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County commissioners give okay to 10-year parks improvement plan

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County parks and recreational facilities got a giant boost toward renovation this morning as the commissioners' court unanimously approved a master plan detailing up to 10 years of improvements.

The Arlington firm of Schrickel, Rollins and Associates developed the master plan and Suzanne Sweek, a company spokesperson, presented it to the court.

Sweek said the county's greatest asset is the people who live here and the greatest problem is deteriorating facilities.

"Scurry County has extremely committed citizens," she said. "We have really been struck by the community spirit and can-do attitude exhibited. The financial support from the private sector in Scurry County has been much greater than we see in much larger cities."

Most of the county's facilities are deteriorating, the company found, and its equipment is outdated.

Other problems include "a lack of county financial support" and "residents leaving the county to fulfill recreational desires."

Sweek said the county's rural community centers are causing a drain on funding and manpower and "should be disposed of."

"Lifestyles have changed since these buildings were constructed," she said. "Populations have consolidated into the city limits and the buildings are grossly underused. We're not suggesting you bulldoze the buildings, but maybe hand them over to other entities who could utilize them better."

The firm recommended closing the Dunn, Northeast and Union community centers.

Much of Sweek's presentation focused on Towle Park and said an obvious need at the park is sufficient irrigation to keep vegetation green during dry summer months.

Other topics were Kiddie Park and the swimming pool.

"The playground equipment at Kiddie Park has long passed its useful life," she said. "Scurry County has playgrounds at 11 locations — a lot for a community this size. We're recommending you consolidate those to a few and better locations."

Sweek said the danger posed by the current playground at Kiddie Park is great and none of the equipment there meets safety standards.

"In a worst-case scenario, a child could hang himself with some of the openings and railings there, or at least pinch a limb and be hurt," she said.

The firm's view of the Towle Park pool were not any more favorable.

"Anything done to repair this pool is like putting Band-Aids on a badly injured person. We are planning a water park that could be a true family facility where they can go and spend a day there and enjoy themselves right here at home."

Other plans include replacing the large picnic pavilion with a smaller one, possibly replacing bathroom facilities in the park and removing aboveground electrical lines for added safety. Sweek said one of the nicest features of Towle Park is the pond, but said it too could use improvement.

"A big issue is the fence surrounding the pond," she said. "I know of no other park in Texas with a fenced in pond. We would also enlarge and re-grade the edges and a fishing pier, which is a rather inexpensive undertaking will also be added."

One item recently added to the master plan is a 45-acre "Legacy Park" to be located southwest of Towle Park across Houston Ave.

The land was donated last week by the Hatter family in a letter of commitment to the parks committee.

The parcel will be utilized as a nature walk with minimal maintenance necessary. It will include natural-material nature trails, interpretive signs, benches and wildlife observation blinds and also a stock tank that could become an additional pond.

Other facilities planned are walking paths through Towle Park, new playgrounds, a water playground, skate park and basketball courts.

Sweek said priorities in the master plan can be changed even after the application is made and accepted, if the community "changes its mind" about what needs to be built first.

The court also gave the firm authorization to submit the county's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the $500,000 matching-funds grant.

In other business, the court approved Treasurer Nelda Colvin's third quarter report. Colvin said the balance of all county accounts at end of the quarter was $8,561,063.22.

Interest earned during the quarter was $52,894.17, a decrease of $7,767.56 from the previous quarter.

The amount also is a decrease of $86,791.84 from the previous year-to-date balance.

She said investments are currently earning 1.8693 percent interest as compared to the average T-bill of 1.6777 percent.

The court also approved 10 line-item transfers and two budget amendments totaling $17,600. Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

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



RIDE 'EM COWBOY — Clancey Gruben, 7, got a taste of rodeo action Saturday at the annual Best of Texas Stock Show as he rode the mechanical bull. (SDN Staff Photo)

Earthquake hits Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A violent earthquake slammed a remote area of Alaska's interior, shutting down the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, opening 6-foot-wide cracks in highways and making lakes slosh as far away as Louisiana. The magnitude 7.9 quake was one of the strongest ever recorded in the United States.

Only one minor injury was reported; a woman suffered a broken arm.

The quake, centered on the Denali Fault 90 miles south of Fairbanks, struck Sunday at 1:13 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (5:13 p.m. EST) — its effects strongly felt in Anchorage about 270 miles to the south. It lasted at least 30 seconds.

"It shook so bad you could not stand up on the front porch," said Jay Capps, a grocery store owner between Tok and Glennallen in the southeastern part of the state. "It sounded like the trees were breaking roots under the ground."

"A charging brown bear I can handle. This scared the hell out of me," said Randy Schmoker of Porcupine Creek. He expected the ground to crack open as it rippled with a series of 8-inch waves in front of him. "They looked like ocean waves."

A series of aftershocks rattled the region Sunday and early today, and seismologists said more could be expected for the next several days. The largest aftershock measured magnitude 5.1, and one of 4.5 hit early today.

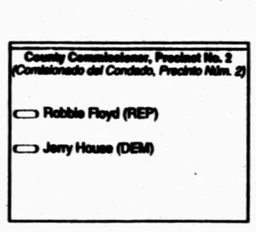
The original quake did considerable damage to Alaska's infrastructure, cracking highways and roads, shaking homes and damaging supports for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

Judge tosses early ballot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — On the last day of early voting, a federal judge ruled that the two-sheet ballot Bexar County has been using for two weeks violates state and federal laws.

U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado wrote that the ballot, which requires voters who want to vote a straight ticket to mark both sheets, "is a change affecting voting and is ineffective without preclearance."

Name left off sample ballot Sunday



Jerry House's name was inadvertently left off the sample ballot published in the Sunday edition of the Snyder Daily News.

House is the Democratic candidate for Scurry County Precinct 2 commissioner.

Robbie Floyd is the Republican candidate.

Wildlife management acres on agenda for appraisal district

Board of directors for the Scurry County Appraisal District will designate appraisal criteria for wildlife management when it convenes at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Toni Shields, appraisal district staffer, said the board has to designate what percentage and the minimum amount of acreage to allow in order for a landowner to apply for wildlife management.

Some criteria is set by the Texas legislature and by the Parks and Wildlife department, but the percentage of acreage is left up to each appraisal district.

The board also will review an audit of the district's 2000 and 2001 collection books. Shields said, "It was a clean audit with no problems found."

Bills payable and collection reports also will be reviewed.

The meeting will take place at the district's office, 2612 College Ave.

Where to vote Tuesday

Voting Pct. #	Precinct Name	Voting Place
5	Fluvanna	Fluvanna Comm. Center
6	Union	Union Comm. Center
7	Northwest Snyder	Scurry County Library
8	West Central Snyder	School Admin. Building
9	Ira	Ira Comm. Building
10	Southwest Snyder	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn	Dunn Comm. Center
12	Central/Southeast Snyder	South side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh	Hermleigh Comm. Center
14	Lloyd Mountain	Northeast Comm. Center
15	North/NE Snyder	North side of Coliseum

Commissioner Pct #1
Box 14, 15
Ralph Trevey

Commissioner Pct #2
Box 5, 6, 7
Roy Idom

Commissioner Pct #3
Box 8, 9, 10
Howard Limmer

Commissioner Pct #4
Box 11, 12, 13
Chloanne Lindsey

Superintendent hopefuls to be discussed at Ira

Ira school board of trustees will meet at 6:30 this evening to review superintendent applications.

Interim Supt. James Bible said the district has received 49 applications for the vacancy that occurred when Jim Rumage left to take over the superintendent's post in Ozona.

The board also will select candidates to interview.

The majority of the meeting is scheduled to be in executive session and will be held in the Ira Community Center.

Master plan for parks on city's agenda

Snyder city council will receive an update on the master plan for Scurry County parks when it convenes at 6:30 this evening.

Dayton Robertson, chairman of the parks committee, will address the council on the plan and the former mayor will also ask the council for a letter of support for the park renovation.

Robertson and Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille also will present the 2002-2003 DCOS budget for the council's approval.

Other new business includes the consideration of amendments to the 2001-2002 budget, reappointments to the electrical board, an amendment to the plumbing code, and a request to use the Municipal Court Technology Fund to reimburse the general fund in the amount of $13,200.

Three ordinances also will be considered on second reading.

One ordinance sets rates for city-provided utilities as reflected in the 2002-2003 budget, and the other two makes changes to the franchise agreement with TXU Gas and Oncor Electric.

The meeting will be in the council chambers at city hall.

ASK US

Q—Does the at-will employee list at the Hermleigh school include secretaries and teachers' aides?
A—Yes.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Carla Jones...

...a records clerk for the Snyder Police Department, moved here in 1992 from Colorado City. She has one daughter, Alyssa, a 7-year-old West Elementary student. Carla is an avid collector of anything to do with cats and enjoys watching movies at home with Alyssa.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see heart to heart.
—Sam Levenson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in the lounge in the front hallway. All parents are invited.

4-H club

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Senior Citizens Center.

VFW Auxiliary meeting

VFW Post #8231 will meet at 7 p.m. today at the post home. The district commander and district president will be present. All members are urged to attend. Call Bernice Sealy at 573-3456 for more information.

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.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "When God Forgives," followed by "The Pain of Evil."

Drama booster club

The SHS drama booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the basement meeting room of Texas Savings Bank. All parents are urged to attend.

Scurry Lodge #706

Scurry Lodge #706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are urged to attend.

FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS ag building. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Woman of Influence

Area women are invited to attend a live simulcast broadcast of *Becoming a Woman of Influence* at 7 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Registration Saturday begins at 7 a.m. Cost is $39 per person. Lunch is included and free childcare will be provided. Today is deadline to reserve space. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Dunn homecoming

The Dunn homecoming will be held Saturday at the Dunn Community Center. Registration begins at 2 p.m. Bring sandwiches, chips and cookies for the evening meal. Special entertainment will be the Western Band composed of Aubrey Wilson, Joe Helen Spivey, Don Johnson, Benny Bentiez, Warren Badger and Charles Dunn. Yvonne is the homecoming chairman.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center.

Veterans Day Service

First Baptist Church will honor all veterans during its annual Veterans Day Service Sunday. There will only be one service Sunday and it will be at 10:45 a.m.

4-H horse club

The 4-H horse club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the East Elementary cafeteria. Calf roping will be discussed.

Parenting seminar

"Tired of Yelling," a parenting seminar hosted by Joy School at East Side Church of Christ, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the East Side multi-purpose building. Call 673-8971 to register.

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, starting with a brisket meal with all the trimmings from noon to 1:30 p.m. Price is $7 for adults and $4 for those under the age of 11. There will be an auction at 12:20 p.m. and the event also will feature crafts, baked goods and homemade items.

Alzheimer informtional meeting

A meeting on Alzheimer's will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church library. Sponsored by Snyder Oak Care Center, those attending will continue watching the film, "Alzheimer 101."

Mesquite Country Emmaus Thanksgiving

Mesquite Country Emmaus annual Thanksgiving celebration will be at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. RSVP to Elois Pruitt at 573-6603 before Friday, Nov. 15. Initials A-L bring vegetables, and M-Z bring desserts.

Junior high yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 26 in room 110. Price is $16 with a deposit of $8 required when ordering. No extra copies will be available.

Tiger's Lair on sale

Orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair are being taken. Cost is $45 with options available at an addition fee. The price will increase to $50 after Dec. 1. Also deadline for senior dedications is Dec. 1. Dedications are $45 per photo and message. Call 574-6138 for information.

Ira Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2003 Bulldog annuals are on sale. Reserve your copy from now until Nov. 26. Cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. The supply is limited, so reserve your copy as soon as possible. To order, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

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.

GOP hopes Texas House will be theirs

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans, with a majority of new political districts leaning their way, hope the Texas House will finally be theirs after Election Day dust clears.

If the GOP wins a majority of the chamber's 150 seats, it will be the first time in 130 years that Republicans rule the chamber. The party already controls the state Senate 16-15 — a lead the GOP hopes to build.

Democrats believe a strong statewide ticket and local candidates will help them block significant Republican gains in the House and keep at the helm Speaker Pete Laney, a moderate Democrat from Hale Center with allies on both sides of the aisle. They suggest they might even pick up a few Senate seats.

Harvey Kronberg, editor of the Texas political newsletter Quorum Report, said "every star in the universe would have to align" for Democrats to keep a House majority.

"But I don't think that Republicans will have a majority as big as they hoped," Kronberg said. "The Democrats actually fielded a better crop of candidates than we've seen in a decade."

The deep pockets of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez has freed donor money for legislative and other Democratic candidates. That has forced Republican Gov. Rick Perry to soak up much of the GOP donations, leaving Republican legislative candidates dry, Kronberg said.

Even before Nov. 5, the 31-member Senate is partly decided.

Nine incumbents are unopposed: Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Mario Gallegos, D-Houston; Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville; Frank Madla, D-San Antonio; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso; and Royce West, D-Dallas.

Ten senators face minor party opposition and nine incumbents, including acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, are expected to win their general election challenges.

Three Senate races are considered competitive:

— In District 2, incumbent David Cain, D-Dallas, faces Bob Deuell, a Republican doctor from Greenville who lost to Cain two years ago. Cain's East Texas district was recrafted last year during redistricting, leaving the Democrat without the areas that helped him win in 2000.

— Republican Rep. Kim Brimer of Fort Worth is running for GOP Sen. Chris Harris' old seat. Harris moved to a new district after redistricting made his area a bit more Democratic. Brimer faces Democrat Hal Ray and Libertarian John Paul Robinson in the District 10 contest. Harris faces minor party opposition.

— In Austin, redistricting also affected the race of longtime Democratic Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos. No longer the Democratic stronghold it once was, the new District 14 contains north Travis County and parts of Williamson County, which in recent years have been become suburban havens for businesspeople and high-tech workers like Barrientos' opponent, Republican Ben Bentzin.

Bentzin, a former executive at Dell Computer Corp. who is shelling out big bucks on his campaign, is giving Barrientos what many say is the Democrat's toughest race ever.

Battles for the Texas House have been especially intense because of the speaker's race — a strong Republican majority is crucial to the GOP's chance to take the leadership. Representatives will vote on a speaker, considered by some the most influential state job, once the session begins in January.

Like the Senate, some House races already are decided or considered shoo-ins for incumbents. About two dozen contents for the 150-member House are up in the air. A sampling:

— Redistricting has resulted in some tough races for incumbents. GOP Rep. Wayne Christian of Center faces Democrat Robin Moore of Nacogdoches; Democrat Rep. Ann Kitchen is running against Republican Todd Baxter, both are from Austin; and Republican Rep. David Swinford of Dumas is being challenged by Democrat Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo.

— Redistricting moved Democratic Rep. Debra Danburg into Republican-leaning District 134 in Houston, where she faces Republican Martha Wong. If elected, Wong would become the House's first female Asian-American member. The area is home to voters who have a history of ticket splitting.

— House dean Tom Uher, D-Bay City, could see his 37-year House career end if he doesn't survive a tough District 29 challenge from Glenda Dawson, a Republican from Pearland.

— Republican Rep. Rick Green of Dripping Springs also finds himself in a competitive race in Central Texas' District 45, which has been represented by members of both political parties several times over the past decade.

Democrat Patrick Rose of Dripping Springs, a 23-year-old recent Princeton University grad, has impressed party leaders and scared the opposition by running a surprisingly well-financed campaign against the 31-year-old incumbent. Green Party hopeful John Schmidt of Martindale also is running.

Would defend Stewart

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell says that if she still had her talk show, she would use it as a forum to defend Martha Stewart.

"I'd be singing Martha Stewart a love song every day. I want every housewife in America to band together and refuse to let them tear down one of the most successful female entrepreneurs in our country's history," she says.

O'Donnell said her fans shouldn't worry about her because she gave up her show and magazine.

Today's chuckle

Godzilla found wandering streets

NORWALK, Calif. (AP) — Godzilla was found wandering the streets, but Mothra wasn't his biggest adversary — cars were.



The 105-pound African spurred tortoise named after the horror movie icon was found several blocks from his home Wednesday, three days after he escaped.

"Godzilla was lucky that he wasn't mistaken for a speed bump," Animal Control Officer Connie Bradford said after enlisting the help of bystanders to move the tortoise to her vehicle.

A passerby had spotted Godzilla and alerted the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority.

Chuck and Frances Gil, who have had 55-year-old Godzilla as a pet since the 1970s, said the tortoise apparently burrowed under a fence into a neighbor's yard and kept going.

"We're glad to have him back," Chuck Gil said.

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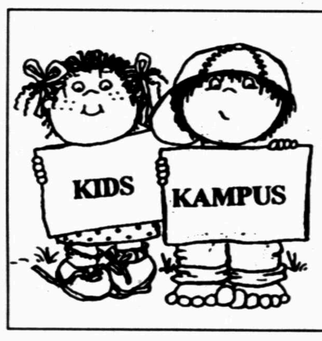
AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $19 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-14-17-26-28-40.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $23 million.

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Microsoft ruling means Windows still dominates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers switching on a Windows computer in coming months could see important new changes, including prominent links for programs such as music and chat software from some of Microsoft's biggest corporate rivals.

But a court's decision not to impose tougher penalties than those negotiated with the Bush administration means Microsoft's flagship software will remain mostly unadulterated as the engine for the technology industry and for its own extraordinary profits.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly approved only minor changes in the settlement. She will permit computer-makers, for at least five years, to activate software from rivals as soon as a new PC is switched on by consumers. She also will prohibit Microsoft from threatening to retaliate against anyone who cooperates with its rivals.

The judge established a corporate committee — consisting of Microsoft board members who are not company employees — to make sure the company lives up to the deal, and she gave herself more oversight authority.

But she would not go further punishing Microsoft, deriding arguments by attorneys general from nine states and the District of Columbia that tougher penalties were essential to restore competition in the technology industry. The judge said many of these additional proposals were developed chiefly to benefit Microsoft's rivals, not consumers, and said the states' legal strategy had been hopelessly flawed.

What a difference a judge makes.

Kollar-Kotelly, 59, proved a meticulous, enigmatic jurist unwilling to push the limits of earlier rulings on Microsoft by a federal appeals court.

She adopted a remarkably narrow view of the issues surrounding the case and indicated she was particularly skeptical over the failure to show how Microsoft's business decisions hurt consumers, even as these actions proved devastating to technology rivals.

She said the states demanding tougher penalties showed "little respect" for those earlier appeals rulings and their arguments were "unjustifiably in conflict" with those same rulings.

The judge in the earlier Microsoft trial, Thomas Penfield Jackson, charged through until he was removed for conducting secret interviews with reporters during the case.

Unlike Kollar-Kotelly, who remained stoic throughout a 32-day hearing earlier this year, Jackson occasionally lost his temper toward witnesses during a 78-day trial and laughed openly at Microsoft chief Bill Gates. Jackson also eagerly broadened the case beyond narrow questions surrounding Internet browser software and frequently butted heads with the appeals court.

When Jackson handed down his punishments, also overturned later by an appeals court, he ordered Microsoft split in two. Friday's decision by Kollar-Kotelly was far more favorable for the software giant.

Gates pledged a personal commitment to abide by the judge's instructions, which he called a "a good compromise and good settlement." Microsoft's lawyers expected to spend the weekend reviewing the decision, which covers hundreds of pages. But he said: "We're not seeing anything that would be cause for appeal."

Officials for the nine losing states also were studying their options. They could appeal the judge's denial of additional penalties, although California's attorney general, Bill Lockyer, acknowledged that after a four-year court fight, "We're all fatigued."

His colleague, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, who has been among Microsoft's harshest critics, struck a more defiant tone: "The last chapter has not been written," he said.

Although Microsoft's most prominent court battle seemed headed toward resolution, the company's antitrust troubles are not over.

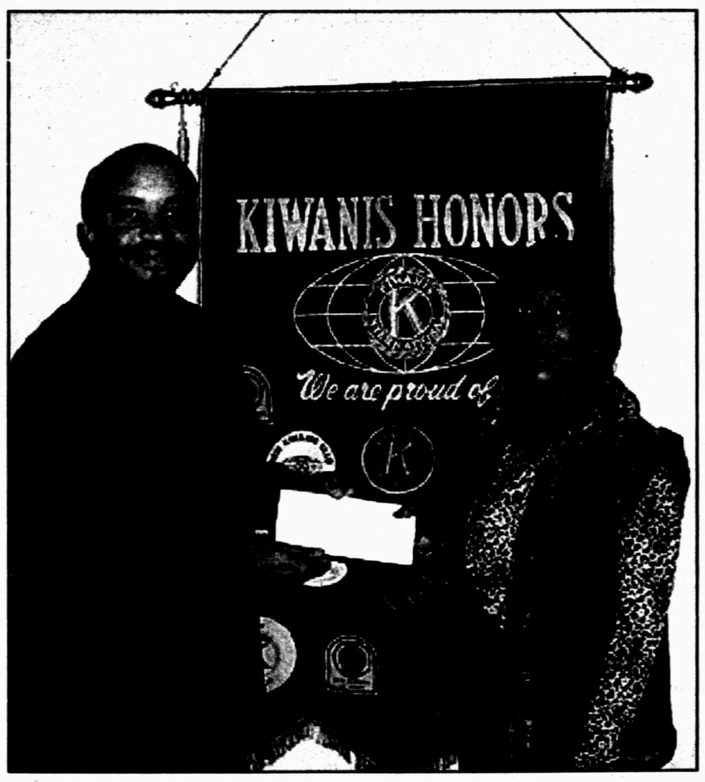
It still faces private lawsuits by Sun Microsystems Inc. and AOL-Time Warner Inc., and European antitrust regulators — who were awaiting the U.S. judge's decision — have hinted they will announce sanctions against Microsoft by year's end on related matters.

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Idaho is also known as the Gem State.

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.



DONATION — The Noon Kiwanis Club recently made a $5,000 donation to the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship at Western Texas College. The funds were generated by the annual Kiwanis Golf Tournament held at WTC in August along with matching funds from Wal-Mart. Dr. Greg Williams accepted the donation from Kiwanis president Paula Bond. (Contributed Photo)

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 4, 2002

Today is the 308th day of 2002 and the 44th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1842, in Springfield, Ill., Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln were wed.

On this day in 1922, British archeologist Howard Carter and those who worked with him discovered a step leading to King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

On this day in 1979, Iranian students stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran and took 90 hostages. The students were protesting the United States' continued support of Iran's brutal shah who had earlier been deposed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: B.F. Goodrich (1841-1888), manufacturer; Walter Cronkite (1916-), broadcast journalist, is 86; Loretta Swit (1937-), actress, is 65; Markie Post (1950-), actress, is 52; Sean "P. Diddy" Combs (1969-), entertainer and fashion designer, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats, Lee Breedlove set a women's land-speed record by driving a J-47 jet engine car at 308.56 mph.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In seeking truth you have to get both sides of a story." — Walter Cronkite

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (Nov. 4).

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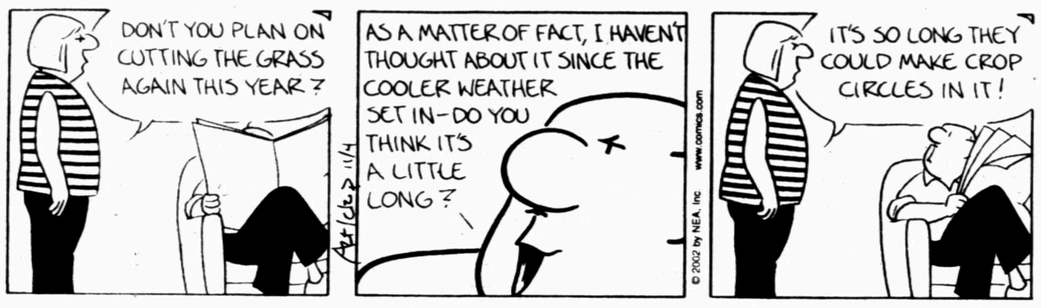
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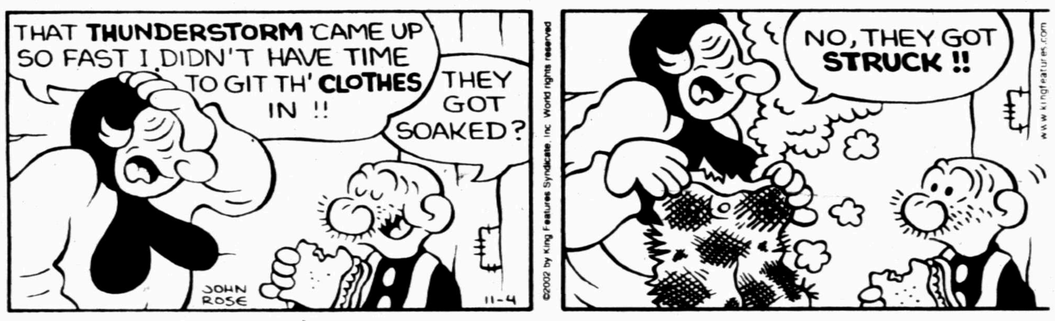
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Caligula's nephew
5 Deep black
8 Window frame
12 Elevator inventor
13 — — tree (stumped)
14 Cast — (lost)
15 Foolish
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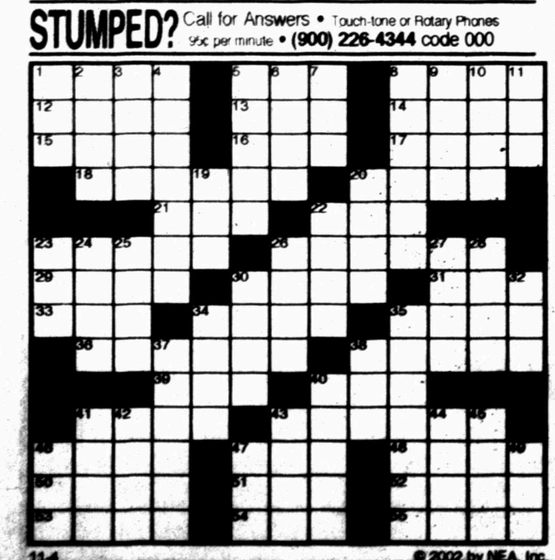
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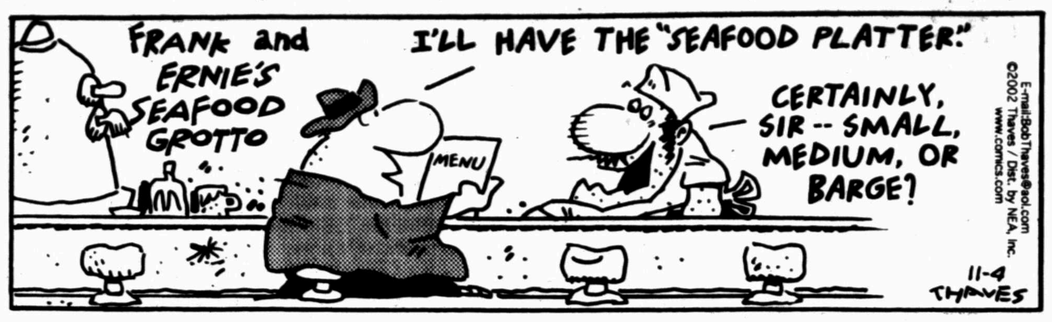
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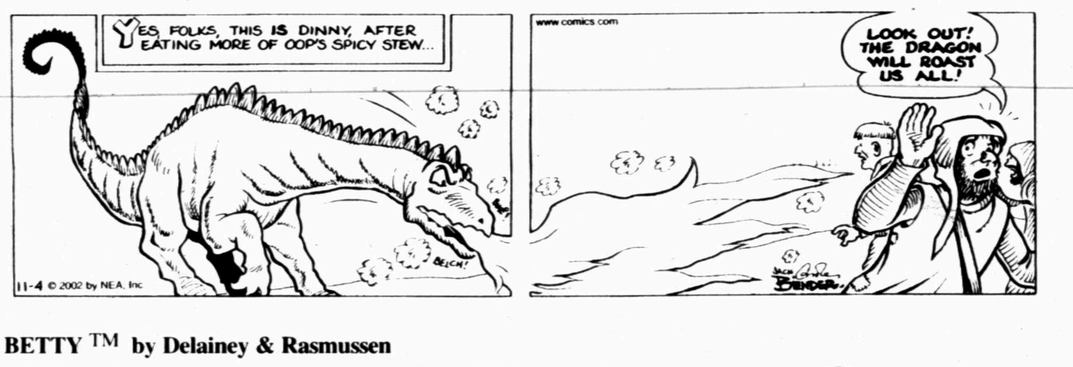
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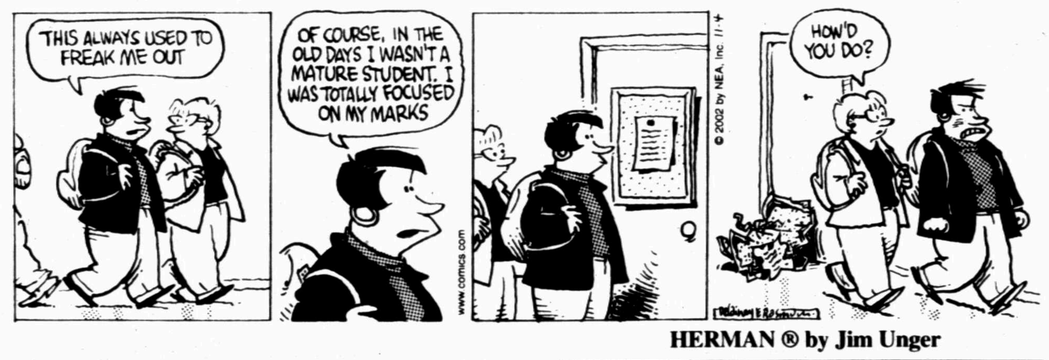
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HERMLEIGH DRILL TEAM — Members of the 2002-2003 drill team at Hermleigh include Samantha Berry, Angie Glover, Amy Botts, Christy Garcia and Danni Webb. (Staff Photo by Shirley Gorman)

First Lady Laura Bush turns 56

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — There may be no worse timing for a political spouse than to have an early November birthday — that annual day in the sun is guaranteed to be overshadowed by the need to hustle for votes on Election Day. This year, Laura Bush may have it worst of all.

The first lady turned 56 today, one day ahead of Tuesday's voting. And her 25th wedding anniversary with President Bush falls on Election Day.

With so much of her husband's attention riveted toward the outcome of the midterm elections, there's not much time left for special observances.

Over the weekend, the couple kept separate campaign schedules. They finally merged their itineraries Sunday evening in South Dakota — where the president, 56, beamed at her from the podium and informed his audience that his wife would be a year older the next day.

"I thought it would be wise to hook up with Laura the day before her birthday," Bush said, prompting hearty laughter and a spirited rendition of "Happy Birthday" from the crowd.

"That's your birthday gift," he joked.

He might have been right.

After spending Sunday night in Iowa, the Bushes were kicking off the first lady's birthday with a rally in Cedar Rapids before flying to others in St. Louis, Bentonville, Ark., and Dallas. They wouldn't land at their Texas ranch until well after suppertime, meaning no other plans today to mark Mrs. Bush's day.

But if the first lady longed for anything different, there was no showing it.

"It's just a fact of my life," she told a reporter Sunday night, recalling the 1980 election when her father-in-law, George H.W. Bush, was elected vice president on her birthday. "It makes for very exciting birthdays."

The same no-plans plan goes for the Bushes' silver wedding anniversary. They were to vote early Tuesday at the Crawford, Texas, firehouse, near their ranch, then head back to Washington. Their evening agenda amounted to keeping tabs on the election returns.

Romantic it isn't. But as first lady spokeswoman Alexia Poe said, "at least they'll be watching them together" — not always an easy feat for a busy first couple.

And the lack of pomp and circumstance seems to fit not only the Bushes' schedules but their personalities as well. Aides say the couple aren't big on making a fuss over special occasions.

Mrs. Bush said the upcoming weekend may offer a chance for a joint birthday-anniversary celebration, with a stay at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., joined by a few close friends and family.

"When you get to be a certain age, you really don't care that much about celebrating your birthdays," she said. "Although the 25th anniversary is a milestone. I have to admit, though, it does seem like we just got married a few years ago."

Even with the relative dearth of Big Gestures, the relationship is by no means devoid of courting.

Previous Valentine's Days, for instance, have found Bush presenting his wife with a dozen roses or a bundle of tulips. She has reciprocated with heart-shaped sweets.

As for the possible exchanging of birthday and anniversary gifts, aides to the Bushes were mum.

Security guard faces murder charges after 16-year-old's death

DALLAS (AP) — A security guard accused of shooting a 16-year-old suspected shoplifter in the head as he ran from a discount store was charged Sunday with murder.

Police said Bennie Franklin Pointer Jr., 50, of Dallas shot Leshard Wilson as the teen and two others ran away from a Family Dollar store after witnesses accused them of shoplifting Saturday.

Police said they did not find a weapon on Wilson, who died in a Dallas hospital about six hours after the shooting.

Police charged Pointer Saturday with aggravated assault, but the charge was changed to murder Sunday because Leshard died. Pointer remained in jail Sunday, awaiting arraignment.

"The law allows security guards to use deadly force to protect property," Dallas police Sgt. Ken Sprecher told The Dallas Morning News. "But we're now to the point where we're making the determination that there was not justification for this."

Sprecher said no charges were filed against the teen, and the two other boys fled.

The guard was working for North American Security Group. The company said it would make a statement this afternoon.

Dozens hurt in pileup on freeway

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Authorities said drivers were going too fast for foggy conditions before a massive freeway pileup of nearly 200 cars and big-rig trucks that injured 41 people, nine critically.

California Highway Patrol Officer Joseph Pace said visibility was down to about 50 feet in heavy fog when the chain-reaction crashes began just before 7 a.m. Sunday on the Long Beach Freeway.

There were 194 vehicles involved, including seven or eight big rigs.

The freeway, about 25 miles south of Los Angeles, was shut down for nearly 11 hours before it was reopened.

"It looked like bumper cars," said Lorne Whittle, who was heading to work in his sport utility vehicle when he found himself approaching the wreckage. "I stopped and then cars started bouncing off each other."

Another driver, Butch Onesto, said he hit the brakes to avoid the crash but his car was struck by three others.

"Something told me to get out of the car. I kicked open the passenger door, climbed out and ran," said Onesto, who was uninjured.

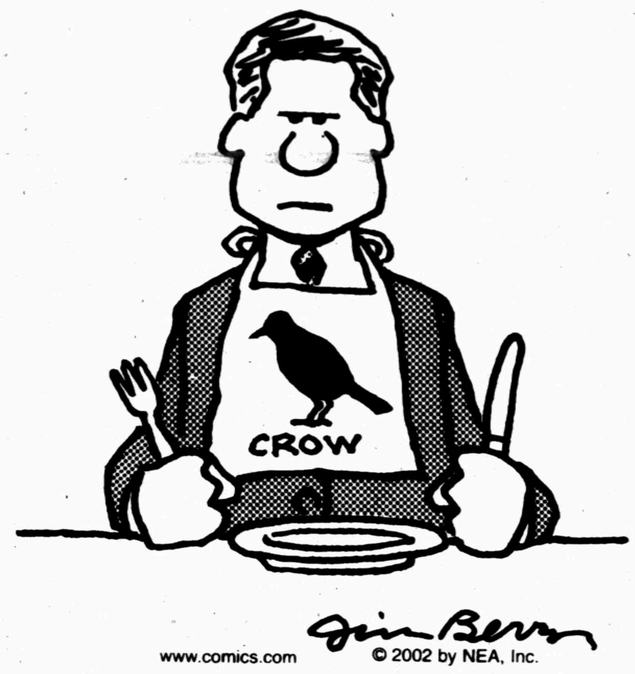
Seconds later, a car smashed in the driver's side of his car, he said. Another car ended up on his car's roof.

By late Sunday, a 77-year-old woman remained hospitalized in critical condition and a 33-year-old woman was in intensive care. Six other people also remained hospitalized. The rest were treated for minor injuries and released.

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Dallas offense woeful in loss

DETROIT (AP) — Emmitt Smith didn't look anything like the NFL's all-time leading rusher and Chad Hutchinson looked every bit like a quarterback making his second NFL start.

It all added up to another lamentable offensive effort for the Dallas Cowboys in a 9-7 loss to the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"We knew it was going to be a tight fit," Dallas coach Dave Campo said. "We've had eight different offensive line combinations in the last eight or nine weeks and it shows."

Detroit's Jason Hanson kicked three field goals, his third coming from 43 yards out with 48 seconds left to lift the Lions to their third-straight home victory.

"We've got a three-game winning streak at home, and that's a big statement these players have made," Detroit coach Marty Mornhinweg said.

The Lions (3-5) have lost all 12 of the road games they've played under Mornhinweg, but at Ford Field, they've beaten New Orleans, Chicago and now the Cowboys (3-6).

One week after breaking Walter Payton's NFL record for career rushing yardage, Smith ran for just 39 yards on 16 carries. Smith now has 16,782 yards over his 13-year career.

In a city still bitter about Barry Sanders' abrupt retirement three years ago, Smith was booed when he was introduced, and he heard a few "Bar-ry! Bar-ry!" chants, especially when he was stopped behind the line of scrimmage.

"Hey, I'm in Detroit," Smith said. "Anything less would be uncivilized."

Sanders ran for 15,269 yards in just 10 seasons with the Lions and was one typical season away from breaking Payton's record. Smith said earlier this week that he'd still be chasing the rushing record if Sanders hadn't retired.

Meanwhile, Hutchinson couldn't get the Cowboys' offense going either, as Dallas finished with just 225 yards.

Hutchinson went 22-of-39 for 208 yards without a touchdown or an interception and was sacked five times. He also lost two of his three fumbles.

"If I had to say anything at all, I would say that Chad Hutchinson had my admiration today," Campo said. "He threw the football well."

The game's other rookie quarterback, Detroit's Joey Harrington, struggled for much of the game, but he completed his longest pass of the day — a 13-yarder to James Stewart — on fourth-and-3 from the Dallas 43 to keep the game-winning drive going.

Harrington completed 3 of 4 passes on the drive, which began on the Lions 37, and Stewart ran four times to set up the field goal.

"I don't want the game to come down to me — we want to win by a touchdown or two — but I always tell myself to be prepared," Hanson said.

Both team struggled in the first half, battling to a scoreless tie.

Detroit gained just 50 yards and was 1-for-8 on third downs. Dallas gained 113 yards and was 1-of-7 on third downs.

After Detroit went three-and-out on four straight drives, Curry forced Hutchinson's first fumble, and James Hall recovered it midway through the second quarter at the Dallas 32.

Two plays later, Ross intercepted a pass in the end zone that had Harrington forced into double-coverage. Ross' second interception came late in the third, when Harrington lobbed a pass to Scotty Anderson at midfield.



WHOOPS — Detroit's Donte Curry strips the ball from Dallas QB Chad Hutchinson in Sunday's 9-7 win over the Cowboys. Dallas finished with only 225 yards of offense. (AP Photo)

'Niners hold on for OT win; Pats trounce Bills

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice, Rich Gannon and the rest of the Oakland Raiders' offense might have had a chance to win — if the San Francisco 49ers had let them get onto the field.

Jose Cortez atoned for his missed 27-yard field goal at the end of regulation by making a 23-yarder 8:41 into overtime as the 49ers won Bay Area bragging rights with a 23-20 victory Sunday.

Counting their 6½-minute drive to end the fourth quarter and the overtime, the 49ers held the ball for the final 15-plus minutes.

Jeff Garcia was 25-of-36 for 282 yards, completing 17 of his 19 passes after halftime to keep the 49ers moving downfield. Terrell Owens had his best game of the season with 12 receptions for 191 yards.

Rice, who set every significant NFL receiving record during 16 seasons with the 49ers, had six catches for 74 yards for the Raiders. Rich Gannon was 18-of-28 for 164 yards, ending his NFL-record streak of six straight 300-yard games.

Both stars could only watch from the sideline as the 49ers marched into position for Cortez's kick late in the game. But the Coliseum crowd went into delirium when Cortez pushed the easy try wide left, leaving the game tied at 20.

Patriots 38, Bills 7

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — A year after taking away Drew Bledsoe's starting job in New England, Tom Brady outdueled his former mentor and led the Patriots past the Bills.

Brady completed 23 of 27 passes for 310 yards and four touchdowns, helping the defending Super Bowl champs (4-4) end their four-game losing streak and get back into the AFC East race.

Bledsoe, playing against his old team for the first time since he was traded to the Bills last April, had decent numbers — 28-of-45 for 302 yards and a 1-yard TD pass to Peerless Price — but he was sacked four times.

Former Bills player Antowain Smith ran for 111 yards and a touchdown and also caught two TD passes from Brady.

Giants 24, Jaguars 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tiki Barber ran for 101 yards and scored on runs of 2 and 44 yards as the Giants broke out of a scoring slump with coach Jim Fassel taking over play-calling duties from offensive coordinator Sean Payton.

Tim Seder kicked a 24-yard field goal and Mark Brunell threw fourth-quarter touchdown passes of 14 yards to Bobby Shaw and 9 to Jimmy Smith for Jacksonville (3-5), which has dropped four straight.

Bucs 38, Vikings 24

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Brad Johnson, who missed a game with a broken rib, completed 19 of 31 passes for 313 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions. Keyshawn Johnson had nine receptions for 133 yards and two TDs — all season highs.

The Bucs (7-2) matched the best nine-game start in their history, equaling the 1979 team.

Minnesota (2-6) has lost 15 straight road games, including the playoffs.

Michael Bennett ran for 114 yards, including an 85-yard touchdown that was the longest run in Vikings history, surpassing Clinton Jones' 80-yarder in 1969.

Falcons 20, Ravens 17

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Vick had a miserable game, but the Falcons won their fourth straight after squandering a 14-point lead.

After two straight brilliant outings, Vick completed only 12 of 24 passes for 136 yards. The second-year quarterback also was sacked three times, had negative yards rushing, fumbled twice and threw his first interception of the season.

Atlanta's Jay Feely kicked a 40-yard field goal with 2:02 left in the third quarter, and the Falcons held on from there.

Steelers 23, Browns 20

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tommy Maddox threw two touchdown passes, Amos Zereoue ran for a career-high 111 yards and Pittsburgh's defense shut down Cleveland.

With their fourth straight win, the Steelers (5-3) took command of the AFC North and hit the halfway point looking better than they have all season.

Todd Peterson kicked field goals of 43, 28 and 42 yards for the Steelers, who started 0-2.

Maddox, now 4-1 as Pittsburgh's starter, threw two second-quarter TD passes to help the Steelers rally from a 14-3 deficit.

Eagles 19, Bears 13

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Hugh Douglas, who knocked Jim Miller out of a playoff game in January by slamming him to the turf during an interception return, sacked the quarterback on third down from the Eagles 24 with 17 seconds to go. Miller, who had missed the previous two games with injuries, threw too high for Marcus Robinson on fourth down.

The Eagles (6-2) have allowed 13 or fewer points five times this season.

Chicago (2-6) lost its sixth straight.

David Akers kicked four second-half field goals for the Eagles.

Titans 23, Colts 15

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Keith Bulluck returned a fumble 61 yards for one touchdown, and Peter Sirmon's interception led to another TD as the Titans moved into a first-place tie in the AFC South.

It was Tennessee's third straight win, and the Colts' third straight loss.

The Titans (4-4) managed just 198 yards, but the defense kept Indianapolis (4-4) neutralized.

Eddie George gained 95 yards for the Titans, who jumped to a 23-0 lead.

Peyton Manning completed 37 of 50 passes for 327 yards and two touchdowns, but the Colts' running game generated just 80 yards, and the fans booed the offense.

Rams 27, Cardinals 14

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Marshall Faulk carried the Rams again, rushing for 178 yards and sealing the Rams' third straight victory on a 13-yard touchdown with 1:53 to play.

The Rams (3-5) are 19-0 when Faulk reaches triple digits in rushing. He also caught five passes for 58 yards.

Marc Bulger, 3-0 as the starter in the absence of injured Kurt Warner, was 20-of-29 for 245 and two touchdowns.

Faulk's clinching score came after the Cardinals (4-4) went for it on fourth-and-4 from their own 30. Jake Plummer's pass to Frank Sanders was ruled a trap, and the call withstood an Arizona challenge.

Jets 44, Chargers 13

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers came dressed in their powder-blue throwback jerseys and left looking like powderpuffs after getting worked over by the Jets.

Chad Pennington threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Santana Moss had a 52-yard punt return for a TD, his second in as many weeks.

The Chargers (6-2) got just 60 yards rushing on 12 carries from LaDainian Tomlinson.

Redskins 14, Seahawks 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Kenny Watson ran for 110 yards in place of injured starter Stephen Davis, and Shane Matthews threw two first-half touchdowns passes to lead the Redskins.

That was all the offense Washington (4-4) needed, as the Seahawks gave up four sacks and Matt Hasselbeck lost two fumbles, unleashing more boos on the quarterback.

NFL Standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	2	0	.714	190	143
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	248	269
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	165
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	160	206
South						
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.500	160	167
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	183	212
Jacksonville	3	5	0	.375	164	157
Houston	2	6	0	.250	107	214
North						
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	192	160
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	205	195
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	139	162
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	113	214
West						
Denver	6	2	0	.750	207	170
San Diego	6	2	0	.750	186	163
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	259	240
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	226	188

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	221	118
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	.500	113	132
Washington	4	4	0	.500	155	191
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	115	155
South						
Tampa Bay	7	2	0	.778	203	109
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	256	209
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	187	136
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	111	117
North						
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	203	154
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	158	220
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	152	199
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	186	230
West						
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	203	164
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	150	158
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	166	172
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	145	180

Sunday's Games

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Cincinnati 38, Houston 3
Philadelphia 19, Chicago 13
New England 38, Buffalo 7
Tampa Bay 38, Minnesota 24
Pittsburgh 23, Cleveland 20
N.Y. Jets 44, San Diego 13
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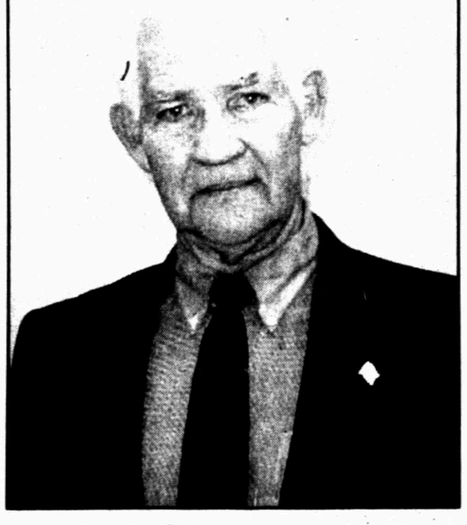
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SPORTS

Hapless Bengals stomp Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — After what they've been through this season, 1-7 sounds awfully good to the Cincinnati Bengals.

"It was a good effort; 1-and-7 feels a lot better than 0-and-8," said Bengals cornerback Artrell Hawkins, whose 102-yard interception return set the tone for Cincinnati's 38-3 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Jon Kitna threw four touchdown passes, and for one week at least, the Bengals didn't resemble the worst team in the NFL, dominating the expansion Texans (2-6) on both sides.

Cincinnati became the last team to post a victory this year, and did it in style: It was their largest margin of victory since Dec. 17, 1989, when coach Sam Wyche rubbed it in against Houston Oilers counterpart Jerry Glanville by calling a late timeout to kick a field goal that completed a 61-7 rout.

This time the bad blood centered around the game-week proclamations of Bengals coach Dick LeBeau and receiver Chad Johnson, both of whom predicted a victory.

"I know Dick personally, and I know that he did what he had to do to get his team ready to play," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "Whatever he did, it worked."

LeBeau said afterward he made the prediction as a vote of confidence for the way his had played recently, especially in a narrow loss to Tennessee last week. Johnson said he was just trying to motivate his teammates, and he apologized for causing any hard feelings.

"It feels good, but everyone misconstrued the guarantee thing," said Johnson, who caught a 10-yard TD pass from Kitna for the game's final score. "What I wanted to do was add some fuel to our fire, make a statement."

Hawkins helped them make good on the pledge when he stepped in front of Houston receiver Corey Bradford two yards deep in the end zone, snared David Carr's pass and sprinted down the right sideline.

That made it 10-3, and it only got worse for the Texans.

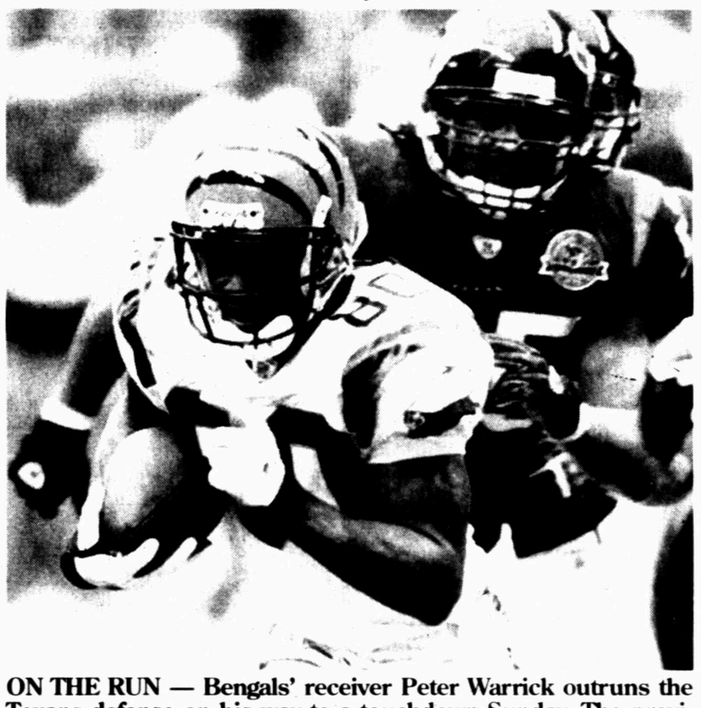
"It started to snowball," tight end Billy Miller said. "That play wasn't a play that just won the game for them. We couldn't dig ourselves out of the hole."

Kitna, who said he hadn't had a four-touchdown game since his World League days, took it from there. He found Michael Westbrook for a 26-yard TD pass in the second quarter and threw 33 yards to Peter Warrick with 42 seconds left in the half for a 24-3 halftime lead.

Kitna, who started his fourth straight game to provide some stability to the position, completed 13 of 15 passes in the first half.

"This difference was that Jon Kitna is settled in at quarterback," Bengals offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "He played with more confidence today, and it showed."

Carr finished 18-for-32 for 199 yards. The rookie was sacked just twice.



ON THE RUN — Bengals' receiver Peter Warrick outruns the Texans defense on his way to a touchdown Sunday. The previously winless Bengals destroyed Houston, 38-3. (AP Photo)

7th-graders down Lamesa; 8th-grade plays to 0-0 tie

The Snyder Tigers jr. high gridders had strong defensive showings Thursday against Lamesa, with the 7th-grade Gold club winning 26-6, while the Gold 8th-graders played to a 0-0 tie with the Golden Tors.

Lance Day, Dustin Murdock and Blane Knipe all ran for touchdowns and Ryan Claxton returned an interception for a touchdown for the Tigers.

"These kids are better each week," said coach Derek Price." They are starting to understand the Snyder Tiger offensive and defensive schemes and play as a team."

Paul Garci scored a two-point conversion, and Kaden Billingsley recovered a fumble.

Joe Garza led the stout defensive effort with several key tackles.

The 8th-grade team had another sensational defensive effort in shutting out Lamesa, stopping the Golden Tors on four red-zone possessions.

The defense was matched by Lamesa, who stopped the Tigers three times on fourth-and-goal.

Fernando Carrillo recovered a fumble and Joey Hernandez picked off a Lamesa pass.

Carrillo and Keith Manlieff led the Tiger offense.

The jr. high closes out its season Thursday at Denver City, 7th-grade and 8th-grade Black team kicking off at 4:30 p.m.

Bynum wins calf roping title at San Angelo rodeo

Snyder resident Bradley Bynum took the junior calf roping belt buckle at this weekend's 49th annual San Angelo Roping Fiesta.

Bynum, 19, competed against San Angelo resident Shank Edwards in match roping, and finished over 10 seconds ahead of Edwards.

Bynum roped an average of 12.15 seconds, with a total of 97.20 in eight tries. Edwards finished with a 107.81.

Bynum has won two professional rodeos this year, one in Lovington, N.M., and one in Pecos.

Baylor fires Kevin Steele

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kevin Steele, whose teams have won just one Big 12 Conference game in his four years, may have a hard time winning another one.

Steele was fired as coach Sunday but agreed to finish out the season, a brutal three-game stretch that starts Saturday at No. 4 Texas. After that comes No. 1 Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, which just beat Texas A&M.

Steele is 9-33, and the Bears are 3-6 this season, 1-4 in the Big 12.

"It is with regret that I announce this move," athletic director Tom Stanton said. "Kevin's efforts have made significant improvements in many areas of our football program."

Baylor lost to Texas Tech 62-11 on Saturday. Since beating Kansas 35-32 on Oct. 5 to break their 29-game Big 12 losing streak, the Bears have been outscored 181-21 in four games, including shutouts by Texas A&M and Colorado.

"I am disappointed that we were not able to meet the demands placed upon the Baylor football program in the time allowed," Steele said in a news release.

Baylor media relations director Scott Stricklin said Stanton and Steele would have no additional comments Sunday. Stanton said the school will begin the search for a successor over the next few weeks and would not comment on the coaching situation until after the season.

Before Baylor's 70-22 season-opening loss at California, Steele acknowledged the pressure he felt to win.

"You can do all the rebuilding and coaching and recruiting that you want, but there's some simple truths in coaching," Steele said. "At some point as a football coach, you've got to win. If you don't win enough, something may happen."

The program was in bad shape when Steele arrived.

Dave Roberts briefly preceded Steele, going 4-18 in two seasons.

The Bears' last winning season was in 1995, when they went 7-4.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

		Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Oklahoma (42)	8-0	1,818	2
2.	Miami (32)	8-0	1,804	1
3.	Ohio St.	10-0	1,705	6
4.	Texas	8-1	1,564	7
5.	Washington St.	8-1	1,538	8
6.	Iowa	9-1	1,501	9
7.	Georgia	8-1	1,304	5
8.	Virginia Tech	8-1	1,303	3
9.	Notre Dame	8-1	1,268	4
10.	Southern Cal	6-2	1,210	11
11.	Alabama	7-2	1,113	12
12.	Kansas St.	7-2	940	14
13.	Michigan	7-2	899	15
14.	N.C. State	9-1	795	10
15.	Oregon	7-2	667	19
16.	LSU	6-2	647	17
17.	Florida St.	6-3	561	18
18.	Colorado	6-3	486	13
19.	Penn St.	6-3	468	20
20.	Bowling Green	8-0	437	21
21.	Iowa St.	7-3	372	22
22.	Pittsburgh	7-2	357	—
23.	Florida	6-3	327	—
24.	Colorado St.	8-2	307	24
25.	Arizona St.	7-3	155	16

Others receiving votes: Maryland 135, Tennessee 106, TCU 64, Auburn 61, Boise St. 51, Minnesota 42, Boston College 28, Marshall 10, UCLA 6, Georgia Tech 1.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

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Snyder Iron & Metal	68	68
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Snyder Brick & Tile	49.5	86.5

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High game: Mark Thompson, scratch, 214; Jackie Batchelor, handicap, 248.
Splits and special mentions: Howard Zeigler, 140 triplicate; Glenn Coy, 3-4-6-10.

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Team	W	L
WTP Energy	24.5	7.5
Mama's misfits	21	11
Snyder Iron & Metal	18.5	13.5
Quick Auto	18	14
JB's	17.5	14.5
Timely Finance	16.5	15.5
Roger's Backhoe Service	13	19
Snyder Lanes	11	21
Square Pants	10	22
BCEC	10	22

High series: Stacey Browning, scratch, 606; Daphene Thompson, scratch, 494; Stacey Browning, handicap, 716; Tanya Williamson, handicap, 625.
High game: Stacey Browning, scratch, 247; Daphene Thompson, scratch, 190; Stacey Browning, handicap, 280; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 249.

Sports Briefs

Ira girls to scrimmage Tuesday

The Ira girls basketball team will scrimmage Brownfield and Wellman-Union in Brownfield Tuesday.

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet Tuesday night at 7 in the film room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tennis booster club

The tennis booster club will meet Tuesday night at 7 in the tennis dressing room.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format this week is blind nine.

Singh takes Tour Championship

ATLANTA (AP) — Vijay Singh atoned for two final-round failures at East Lake, pulling away from the field with three straight birdies and closing with a 3-under 67 to win the season-ending Tour Championship.

Singh finished at 12-under 268 for a two-stroke victory over Charles Howell III, who closed with a 66. Tiger Woods tied for seventh — the first time he's finished out of the top five since the British Open in July.

Wisconsin RB stabbed in leg

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin running back Anthony Davis was stabbed in the left thigh during a domestic dispute. A 22-year-old woman was arrested on a tentative charge of second-degree recklessly endangering safety.

Barrera wins unanimous decision

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Marco Antonio Barrera beat Johnny Tapia with a unanimous decision in a non-title fight to underline his credentials as the best 126-pounder in the world.

Malone held scoreless for the first time

SEATTLE (AP) — Karl Malone, fighting a head cold, got into early foul trouble and went scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting in Seattle's 91-77 victory over the Utah Jazz. It was the first time Malone, who ranks second on the NBA's career scoring list, has been shut out in 18 NBA seasons.

Benson wins Pop Secret 400

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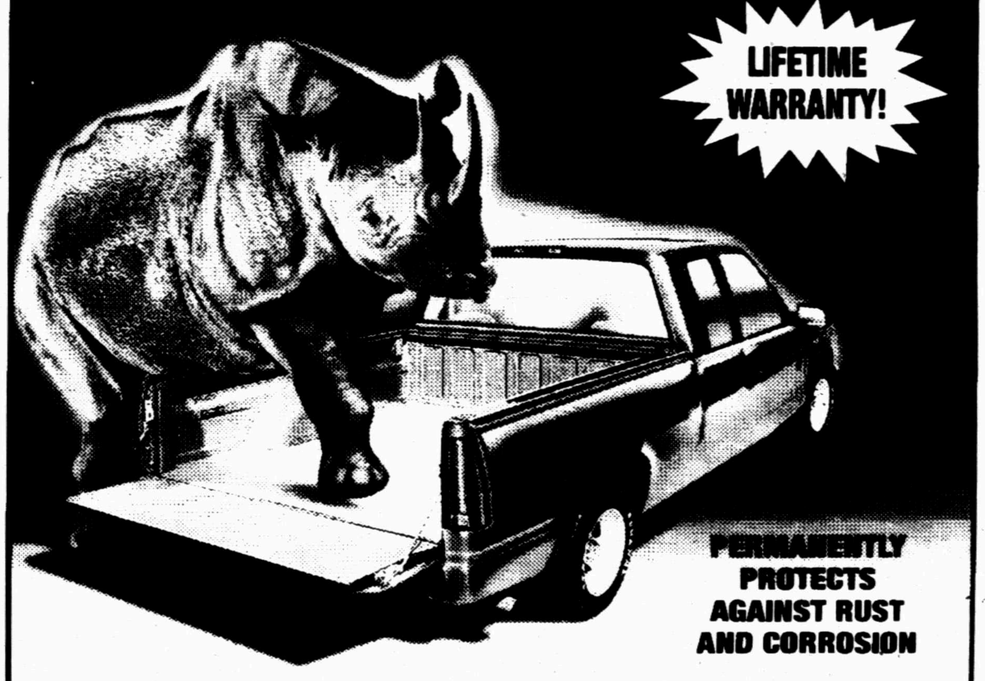
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If Mondale, 74, is elected to fill the vacancy left by the death of fellow Democrat Paul Wellstone it will have been 26 years since he last represented Minnesota in the Senate.

According to the Senate Historical Office that would be the longest gap in service, rivaled only by the 25 years that separated Andrew Jackson's two Senate terms early in American history.

Senate historian Richard A. Baker says he can find no precedent for the circumstances under which Democrat Lautenberg returned to electoral politics at age 78. The former three-term senator had been retired for two years when Sen. Robert Torricelli's bid for re-election faded under an ethical cloud.

"That seems to be unique," Baker said, explaining that there is no other case in which a former senator replaced a still-serving senator on the ballot.

Overall, Mondale would be the 31st former senator to return to the chamber after an absence of 10 years or more. He would be just the seventh to do so in the last 100 years.

Lautenberg, out of office a far shorter time, would find his place among members who have served nonconsecutive terms since 1913, the year in which senators were first elected directly by the people rather than by state legislatures. If successful, Lautenberg would be No. 33.

Mondale left the Senate in 1976 to serve as Jimmy Carter's vice president. His return would make him just the fifth former senator to be elected to the chamber after serving as vice president.

Hubert H. Humphrey, Mondale's fellow Minnesotan and mentor, was returned to the Senate in 1970 after serving as vice president under Lyndon B. Johnson and failing to win the presidency on his own.

Mondale won't be just another backbencher if he follows in Humphrey's footsteps.

A 1977 change in Senate rules made to honor Humphrey also would benefit Mondale. Under a standing order of the Senate, Mondale, as a former vice president, would assume the honorary post of deputy president pro tem. That would give him additional office space, a car, driver and a salary equal to the $172,200 received by the Senate's top leaders. As of January, other senators will be paid $155,000 a year.

Both Mondale and Lautenberg had been casting longing glances at their former Senate seats even before fate gave them a chance to reclaim them.

"Almost as soon as I announced my retirement I had pangs of regret," Lautenberg said. Later, he added that he hadn't been out of the Senate for long before "I realized how much I missed it."

"I really love this place," Mondale said in early September as he delivered a lecture before senators, family and friends gathered in the Old Senate Chamber. "My Senate years were the happiest of my public career; I found my sweet spot here."

As Wellstone listened in the audience, Mondale made it specific: "I loved working with friends and colleagues and I loved learning new things. I loved watching my colleagues do their stuff. Eighteen hours a day, everyday, it was like mainlining human nature."

Some senators, returned by the voters to political life after a gap in service, made their second acts their principal performance.

The late Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., returned to the Senate after resigning to run for president in 1964. Goldwater said without hesitation that his last years in the chamber were by far his most productive. "I can **go home happy,**" he said, after winning passage of the landmark 1986 Goldwater-Nichols military reform act.

Both Lautenberg and Mondale would clearly welcome a second act and the opportunities it would bring. It would give the former vice president a chance to be remembered for something other than his crushing defeat by Ronald Reagan in the 1984 presidential election.

Mondale's return would have one unique aspect. The vice president serves as president of the Senate, and by custom a marble bust of each of them is placed near the Senate chamber. Mondale's bust was installed after its completion in 1987.

If elected, the Minnesotan would be the only sitting senator who could pose for photographs next to his own official statue.

Helicopter carrying U.S. oil company executives is fired on in Yemen

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — A helicopter carrying U.S. oil company employees came under small-arms fire Sunday just after takeoff, forcing an emergency landing at San'a airport that slightly injured two people, officials said.

Two Hunt Corp. employees reported "minor scratches" and received first aid on the scene, said Jim Oberwetter, a Hunt spokesman at the company's Dallas headquarters. Airport medical workers confirmed there were no serious injuries.

It was not clear who was responsible for the shooting. Police were searching the area around the airport from where shots were fired.

A Yemeni security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the helicopter was heading to oil fields in the northern province of Marib when it was shot at from an area near the airport.

The number of passengers and their nationalities were not clear. The U.S. Embassy said it had no knowledge of the incident.

Oberwetter said in a brief statement that the helicopter was contracted from Abu Dhabi Aviation to carry Hunt employees to the company's oilfields.

It "was struck by small arms fire in the vicinity of the San'a airport today and safely returned to base," he said.

Oberwetter said the Yemeni government was investigating.

Beyond tribal disputes, Yemen long has tolerated Muslim extremists. It is also the ancestral homeland of Osama bin Laden, whose al-Qaida terror network is blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks and the October 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Yemen that left killed 17 U.S. sailors.

Last month, a blast caused by an explosive-laden boat crippled a French oil tanker off Yemen, killing a Bulgarian crew member and spilling 90,000 barrels of crude oil.

Six suspected Muslim militants were killed in Yemen today in a car explosion, a security official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the blast occurred at dawn in the northern province of Marib, about 100 miles northwest of the capital San'a.

"Investigators haven't been able to identify the bodies yet but given the magnitude of the explosion, they believe the men belonged to a radical Islamic group," the official said, without elaborating.

It was unclear how the blast happened. The official said the car was moving when it exploded, but he did not say if the blast might have occurred accidentally while the explosives were being transported.

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Woman killed in fire in Boston buildings

BOSTON (AP) — An elderly woman died and at least 60 people were left homeless after a massive fire burned down a block of half-completed townhouses slated to be sold to low-income families, authorities said.

About 160 firefighters were called early Sunday to the fire, which started in a condominium development that was under construction, said Boston Fire Department spokesman Steve MacDonald. The blaze later spread to two adjacent buildings that were occupied.

The neighborhood where the fire occurred once was notorious for violence. It became widely known in 1988 when 11-year-old Darlene Tiffany Moore was killed by two bullets fired from a passing car as she sat on a mailbox.

The Franklin Estates townhouses were composed of two- and three-bedroom units expected to sell for $78,000 to $142,000, according to Patricia Mayo, president of the neighborhood development group building the project.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, PhD.

Play the numbers game

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question regarding cholesterol. A few years ago, I read a government report that stated the target number for heart and stroke protection is in the 230s. I ingested the right amount of good oils (olive and fish oils) and hardly any saturated fat, and my blood level was up in the 230s. My doctor says it should be below 200. It seems that all the doctors agree that 200 or below is best, so why does the government report differ? I would really appreciate getting your opinion on the correct numbers in this most important matter. **— B.C., Portsmouth, Ohio**

Dear B.C.: The latest policy on cholesterol levels comes from a May 2001 report by the National Heath, Lung and Blood Institute, an organization in the National Institutes of Health. These figures are also endorsed by the American Heart Association.

First, the guidelines state that the key lipid components in the blood — total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and triglycerides — should be measured at least every five years.

The following figures are in milligrams per deciliter of blood: For TC, less than 200 is desirable. From 200 to 239 is borderline high, and 240 and above is high.

For LDL, less than 100 is optimal. From 100 to 129 is near optimal. From 130 to 159 is borderline high, and 160 to 189 is high. Above 190 is very high.

HDL of less than 40 is considered a major risk factor for heart disease, and HDL of 50 and above is considered protective. If the value is between 40 and 60, the higher your level within this range, the better.

For triglycerides, a value less than 150 is normal, while 150 to 199 is borderline high, 200 to 499 is high, and 500 and above is very high.

(Additional information is available online from the National Institutes of Health at www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.htm or the American Heart Association at www.americanheart.org).

Keep in mind that knowing your total cholesterol doesn't tell you everything you need to know about the nature of the cholesterol cruising around in your blood stream.

Some physicians and scientists are now using the ration of TC to HDL to estimate the risk of heart disease. The ratio is determined by dividing the TC level by the HDL cholesterol level. For example, if a person has a TC of 220 and an HDL of 55, the ration is 4:1. The goal is to keep the ratio below 5:1. The optimum ratio is 3.5:1.

Be sure to discuss your laboratory results with your physician.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am trying to lose weight by making small changes in my diet. One change I've made is to lower, but not eliminate, my carbohydrate intake — mainly breads and pastas. I've lost 5 pounds in four week. Not a huge amount, but a start! My question is about the rice and legumes combination. I've been told that when you eat beans and rice at the same time, the amino acids combine to make a complete protein. I'm confused by how the body digests this combination - as protein or as carbohydrates? Would you please clarify this for me? Do I need to give up my favorite brown-rice-and-black-bean recipe? **— M., Portland, Ore.**

Dear M.: Beans and rice both contain carbohydrates, protein (in the form of amino acids) and a small amount of fat. They are digested in the same manner whether they are eaten separately or at the same time. Neither beans nor rice contains all of the essential amino acids individually, but together they make a "complete" protein. When you eat these two foods during the same day, the body uses their respective amino acids to make protein. I don't understand why you think it's necessary to forgo brown rice and black beans. Keep an eye on your total caloric intake and stick to healthful foods such as these, and you will continue to make strides.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	5.75	5.40	5.57	+ .17
AOL TimeWrn	15.95	15.30	15.73	+ .38
AT&T Corp	14.05	13.68	13.80	+ .08
Albertsons	20.66	20.20	20.43	+ .09
Alltel	53.00	52.22	52.52	+ 1.27
AmEl Pw	27.70	25.87	27.50	+ 1.64
AndarkPtr	46.00	44.85	45.34	- .48
ATMOS Egy	22.60	22.11	22.25	+ .14
Availl	9.08	8.97	9.04	- .01
BP PLC	39.52	38.53	38.59	- .98
BakerHughes	30.85	29.75	30.11	- .54
Bank of Amer	71.50	70.27	71.30	+ 1.04
BellSouth	28.52	27.54	28.30	+ 1.03
BurlNoSFe	27.00	26.50	26.57	- .02
Caterpillar	42.99	42.12	42.85	+ .74
CenterPoint	7.77	7.32	7.51	+ .09
ChevronTex	69.50	68.51	68.60	- .25
Citigroup	39.35	37.80	38.28	+ .63
CocaCola	46.90	45.93	46.04	- .79
ColgatePal	55.01	53.85	53.85	-1.15
CmclMetals s	16.73	16.63	16.67	- .06
ConocoPhill	48.50	47.10	47.62	- .65
Cooper Inds	32.73	32.40	32.61	+ .46
DaimlrChry	36.24	35.41	36.08	+ 1.36
DeltaAirl	11.70	11.12	11.56	+ .84
Dillards Inc	17.39	16.55	17.20	+ .46
DowChem	26.77	26.10	26.62	+ .14
DuPont	42.70	42.00	42.51	+ .60
EastmanChem	37.40	36.60	37.06	+ .18
EstKodak	34.50	33.91	34.37	+ .79
EDS Corp	16.12	15.12	15.98	+ 1.11
Entergy	45.48	44.54	45.20	+ .67
ExxonMobil	34.75	34.15	34.20	- .46
FootLocker	10.48	10.02	10.39	+ .36
GenDynam	79.72	77.70	78.10	-1.20
GenlElec	26.87	26.21	26.75	+ .75
GenMills	42.25	41.65	42.11	+ .36
GenMotors	36.00	34.03	35.85	+ 1.83
GaPacific	13.70	13.20	13.51	+ .78
Goodrich	15.78	15.33	15.58	+ .57
Goodyear	7.26	6.99	7.20	+ .39
GtAtlPac	6.01	5.66	5.95	+ .31
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HarteHanks s	19.22	19.01	19.09	- .04
HomeDepot	28.70	27.87	28.16	- .24
Honeywellntl	25.59	24.80	25.49	+ .86
IBM	82.89	80.40	82.51	+ 2.11
IntlPaper	35.80	35.38	35.68	+ .49
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MarathonOil	20.94	20.58	20.64	- .21
MayDeptSt	23.75	22.12	22.96	- .48
Mentronic	46.60	46.22	46.40	+ .34
Motorola	9.98	9.65	9.89	+ .47
NCR Corp	24.13	23.40	24.03	+ 1.03
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SwstAirl	15.32	15.00	15.11	+ .32
SprintFON	13.05	12.58	12.96	+ .41
SprintPCS	4.42	3.95	4.40	+ .53
Sunoco Inc	30.15	29.65	29.83	- .18
TXU Corp	15.25	14.81	15.08	+ .03
TempleInland	42.67	42.13	42.50	+ .40
Textind	25.40	24.90	24.99	- .26
TexasInst	18.00	17.29	17.43	+ .64
Textron	42.22	41.66	41.80	+ .29
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Texas vote may decide U.S. House majority

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battle for the U.S. House majority will be played out in Texas on Election Day with several feisty congressional contests.

Texas has 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans in its House delegation. But the delegation's makeup will change after the Nov. 5 election because two new members will be added. The seats were gained during reapportionment as a result of the state's 1990s population spurt.

Most of Texas' incumbents are expected to be safe. Less certain is who will take two open existing seats, one in the Dallas area and another in the Houston area.

In the handful of competitive races, the GOP hopes that voters rallying around President Bush will support Republican candidates.

Democrats are counting on Senate nominee Ron Kirk and gubernatorial hopeful Tony Sanchez to bring out new voters, particularly minorities, to help their party.

Here are some races to watch:

District 5

Ron Chapman, a former state criminal court and appellate judge, and Jeb Hensarling, a political strategist and businessman, are locked in a highly competitive race for the district that stretches from east Dallas County to near College Station.

This seat opened up when its Republican incumbent, Rep. Pete Sessions, abandoned the district for one of the new seats, where his re-election is virtually certain. The District 5 seat offers Democrats one of its best chances nationally to gain a House seat.

Hensarling, 45, a Republican, is a former aide to outgoing Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. Gramm, Vice President Dick Cheney, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, senior Bush adviser Karl Rove and longtime Bush adviser Karen Hughes have visited the district to endorse Hensarling.

Chapman, 52, was a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. The Democrat has focused on wooing rural voters, touring with Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Stamford, co-author of the farm bill.

He's pitched himself as a fiscal conservative and longtime resident who has won re-election amid Republican landslides in Dallas County. More than half of the votes for the congressional seat are in East Dallas County, where he did well in his judicial races.

Hensarling tried to prevent voters from confusing Chapman with a popular Dallas-area disc jockey of the same name. The disc jockey endorsed Hensarling but acknowledged he can't vote for him because he lives outside the district.

Hensarling has run radio ads labeling Chapman "Judge Softy" and accusing him of allowing a murder defendant who was out on bond to flee when he failed to return for a court hearing. Hensarling has tried to appeal to small business through his experience in creating one and has promoted his grandparents' farming roots.

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District 25

Former Houston city councilman Chris Bell, 42, an attorney and failed mayoral candidate, is trying to keep this seat in the Democrats' hands. Hoping for an upset is Tom Reiser, 51, a wealthy businessman who founded an insurance company that sells to the oil industry.

The seat has been held by U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, a Democrat who ran for Senate but lost in this year's party primary.

The district includes eastern parts of Harris County, the south and southwest parts of Houston and a few Houston precincts in adjacent Fort Bend County. It leans Democrat but is moderate enough to be somewhat competitive.

Reiser has tried a grassroots approach of walking the district to introduce himself. Bell entered the race a political veteran with high name identification.

The two have wrestled over who can rightly claim the fiscal conservative label. Reiser says he'd like to see Bush's tax cuts made permanent. Bell worries about the nation returning to huge budget deficits.

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District 11

Republicans have long targeted Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, whose district has become slightly more Republican and is home to Bush's Crawford ranch.

The GOP made this race part of the party's national campaign to keep control of the House and dumped money into the candidacy of Republican Ramsey Farley, 64.

But Republicans have an uphill battle because Edwards has won 12 elections in this area, including some as a state senator. Farley lost his 2000 attempt to unseat Edwards, 49. Edwards also holds a valuable post on the House Appropriations military construction subcommittee, which has meant money for Fort Hood, an economic asset to the area.

Farley, a former oil executive, has linked himself to Bush and has tried to persuade voters that Edwards is a liberal working against Bush's agenda.

His liability has been television commercials funded in part by the national GOP. One said he supported Bush's education agenda, even though he had said publicly he vehemently opposed it. Another commercial was pulled by two Waco stations that decided it mischaracterized Edwards' voting record. The dispute led the national party to cancel reserved television ad time with three Waco stations.

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District 23

Democrats had thought they could unseat Republican incumbent Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio and make a dent in the GOP's outreach to Hispanics. But those hopes have dimmed.

Democrat Henry Cuellar's campaign floundered soon after the primaries, in part because of some bad blood with fellow Rio Grande Valley Democrats. He's been working since then to reach full speed.

The district winds along 800 miles of the Mexican border and includes 22 counties. But the outcome could come down to turnout in the district's two population centers: Laredo and a heavily Republican part of San Antonio.

Democrats are hoping the gubernatorial bid by Sanchez, a Laredo millionaire, could push hometown Democrats to the polls, giving Cuellar, 47, a lift as well. Cuellar is a former state representative and a secretary of state appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Bonilla, 48, who had been considered a possible successor to Gramm in the Senate, was elected in 1992. He has had a fundraising advantage, helped by an appearance by Cheney. He also got some help through last year's redistricting with a boost to the San Antonio constituency whose vote he usually carries.

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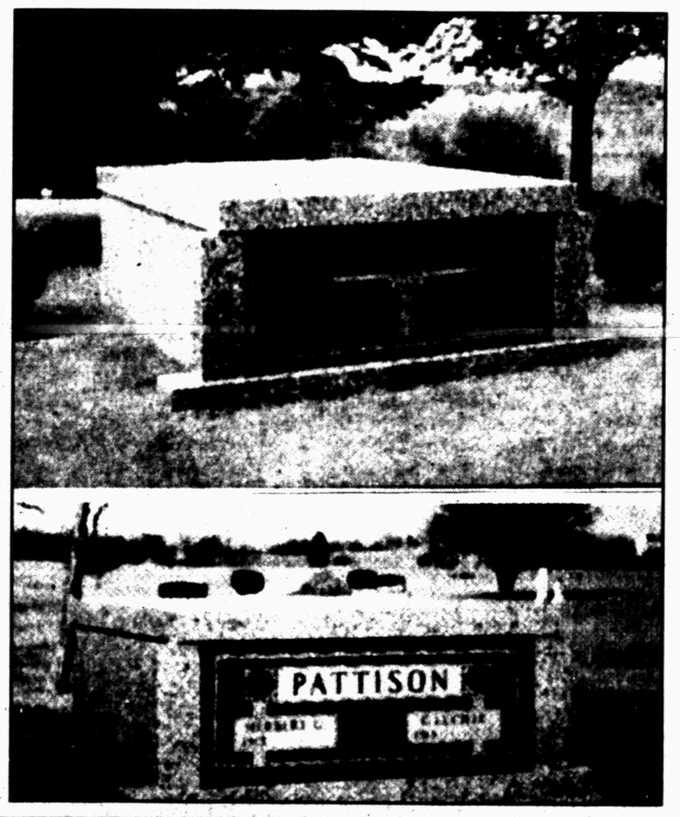
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State judicial candidates no longer face speech limits

DALLAS (AP) — The biggest news in this year's crowded field of statewide judicial races may be that the candidates finally have something to talk about.

Texas and about 40 other states elect judges, and, until this summer, restricted what they could say or do while campaigning to promote an image of fairness and independence for courts.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down those limits in June. The court, ruling 5-4 on a Minnesota case, said the rules imposed an unconstitutional gag order.

Place 4 Supreme Court candidate Steven Wayne Smith, an Austin Republican who ousted GOP Gov. Rick Perry's appointee, Xavier Rodriguez, in the primary, won a lawsuit claiming Texas Code of Judicial Conduct rules barring such campaigning violated the First Amendment.

Smith, who is running against Democrat Margaret Mirabal, a 1st Court of Appeals Judge in Houston, has used his newfound right ever since.

While he still won't discuss his views on topics such as abortion or school prayer, he said the Texas Supreme Court should stop making common law, which is law created by the court instead of the Legislature.

"I believe the unique thing I bring is a renewed emphasis on judicial restraint. Judicial lawmaking is the biggest problem in the courts today," said Smith, a plaintiffs' attorney in the landmark Hopwood lawsuit that led to an end to race-based admissions policies at Texas public universities.

Voters will have lots of choices in the Nov. 5 general election, when they pick five justices for the Supreme Court and three for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Normally there are only three seats open on the Supreme Court because of the way the terms of the nine justices are staggered.

This year, two justices — Alberto Gonzales and Greg Abbott — left in midterm. Two others — Deborah Hankinson and James A. Baker — decided not to seek re-election, meaning big changes could be in store for the all-Republican benches.

The race for Supreme Court chief justice includes Republican incumbent Tom Phillips, who is campaigning for a third term with a pledge to work to change the way Texans select their judges.

Phillips in July said he wouldn't accept campaign contributions. Instead, he promised to try to win re-election with about $20,000 in his accounts, against Democrat Richard Baker.

Also running is Libertarian Eugene J. Flynn.

In the race for Place 1 on the Texas Supreme Court, which adjudicates civil cases, Democrat Linda Yanez faces Mike Schneider, who in July was appointed to the bench by Perry to replace Baker, who left the bench early to return to private law practice. Also running is Libertarian Quanah Parker.

Republican Dale Wainwright is seeking Place 2 on the state's highest civil court, the spot being vacated by Hankinson. Wainwright faces Democrat Jim Parsons of Palestine. Also running is Green Party candidate Brad Rockwell.

Incumbent Republican Justice Wallace Jefferson, the first black judge to serve on the panel and another Perry appointee, is running against Democrat William E. Moody for the unexpired Place 3 seat.

Three incumbents on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals emerged victorious in primary runoff races.

Incumbent Republican Tom Price faces Democrat John W. Bull, a municipal court judge from San Antonio, for Place 1. Also running are Libertarian Stephan Kinsella and Green Party candidate Robert C. (Rob) Owen.

Paul Womack, the Republican incumbent for Place 2, is running against Democrat Pat Montgomery, a San Antonio attorney.

In Place 3, incumbent Cathy Cochran of Houston, who was appointed by Perry in September 2001, faces Democrat J.R. Molina, a Fort Worth attorney. Also running is Green Party candidate Ollie Ruth Jefferson.



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By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

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Monday, Nov. 4, 2002

Two-over-one on a disk

By Phillip Alder

In the tournament world, two-over-one rules the roost. This means that if your side opens one of a suit in first or second position, the next player passes, and responder bids two of a non-jump suit, it is natural and game-forcing. I'm a supporter of this method. And if you would like to learn about it, buy Mike Lawrence's latest CD-ROM: "The Two Over One System." (You need Windows 95 or later and three megabytes of hard-disk space.)

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The disk includes this one declarer-play problem. You are in five clubs. West cashes his two top diamonds before shifting to the heart two. How would you continue?

The bidding is natural except for three diamonds, which is bid in the hope that North has a diamond stopper and can continue with three no-trump.

You should not gamble on the heart finesse. Instead, win with dummy's heart ace, ruff a heart in hand, draw two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, and ruff another heart. Then, draw the missing trump, cross to dummy's spade king, and pitch two spades on dummy's queen-nine of hearts. If the heart king hadn't dropped, though, you would have tried to play the spade suit without loss.

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Brian De Palma feels critics are biased

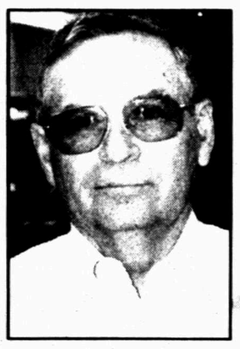
NEW YORK (AP) — Director Brian De Palma wishes critics wouldn't go into his films with preconceived notions.

De Palma, responsible for such films as "Scarface," "The Untouchables," and "Carrie," said critics gave bad reviews to his films "Mission to Mars" and "Bonfire of the Vanities," because they weren't what critics expected.

"All I ask is that you look at the movie," De Palma told The New York Times for a story Sunday. "But c'est la vie. With criticism, you're basically being measured against the fashion of the day, and if you don't fit into what the line of clothes is that year, God help you."

De Palma's latest film is "Femme Fatale," featuring Rebecca Romijn-Stamos as a con artist and Antonio Banderas as a paparazzo with whom she forms an alliance.

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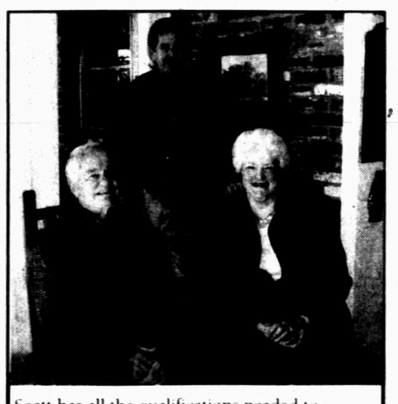
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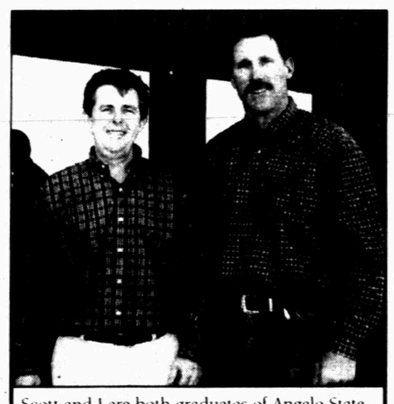
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The risks of statin drugs must be considered

DEAR DR. GOTT: At age 60, when my cholesterol level was 218, despite a low-fat diet, my physician insisted that I begin a statin drug. Since then, I've felt terrible: headache, muscle pain, stiffness and soreness. My liver and blood tests are normal, and my cholesterol is 128. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Stop the medication.

Therapy is supposed to make patients feel better, not worse.

More important, I'm not at all sure that you need drugs to lower your cholesterol. A cholesterol of 218 at age 60 would be, to me, relatively normal. I'm concerned that the risks of therapy exceed the benefits. For example, were your cholesterol 418, I'd endorse therapeutic intervention (translation: drug therapy). However, your level of 218 is minimally elevated. In such an instance, I'd stop the medication, put you on a strict low-cholesterol diet, recheck your level in two months and then decide how to proceed. A cholesterol of 128 is very, very low — appropriate if you have documented coronary artery disease, but not needing attention if you are in good health. In all medical situations, the benefits of treatment must exceed the risks. Review this issue with your physician.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my revised and completely updated Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 90 years old and have congestive heart failure, terminal lung disease, severe osteoporosis (requiring a walker) and advanced prostate cancer. Recently, I noticed a firm, tender lump in my left testicle. Should I look into this?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily.

Let's assume the worst scenario: you have testicular cancer. Under normal circumstances, you could have a biopsy and - possibly - removal of the testicle. No big deal, but traumatic nonetheless. You may choose this option.

However, on the other hand, your testicular symptom could represent a harmless situation that could be ignored.

In either case, how is the quality of your life best preserved? By a compromise. See your urologist. If you are in reasonable health, despite your medical problems, he may wish to biopsy (or remove) the testicular lesion. If more surgery is required, I'd definitely insist that he document and confirm this. Then, in your position, I'd refuse such an operation. Why undergo an unnecessary procedure if no operation is appropriate?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think I have read that a certain fruit juice, when taken regularly, will lessen constipation. I sure would like to know of this.

DEAR READER: Eight ounces of hot prune juice every morning may take care of your chronic constipation. Prunes, dried apricots and similar foods that are high in potassium are an effective and inexpensive laxative. Hot prune juice is especially effective. Try it.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea. 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.

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Police arrest at least 16 people in Madison, Wis. disturbance

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A weekend Halloween party that drew 65,000 people to the streets of Madison turned into chaos as revelers tossed bottles and bricks, trashed police cars and ripped out street signs. Sixteen people were arrested and several were injured, police said.

"I. saw people climbing up on light poles and ripping out the light bulbs. Sparks were flying. It was horrendous," Alderman Mike Verveer said of the incident early Sunday.

Police used tear gas and pepper spray to break up the crowd. Eight police officers sustained minor injuries, mostly from thrown objects, police said.

"It was total mob mentality gone wild," Verveer said.

The party is held each year on State Street, the city's main thoroughfare, dotted with restaurants and small shops and connecting the state Capitol to the University of Wisconsin campus.

The disturbance may have started after some people began fighting with bottles, Sgt. Patrick Grady said. When police tried to help some injured people, others threw bottles at them. "I'm sure alcohol had a big part of this," he said.

People threw bottles at apartment windows, and some residents retaliated with bottles, injuring at least two people, police said.

Others ripped out street signs and bike racks, threw bricks, tipped trash barrels and newspaper vending machines and started a small fire.

Windows were broken in at least a dozen stores or apartments, as well as in two city bus shelters, authorities said. Several squad cars were damaged, their windshields broken and roofs caved in.

Two businesses were looted, Grady said.

Police used pepper spray and later tear gas to disperse the crowd because of the danger to officers and the damage, the department said.

Testimony begins this week in bathtub slayings in 1996

FORT WORTH (AP) — For 27 months, the Christmas Eve 1996 strangulation and rape of 22-year-old Wendie Prescott in her Arlington apartment went unsolved.

Then, on March 7, 1999, Dale Scheanette of Arlington was arrested in a DeSoto burglary. It was his first arrest and the first time he was fingerprinted and entered into an FBI database.

Authorities said a partial fingerprint found on a television stand inside Prescott's apartment matched Scheanette's print.

Testimony is set to begin this week in the capital murder trial of Scheanette, 29, who police said is linked by DNA evidence to the 1996 bathtub slayings of Prescott and another Arlington educator and to the sexual assaults of five other women. A jury has been seated, and opening statements are scheduled for Thursday.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Prescott was the second woman killed within three months at the Peartree Apartments in east Arlington. Christine Vu, 25, was found slain at the same complex. Both women were found bound with duct tape and left nude in their partially filled bathtubs. Medical examiners ruled that both died of strangulation and drowning.

Scheanette also faces charges in three sexual assaults of women in October 1998 at an apartment complex in Lancaster and in two sexual assaults in 1999 in Grand Prairie and on the Texas-Arlington campus.

A grand jury indictment accuses Scheanette of strangling Prescott with his hands and asserts that his DNA matched evidence collected from her body, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday editions.

Although prosecutors are trying Scheanette in connection with Prescott's death, relatives and friends of Vu plan to attend this week's trial.

Thang Khuu has waited six years to face the man accused of raping and killing his fiancee — Vu, a third-grade teacher at Morton Elementary School in Arlington.

"I want the guy to look me in the eye and to see what he did to me," said Khuu, who still carries a photo of Vu in his wallet. "I have waited to see someone go through a trial for this. The crime is unforgivable."

Too much attention isn't good for pain in spouse's back

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Paying too much attention to a spouse's back pain can make it worse, and leaving the spouse alone can make it better, according to a study presented by German psychologists.

Patients with back problems showed almost three times as much brain activity when their spouse was in the same room, but that activity dropped when the spouse left, according to research presented Sunday at the annual conference of the Society for Neuroscience.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of Heidelberg.

"It's as if the spouse has become a stimulating cue for the pain," said Herta Flor, the psychologist who ran the study.

In Flor's study, people with chronic back pain were split into two groups. In one, the pain victim was married to someone who responded to the discomfort with massages, medicine, and other attention.

In the other, partners downplayed the pain, sometimes leaving the room or distracting the person with other activities. Flor said that was the best course of action.

"A spouse can be overly supportive almost to the point where they're enabling the pain," said Dr. Eugene Melvin, an Orlando pain specialist. "Just a little bit of pain on the patient's part can cause a severe overreaction to the point where they don't let the patient do anything for themselves."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen's affair with adult ends with man in prison

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 years old and have a big problem. My girlfriend, "Whitney," 17, and I have been friends for a long time. Her boyfriend, "Josh," 21, broke up with her. Soon after, Josh and I started talking. I really liked him. He was cool and we had a lot of fun.

When Whitney found out Josh and I were hooking up, she got jealous. One night when I was with Josh, Whitney called my parents and told them where I was. I had told my parents I was with another girlfriend.

My father got angry and went on and on for about a week questioning me about my relationship with Josh. When I couldn't stand it anymore, I admitted we were having sex. Father call the police and had Josh arrested. He was charged with child molestation.

I told the detective I had lied about Josh and me having sex, but he didn't believe me. Josh was found guilty of statutory rape and sent to prison for five years. The court wouldn't allow me to testify.

My life is over. My former friends hate me. They call me names and write me dirty notes threatening revenge. Josh was popular and has a lot of friends.

I want to help Josh get out of prison. He did not rape me. I knew exactly what I was doing. I have had sex with boys for about two years, but my parents don't know. I'm afraid if I tell them, they'll have those other boys arrested, too.

Josh does not deserve to be in prison. What can I do to make up for what has happened because Whitney got jealous and got us into trouble? Please don't tell me to talk to a school counselor. Everyone at school hates me. — **GOING CRAZY IN TEXAS**

DEAR GOING CRAZY: Regardless of your sexual history, at 21, Josh was old enough to know better. He was sneaking around with a minor — you — and in doing so he broke the law.

It's time for you to grow up and stop blaming others for a problem that you caused. If you won't go to a school counselor, contact a local mental health clinic and ask for teen counseling. And since there is hostility at your high school, perhaps you should consider transferring and finishing your education at another school.

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DEAR ABBY: I am five months' pregnant with my second baby. At a recent family wedding, my husband's 40ish cousin came up to me and touched my stomach! No one had ever done this to me before — and I was shocked. I instinctively "shooed" her hands away.

Well, she was offended and burst into tears. I apologized, although I thought it was very rude and that she should have apologized to me. Most of the other family members felt she had done nothing wrong.

Abby, I don't hold grudges, but my husband's family seems to. What do you say? — **MARTHA IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR MARTHA: Your husband's cousin should have asked if you minded before putting her hands on your stomach. Under the circumstances, your reaction was normal. After the baby arrives, this incident will be forgotten — as it should be. Sometimes a dose of amnesia can have a positive effect on family relationships.

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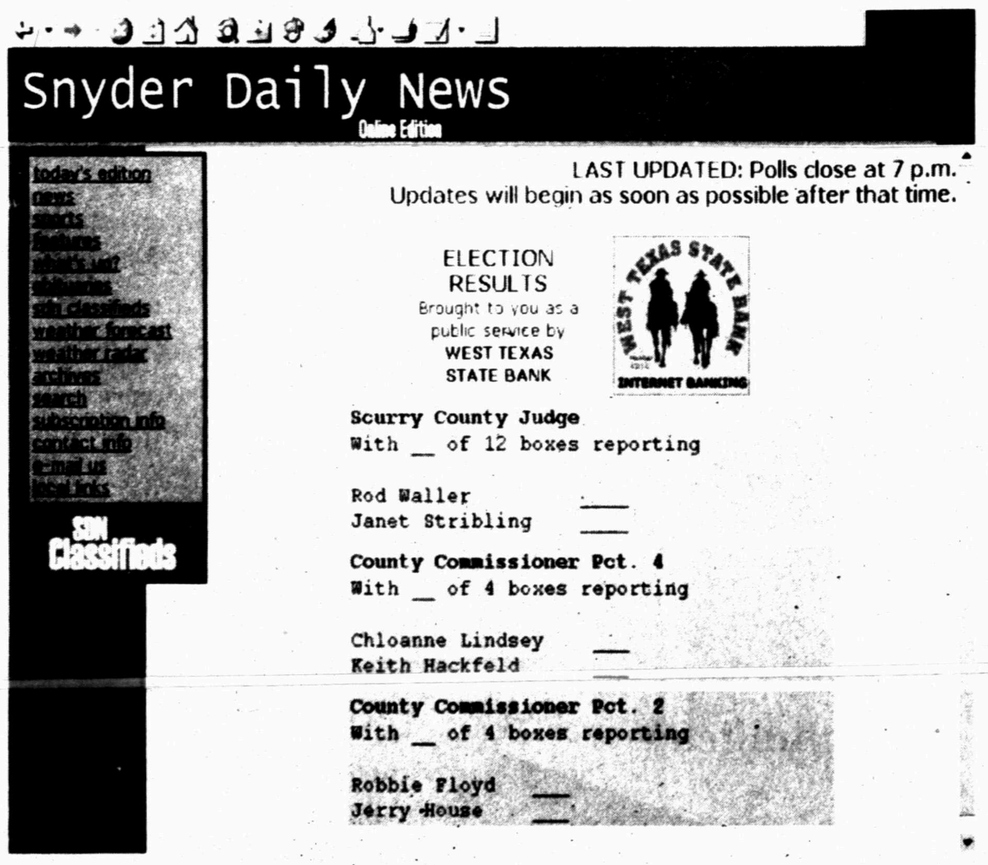
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Conditions could suddenly shift in various directions from time to time in the year ahead, so you'll need to be on your toes and alert. You could capitalize on a few good turn of events if you are ready and waiting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your mind may be inclined to jump ahead of itself today, and this could put you in an awkward position. If you do anything ungainly, swallow your pride and back out gracefully. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone who has placed confidence in you will be disappointed if you broadcast his/her business to the world. Either keep a tight lip or be prepared to find a new friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may have difficulty today applying your ideas in a feasible, workable fashion. Be careful where and how you use them, or they could end up costing you a pretty penny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It would be better for everybody concerned if you say "no" to something being asked of you today rather than agree to do so under duress. Chances are you'll perform in an irresponsible manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although usually your hunches or instincts are fairly accurate, today they are not apt to be too reliable, so think twice before heeding them. Instead of helping, they could get you in trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Trying to force your views on your listeners today could evoke responses you won't welcome. Back off for now and wait until a more receptive time if they are that important to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you know you're going to need the support of allies to achieve your goals today, be very careful you don't sound off on something and alienate the very persons who can help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unless you are a bona fide expert on a subject that is being discussed, don't offer any advice to others today. What you say could be heeded and, unless you're right, may cause big trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try not to let your curiosity get the better of you today. Friends or neighbors won't welcome you butting your nose into their business, even if it is well-intended.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If there is any sound thinking to be done today, be sure you do so yourself. Listening to everybody else's opinions will get you all muddled up and could cause you to use poor judgment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The last thing you should do is tackle a complicated task today if your attitude is negative going in. Unless you truly believe in yourself and your capabilities, you'll botch things up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Persons with whom you'll pal around today will have a big influence over your behavior unless you keep a harness on your conduct. Be especially careful not to do anything impulsive.

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Tony Blair defends Queen II

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair came to the defense of Queen Elizabeth II today, saying she had acted properly when she intervened in the trial of a butler charged with stealing from Princess Diana.

Skeptics have asked why it took the queen so long to recall the conversation that cleared Diana's former butler Paul Burrell last week and caused the case against him to collapse.

Buckingham Palace said the monarch only recently remembered that Burrell told her shortly after Diana's 1997 death he had taken some of the princess's belongings for safekeeping.

"There are often many, many allegations made, but I think that Buckingham Palace has answered these questions perfectly rightly and I do believe ... that the queen herself has behaved entirely properly throughout," Blair told a news conference.

He said there was no need to change rules that excuse the monarch from being compelled to testify in court.

"I do not believe there is a case for changing the law so that the queen ends up directly being involved personally in these cases," the prime minister said. "I think it would be a mistake and I think it would be unfair to her.

"I don't believe that this raises issues that require some sort of independent inquiry," he added. "I think this was a highly exceptional, almost unique case."

Blair said the queen had informed him at a meeting last week that Buckingham Palace had told prosecutors about her conversation with Burrell. The revelation caused the case against the butler to collapse because the prosecution had based its arguments on the contention that he failed to notify the royal family he had taken some of Diana's possessions.

Critics suggested the queen acted because she feared her relatives might be called to appear as witnesses or that Burrell would embarrass the royal family if he testified.

Blair said he believed the Crown Prosecution Service would look carefully at the lessons it could learn from the case.

In a letter to the Lord Chancellor, Britain's top legal officer, Labor lawmaker Dennis Skinner said the queen should be held to the same standard as everyone else.

"If this was an ordinary man or woman in the street, they would be accused of withholding vital information and obstructing the course of justice," he wrote. "At the risk of finishing up in the Tower (of London), I cannot see why people, however high and mighty, should be allowed to escape the full rigor of the law. The rules should apply to everyone."

Lawmakers planned to question the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine, about the case later today.

Burrell called London's privately owned LBC Radio today to thank Britons for their support.

"We have received sacks of mail from all round the country and it is very moving and touching," he said.



SAY BOO TO DRUGS — Stanfield teachers and students dressed up like Halloween characters to scare drugs away Thursday. Their annual dress up day coincides with Red Ribbon week activities. (Top picture) Back row from left, Betty Nolan, Linda Cozart, Suzanne Doolittle, Terrisu Mann, Misty Hinton and Carolyn Torres. On the middle row from left are Heather McFatridge, Kylie Bell, Jesse Garza, Lloyd McCormack, Kiersten Styce, Riley Jenkins, Rachel Turner and Kasey Baker. In front from left are Lance Scott, Blaine Proctor, Amanda Luecke, Brennon Rhodes, Allie Hollingsworth, Penny Holdren, Cailey Young, Tana Holley, Jacee Hand. (Bottom picture) Back row from left, Kim Krueger, Sherry Patterson, Aleta Long and Kem Fogleman. On the second row from left are Tito Rodriguez, Sonia Cabrera, Dylan Randolph, Taylor Duzan and Jeffrey Stewart. Those on the third row, from left are Austin Forbes, Hayden Meek, Megan Lewis, Valerie Rodriguez, Aaron Tate, Kristin Krueger, Taylor Porter and Cesar Torres. Pictured on the fourth row from left are Kolby Burleson, Christopher Brasher, Sydney Villarreal, Cassidy Rawls and Cameron James. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Block shares slip on fears over refund loan lawsuits

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — H&R Block shares dropped nearly 8 percent on Friday over shareholders concerns about several lawsuits the tax preparer faces over its refund anticipation loans.

The drop came one day after attorneys in one of the cases asked a judge to order Block to forfeit nearly $75 million in fees charged in relation to the loans.

The New York Stock Exchange halted trading in Block shares from the opening bell until 1:19 p.m. EST, Block spokeswoman Linda McDougall said. The shares ended the day down $3.43, or 7.73 percent, to $40.95 a share. They had dipped as low as $38 earlier in the day.

McDougall said the drop was due to rumors about more than 20 class-action lawsuits filed over the loans. "It's our belief that the rumored impact was exaggerated," McDougall said.

The loans are made — for a steep fee — to taxpayers who expect a refund. Some of the suits claim that Block failed to disclose it was paid a "license fee" for the loans, and others claim the fees paid by customers amount to illegally high interest rates.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 2-64 Sorrells in the Mirage field, two miles southeast of Dunn. The well was completed to produce 44 barrels of oil and two barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,448-457 feet, and location is in Section 64, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7413 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7408 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field; four miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 19, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7411 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 5 T.W. Pollard in the Diamond M. field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 2,470 feet, drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 6413 Canyon Reef Cogdell field unit, nine miles north of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 564, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 6412 Canyon Reef Cogdell field unit, nine miles north of Snyder. Also planned for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 564, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 6170-A Canyon Reef Cogdell field unit, seven miles north of Snyder. Scheduled depth is 7,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 501, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 813-B Guitar in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned depth is 5,999 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 913-B Guitar in the Would have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Also scheduled for a depth of 5,999 feet, drill site is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 5 Slater in the Would Have field, five miles northwest of Big Spring. Contracted for 5,999 feet, location is in Section 16, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 50-K Willie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

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Factory orders drop by 2.3 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's wobbly manufacturing sector saw orders to factories drop by 2.3 percent in September, the second straight monthly decline.

The industry, hardest hit by last year's recession, has been recently struggling to keep its balance. Manufacturing has been the weakest link for the sputtering national economic recovery, which many analysts say is losing momentum in the current October-December quarter.

Although the 2.3 percent drop in factory orders reported by the Commerce Department today marked a better performance than the 3 percent decline analysts were predicting, more forward-looking data suggest a more somber outlook for the manufacturing sector of the economy.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Friday that manufacturing activity shrank in October, the second monthly drop in a row. And, the government on the same day reported that 49,000 factory jobs were lost in October, marking the 27th straight monthly in which manufacturing jobs were eliminated.

On Wall Street, stocks rose in morning trading today, lifted by a federal judge's recent approval of Microsoft's antitrust settlement. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 160 points, and the Nasdaq gained 47 points.

The economy, powered by consumer spending, rebounded in the spring, growing at a rate of 3.1 percent. Many analysts worry that the summer boom will be followed by a winter lull.

Pessimistic economists believe the economy will grow at around a 1 percent pace in the current October-December quarter as consumers and businesses tighten their belts.

Against this backdrop, growing numbers of economists believe the Federal Reserve may cut short-term interest rates for the first time this year at its next meeting Wednesday. If not, analysts say a rate cut could come in December.

Rates have been at four-decade lows all year long. By keeping rates low or possibly nudging them down, Fed policy-makers hope to motivate consumers and businesses to spend and invest more, helping to boost economic growth.

Consumers have been the main force keeping the economy going this year. Some analysts worry that they might be getting tired.

Low interest rates and extra cash from a refinancing boom have helped support consumer spending this year. Other negative factors, including the stagnant job market, eroding consumer confidence and economic uncertainties, seem to be making consumers more cautious, analysts say.

Businesses have yet to see their profits fully recover from last year's recession. Because of that, they have been reluctant to make big commitments to hiring and investment, factors restraining the recovery.

The 2.3 percent drop in factory orders in September marked the third decrease in the last four months. In August, orders to U.S. factories fell by 0.4 percent.

Virtually all the weakness in September reflected slackened demand for "durable" big-ticket goods expected to last at least three years. Those orders fell by 4.9 percent.

Primary metals, machinery, commercial airplanes and parts were among the areas posting losses. Those losses swamped gains elsewhere, including orders for cars, computers and household appliances.

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Internet security plans to be tested

DALLAS (AP) — SBC Communications Inc., one of the nation's largest Internet service providers, plans to create a laboratory to test methods of defeating viruses and attacks on Web sites.

The decision to create the research center, to be announced today, was endorsed by a top official of a government Internet security board.

The quick reaction among some in the Internet security industry was cautious. They note that ISPs have opposed government requirements to improve security, the investment in the laboratory will be modest — less than $10 million, an SBC official said — and it won't be designed to warn customers of ongoing attacks.

SBC said it is creating the laboratory in response to an increase in viruses, worms and so-called denial-of service attacks, in which hackers overwhelm a Web site or computer system by flooding it with traffic. Authorities say attacks are doubling every year.

The SBC lab, to be based in Austin, will mimic servers, firewalls and other structures of an ISP. Fred Chang, chief executive of the unit that will run the lab, said the center could produce some early anti-hacker technologies within 18 months and "quite significant innovations" in three to five years.

SBC appears to be responding to calls for network providers to play a larger role in Internet security, which is currently left largely to computer users installing software or firewalls.

"Before 9-11, customers asked for more speed or features," Chang said. "Increasingly, our customers want things to be more secure. You hear them talking a lot about denial-of-service attacks, and where are the technologies to control that?"

SBC officials explained the lab idea in September to Howard Schmidt, vice chairman of the Bush administration's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board. Schmidt said SBC's move indicates that industry is moving toward making the Internet safer, and that government regulation isn't needed.

"The government should let industry drive the solutions," Schmidt said. "The governments shouldn't be telling companies how to innovate."

SBC's Chang said about a half-dozen company engineers would work in the center and that SBC will spend less then $10 million over five years. SBC earned $7.24 billion on sales of $45.91 billion last year.

Internet security officials, who haven't seen the specifics of SBC's lab, said Internet service providers should be testing anti-hacker technology as a routine part of their business.

Federal Reserve expected to cut rates for the first time this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is likely to move four-decades-low interest rates even lower this week in the face of rising worry that the struggling economy is headed for rougher times.

A series of recent economic reports has offered indications that the country's sputtering recovery is once again threatening to stall, and that leads many private economists to predict a rate cut when Fed policy-makers meet Wednesday.

"The jury is now in, and the verdict is rate cut," said Sherry Cooper, an economist at BMO Financial Group.

Most economists believe the only question mark is whether the Fed will cut its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by one-quarter or one-half of a percentage point.

The funds rate has rested at 1.75 percent since Dec. 11. That's when the central bank made its 11th rate cut in an aggressive yearlong campaign to bolster economic activity and restore growth. The Fed acted while the country was in the grips of its first recession in a decade and still suffering economic shocks from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Fed was content to leave the funds rate at its lowest level in four decades for an extended period in the belief the low rates would work their normal magic and restore stronger growth.

Such low rates have allowed automakers to offer zero-interest financing deals that drew buyers into auto dealerships in record numbers through the summer. They also have produced the lowest mortgage rates since the mid-1960s, spurring sales of new and existing homes to record levels.

The strength in these two critical areas, however, has been insufficient to launch a sustained economic recovery. Jolts such as the corporate accounting scandals, rising oil prices and worries about possible war with Iraq have acted as strong headwinds.

The economy did rebound from lackluster growth at a 1.3 percent rate in the spring to 3.1 percent in the summer. But many forecasters believe growth will slump again in the current quarter.

The most pessimistic look for an anemic rate of 1 percent or less as the surge in consumer spending fades, especially for big-ticket items such as cars.

"We are clearly hitting a soft spot with consumers worried about everything in the world from a war in Iraq to another terrorist attack," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Arrests occupy local police

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 26-year-old man at 7:30 p.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Just before 1 a.m. today, officers arrested a 36-year-old woman for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, a 48-year-old man for public intoxication and a 19-year-old man for public intoxication.

Accident

A one-vehicle accident was reported at College Ave. and 13th Street Sunday evening. Involved in the mishap was a 2001 Ford Escort driven by Thomas Gladden, 19, of Big Spring. Gladden's vehicle struck an object on the center divide.

Criminal mischief

A woman reported windows broken at her residence in the 900 block of 30th Street Sunday afternoon and officers submitted a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Close patrol

A woman reported dogs barking around her house at 4 a.m. today and requested a close patrol until daylight.

A man reported a subject threatening to cut his tires during the night Saturday and he requested a close patrol through the night.

A man reported seeing subjects in his yard at 3:18 a.m. today and requested a close patrol.

Obituaries

Ruth Waller

1923-2002

AMARILLO — Ruth Waller, the sister of Sara Gressett of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 2.

Funeral service for Mrs. Waller, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Private family committal will be under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 22, 1923 in Ranger, she moved to Borger at the age of six and graduated from Borger High School in 1941. She began work for Phillips Petroleum and married F.E. Waller on Feb. 8, 1944.

The family moved to San Francisco where Mr. Waller was serving in the U.S. Navy and she was employed as a secretary in the office of the Pacific Command.

After World War II, the Wallers moved to Amarillo where they opened their first business in 1950. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School.

Survivors include her husband, F.E. Waller of Amarillo; a daughter, Vicki Fischer of Amarillo; another sister, Katherine Braddock of Amarillo; a brother, Blake Chanslor of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Nola Lyles

1914-2002

SAN ANGELO — Nola B. Lyles, the mother of Wanda Rushing of Snyder, died Saturday, Nov. 2, in Meadow Creek Nursing Home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Lyles, 88, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Lawnhaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Harry Mathews, pastor of Glen Meadows Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 29, 1914 in Pilot Point, she was married to Thomas Lyles who died in 1987.

A homemaker, Mrs. Lyles was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in San Angelo.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, O.M. and Emma Beck; two brothers; one sister; and one granddaughter.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Marilyn Teston of Amarillo; another daughter, Nona Wallace of San Angelo; a son-in-law, Avon Rushing of Snyder; two sisters, Vivian Houchin of Lubbock and Emma Lee Norwood of Brownwood; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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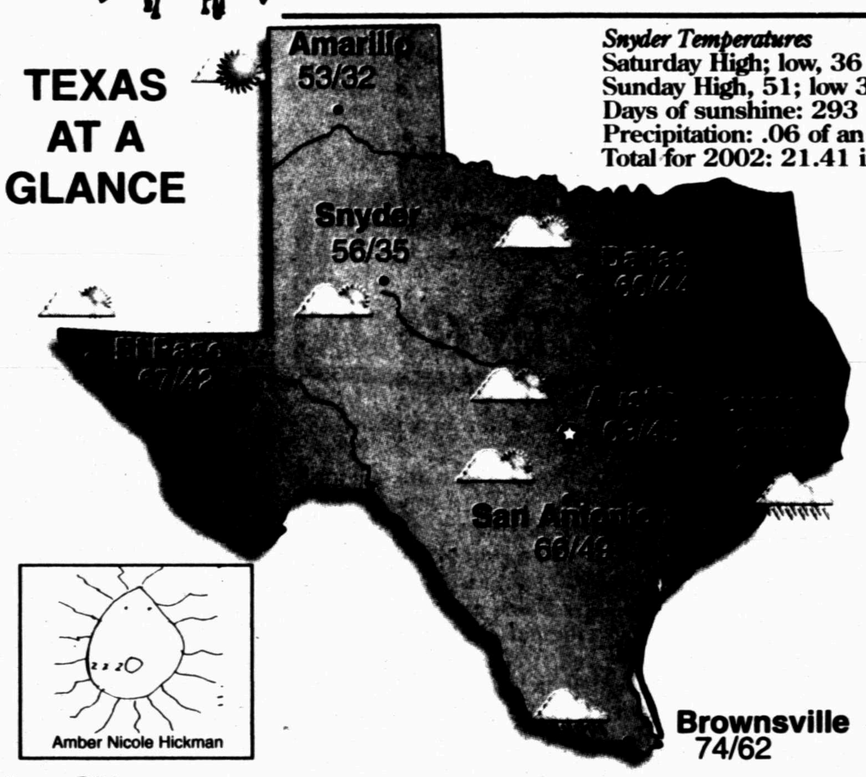
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 11/5	Wed 11/6	Thu 11/7
56/35	63/37	61/41
A fair amount of sunshine. High 56F. Winds NNW at 10 to 15 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:05 AM / Sunset 5:49 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM / Sunset 5:49 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM / Sunset 5:48 PM

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Snyder Temperatures
Saturday High; low, 36
Sunday High, 51; low 37
Days of sunshine: 293
Precipitation: .06 of an inch
Total for 2002: 21.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	57	38	pt sunny	El Paso	67	42	pt sunny	Midland	60	40	pt sunny
Amarillo	53	32	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	63	42	pt sunny	Raymondville	73	56	rain
Austin	63	45	pt sunny	Gainesville	58	38	pt sunny	Rosenberg	68	50	rain
Beaumont	67	50	rain	Greenville	59	40	pt sunny	San Antonio	66	49	pt sunny
Brownsville	74	62	rain	Houston	67	50	rain	San Marcos	63	46	pt sunny
Brownwood	60	39	pt sunny	Kingsville	72	53	rain	Sulphur Springs	59	41	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	54	rain	Livingston	64	45	rain	Sweetwater	57	37	pt sunny
Corsicana	61	43	pt sunny	Longview	59	43	cloudy	Tyler	60	45	pt sunny
Dallas	60	44	pt sunny	Lubbock	57	35	pt sunny	Weatherford	60	39	pt sunny
Del Rio	69	52	pt sunny	Lufkin	62	48	rain	Wichita Falls	57	38	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	59	50	rain	Houston	67	50	rain	Phoenix	79	55	sunny
Boston	47	41	pt sunny	Los Angeles	71	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	65	50	pt sunny
Chicago	46	39	rain	Miami	88	77	pt sunny	Seattle	54	46	cloudy
Dallas	60	44	pt sunny	Minneapolis	42	31	mixed	St. Louis	48	38	rain
Denver	45	25	mst sunny	New York	51	43	cloudy	Washington, DC	50	46	rain

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 20	Nov 27

UV Index

Tue 11/5	Wed 11/6	Thu 11/7
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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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