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Home of Barrett Munson



FISH ON! — Two-year-old Alexis Martinez worked to reel in a potential whopper this morning at Towle Park Pond. Alexis and her parents Amanda Torres and Robert Martinez Jr. were enjoying today's mild temperatures and cloud cover. (SDN Staff Photo)

As Andrea Yates is sentenced...

Families bicker over care given to woman

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge today formally sentenced Andrea Yates to life in prison in the drownings of her five children.

Yates, clad in an orange Harris County jumpsuit instead of the civilian clothes she wore during her four-week trial, was fingerprinted in the courtroom. She looked into the gallery, but her only close supporters were jail psychiatrists Melissa Ferguson and Debbie Osterman.

Defense attorney George Parnham requested she stay at the Harris County Jail for as long as possible to continue receiving medical care.

"Good luck to you, Mrs. Yates," state District Judge Belinda Hill said as she dismissed the 37-year-old homemaker, who will be eligible for parole in 2041. When Yates arrives in the Texas prison system, she will join 69 other women serving time for killing one or more of their children.

Yates was convicted of capital murder last week in the June 20 attack on her children after a jury rejected her insanity defense. The same jury took less than an hour Friday to reject lethal injection, meaning today's life sentence was automatic.

Meanwhile, Yates' husband and relatives appeared on several national talk shows today, as did several jurors in the case. Some members of Yates' family accused husband Russell Yates of not doing enough to assess the Houston woman's mental illness.

The comments came in a group interview with Houston television station KTRK that was also aired on ABC's "Good Morning, America," today.

Brian Kennedy, a brother of Andrea Yates, called Russell Yates an "unemotional" husband inattentive to his sister's needs.

Andrea Yates' mother, Jutta Karin Kennedy, said her son-in-law told her after the birth of their fourth child that he had never changed a diaper.

"I think that any man and woman whose spouse was that severely down, confused, that sick, that I would do whatever it would take to make sure my other half would get the help that was necessary," Brian Kennedy said.

Asked about criticism of his role, Russell Yates told NBC's "Today" show that some people "don't understand the biochemical nature of Andrea's illness ... so they'll say there must have been something else going on in that household, or there must have been this or that and it's all false."

Several of the jurors who voted to convict Andrea Yates of capital murder last week said the way she drowned her children in the family bathtub seemed premeditated and methodical.

In television interviews, the jurors described their decision to find Yates guilty in the deaths of three of the five children and recommend that she be sentenced to life in prison.

Juror Leona Baker told CBS' "The Early Show" that a "couple" of jurors initially voted for death, then the jury discussed it and became unanimous on the life sentence.

"I believed that she was not going to be a threat to society being in prison for the next 40 years of her life," she said.

On the "Today" show, juror Melissa Ryan said, "I think she should be punished for what she did considering she did know right from wrong and I think prison's the way to go."

A juror identified on NBC's "Dateline" as Jill, a social worker, said as Yates explained to police how she drowned the children, it seemed as if she was "thinking pretty clearly."

One of the jurors pointed to Yates' decision the night before to drown the children and the organized manner in which she went about holding each child beneath the water's surface before calling in the next.

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"She was able to describe what she did ... I felt like she knew exactly what she was doing, and she knew it was wrong, or she would not have called the police," said a juror identified by "Dateline" as Roy, a math teacher.

Yates could have faced the death penalty based on the two capital murder convictions for the drowning deaths of Noah, 7, John, 5, and 6-month-old Mary. Evidence also was presented about the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

Russell Yates told "The Early Show" that "I think I have to" sue those responsible for her medical care. He contends that she was wrongly taken off anti-psychotic medication before the killings despite lapsing into severe mental illness following the births of her last two children.

Flooding in three states causing evacuations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Heavy rain flooded parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, making roads deadly, forcing scores of people to evacuate low-lying areas and unleashing mudslides onto homes.

Tennessee authorities blamed at least four deaths on the storm, which dumped nearly 4 inches on the state Sunday. Up to 41/2 inches fell in southwestern Virginia and Kentucky got 4 to 5 inches. More rain fell across the region today.

"It's probably only going to get worse for some areas," said Sam Herron, a National Weather Service forecaster.

Record flooding along the Clinch River and the north fork of the Holston River in southwestern Virginia drove at least 15 people from their homes today in Saltville.

"It's the worst I've ever seen, and I've been here 20 years," said Saltville Police Chief Steve Surber.

The Clinch River had risen to a record 14.3 feet, said Mike Gillen of the weather service office in Blacksburg, Va. Flood stage is 10 feet and the record is 13.6.

High water blocked more than a dozen roads in eastern Tennessee's Sevier County, heavily damaged at least one bridge and forced more than 100 people to evacuate.

In the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Sevier County, the historic valley settlement of Cades Cove was closed Monday, said Nancy Gray, a National Park Service spokeswoman.

"You can't get into Cades Cove because of high water," she said.

Flash flooding destroyed or severely damaged at least 60 homes in rugged southeastern Kentucky's Harlan and Knox counties, and seven other counties reported flooding, mud slides and power outages.

County discusses subdivision laws

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning discussed new legislation concerning regulation of subdivisions, but took no action on the item.

The legislation, according to County Judge Ricky Fritz, will allow counties to regulate subdivisions that fall outside city limits, but only pertains to those within 1.5 miles of the borders.

Fritz told the court he isn't sure the legislation pertains to Scurry County and was reluctant to pursue the matter.

"We're not exactly like Pflugerville or Round Rock with subdivisions popping up all over the place," the judge said. "I know a lot of people live outside the city limits because they want the freedom to do what they want. I feel it's best to be the least restrictive as possible."

The court agreed to consult with County Attorney Mike Hartman regarding the legalities of the new legislation and also to research current subdivision laws already in effect in the county.

"I think that this legislation is for I-35 and the Valley," Fritz said. "And now it's being forced upon us."

In other business, the court heard the annual library report from Scurry County Librarian Janie Romine.

Romine reported that the library now has an Internet website, www.snydertex.com/sclibrary, and the site will soon contain the library's complete book catalog.

Romine also told the court about the Texas Library Association, of which Scurry County is a charter member.

Among the benefits of membership, Romine said, are grant monies available through the association and access to extensive databases that could cost millions of dollars to maintain locally.

One line-item transfer was approved in the STAR department for $247.76 from the maintenance line to the cellular line and no budget amendments were presented.

Fritz presided over the hour-long meeting and all members of the court were present to include commissioners Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Blood drive will be Tuesday, Thursday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and United Blood Services (UBS) will hold a two-day blood drive beginning Tuesday.

It will also be held on Thursday.

The Tuesday drive will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Thursday, the drive will be conducted in the donor coach parked at Cogdell Hospital.

Thursday's drive will be from noon until 7 p.m.

"Our blood supply has dropped to a critical level," said Les Long, Community Relations Manager of UBS. "This dangerously low supply puts patients at risk and our supply is below minimum standards for the blood center."

Long said the low blood supply is a result of several factors, including the long-standing gap between local demand and local donations.

Some drives in the area have been cancelled, and others have not produced the number of donors hoped for, Long said.

All blood donors this drive will receive a T-shirt, as well as a mini-physical that includes checks on temperature and iron levels.

"Please join us for this drive and help save a life," Long added.

Library book sale is planned for this week

The annual book sale at the Scurry County Library is planned for Wednesday through Saturday.

The purpose of the sale is to raise funds for the summer reading program for children.

Hours for the sale Wednesday are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., the same as Friday.

On Thursday, the sale will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 8 in the evening.

The fund-raising event will continue Saturday with the hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Travel trailer taxation will be discussed

Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors will convene at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday to amend the appraisal and collection budgets for 2002 and 2001.

The board also will discuss new legislation regarding travel trailer taxation.

Bills payable will be considered and collection reports are to be reviewed.

The meeting's agenda includes no old business, but does set aside time for public comment.

The meeting will be heid at the offices of the appraisal district, 2612 College Ave.

Relay for Life sets meeting for tonight

Team captains for this year's Relay for Life will hold a come and go meeting beginning at 5:30 this evening at West Texas State Bank.

The meeting will conclude at 7:30.

Captains are asked to bring registration fees of $10 per person, and T-shirt sizes for team members.

County American Cancer Society and Relay for Life committee members will be on hand to answer questions and give suggestions for team fundraising.

ASK US

Q—If I didn't vote in the primary election, can I vote in the Democratic runoff election for the U.S. Senate?

A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 58 degrees; low, 39; high Sunday, 67; low, 51; 7 a.m. Monday, 51, .04 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 1.52 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 60% rain chance; low 50-55. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, breezy, cooler; 70% rain chance; high 55-60; E winds 10-20 mph.



Brennen Baze
Rain

Sunset:
6:54 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:49 a.m.
Of 76 days in 2002, the sun has shone 73 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

—Ben Franklin

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Toyota Camry favorite target of thieves

DETROIT (AP) — If you own a 1991 Toyota Camry, any Honda Accord or a Chevrolet model, keep an eye on it.

For the fifth straight year, the Camry was the auto thief's vehicle of choice, while the Chevrolet was the most stolen brand in 2001, according to CCC Information Services Inc.

The Honda Accord was the most stolen vehicle regardless of model year.

Overall, however, vehicle thefts fell 2.7 percent last year, according to the Chicago-based technology company that provides software and information services about auto claims to insurers and repair facilities.

"We don't know for certain why a vehicle is stolen," said the company's president of sales and service Mary Jo Prigge. "The trend is they're all stolen for the value of their parts."

CCC determines its list of most stolen vehicles by analyzing total losses submitted to it by more than 350 property and casualty insurers in North America.

The Camry and Accord have been perennial sales leaders in the last 10 years. Indeed, Camrys had the dubious distinction of taking the top three spots on the list, with last year's prime target, the 1989 Camry, falling to second place and the 1990 model in third.

Auto thieves definitely have a taste for Japanese passenger cars, with Toyota and Honda brands occupying 16 of the top 20 spots, but when it comes to pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles they like American models.

The 1994 Chevrolet C1500 4x2 pickup was the most stolen vehicle from a U.S. automaker, coming in at number five on the list. Of the top 25 most stolen vehicles, five are sport utility vehicles or pickup trucks — all from U.S. automakers.

Prigge says the rise in thefts of trucks and SUVs mirrors their increasing popularity among new vehicle buyers.

Since 1997 thefts of so-called light trucks has increased seven percent from 25.7 percent to 32.6 percent.

Ex-Indiana state trooper convicted of killing family

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (AP) — A former state trooper was convicted of murder for killing his wife and two children in what prosecutors said was an attempt to collect on a life insurance policy and pursue relationships with other women.

David Camm, 37, was found guilty on Sunday night by a jury that had been deliberating through the weekend. He faces up to 65 years on each murder count.

Camm will be sentenced in about a month, said Floyd Superior Court Judge Richard Striegel.

Prosecutors said Camm murdered his wife, Kimberly, 35, and their children, Brad, 7, and Jill, 5, in September of 2000 so he could be with other women and collect about $600,000 from insurance.

Camm, who testified for three days, said he found the bodies after returning home from playing in a basketball game at his church.

After the verdict was announced, Camm's sister, Julie Hogue, shouted, "No, no, no! It's wrong! You know it's wrong."

Prosecutor Stan Faith said of the verdict: "This was justice — justice for society."

Much of the testimony focused on specks of Jill Camm's blood found on the T-shirt Camm was wearing the night of the killings.

The prosecution argued the stains came from splattered blood that occurs when someone is shot. The defense maintained Camm got the blood on his shirt when he leaned inside the family's Ford Bronco and pulled his son out to perform CPR on him.

The trial, moved from Johnson County to New Albany because of heavy pretrial publicity, lasted more than two months.

Angioplasties are helped with stents coated with drugs

ATLANTA (AP) — Doctors believe they have solved one of the most frustrating problems in heart care — the stubborn tendency of heart arteries to clog up after angioplasty.

New data released Sunday suggest the approach virtually eliminates this complication, which occurs in about one-quarter of angioplasties — now done on 1 million Americans annually.

The approach is the drug-coated stent, a wire coil engineered to prop open the artery and keep it from refilling with scar tissue.

"This is a very hot topic, potentially revolutionary in the treatment of coronary artery disease," said Dr. Spencer King III of Emory University.

During angioplasty, doctors fish tiny balloons through clogged heart arteries, then inflate them briefly to open up blood flow. The tendency of the freshly opened artery to close up again with scar tissue within a few months has always been its major drawback.

Doctors have tried a variety of gadgets, such as lasers and whirring knives, to prevent this complication, called restenosis. The introduction of ordinary stents a few years ago was a big improvement, reducing the failure rate from around 40 percent to about 25 percent.

However, the latest advance has the potential of eliminating it almost completely. The first hint of this was made public last September at a European heart conference, and more data were released Sunday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta.

At least eight different varieties — coated with different growth-inhibiting medicines — are now in testing, and many more are under development. The first was Cordis Corp.'s stent coated with the immune suppressing drug rapamycin, tested on patients in Brazil and the Netherlands.

Dr. J. Eduardo Sousa of the Dante Pazzanese Institute of Cardiology in Sao Paulo presented two years of follow up with those 43 initial patients. While three of them have needed heart procedures for worsening disease in other parts of their hearts, all of the areas treated with the Cordis stents are flowing freely.

Sousa projected an X-ray of one of the patient's hearts, showing a wide, obstruction-free artery. "No lesion. No problem," he said. "The artery is completely open after two years follow up."

Dr. Jean Fajadet of Thoraxcenter in Rotterdam gave results with the same stent after seven months in 238 patients. Again, not a single stent clogged up, compared with restenosis in 26 percent of those getting ordinary stents.

Dr. Sidney Smith, chief medical officer of the American Heart Association, cautioned that large, careful studies must be finished comparing the new stents with the ordinary kind.

Nevertheless, he said, "these are very impressive and very encouraging results. When you see zero restenosis at one year, it's a breakthrough. It's almost too good to believe when you see zero."

Especially encouraging, Smith said, is the fact they seem to work in unusually small arteries and in those of diabetic patients. Both are very prone to reclogging.

Dr. Greg Stone of Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City said the first of these stents could be available in 2003. Results of at least three large studies, necessary to win Food and Drug Administration approval, are expected on rival products within the next year.

Manufacturers have not said how much they will cost, but Stone said the price is likely to be about double that of ordinary stents, which sell for around $1,400 apiece.

events

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-34-39-42-52-54

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.

Pick 3

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

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Today is the 77th day of 2002, and the 88th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the Congress of the Confederate States of America adjourned for the final time.

On this day in 1881, Barnum and Bailey's "Greatest Show on Earth" opened for the first time at Madison Square Garden.

On this day in 1922, British magistrates in India sentenced Mahatma Gandhi to six years in prison for civil disobedience.

On this day in 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was ratified.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Grover Cleveland (1837 - 1908), 22nd and 24th President; F.W. de Klerk (1932 -), former South African president, is 70; Vanessa Williams (1963 -), singer/former Miss America, is 39; Bonnie Blair (1964 -), speed skater, is 38; Dana "Queen Latifah" Owens (1970 -), actress/rap artist, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, Lord Stanley proposed the idea for Canada's various hockey teams to compete for a silver "challenge cup". It would go on to be one of the most famous trophies in sports, the Stanley Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't want to whitewash it at all. It is wrong. There are international norms. But, what do you do when you are fighting revolutionary forces aiming to overthrow the state in an unlawful manner when that state (i.e., the apartheid state) is internationally recognized, as ours had been?" - F.W. de Klerk

TODAY'S MOON: In between the new moon (March 13) and the first quarter (March 21)

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Will I Ever Be 16? YES!
Happy Birthday Ashlye

Racing rattlers celebrates Irish heritage

OLD SAN PATRICIO (AP) — Start with the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland, and then give it a Texas twist.

What you end up with is the World Championship Rattlesnake Races, run for the past three decades to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in this tiny South Texas town settled by Irish immigrants in the early 1800s.

The basic idea is simple — pay $20 to rent a rattler, put it down on the ground and do what it takes to coax him along a grassy strip to the finish line 80 feet away. Nine other people are trying to do the same thing at the same time.

Racers are equipped with a 6-foot plastic rod — called a "gitter," as in to git along — to help them with the job. Some use it to beat the ground next to the snake to create vibrations, while others walk behind and tap the grass with the tip or scrape the surface.

There are a few rules, like no smacking the snake. Not only would that be completely uncalled-for, it would also be bad strategy.

"If you get out in front of him, he's gonna stop," said Jack Lewis, the race's general manager. "If you touch him, he's gonna coil up and try to strike."

Making a champion is the centerpiece of the annual two-day St. Patrick's Day festival. Five heats were run on Saturday and another five on Sunday, with the winners of each heat squaring off in the main event.

The ultimate winner was Don Burkman of Austin, who swung his gitter like an ax to urge his rented Western diamondback to victory in 69 seconds.

"I was smacking (the ground) pretty good," he said afterward. "He slowed down on me last time. I wanted to keep him going."

Stacy Mills of Aransas Pass, another finalist, said there's a danger rush that comes with racing rattlers.

"It's a snake, and you're afraid it's going to turn around and snap at you," she said.

The racing idea came up in the early 1970s, when some history-minded residents were trying to come up with a way to raise funds to restore structures in Old San Patricio and build a museum to house Mexican lances, cannonballs and other artifacts found in the area.

The community 30 miles northwest of Corpus Christii was founded in 1830 as San Patricio de Hibernia — St. Patrick of Ireland — by a pair of Irish empresarios who used their gift of gab and the promise of land to persuade recent Irish arrivals to New York to travel south to a wilderness area that was still part of Mexico.

The St. Patrick's Day festival began in the 1870s, and the first rattlers were raced here in 1973.

"It was wild," Lewis recalled. "We didn't know what we were doing. We had these snakes all over the place."

The event started small, but steadily grew over the years. Now the festival, which features carnival rides, live music and crafts and food kiosks — one of which sells small portions of fried rattlesnake meat — attracts as many as 10,000 people each year.

A local snake-handler accompanies the racer down the 80-foot course for protection, to offer racing tips and to pick up the snake should it veer into another lane.

The snakes used in Old San Patricio come from "rattlesnake roundups" in west Texas, a decades-old tradition started by ranchers and farmers to reduce the snake populations.

Animal-rights groups denounce rounding up and racing rattlesnakes.

Teresa Telecky, a zoologist with the Humane Society of the United States, said "these are some of the most deliberately cruel public events existing today."

Telecky, based in Gaithersburg, Md., says gasoline is often sprayed into rattler dens to flush out the snakes, which are then captured and kept in large bins, often without food or water.

Drownings seemed premeditated

HOUSTON (AP) — Four jurors who voted to convict Andrea Yates of capital murder said the way she drowned her children in the family bathtub seemed premeditated and methodical.

The jurors, only identified by first names, talked about the deliberations in an interview with "Dateline NBC" that aired Sunday night. They served on the 12-member panel that last week found Yates guilty in the deaths of three of the five children and recommended she be sentenced to life in prison.

The jury's recommended sentence was expected to be formalized today by State District Judge Belinda Hill.

Jill, a social worker who served on the jury, said as Yates explained to police how she drowned the children, it seemed as if she was "thinking pretty clearly."

One of the jurors pointed to Yates' decision the night before to drown the children and the organized manner in which she went about holding each child beneath the water's surface before calling in the next.

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"She was able to describe what she did ... I felt like she knew exactly what she was doing, and she knew it was wrong, or she would not have called the police," said Roy, a math teacher and juror.

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Yates, 37, will have to spend at least 40 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

The jurors said they believed Yates was mentally ill, an opinion shared by both the prosecution and the defense, but they also believed that she knew right from wrong — a key element in determining whether a defendant meets the legal definition of insanity.

"Andrea Yates, herself in her interviews, said she knew it was wrong in the eyes of society," Jill said. "She knew it was wrong in the eyes of God, and she knew it was illegal. And, you know, I don't know what wrong means if all those three things aren't factored in."

Roy said the children's deaths were a greater factor than Yates' mental illness during deliberations.

"A lot of people want you to have sympathy for her and feel sorry for her," said Roy, who has a daughter the same age as Noah, Yates' 7-year-old son. "And that's OK, but you cannot forget those children."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife wants small sparkler to celebrate couple's 25th

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in a few months. When he asks me what I want, how do I hint to him that I'd like a modest engagement ring without having to come right out with it? I have never had one, and I have never taken off my wedding band during our entire marriage. In fact, I have never worn another ring on my hands out of respect for my wedding band. I would like a small "sparkler" to go along with it, but I'm embarrassed to tell him. It seems almost greedy.

Although we probably should keep all our savings for retirement, we could be frivolous and spend several hundred dollars without breaking the bank. I have put jewelry ads where he can see them, but he doesn't notice them. — **SEEKING A SUBTLE SUGGESTION IN FLORIDA**

DEAR SEEKING: Your husband isn't a mind reader, and if you expect him to pick up on a hint, you're taking a big gamble. When he asks what you want for your 25th anniversary, tell him the truth. Tell him you would like a tasteful, sparkling diamond ring to add to your wedding band — to symbolize the jewel of a man you married so many happy years ago. It's the truth, and I hope it has the desired result.

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DEAR ABBY: Back in 1993, I was in ninth grade attending high school in northern Delaware. I was a shy kid and somewhat depressed. I never had much to say, nor felt my opinions mattered.

One day in math class, the teacher called on me to answer a math problem. Out of the blue, a boy who sat several rows away said out loud, "You should talk more. You have a nice voice." I was in shock — in a good way! Someone had given me a compliment!

It was, and still is, one of the nicest compliments I've ever received. It made me feel valued. I still smile whenever I think of it.

If that young man happens to read this, I thank him from the bottom of my heart. — **STEPHANIE IN DELAWARE**

DEAR STEPHANIE: I'm pleased to pass along your message. A simple compliment can change a life. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My 99-year-old aunt gave me this poem. It was written by my grandmother, Cecile Harris, who was born in 1868. I call it "Grandma's Words of Wisdom."

For some kind word I do not say
A heart goes lonely on its way.
Those words of praise I do not speak
May make another's courage weak.
My friendly thought I do not share
May leave another in despair.
The words that burn, the hurt that sears
May live to haunt me through the years.
What loads I lift, what joy I spread
May live long after I am dead.

My grandma was a wonderful lady. I can recall no unkind comment she ever made. — **BONNIE THOMA, YUBA CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR BONNIE: Your grandmother not only had a way with words, she was a wise woman.

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Police arrest 84 in cockfight raid

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police raided a cockfighting tournament at a Philadelphia auto body shop, arresting 84 people as others fled through doors and windows.

Officers found 66 live roosters and 13 dead ones, a 12-by-18-foot fighting ring, a 4-foot high trophy for the winner and a fully stocked bar.

They seized $51,769 from those arrested and a loaded 9mm handgun. Police also confiscated sharp spurs that cockfighters attach to the birds and hypodermic needles to inject them with stimulants and anticoagulants.

"This obviously was a championship tournament," Capt. Leonard Ditchkofsky said Sunday.

Those arrested were being held pending hearings this week on charges including cruelty to animals, illegal gambling, and liquor violations, Ditchkofsky said.

Pennsylvania is one of nearly 30 states in which it is a felony to conduct or attend a cockfight. It is legal in Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Cockfighting involves two birds equipped with metal spurs. The roosters — bred for power, speed and killer instinct — claw at each other until one of them keels over, usually in a bloody mess.

The sport has run into increased resistance from law enforcement and Congress in recent years as opponents push for a ban on the interstate transfer of birds for cockfighting.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-18-02
♠ A Q 10 8 2
♥ J 10 9 5
♦ 6 5 4
♣ 3

West
♠ K J 4
♥ 7
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ K Q J 5 2

East
♠ 6 5 3
♥ 8 3 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ A 7 6 4

South
♠ 9 7
♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ K 8 7
♣ 10 9 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Dbl.	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Monday, March 18, 2002

Back in time in bridge

By Phillip Alder

Last October, I paid a visit to the Bay Area. When in Monterey, I found a copy of Milton C. Work's "Auction Bridge Complete" (John C. Winston Co., 1926).

The book is fascinating. For example, Work recommends opening one of a suit in first or second position when holding ace-king- or ace-queen-jack-fifth and out!

This sounds bizarre, but in auction bridge there was no reason to bid a game or slam. If you stopped in one heart and won 10 or 12 tricks, you received the game or slam bonus, respectively. (If you had a weaker suit, you were expected to hold compensating values on the side.)

However, most of Work's card-play recommendations are still relevant today. For example: "The best way to fight a No Trump is to try to establish a long suit; against a suit contract there is little advantage in establishing a suit because the established cards will not win tricks unless Declarer's trumps can be exhausted, which is rarely possible. Therefore, against a suit contract the scheme of the leader should be to win tricks with his own and his partner's high cards before the Declarer can discard."

In this deal, how should the play proceed in four hearts? What is the best defense if West is the declarer in four clubs?

This is the auction in the book, takeout (or informatory, as Work calls it) double and all.

East must overtake the club king with his ace and shift to the diamond jack or nine. When needing three quick tricks in a suit like this, lead high.

Similarly, against four clubs by West, after North leads the heart jack, South should overtake and switch to the spade nine.

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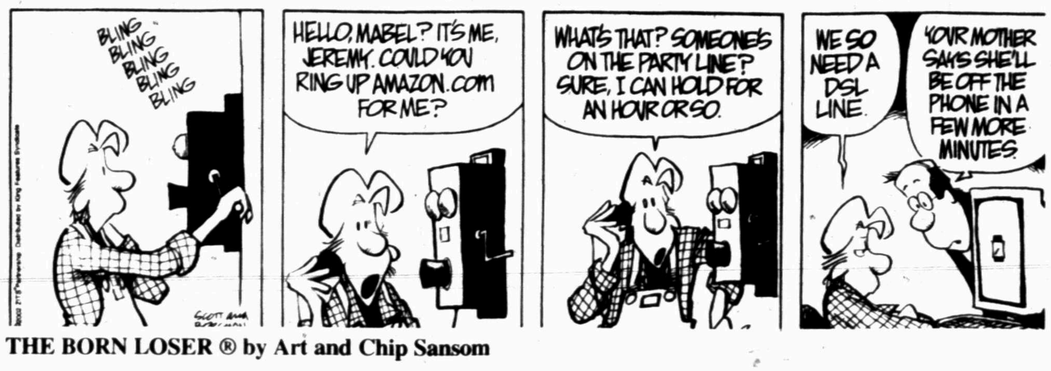
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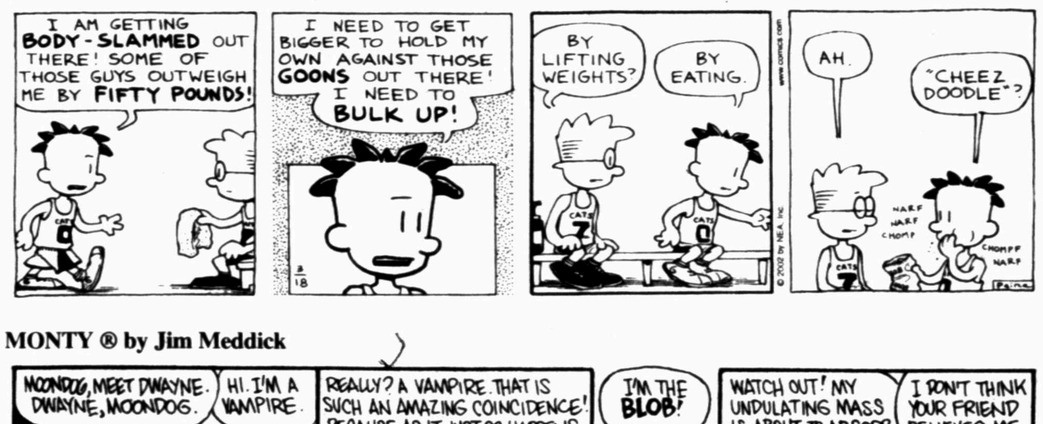
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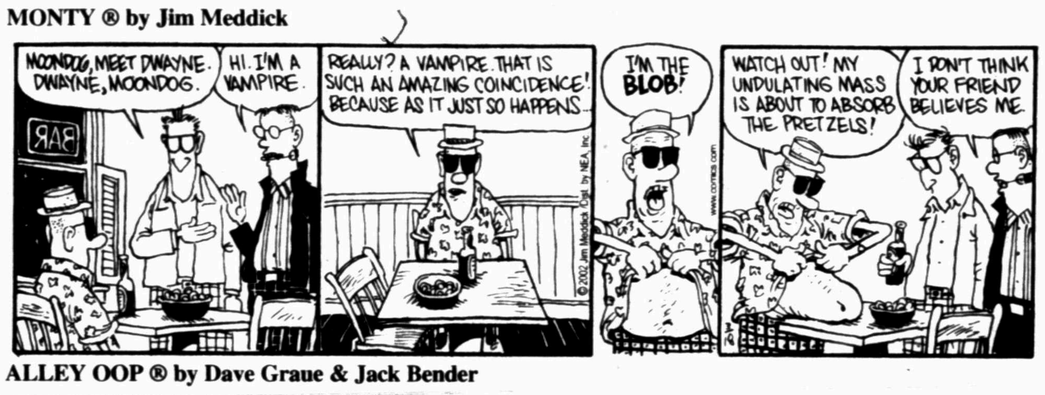
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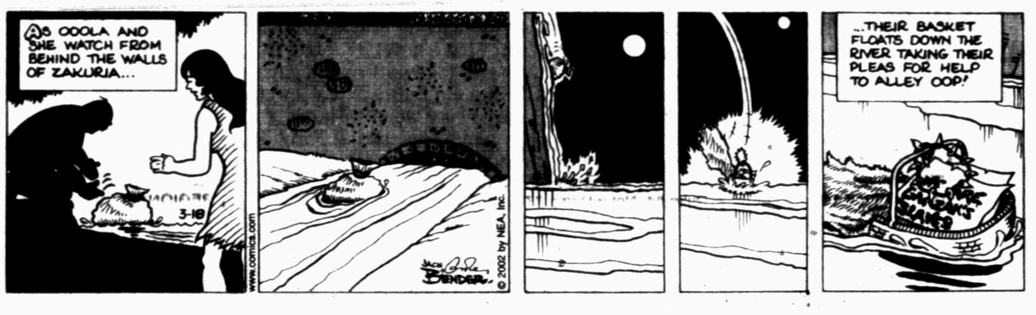
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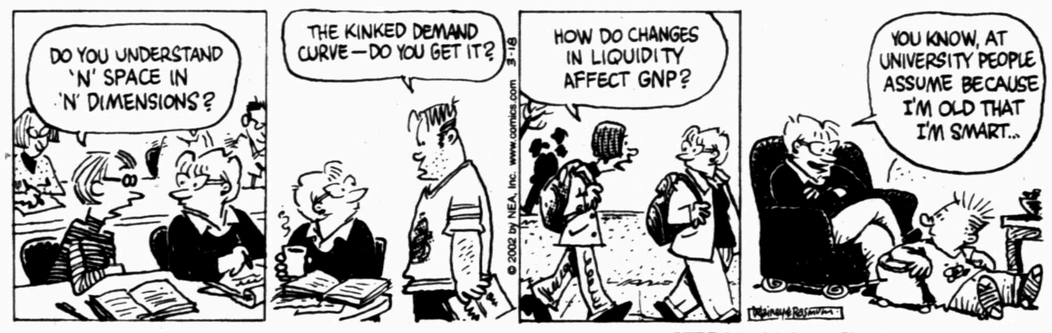
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ACROSS

1 Pushed the doorbell
5 Waterless
8 Gust of wind
12 Face shape
13 Want-ad abbr.
14 — gin fizz
15 "Star Wars" mentor
16 Comic-book thud
17 Geraint's wife
18 Get clean (2 wds.)
20 Twofold
21 Band's booking
22 Turf
23 Angel toppers
26 Geisha's attire
29 Take — — (be recognized)
30 Leafy vegetable
31 Actress Thurman
33 Triangular sail
34 Cowboy's bed
35 Govt. investigator (hyph.)
36 Teacher's goal
38 Striped animal
39 World Series mo.
40 Lend a hand
41 Where to see hippos
43 Iris centers
46 Pitchers
47 Math proof abbr.
48 Waikiki's island
50 "Cosmo" rival
51 Part of TNT
52 Computer owner
53 Wk. day
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55 Getz or Musial

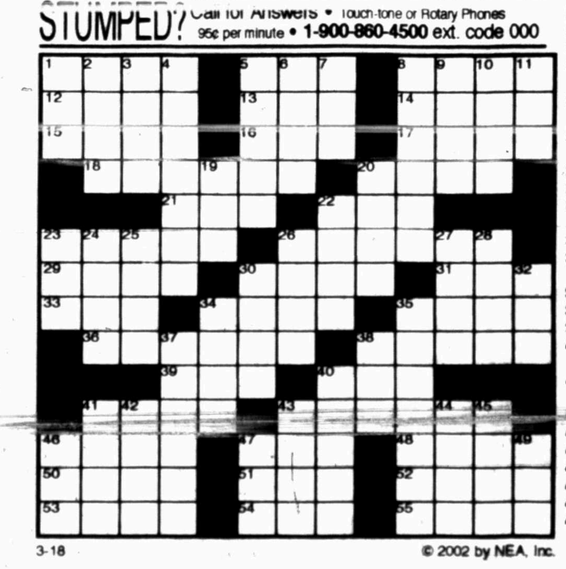
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6 Gather in, as crops
7 — Kippur
8 Fake
9 Arm bone
10 Thwart
11 Gave supper
19 Not here
20 Bald head
22 Corn tassel
23 Pilgrimage
24 "Isn't that — — much?"
25 Earring's place
26 Welles' "Citizen"
27 Deaden
28 Actor Sharif
30 Russell of "Backdraft"
32 Miscellany
34 Tampa Bay eleven
35 Boring
37 Rodeo gear
38 Move quickly
40 Review the books
41 Bantu language
42 Sans
43 Paris papa
44 Hold out
45 NY ballpark
46 Fast plane
47 Several pts.
49 Footed vase

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SPORTS

Longhorns, Sooners headed to Sweet 16

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and Oklahoma rubbed elbows just long enough to share in some hoops happiness in the city where they meet annually in one of college football's fiercest rivalries.

Texas and Oklahoma joined two other members of the Big 12 in the NCAA tournament's round of 16 with victories Sunday. They smothered their opponents with tenacious defense and clutch shooting from sweet-shooting forwards.

Deginald Erskin scored 17 points on 8-of-9 shooting in sixth-seeded Texas' 68-64 upset of Mississippi State.

In the later game, Aaron McGhee avoided a much-anticipated confrontation with Xavier big man David West by scoring from outside, leading the second-seeded Sooners to a 78-65 win.

Texas (22-11) will face No. 2 Oregon (25-8) in Madison, Wis., on Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinals. Oklahoma (29-4) advances to meet No. 3 Arizona (24-9) in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday in the West.

The Longhorns jumped out to a 23-point lead against third-seeded Mississippi State thanks largely to Erskin's 7-for-7 start.

He missed one shot during a 12-minute scoring drought in the second half before making a basket while being fouled by Mississippi State forward Mario Austin with 1:52 left and the Bulldogs within two points. Erskin made the free throw to put the Longhorns ahead 64-59.

"I really thought he was the difference," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We told the guys to get him the ball. Our players will tell you he's the hardest player on the team to guard."

Texas advanced to the final 16 for the first time since 1997.

Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury, who complained all week about the "pod" system that allows some teams to play closer to home, wasn't happy about being the "home team" in an arena filled with thousands of burnt orange-clad Texas fans.

"If you're asking me should a lower-seed have an advantage — no," Stansbury said. "We're the only high seed that had to do this."

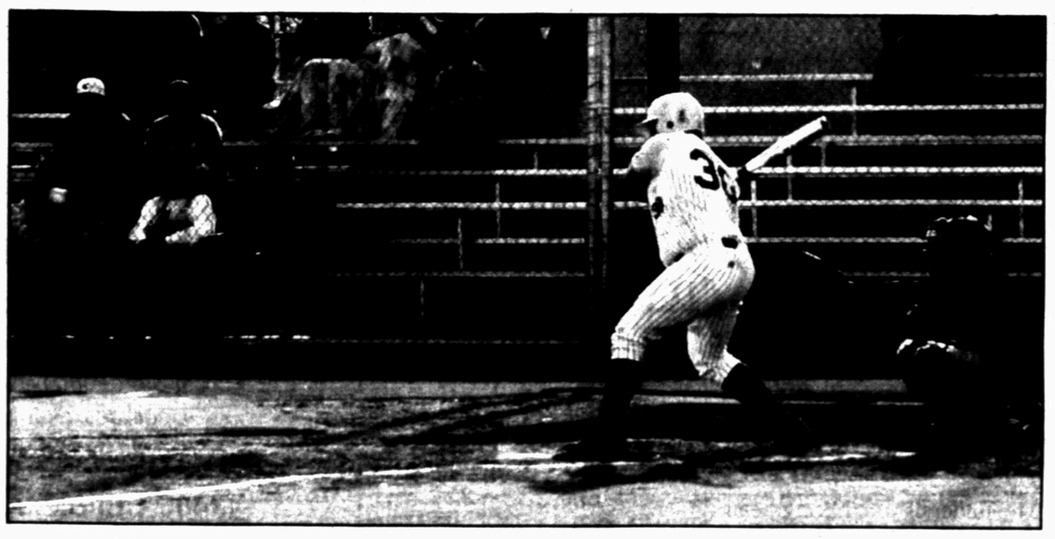
Many Texas fans stuck around for Oklahoma's game against Xavier, brushing up against their most bitter rivals as crimson and cream-colored Sooner fans filed into the American Airlines Center.

Despite the enmity between the schools, if Texas and Oklahoma fans weren't supporting each other, you couldn't tell.

McGhee got the capacity crowd of 19,951 roaring.

He scored 11 of Oklahoma's first 18 points, then scored eight of 11 to break a tie midway through the second half. McGhee's two free throws with 11:15 left broke a 49-49 tie, then he started building the lead — and getting the Oklahoma crowd into it — with a short jumper over West.

Chants of "Boomer Sooner" filled the arena as McGhee increased the Sooners' lead by hitting a long jumper, then later making two of three free throws after West fouled him while shooting a 3-pointer.



ON ITS WAY — Snyder senior Stephen Ortegon prepares to swing at a pitch during the Tigers' recent 8-7 victory over Levelland. The Tigers host Big Spring at 7 p.m. Tuesday, while the Lady Tigers host Plainview at 6 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Raiders top Mississippi St.

LUBBOCK (AP) — Amber Tarr picked the right game to come out of a shooting slump, scoring 25 points and matching her career high as Texas Tech defeated Mississippi State 77-55 Sunday night in the second round of the West Regional.

In four prior games, Tarr had made only nine of 38 shots.

"It's about time since my past two games I've been really cold," Tarr said. "We worked the ball so well. Our post girls did such a good job. Mississippi State was focused on them and it opened it up outside."

The win earned Tech (20-11) its fourth straight trip to the Sweet Sixteen.

The Lady Raiders will play Saturday in Boise, Idaho, against the winner of the Oklahoma-Villanova game Monday night in Norman, Okla.

"I'm really pleased the girls are going to get to go to the Sweet Sixteen," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "They really deserve that."

Tech, the fourth seed, brought a swarming defense, double teaming the Lady Bulldogs' top scorer LaToya Thomas almost every time she got the ball in the paint. Mississippi State pulled within six points with about 11 minutes remaining.

"We showed some immaturity at that point and lost focus and a very good basketball team took advantage," said Lady Bulldog coach Sharon Fanning.

In the first half, Tech held Mississippi State (19-12) scoreless for more than eight minutes and kept the top two scorers — Thomas and Tan White — to just seven points.

Meanwhile, Tech scored 11 straight to lead 17-5.

Cisti Greenwalt matched her season high and garnered her fourth double-double this season.

Perkins added 10 for Tech.

Thomas scored 15 points, and Jennifer Fambrough added 14.

Voss earns spot in all-star game

Katie Voss, a senior at Midland Greenwood and former player at Snyder High School, has been selected to compete in the Zebra Roundup All-Star Basketball Games to be held Saturday in Grandview.

The Zebra Roundup selects the top 24 boys and girls from 1A through 3A to participate.

Voss was also named co-MVP of District 3-3A along with Lamesa's Ashley Hunter.

Katie is the daughter of Vance and Kathy Voss. She is the granddaughter of Jan Harrell and the late Sonny Harrell and Carl Voss Jr.



Katie Voss

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68
Tulsa 71, Marquette 69
Friday, March 15
At Washington
North Carolina State 69, Michigan State 58
Connecticut 78, Hampton 67
Wisconsin 80, St. John's 70
Maryland 85, Siena 70
At Chicago
Southern Illinois 76, Texas Tech 68
Georgia 85, Murray State 68
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kentucky 87, Tulsa 82
Sunday, March 17
At Washington
Connecticut 77, North Carolina State 74
Maryland 87, Wisconsin 57
At Chicago
Southern Illinois 77, Georgia 75
Semifinals
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 22
Kentucky (22-9) vs. Maryland (28-4)
Connecticut (26-6) vs. Southern Illinois (28-7)
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Greenville, S.C.
Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61
Alabama 86, Florida Atlantic 78
Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63
Duke 84, Winthrop 37
At Sacramento, Calif.
North Carolina-Wilmington 93, Southern California 89 (OT)
Indiana 75, Utah 57
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh 71, Central Connecticut State 54
California 82, Pennsylvania 75
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Greenville, S.C.
Duke 84, Notre Dame 77
Kent State 71, Alabama 58
At Sacramento, Calif.
Indiana 76, North Carolina-Wilmington 67
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh 63, California 50
Semifinals
At Lexington, Ky.
Thursday, March 21
Duke (31-3) vs. Indiana (22-11)
Kent State (29-5) vs. Pittsburgh (29-5)
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kansas 70, Holy Cross 59
Stanford 84, Western Kentucky 68
At Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74
Oregon 81, Montana 62
Friday, March 15
At Chicago
Creighton 83, Florida 82 (2OT)
Illinois 93, San Diego State 64
At Dallas
Mississippi State 70, McNeese State 58
Texas 70, Boston College 57
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kansas 86, Stanford 63
At Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon 92, Wake Forest 87
Sunday, March 17
At Chicago
Illinois 72, Creighton 60
At Dallas
Texas 68, Mississippi State 64
Semifinals
At Madison, Wis.
Friday, March 22
Kansas (31-3) vs. Illinois (26-8)
Oregon (25-8) vs. Texas (22-11)
Championship
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri 93, Miami 80
Ohio State 69, Davidson 64
Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66
Arizona 86, UC Santa Barbara 81
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Cincinnati 90, Boston University 52
UCLA 80, Mississippi 58
At Dallas
Oklahoma 71, Illinois-Chicago 63
Xavier 70, Hawaii 58
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri 83, Ohio State 67
Arizona 68, Wyoming 60
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
ULCA 105, Cincinnati 101 (2OT)
At Dallas
Oklahoma 78, Xavier 65
Semifinals
At San Jose, Calif.
Thursday, March 21
Missouri (23-11) vs. UCLA (21-11)
Arizona (24-9) vs. Oklahoma (29-4)
Championship
Saturday, March 23
Semifinal winners

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Durham, N.C.
Texas Christian 55, Indiana 45
Duke 95, Norfolk State 48
At Austin
UC Santa Barbara 57, Louisiana Tech 56
Texas 60, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55
At Waco
Drake 87, Syracuse 69
Baylor 80, Bucknell 56
Saturday, March 16
At State College, Pa.
Cincinnati 76, St. Peter's 63, OT
South Carolina 69, Liberty 61
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 76, Texas Christian 66
At Waco
Drake 76, Baylor 72
At Austin
Texas 76, UC Santa Barbara 60
Monday, March 18
At Columbia, S.C.
Cincinnati (27-4) vs. South Carolina (23-6), 7:36 p.m.
Semifinals
At Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 23
Duke (29-3) vs. Texas (22-9), TBA
Cincinnati-South Carolina winner vs. Drake (25-7), TBA
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Manhattan, Kan.
Arkansas 78, Clemson 68
Kansas State 93, Kent State 65
At State College, Pa.
Florida International 73, Creighton 58
Penn State 82, Chattanooga 67
Saturday, March 16
At Storrs, Conn.
Iowa 69, Virginia 62
Connecticut 86, St. Francis, Pa. 37
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion 68, Georgia 54
Purdue 80, Austin Peay 49
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 96, Florida International 79
At Manhattan, Kan.
Kansas State 82, Arkansas 68
Monday, March 18
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion (26-5) vs. Purdue (24-5), 7:06 p.m.
At Storrs, Conn.
Iowa (18-10) vs. Connecticut (34-0), 9:06 p.m.
Semifinals
At Milwaukee
Saturday, March 23
Penn State (23-11) vs. Iowa-Connecticut winner, TBA
Kansas State (26-7) vs. Old Dominion-Purdue winner, TBA
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Notre Dame 58, New Mexico 44
Tennessee 98, Georgia State 68
Saturday, March 16
At Nashville, Tenn.
Arizona State 73, Wisconsin 70
Vanderbilt 63, Oakland, Mich. 38
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Minnesota 71, UNLV 54
North Carolina 85, Harvard 58
At Ames, Iowa
Brigham Young 90, Florida 52
Iowa State 72, Temple 57
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 89, Notre Dame 50
Monday, March 18
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Minnesota (22-7) vs. North Carolina (26-7), 6:36 p.m.
At Nashville, Tenn.
Arizona State (25-8) vs. Vanderbilt (28-6), 8:36 p.m.
At Ames, Iowa
Brigham Young (23-8) vs. Iowa State (24-8), 10:36 p.m.
Semifinals
At Ames, Iowa
Saturday, March 23
Arizona State-Vanderbilt winner vs. Minnesota-North Carolina winner, TBA
Brigham Young-Iowa State winner vs. Tennessee (27-4), TBA
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Lubbock
Mississippi State 65, Boston College 59
Texas Tech 84, Stephen F. Austin 65
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado 88, Southern University 61
LSU 84, Santa Clara 78
Saturday, March 16
At Norman, Okla.
Villanova 67, Pepperdine 49
Oklahoma 84, Hartford 52
At Stanford, Calif.
Tulane 73, Colorado State 69
Stanford 76, Weber State 51
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Lubbock
Texas Tech 77, Mississippi State 55
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado 69, LSU 58
Monday, March 18
At Norman, Okla.
Villanova (20-10) vs. Oklahoma (25-6), 9:36 p.m.
At Stanford, Calif.
Tulane (24-10) vs. Stanford (31-2), 11:06 p.m.
Semifinals
At Boise, Idaho
Saturday, March 23
Villanova-Oklahoma winner vs. Texas Tech (20-11), TBA
Colorado (23-9) vs. Tulane-Stanford winner, TBA
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	42	24	.636	—
Boston	38	28	.576	4
Orlando	36	30	.545	6
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	7½
Miami	30	34	.469	11
Washington	30	36	.455	12
New York	25	40	.385	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	37	27	.578	—
Milwaukee	36	28	.563	1
Indiana	34	32	.515	4
Charlotte	32	33	.492	5½
Toronto	30	37	.448	8½
Atlanta	25	40	.385	12½
Cleveland	24	42	.364	14
Chicago	17	50	.254	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	21	.682	1
Minnesota	40	26	.606	6
Utah	36	30	.545	10
Houston	25	40	.385	20½
Denver	19	44	.302	25½
Memphis	17	49	.258	29

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	18	.723	—
Sacramento	47	18	.723	—
Portland	40	25	.615	7
Seattle	37	30	.552	11
L.A. Clippers	34	33	.507	14
Phoenix	30	37	.448	18
Golden State	17	47	.266	29½

Saturday's Games
Miami 101, Denver 76
Charlotte 87, Phoenix 76
New York 105, Cleveland 95
Chicago 114, Houston 112, 2OT
San Antonio 111, Boston 104
Detroit 102, Milwaukee 94
Portland 95, Washington 80
Dallas 117, Golden State 100
Seattle 95, L.A. Clippers 87
Sunday's Games
Orlando 105, Philadelphia 103
Indiana 85, Atlanta 68
New Jersey 87, Memphis 76
Sacramento 116, Toronto 113
Utah 96, Minnesota 89
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Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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Sports Briefs

Girls basketball camp scheduled

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Woods wins at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods began his march to the Masters with his first victory of the year, a four-shot margin at the Bay Hill Invitational that was secured by Phil Mickelson's blunders on the closing holes.

Trailing Mickelson by one stroke at the turn, Woods played mistake-free when the pressure was at its peak and closed with a 3-under 69 to become the first player to win Arnold Palmer's tournament three years in a row.

Woods finished at 275 and won for the 30th time in his career. At age 26, he is the youngest player in PGA Tour history to reach that benchmark.

Mickelson closed with three straight bogeys and finished at 71, in a tie for third, five strokes behind.

Richardson's future still unknown

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Nolan Richardson's future at Arkansas rests with the university system's president, who is considering the former basketball coach's appeal of a contract buyout.

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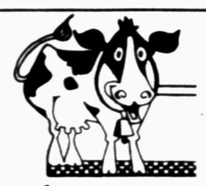
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Military seeks ways to safeguard troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The USS Cole was operating under "Threatcon Bravo," one of the lowest terrorist threat conditions, when two suicide bombers in a small dingy rammed the destroyer in Yemen and blasted a hole in its side, killing 17 sailors.

The 40-by-40-foot gash left in the ship was an unsettling reminder that despite greater protection efforts, U.S. troops across the globe are at risk to terrorist attack.

Worries about the safety of soldiers are heightened by President Bush's decision to expand the war on terrorism. Sending military advisers and troops to the Philippines, Yemen and the former Soviet republic of Georgia means more time and money spent on protecting the military as it helps protect the world.

"We're sending people into harm's way, not quite in the same way as Afghanistan, but in harm's way, and that can make them targets for terrorists," said Dan Goure, a military analyst at the Lexington Institute in Arlington, Va.

As the threat against U.S. interests has risen during the past two decades, the military has steadily stepped up safeguards. Force protection ranges from Kevlar helmets to missile defense, strategic intelligence and CIA penetration of terrorist groups.

Shatterproof glass is installed, concrete barriers encircle buildings. The Pentagon is trying out high-tech devices like ultraviolet radiation for neutralizing germ or chemical warfare agents in building ventilation systems and infrared devices that can detect and track people lurking in darkness outside military bases.

"The target doesn't always have to be the bases themselves," Goure said in an interview. "It's the guys coming into the airport, then traveling the 20 miles down the road to the base, who might get shot up."

When 19 American servicemen were killed by a truck bomb that exploded at Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in 1996, the military workeforce protection. Troops in Saudi Arabia were relocated from the city to more desolate quarters in the desert dunes.

After the Cole attack in October 2000, the focus shifted to better protecting moving targets such as ships.

The commission investigating the attack called for more specific intelligence conveyed directly to ships. The active-duty military now must complete anti-terrorism training every year, not just within six months of being deployed overseas.

The Pentagon also changed the name of the Threatcon levels to force-protection conditions: Normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta — each with a list of progressive measures to be taken for protection. The change was made late last year to avoid confusion with the threat levels used to categorize terrorism threats for entire countries, not just specific troop locations.

For obvious reasons, soldiers in the field clam up when asked what they're doing to protect themselves against a terrorist attack.

Sgt. 1st Class Tim, who would not give his last name, helps set up equipment to detect a possible chemical, biological or radiation attack at a base in Uzbekistan where 1,000 soldiers have been stationed throughout the Afghan war. "Our job is to detect so we can warn," he told an Associated Press reporter who was visiting the base, which is surrounded by concrete barriers and barbed wire.

Sometimes staying home is the best way to minimize risk, said Charles Pena, senior defense analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute. He opposes dispatching troops to the Philippines to help wipe out the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group, which has been linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

"Abu Sayyaf guerrillas number fewer than 100," he said. "They were a separatist Islamic organization, but have really just become a kidnapping-for-money organization."

Last week, a team of U.S. military officers went to Yemen to lay plans for training a few thousand local troops on how to fight al-Qaida members who may be hiding there.

The Pentagon also plans to send as many as 200 Americans to help train the military in the Georgia republic. Terrorists are believed to have taken refuge in the Pankisi Gorge near Georgia's border with Chechnya.

"Georgia could be dangerous," analyst Goure said. "If there are elements of the Russian intelligence service who don't particularly want us in Georgia, it would be a relatively easy thing to organize a terrorist attack against us."

Sometimes protecting the troops involves multiple threats with competing solutions.

While concentrating troops and equipment at a base might thwart some terrorist attacks, dispersing personnel might make them less vulnerable to a missile attacks or biological or chemical agents.

Local conditions also can hamper efforts to safeguard troops. Aviano, Italy, a major base for forces operating in Kosovo, is a good example, Goure said.

"You fly in right over parts of the city," he said. "If somebody wanted to put a Stinger (anti-aircraft missile) out a window, there's really nothing you can do about it. You can't clear the city."

There's also a danger of spending more time trying to keep troops safe than executing the mission, said Marcus Corbin, a senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information.

"The Americans in Kosovo really had a bunker mentality — not going outside the camp or not being allowed to go out without full combat gear on," Corbin said. "That sort of puts a barrier between them and the local civilians."

Defendant flees East Texas courthouse before changing plea

TYLER (AP) — A defendant in an East Texas assault case who was expected to change his plea in district court decided to flee instead.

The 31-year-old man remained at large early today after escaping from the Wood County Courthouse in Quitman.

The man had been charged with sexual assault of a child and was expected to change his plea through his attorney Thursday before Judge Timothy Boswell. But Wood County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Houghton said the man fled the courthouse before the hearing.

"He was supposed to come to the courthouse and change his plea," Houghton told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in its online edition. "It is my understanding he was at the courthouse, but before he met with the judge and changed the agreement, he walked out."

A search that began late Thursday continued into the weekend.

Officers would not release other details out of concern that the man might harm himself or someone else.

A sheriff's officer said early today that no new information was available on the case and the suspect's name has not yet been released.

The suspect was out on bail before Friday. But Houghton said the judge was considering whether to revoke the bond.

Authorities had also issued a warrant for the man, but Houghton said it had not been served.

He said the defendant was believed to have acquired a red Nissan truck from a family member.

Area law enforcement agencies were notified, Houghton said, and sheriff's officers began conducting the search.

"We believe he is still in the area," said Houghton.

Reports first emerged that the man may be armed, but those reports were not confirmed by Houghton.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Events in the year ahead could place you on an exciting new path, which will lead to much success and fulfillment of your desires. Move fearlessly in the direction that the fates dictate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An important goal can be achieved, but not necessarily through your traditional tactics. Let your imagination lead you into new realms of thinking. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Telling it like it is will prove to be very effective for you, so don't hesitate to speak or write what you think. Frills will not be required to make your point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although there may be nothing in sight to tell you how to get what you want, with a little bit of mental maneuvering, you should be able to reel it in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Rely on your judgment when in a competitive situation. Chances are that you'll possess analytical powers a trifle keener than those with whom you'll be associating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — From this day forward, progress involving a matter you've had to handle solely on your own until now should become more substantial. Sorely-needed assistance will come on board.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be extra attentive to details concerning a concept of yours. Make sure that they're well thought-out, because they're going to carry considerable weight with others, and they'll act on them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might be asked to take the lead in an arrangement where you share a mutual interest with others. You're well equipped for this role, so assume it enthusiastically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The exchange of ideas with progressive friends or associates could prove to be very fortunate for you. Aggressively seek out knowledge and creative thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Several loose ends that have been left dangling concerning an important financial matter can be tied down. Things are shaping up rather nicely at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There's a strong possibility that you'll be called upon to help a friend or associate who is in dire need of your knowledge and creative thinking to help him/her sort things out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Exciting conditions could prevail at work due to an idea engineered by another. You might be the one chosen to bring it into fruition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This should be a nice day for you, because wherever you go and whatever you do, those with whom you'll associate will find you an extremely charming and charismatic person.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Fasken Oil and Ranch will drill the No. 1 Eicke Ranch in the Hood field, 14 miles north of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,830 feet, location is in Section 24, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 2-27 Nan Martin, a 7,000-foot wildcat located one mile northwest of Gail. Drill site is in Section 27, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Western Reserves Oil and Gas will drill the No. 2-466 Guthrie, a 6,800-foot wildcat located 15 miles northeast of Gail. Location is in Section 466, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Mitchell County

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Nolan County

Sha-Jam Operating Corp. will drill the No. 2 Amanda, a 4,500-foot wildcat located one mile north of Blackwell. Location is in Section 205, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 1 Roane in the Hylton field, six miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,900 feet, location is in Section 27, Block Z, T&P survey.

LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 1-A Morris-Brooks unit in the Mulberry Canon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 5,075 feet, drill site is in Section 48, Block 5, T&P survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vaginal infections explained

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am otherwise healthy but, for the past three years, have suffered from vaginal yeast and bacterial infections. My gynecologist is baffled and has tried — unsuccessfully — every treatment she can think of, including a check for diabetes (normal), a change in soap and various courses of prescription drugs. Do you have an explanation?

DEAR READER: Like many parts of the body (such as the gastrointestinal tract), the normal vagina contains both yeasts and bacteria. Ordinarily, these harmless inhabitants check and balance one another; yeast inhibits bacterial growth and vice-versa. When this balance is upset, either yeasts or bacteria are free to cause infection.

For example, women who take prescribed antibiotics may subsequently experience vaginitis because yeast-inhibiting microorganisms are killed by the drugs. Conversely, women given anti-yeast compounds (such as Nystatin) often develop bacterial vaginitis. These iatrogenic (physician-induced) infections require a delicate balance of therapy to re-establish the normal yeast/bacteria ratio.

On the other hand, some healthy women seem to have a natural tendency to one of the other vaginal infection. The reason for this is unknown. In some cases, however, the cause is obvious: immune deficiency (including AIDS), diabetes, repeated exposure to an infected sex partner, the use of intrauterine contraceptive devices, allergic reactions to spermicidal jellies or condoms or contraceptive foam, poor personal hygiene and chronic infection of the upper genital tract (uterus and Fallopian tubes). In such women, gynecologists must obtain detailed medical histories (including in-depth questioning about sexual and bowel habits), followed by meticulous examinations to detect the sources of infection.

Your situation is complicated by the presence of both yeasts and bacteria, an unusual pattern. Therefore, given your (and your physician's) obvious frustration, I suggest that you request a referral to the gynecology clinic in a medical center. Your repeated and combined infections, which occur singly and in cycles, are a diagnostic challenge. Your symptoms may be the result of iatrogenic factors, such as one type of infection following treatment for another, that must be objectively analyzed by super-specialists.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently used ibuprofen for relief of arthritis pain and was amazed to find that the drug caused me to become impotent for the first time in 60 years of adult life. When I discussed this with my son, 35, he told me he experienced the same problem while treating a cold with an over-the-counter cough/cold preparation. People should be aware of these unacceptable side effects of non-prescription medicines.

DEAR READER: Ibuprofen, an anti-inflammatory drug used to treat arthritis and other conditions, does not ordinarily cause erectile dysfunction. Therefore, I suspect that you will have to search for another reason for your problem.

Nonetheless, many medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) inhibit sexual performance. In particular, decongestants (which are common ingredients in cough/cold remedies) can cause impotence, although this side effect is — fortunately — by no means frequent.

Your son was correct in identifying the cause of his temporary ED; however, in your case, the cause-and-effect is less clear. If your problem persists, see your family doctor.

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

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AT&T Corp s	16.05	15.85	15.95	+ .14
Albertsons	32.12	31.90	32.12	+ .10
Alltel	56.90	56.62	56.74	— .01
AmEl Pw	44.76	44.19	44.59	— .18
AndarkPtr	57.28	56.75	56.76	+ .06
ATMOS Egy	23.90	23.63	23.64	— .12
Aviall	8.78	8.50	8.68	+ .24
BP PLC	52.15	51.90	51.90	— .30
BakerHughes	39.28	37.85	38.84	+ .61
Bank of Amer	69.36	68.59	68.62	— .56
BellSouth	38.45	38.17	38.28	+ .18
vjBeth Steel	.47	.45	.45	— .02
BurlNoSFe	30.17	29.67	29.98	— .32
Caterpillar	59.79	59.19	59.52	— .27
ChevronTex	90.67	89.70	90.45	+ .65
Citigroup	50.45	49.97	50.05	+ .36
CocaCola	48.80	48.18	48.38	— .26
ColgatePal	56.26	55.80	56.10	+ .12
ComclMetals	38.99	38.35	38.40	— .34
CooperIn	41.65	40.74	41.45	+ .71
DaimlrChry	47.33	47.15	47.19	+ .28
Dillards Inc	24.65	24.28	24.40	+ .02
DowChem	33.49	32.91	33.38	+ .48
DuPont	48.85	48.50	48.58	+ .11
EastmanChem	46.68	46.20	46.60	+ .40
EDS Corp	64.89	63.96	64.40	+ .90
Entergy	41.83	41.38	41.48	— .45
ExxonMobil s	43.99	43.53	43.85	+ .24
FstBksAm	43.00	41.05	42.20	+ 1.19
FootLocker	16.90	16.60	16.65	— .21
GenDynam	93.45	92.29	92.30	+ .47
GenElec	40.55	40.10	40.10	— .09
GenMills	48.27	47.30	47.38	— .89
GenMotors	61.49	60.88	61.14	+ .39
GaPacific	29.63	29.16	29.19	+ .05
Goodrich	31.41	31.08	31.31	— .22
Goodyear s	27.82	27.22	27.29	— .22
GtAtlPac	27.90	27.35	27.43	— .37
Halliburtn	17.20	16.63	16.99	+ .32
Hanson ADS	37.59	37.43	37.47	+ .29
HarteHanks	30.35	30.10	30.25	
HomeDepot	49.43	48.71	48.87	— .05
HoneywellIntl	40.22	39.89	39.98	— .02
IBM	108.64	107.00	107.71	+ .92
IntlPaper	45.18	44.51	44.78	+ .17
JohnsonJn s	65.15	64.30	64.64	+ .04
vjK mart	1.57	1.40	1.55	+ .15
KinderMorg	49.80	49.14	49.56	+ .03
Kroger Co	22.37	22.20	22.26	— .08
LockheedM	58.70	57.45	58.59	+ .78
Lowes Cos s	45.12	44.20	44.37	— .47
Lubys	6.88	6.81	6.85	+ .07
LucentTech	4.97	4.79	4.82	— .07
MarathonOil	29.77	29.41	29.61	+ .04
MayDeptStr	37.55	37.12	37.15	— .45
Medtronic	46.68	45.91	46.00	— .08
Motorola	14.29	13.93	14.15	+ .15
NCR Corp	44.71	43.46	44.69	+ .80
Navistar	43.00	42.50	42.66	— .29
PNM Rescs	28.15	27.92	27.94	— .16
Penney JC	22.15	21.83	21.91	— .22
PepBoys	15.56	15.40	15.40	— .08
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SearsRoeb	52.48	52.00	52.00	— .29
SherwinW	29.15	28.80	29.10	+ .11
SouthernCo s	26.24	26.03	26.11	— .21
SwstAirl	20.33	20.00	20.24	+ .26
SprintFON	15.78	15.46	15.75	+ .18
SprintPCS	10.90	10.56	10.70	+ .28
Sunoco Inc	41.80	41.43	41.69	+ .03
TXU Corp	52.40	51.75	51.95	— .34
TempleInland	59.99	59.53	59.56	— .09
TexInd	42.36	41.75	41.75	— .85
TexasInst	35.10	34.30	34.62	+ .53
Textron	49.65	49.00	49.08	+ .37
TriconGlbR	58.50	57.85	57.92	— .57
TrinityInds	23.92	23.70	23.70	— .18
TylerTech	5.08	5.02	5.02	
UnionPacif	61.19	59.99	60.21	— 1.02
USSteel	17.02	16.88	16.93	— .06
UnitedTech	74.39	73.50	73.84	— .51
Unocal	39.11	38.66	38.94	+ .34
VerizonComm	47.95	47.36	47.69	— .01
WalMart	63.94	63.15	63.20	— .55
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Convicted felon faces new kind of prison

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — He has no job. He lives on handouts from family members and friends. He sleeps in a homeless shelter across the street from a junkyard in a gritty neighborhood of New Jersey's poorest city.

Released from prison last month after serving 38 years for killing two police officers, Thomas Trantino has been chased out of every community he's tried to settle in.

But for Trantino, liberty is something to be enjoyed in all its trivial, everyday glory. He is savoring flowers, trying to figure out how his cell phone works, marveling at vending machines and food courts.

"This is one of the nastiest crime areas in America, right here," he said of the area around his shelter. "But to me, everything here has a beauty to it, even a junkyard and a homeless shelter."

To many, there's nothing beautiful about Trantino's newfound freedom.

"How could you have sympathy for him?" asked Sally Tedesco, mother of slain Officer Gary Tedesco. "To lose a beautiful son like that, have him killed like an animal, so young — he destroyed my life. I guess you can kill and get away with it."

"He reaps what he sows," said slain Officer Peter Voto's son, Jerry Voto, 51. "The only thing that could be more fitting would be if he was in a box. He's a vicious murderer."

On Aug. 26, 1963, Trantino and Frank Falco were drinking at the Angel Lounge in Lodi, celebrating a robbery they had pulled off the day before. Officers Voto, 40, and Tedesco, 22, arrived to investigate a disturbance. Trantino and Falco surprised them, partially stripped them and shot them.

Falco was killed the next day by police trying to capture him.

Trantino was sentenced to die in the electric chair. But his sentence was commuted to life in prison after New Jersey's death penalty was ruled unconstitutional in 1972. Eight years later his good behavior and apparent rehabilitation led the state Parole Board to approve his release, but that was rescinded after an uproar.

Eventually, the New Jersey Supreme Court ordered him released. He was transferred to a halfway house last year. Then on Feb. 11, his 64th birthday, he became a free man.

It's been a rocky road.

Restricted to Camden County, Trantino got a temporary job as a substance abuse counselor in a Volunteers of America day center and was placed in a group home in Collingswood. But he was forced out after 10 days when residents protested over having a convicted killer living too close to a school.

He tried to move in with his 89-year-old father in Staten Island, N.Y. The landlord said no and threatened to evict the father. Trantino withdrew the request.

Then he tried Haddon Heights, a well-to-do Philadelphia suburb. When the state Parole Board notified Haddon Heights police, city officials held a news conference about it, quashing the plan.

"Every time he finds a place, the Parole Board tells the cops, the cops tell the mayor, the mayor calls a press conference, they rant and rave about Trantino being in town and then the landlord backs down," said Trantino's longtime lawyer, Roger Lowenstein.

"They continue to punish him, long after the punishment is over. People would rather deal with the Trantino of 1963 than a rehabilitated 64-year-old man," Lowenstein said.

But one municipal official said it's impossible to know whether Trantino has mended his ways.

"Has he been rehabilitated? I don't know if he's one bad-mouth away from taking a gun and shooting the next person who comes by," said Albert Olizi Jr., borough solicitor for Haddon Heights.

Besides, welcoming a cop killer would be difficult for the community, which remembers too well the slayings of two law enforcement officers in a 1995 standoff.

"It's an unfortunate situation. But his best chances would probably be not going to a town where people know their neighbors, as they do here, but a city where you can fold into obscurity and find yourself a job and work yourself back as a productive member of society," Olizi said.

The Parole Board is trying to help Trantino find employment and a home, according to spokesman Chuck Davis.

At the shelter, Trantino lives in a dormitory-style room where noise, intoxication and rowdiness aren't tolerated. Curfew is 10 p.m. He spends his days looking for work, looking for apartments, looking for a place to fit in.

Some are ready to welcome him.

"He is a humbled, kind and respectful human being who only wishes to live in a quiet, nice community," said Carolyn Byrne of Pennsauken, in a letter to the editor of the Courier-Post newspaper criticizing naysayers. "Who are any of you to judge him? You all go to your churches every Sunday and recite the Lord's Prayer with such reverence. How about living it?"

To hear Trantino tell it, there are far more people who feel that way. He talks excitedly, gesturing as he describes the small joys of his new life.

"I go to the Cherry Hill Mall, I sit in a food court eating Japanese food and a professional looking person extends his hand to me and says 'I just want to wish you luck.' The same day, an 18-year-old guy with his baseball cap on backwards said to me, 'You're Trantino! You paid your dues, man.'"

He's had an offer to write a regular column, but he won't name the organization.

American finds no problems on 2nd Airbus

FORT WORTH (AP) — No problems from side-to-side movements like those experienced on doomed American Airlines Flight 587 were found on the tail of a second Airbus A300-600 owned by the airline, company officials said Sunday.

The voluntary ultrasonic test was conducted by the Fort Worth carrier after the Federal Aviation Administration last week said it would soon require inspections of the Airbus jetliners.

"We look forward to returning these two aircraft to service after they complete their scheduled maintenance base visits," said Dan Huffman, American's senior vice president of maintenance and engineering.

The FAA said by early April it will require airlines to conduct detailed visual inspections of the tail and other parts of A300-600s and A310s experiencing side-to-side movements as strong as those recorded by Flight 587 before it crashed Nov. 12 shortly after taking off from New York's Kennedy Airport.

The accident killed 265 people. The National Transportation Safety Board has not determined the cause of the crash.

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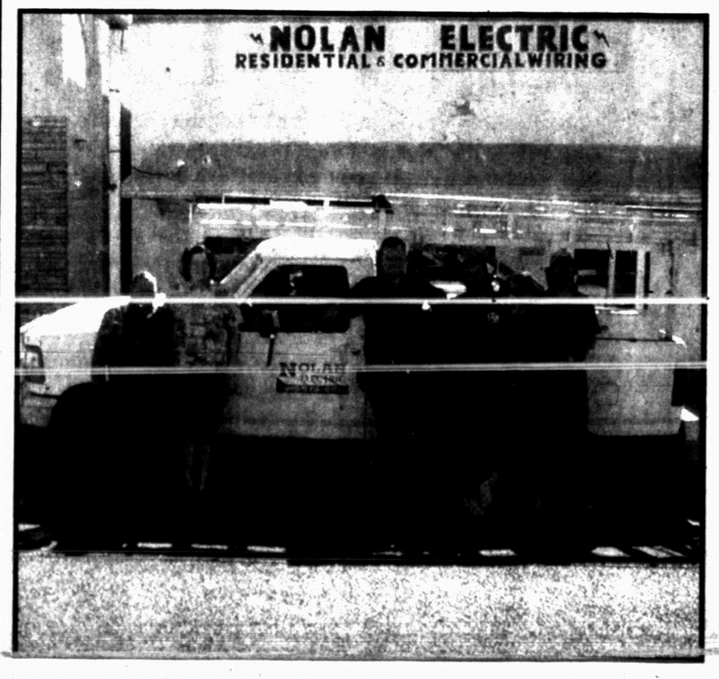
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FAA investigating when elderly man died

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An 80-year-old passenger was pronounced dead at the end of an airline flight, and authorities say it is possible he had already died when he was taken on board in his wheelchair.

James Walsh was found dead Saturday after arriving at Des Moines International Airport on the America West Express flight from Phoenix. He had a history of heart and kidney-related problems.

A report by the Polk County medical examiner's office said members of the flight crew reported that he looked "kind of stiff" and didn't move during the trip.

The report also said Walsh's daughter-in-law told investigators his fingertips were turning purple and she couldn't find his pulse, but when a flight attendant checked on Walsh the daughter-in-law told her he was "just sedated, sleeping and had a pulse."

After they landed at Des Moines, Walsh's son, Mark Walsh of Green Valley, Ariz., wheeled his father into the terminal and was met by his sister, a registered nurse. The sister said he was dead at that time, and he was later declared dead at a hospital.

The medical examiner's office report said Mark Walsh told investigators he was "pretty much convinced he died in the airport terminal in Phoenix."

There was no immediate explanation why Mark Walsh took his father onto the plane if he suspected the man had died. There was no comment from him today; he has no listed phone number in Green Valley.

Man arrested on warrant for motion to revoke bond

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested Steven Lee Torres, 18, of 1703 20th Street at 2 a.m. Sunday on a felony warrant for motion to revoke his bond.

A 44-year-old man was taken into custody by deputies at 2:20 p.m. Saturday on a county warrant for driving with a suspended license.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, a 43-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 1800 block of Ave. Q Sunday morning for public intoxication.

A DPS trooper took a 38-year-old man into custody just after 2 a.m. Sunday near 37th Street and Brick Plant Rd. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 31-year-old man was arrested south of Dunn on Texas Highway 208 early today for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Disturbances

Officers responded to a call early Sunday after a resident reported a woman who had been assaulted came to her home. An offense report for Class A assault and family violence was submitted.

A woman reported her husband assaulted her Sunday morning and officers were dispatched to the home and filed a report for Class A assault and family violence.

At 3:15 p.m. Sunday a man reported being assaulted by several subjects Friday night. Officers made contact with the man and submitted a report for Class A assault.

Criminal mischief

A woman on Muriel Dr. requested officers at her residence to report hearing a shot while someone was driving past and her back windshield shattering. Two officers were dispatched to her location and advised an offense report for criminal mischief would be filed.

Noise disturbance

Officers were notified of loud music in the vicinity of 26th Street and Ave. K Saturday night.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her mother's residence Saturday because she believed her ex-husband would go there to create a disturbance. She also reported continuous harassing phone calls from the man.

Officers initiated a close patrol of the Snyder One Stop Sunday night after a clerk reported juveniles hanging around the location.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off of $26.97 in gasoline Saturday morning and reported the driver of the vehicle left southbound on College Ave.

A drive off was reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at 9 p.m. Saturday, but no description was available.

At 3:20 p.m. Sunday, a clerk at the Plaza Truck Stop reported a drive off and advised the vehicle proceeded north on U.S. 84.

A drive off was reported from Skinny's Sunday evening. No description or direction of travel was given.

Obituaries

LaRue Williamson

1924-2002

Dorothy LaRue Autry Williamson, 78, lifelong resident of Snyder, died Friday, March 15, in Hermann Hospital Medical Center in Houston after a lengthy illness.



Williamson

Service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, former pastor, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Feb. 26, 1924 in Snyder, she married J.C. Williamson on Dec. 27, 1944 in Snyder. He died Nov. 20, 1982.

Mrs. Williamson, a homemaker, was a charter member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. She was also a member of Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Two brothers, G.L. Autry and Leon Autry, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry and June Williamson of Midland and Dennis Williamson of San Antonio; a daughter, Jan Beckett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Wendell Autry of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Polly Autry of Snyder; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 3506 El Paso Street, Snyder, or their favorite charity.

Audy Springfield

1908-2002

COLORADO CITY — L.A. "Audy" Springfield, 93, father of Margie Green of Snyder, died Sunday, March 17, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 24, 1908 in Parker County, he married Thelma Graham in Ackerly on Jan. 30, 1932. She died on May 6, 1991 after 59 years of marriage. They moved to Colorado City in 1932, and to Kermit in 1956. He retired as a lumber yard manager and returned to Colorado City in 1977. He was a member of First Baptist Church, and the Amigo's Sunday School Class.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Lida Springfield; two sisters, Madelene Springfield and Opal Phillips; and three brothers, Barney Springfield, Waymond Springfield and Henry Springfield.

Surviving are two other daughters and sons-in-law, Winona and Oly Ray Hitt of Lubbock and Patty and Dub Taylor of Orland, Calif; a sister-in-law, Mirl Springfield of Canyon Lake; eight grandchildren including Chuch Green, Linda Derrick and Melisa Nickerson, all of Snyder; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Thomas Coats

1927-2002

ABILENE — Thomas J. "T.J." Coats, father of Pam Hart of Snyder, died Sunday, March 17, in Abilene.

Service for Mr. Coats, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Wyndrock Baptist Church in Abilene. The Rev. Ernie Kight will officiate.

Burial will be at 4:15 p.m. in the Lee family cemetery in Aspermont with Jim Reinbolt officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Aspermont.

Born in Cisco, he served in the Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. He married Betty Marie Briggs on June 11, 1948 in Abilene. He worked at Abilene Lumber Company and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Survivors also include his wife, Betty Coats of Abilene; three sisters, Sandra Elaine Samules of Big Spring, Jeanie Bell of Abilene and Clare Mounce of Bryan; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Alvin Frasier

1932-2002

Alvin F. Frasier of Snyder died Saturday, March 16, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Service for Mr. Frasier, 69, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate and assisting will be the Rev. George Frasier, his nephew from Coleman. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.



Alvin Frasier

He was born June 10, 1932 in Gorman and married Neta Jean McClearen of Feb. 24, 1955 in Gorman. Mr. Frasier worked at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for four years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Susie Frasier of Colorado City, and Darrell and Michelle Frasier of Andrews; a grandson, Dusty Frasier of Dallas; four step grandchildren, Kim Milliken of Colorado City, Misty Roquemore of Jacksonville, Fla., Bryn Barnes and Daron Barnes of Andrews; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Bloyce E. Dever

1921-2002

FORT SILL, Okla. — CSM, Bloyce E. Dever, retired, of Lawton died Thursday, March 14, following a lengthy illness.

Burial with full military honors for CSM Dever in Post Cemetery was under the direction of Becker Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 15, 1921 in Cooper, he was reared in the Snyder area and graduated from Dunn High School. He married Ineta E. Lewis on March 2, 1942 in San Antonio, his wife of 60 years.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1939 and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston with the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division. When World War II began, he helped train the initial cadres of both the 95th Division and 102nd Division, reactivated at Fort Sam Houston.

He was with the 102nd Division when it landed on the French Coast in 1944 and fought its way across France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. He was one of the first Americans to cross the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River to establish the first American bridgehead on German soil. Wounded in 1944, he returned to active duty and served until his retirement in 1962. He was one of the first Army personnel to ever hold the rank of sergeant major.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, Combat Infantryman's Badge, European Theater of Operations Medal with three campaign stars, Army of Occupation Medal, Germany, WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal with three clusters, American Defense Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal at his retirement.

After retirement he and his family lived in Lawton where he worked as a Civil Servant with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill until 1985. He was also an active member of the VFW Chapter 5263.

Survivors include his wife, Ineta Dever, of the home; four children, Danny G. Dever of Fountain Valley, Calif., Dean Dever of Cyril, Okla.; Dolores Brame of San Antonio and Doris A. Mahamed of Lawton; a brother, Sgt. Maj., E.H. Dever Jr., retired, of Snyder; a sister, Roberta West of Oakvall, Miss.; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lawton Area Inc., or Comanche County Memorial Hospital Home Health Services.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Conscience," followed by "Tell Me the Old Story."

Stargazers TEEA Club

The club will meet at 7 p.m. today at 1902 15th St. All interested persons are welcome. Call 573-2843, or 573-9095 for more information.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

Scurry Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 tonight for work in the Masters Degree. All Master Masons are invited.

Community choir class

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

4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the East Elementary School cafeteria.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30–11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Scurry County 4-H Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Free income tax help

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

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mondatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, Building 7B, on the WTC campus. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC services televised

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

Senior center banquet

The 23rd annual Scurry County Senior Center volunteer recognition banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Healing and communion service

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at 1411 25th St. with Marvin and Joan Applin. Call 573-1517, or 281-358-9389 for additional information.

Enchilada dinner

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

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Windbreak trees

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

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool hours

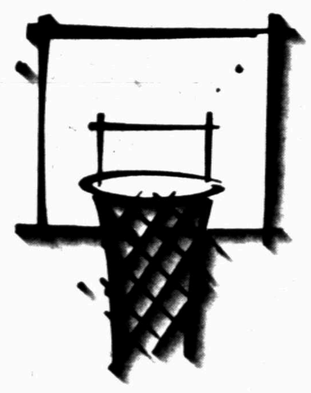
Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

FBC support groups

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

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Predict the winners of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament all the way from Sweet 16 to the Final Four to the championship and win $50, $25, or $15. Here's how to play: write in your choice of winners on the tournament bracket on the four levels; then predict the total number of points that will be scored in the championship game (to be used as tie-breaker if needed); then fill in your name, address and phone number and bring entry to the Snyder Daily News office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 21. This deadline is needed because the first games starts at 6:30 p.m. that day.

Scoring: 3 points per winner will be awarded in the first level; 8 points in the second level; 12 points in the semifinals; and 20 points for the championship game - for a possible total of 100 points. The three entrants with the most points will be the winners. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be the total points scored in the championship game.

Entries must be on the original newsprint. Anyone can enter, but only one entry per person. Winners will be announced the day after the championship game April 1. Winners will be mailed their checks. Best of luck to all.

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