, were damaged by U.S. airstrikes Sunday.

Two leaflet messages urged the Iraqi military not to repair the facilities, while a third warned that Iraqi firing on U.S. and British aircraft flying over southern Iraq could trigger more allied attacks.

Earlier, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri complained to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan about Sunday's U.S.-British air raids in southern Iraq.

Obituaries

Juanita Martinez

1949-2002

Juanita R. Martinez, 53, died Sunday, Dec. 1, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Martinez is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Iglesia De Cristo. Max Zamorano of New Braunfels will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martinez

A prayer service is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Mr. Zamorano officiating.

Born Sept. 29, 1949 in Ozona, she married Carlos Martinez on Feb. 17, 1969 in Snyder. She was a homemaker and a member of Iglesia De Cristo.

Survivors include her husband, Carlos Martinez of Snyder; three daughters, Naomi Martinez, Martha Swann and her husband James, Susie Morin and her husband Joe, all of Snyder; two sons, Carlos Martinez Jr. and his wife Rosa and Valentin Martinez, all of Snyder; her mother, Inez Rodriquez of Snyder; her father, Juan Rodriquez of Lamesa; two sisters, Sara Rodriguez of Snyder and Becky Lentz and her husband Roy of Abilene; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Adam and Christina Rodriguez of Dallas, Charlie and Sylvia Rodriguez and Robert and Linda Rodriguez, all of Snyder, and Daniel and Yolanda Rodriguez and David and Maria Rodriguez, all of Houston; and nine grandchildren.

Jim Prescott

1930-2002

MIDLAND — James "Jim" Prescott, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 29, at Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

Service for Mr. Prescott, 72, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Patrick Payton and Lee Roy Jones officiating. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. in the Colorado City Cemetery, Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born May 23, 1930 in Colorado City, he served two years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He married Eddie Jo Proctor on Aug. 5, 1950 in the Buford Baptist Church.

The family also lived in Colorado City and Big Spring before moving to Midland in 1979. He was a toolpusher for Robinson Drilling Company for 30 years in Big Spring and retired as drilling manager in 1997 after 18 years with RK Petroleum in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Lela Hines Prescott; a brother, R.C. Prescott Jr.; and an infant sister, Bette Lou Prescott.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Prescott of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Sheila Martin of Midland; three sisters, Mae Bowman of Denver, Frances Johnson of Brownwood and Vivian Noel of Fort Worth; a brother, Delmer Prescott of Midland; special cousins, David Hines of Snyder and Bessie Corbell of Georgetown; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Ada Fawver

1913-2002

LUBBOCK — Services for Ada Fawver of Lubbock, a former Scurry County resident, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Quaker Ave. Church of Christ with Elmore Johnson officiating.

Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Pyron Cemetery near Hermleigh under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Ada Fawver

Mrs. Fawver, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 1, in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 2, 1913 in Grayson County Texas to the late Bart and Maude Harmon and attended school in Pyron. She married James Earnest Fawver on Oct. 15, 1940 in Sweetwater. He died in January of 1985.

A homemaker, Mrs. Fawver lived in the Snyder and Hermleigh area before moving to Happy Union in the 1950s. She moved to Lubbock in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Chism of Lubbock and Maudie Lindsey of Big Spring; two sisters, Dorothy Bonner of Lubbock and Betty Ott of Odessa; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street in Lubbock, 79423; or Quaker Avenue Church of Christ, 1701 Quaker Avenue, Lubbock, 79407.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Betty Tatum

1930-2002

AZLE — Betty Jo Tatum, former Snyder resident, died Friday, Nov. 29, in Fort Worth.

Graveside service for Mrs. Tatum, 72, was held today at Greenwood Cemetery.

Betty Tatum

Born Feb. 12, 1930 in Hawley, she also was a former resident of Abilene and Big Spring. She married Jimmie John Tatum of Baird on April 19, 1946. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Terry; her parents; a grandson, Todd Steven Tatum; and four brothers, Wayne, Aubrey, Horace and Walter Dotson.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Darlene Tatum and Larry and Linda Tatum, all of Azle; a brother and sister-in-law, Chancel and Mary Dotson; five sisters, Essie Russell, Beth Vincent, Gladys Van Cleave, Neva Stanley and Glennie Baxter; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 12/3	Wed 12/4	Thu 12/5
48/33	**43/28**	**51/28**
A fair amount of sunshine. High around 65F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	Chance of showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise 7:30 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:30 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM	Sunrise 7:31 AM, Sunset 5:37 PM

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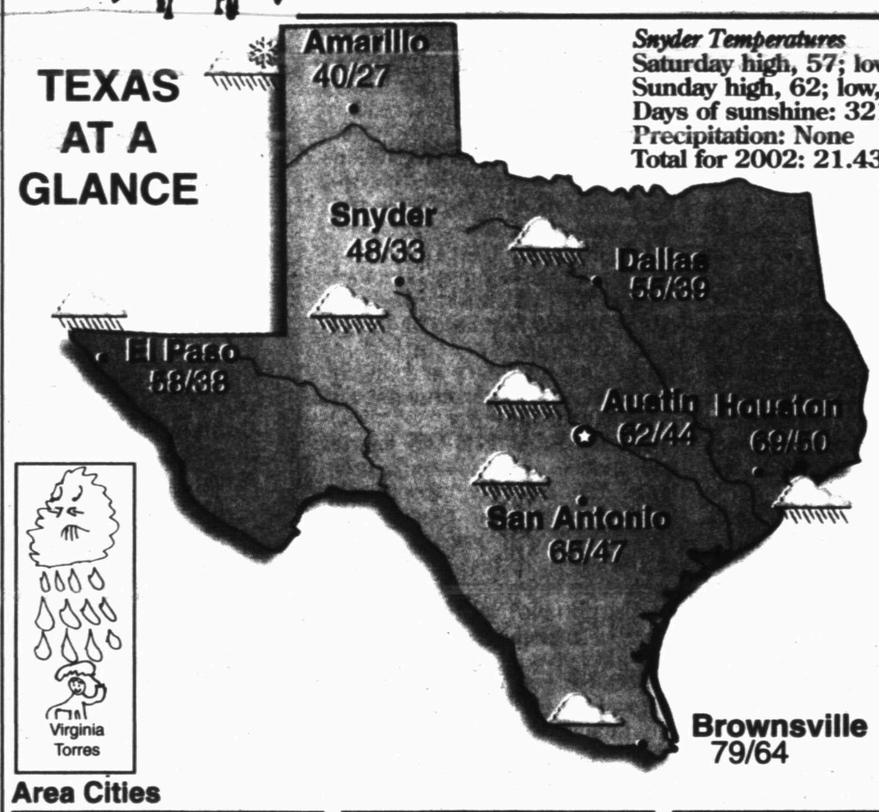

Snyder Temperatures
Saturday high, 57; low, 30
Sunday high, 62; low, 33
Days of sunshine: 321
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 21.43 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	36	rain	El Paso	58	38	rain	Midland	52	37	rain
Amarillo	40	27	mixed	Fort Stockton	57	41	rain	Raymondville	78	57	cloudy
Austin	62	44	rain	Gainesville	51	32	rain	Rosenberg	69	50	t-storm
Beaumont	67	51	t-storm	Greenville	53	35	rain	San Antonio	65	47	rain
Brownsville	79	64	cloudy	Houston	69	50	rain	San Marcos	64	45	rain
Brownwood	56	38	rain	Kingsville	74	53	rain	Sulphur Springs	54	36	rain
Corpus Christi	72	53	t-storm	Livingston	64	44	rain	Sweetwater	51	35	rain
Corsicana	56	39	rain	Longview	56	39	rain	Tyler	58	42	rain
Dallas	55	39	rain	Lubbock	46	32	rain	Weatherford	53	33	rain
Del Rio	66	51	rain	Lufkin	62	47	rain	Wichita Falls	48	32	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	39	cloudy	Houston	69	50	rain	Phoenix	67	48	pt sunny
Boston	28	21	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	53	mst sunny	San Francisco	58	47	pt sunny
Chicago	26	18	pt sunny	Miami	81	68	pt sunny	Seattle	48	38	pt sunny
Dallas	55	39	rain	Minneapolis	17	9	pt sunny	St. Louis	36	24	cloudy
Denver	42	22	pt sunny	New York	32	22	mst sunny	Washington, DC	36	25	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 19

UV Index

Tue 12/3	Wed 12/4	Thu 12/5
Minimal	Minimal	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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