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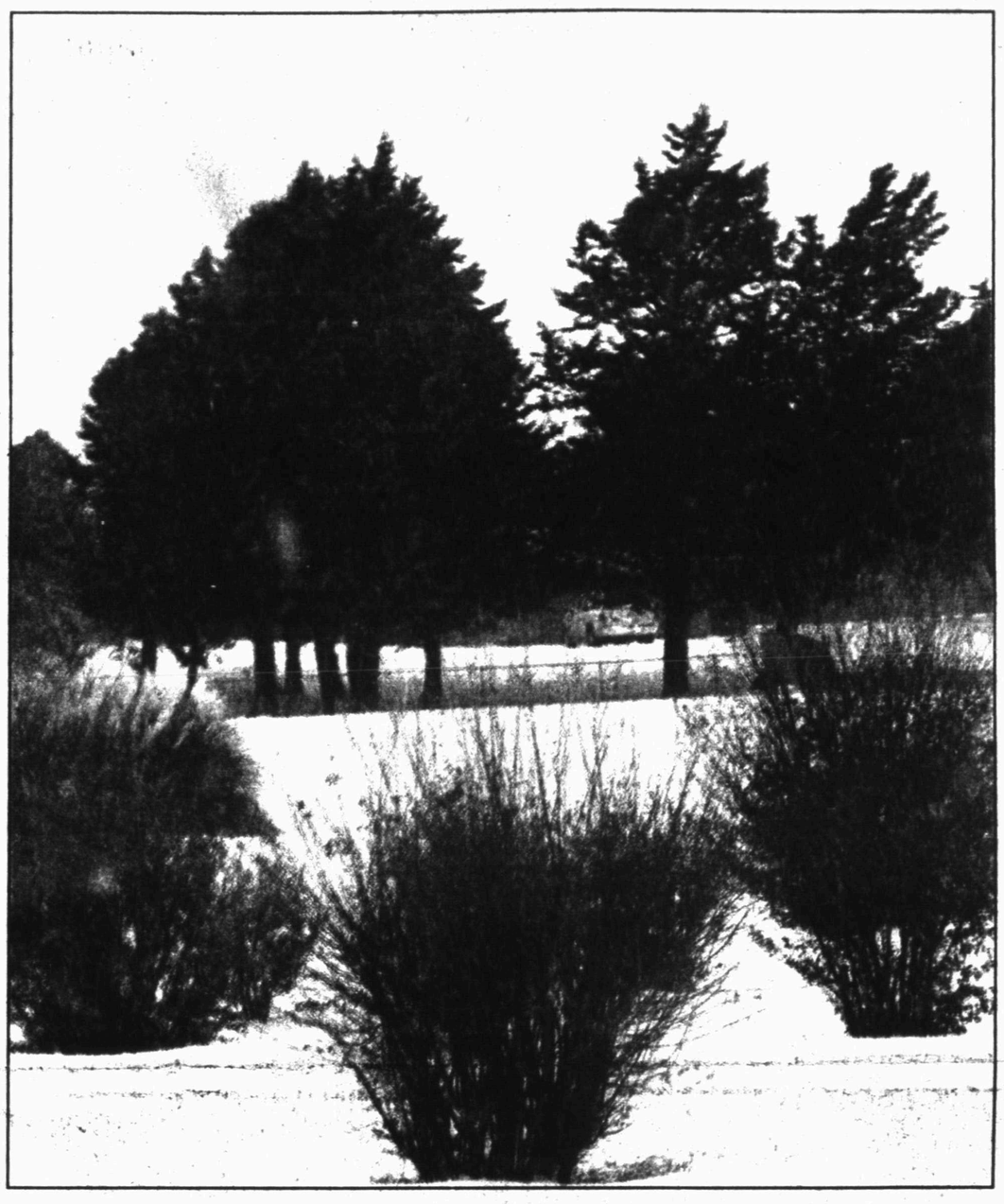
Like it or not, winter is here...



WINTER WONDERLAND — A blanket of white covered the ground and snowflakes continued to fall this morning as area school children got to stay home and traffic on city streets was light. Up to 10 inches of snow was reported in Snyder. This tranquil scene could be found at the College Avenue entrance to Towle Park, and David Garza, top right, was busy shoveling snow in front of Permian Communications today. (SDN Staff Photo)

First snowfall blankets area, closes schools

Scurry County residents were greeted with a deep blanket of snow this morning and snow continued to fall at noon today.

By mid-morning, measurements of up to 10 inches had effectively shut down much of the city – including the closing of all schools in Scurry County.

The first winter blast of the season made travel hazardous and difficult for those having to report for work. It was the heaviest snowfall in Scurry County since 1976.

At least three retailers reported that they had sold all of their cans of de-icer by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Snyder police officer Kenny Burns, who was working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, said it started snowing heavily just about the time he started work.

"It was low visibility from that time on, except for a brief period," Burns said.

"From about 2 until 2:30 this morning, it slowed down some. But after that, it really came on down. We could barely see where we were going and you almost had to guess where the roads were.

"The good thing was that there wasn't any traffic." Burns said the snow began to get really heavy around 4 a.m.

Snow-bound roads weren't the only problem for some Snyder residents today.

Some areas of town had low water pressure, or no water at all.

"The dispatchers received calls beginning around 3:30 a.m. that water pressure was low in the 2800 block of 35th St., and then in the areas around Irving and Houston," said Burns.

"The water department was called out around 4 this morning but it's hard to find leaks in these conditions," Burns noted.

While the weather service was projecting snow six to eight inches deep for Snyder, many residents measured snow up to 10 and 12 inches.

"It's hard to tell how much we've gotten, said Burns. "There's drifts up above my knees."

Dispatchers began receiving calls shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday morning concerning U.S. 84 getting slick around Ezell-Key Grain.

The first report of an accident Tuesday came in at 9:27 a.m. in reference a one-vehicle accident east of Snyder on U.S. 180. This was followed 12 minutes later by a report of a one-vehicle rollover near FM 644 and U.S. 180.

At 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, dispatchers were notified of a vehicle sliding off the roadway near Hermleigh, and the first call for sanding city streets went out about 10 minutes later.

DPS troopers investigated two minor accidents on U.S. 84 around 12:43 p.m. as two vehicles slid into guardrails on slick bridges.

DPS troopers investigated a one-vehicle rollover at 1:42 p.m. on U.S. 84 near CR 253, and at 2:34 p.m., two vehicles were reported stuck in the median near Hermleigh.

Another mishap was reported on U.S. 84 around 6:30 p.m., and yet another vehicle slid off into the median about the same time near Hermleigh.

Emergency personnel had a break until about 4:30 this morning when a Dallas Morning News delivery truck reported it had slipped off the roadway some six miles east of Hermleigh.

A short time later on U.S. 180, just east of the Borden County line, another driver reported he had slid off the road.

From 5:30 until 6:30 this morning, DPS troopers responded to five vehicles sliding off roadways and calls were continuing to come in throughout the morning.

No injuries have been reported in any of the accidents locally.

Travel has been hazardous on IH-20 west of Abilene as up to 12 inches of snow has stranded motorists in Mitchell County, and parts of the highway were closed around Midland.

Three persons have died in the area in accidents related to the weather.

One person died in a two-vehicle accident at 4 p.m. Tuesday near Abilene on IH-20, while another died in a one-vehicle rollover at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on U.S. 83 south of Abilene.

At 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, a man died in a one-vehicle rollover on Texas 36 west of Cross Plains.

The U.S. Weather Bureau is forecasting the snow to taper off this evening, with the low tonight in the mid-20s.

Cogdell Hospital board...

Intensive care unit renovation on agenda

Plans for physical-plant improvements at Cogdell Memorial Hospital continues as the board of managers will discuss issuing a request for proposal (RFP).

The RFP calls for relocating the intensive care unit and is an agenda item when the Cogdell board meets at 8 a.m. Thursday.

This follows on the heels of the Scurry County commissioners' court approval of the sale of $4.9 million in certificates of obligation to finance the project, along with a major emergency room construction and renovation project, as well as renovations to the surgical unit.

The RFP on the intensive care unit renovation is one of three action items.

The board will also review a tertiary medical care program.

This program would allow for the hospital to be reimbursed for stabilization services given to patients who were transferred to a tertiary care facility or Level IV trauma center, such as University Medical Center or Covenant Medical Center.

The other action item is the approval of the monthly financial report, including the certification of the accounts payable.

Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, will also give the monthly medical report and the board will have an executive session for the annual evaluation of George Parsley, hospital CEO.

Due to weather...

Trial is recessed

Heavy snowfall brought down the gavel on the cocaine delivery trial of Snyder resident Welton Cobb as the case has been recessed until further notice.

"With witnesses and attorneys coming from out of town, plus for the safety of our jurors, I made the decision to recess the trial until further notice due to the weather conditions," said District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Judge Armstrong said a statement regarding the restart of the trial would be made as soon as all concerned had been contacted.

The trial got underway Tuesday with a seven-woman, five-man jury hearing testimony from three prosecution witnesses, including a Department of Public Safety lab worker from Midland, an undercover police officer from Abilene, and a private individual from Abilene who was working undercover with the police officer.

Cobb, 45, of 1201 29th St. was among several persons arrested last December in a county-wide drug sweep. Cobb was charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free area.

He has been out of jail on a $10,000 bond.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case and the defense attorney is H. Thomas Hirsch of Odessa.

Deadline is extended for Madrigal Dinners

Due to inclement weather, the deadline to reserve tickets for Snyder High School's Madrigal Dinners has been extended to noon Friday. Reservations may be made by calling Pam Snedeker at the high school, 573-6301.

The dinners, presented by the a cappella choir and the varsity and junior varsity drama students, are slated at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Grand Hall at the Student Center.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When you stop believing in Santa is when you start getting socks and underwear for Christmas."

If you really want to be patriotic, then shop the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book.

It's your chance to prop up the ailing economy – you know, reverse the official recession.

The featured gift of the 77th anniversary Christmas catalog includes a fully-loaded private helicopter for a mere $6.7 million.

The Bell 430 chopper comes with electronic maps, a cellular phone, two company desks, stereo system, Italian leather seats and a passenger refreshment center. It is said to be as quiet a passenger car.

The exterior is painted sable, gold and burnt amber with metallic highlights. It features a "NM" logo.

Travel range is 300 miles at a maximum flying speed of 164 mph. Refueling is required about every two hours.

Nope, the price doesn't include the fuel – or pilot.

If you buy early, you're wife can show up at the company Christmas party by stepping out of the helicopter wearing evening gown with beaded jewel-neck jacket for only $870.

Among the more unusual gifts is the "Times Past Fantasy Trip" at $120,000 per couple. This gift is for those with a taste for the food, dress and life of the 18th 19th and 20th centuries and a desire to live in an authentic English castle.

This year's His and Hers gift is for the young – a Radio City Rockettes and New York Knicks Fantasy Experience at $10,000 per experience.

Children six and older can become a Rockette for a day - complete with hair, makeup and costume and culminating in an appearance in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

Hoops fans age 10-16 can be an honorary ball boy for a game with the Knicks, participate in a closed-to-the-public shoot-around with the team and bask in a center-court presentation before the game.

Other featured items include the Neiman Marcus Limited Edition Lexus SC 430 convertible for $70,000. Hurry, only 99 were produced.

There are 75 limited-edition Indian motorcycles with 88-cubic inch engine, black saddlebags with leather fringe, custom chrome and leather handgrips. Just $24,500.

The worst gift: a fruit cake at any price.

ASK US

Q—How many inches of snow does it take to equal one inch of precipitation?

A—The rule of thumb is 10 inches of snow is equal to one inch of rainfall.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 32 degrees; low, 21; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 21; precipitation, about 10 inches snow; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cold; low near 20; NW winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, cool; highs mid 40s; W wind, 5-10 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear.

Colten Clark
Cold

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 331 days in 2001, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Practice does not make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect.
—Vince Lombardi

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4th suspect arraigned in alleged bomb plot

BOSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old girl who allegedly agreed to smuggle guns into her school for a Columbine-style rampage but later leaked the plan by warning a teacher has become the fourth teen charged in the case.

A fifth teen, an unidentified 16-year-old whose involvement in the plot has not been released, was expected to be charged today.

Amy Lee Bowman pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges that included conspiracy to commit murder. Authorities say she was part of a plan to smuggle guns under black trenchcoats, detonate explosives and kill as many students and faculty as possible at New Bedford High School. The plot was allegedly focused on killing "thugs, preps and faculty."

Three other students — brothers Eric McKeehan, 17, and Michael McKeehan, 15; and Steven Jones, 15 — were charged earlier in the plot. They pleaded innocent Monday to conspiracy to commit murder, possession of ammunition and other charges.

Unlike the other defendants, Bowman was freed until her next court appearance, Dec. 17.

"Sometimes we have to treat people differently based on the circumstances," prosecutor Raymond Veary said.

Bowman, like Eric McKeehan, was charged as an adult. The two 15-year-olds were charged in juvenile court.

According to police, Bowman agreed to smuggle guns in and take part in the shooting, but tipped off her favorite teacher, Rachel Jupin, about the details of the plan because she did not want to see the woman killed.

Jupin contacted the assistant headmaster, who eventually turned the matter over to police. Police questioned Bowman, and the teen-ager disclosed the plot, authorities said.

Police also learned of the plan through a note discovered by a janitor and other evidence.

Bowman told police that the McKeehans and Jones planned to videotape their killing spree, then climb onto the school's roof to smoke marijuana, drink alcohol and possibly take LSD before shooting each other.

Jupin told police that Bowman is "a good kid ... who has had a terrible life up to this point."

Bowman had stopped attending the school about a month before her arrest and had begun going to school in nearby Plymouth, Superintendent Joseph Silva said.

Her lawyer, Andrew Peppard, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Neil Mello, 16, who was friends with the boys who were charged, told police during questioning that the teens planned to hide shotguns and other weapons under their trenchcoats and come out of a bathroom shooting.

Another boy told police that Mello had said the attackers would communicate with walkie-talkies, take photographs of the bodies, and "just leave them hanging around."

It was not clear if Mello was the fifth student to be charged.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teen-agers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre near Littleton, Colo. Fifteen people were killed, including the two gunmen.

School and city officials said they believe the plan would probably have gone forward if authorities had not intervened.

Police searching Michael McKeehan's bedroom found Satanic masks, a meat cleaver, an ax and a photograph of Adolf Hitler. They also found a bomb recipe book in a locked room in his basement, authorities said.

Police also discovered spent cartridges from five different types of guns, and torture devices.

The school opened Monday, but nearly half of the 3,300 students stayed home. Dozens of officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs had searched the school, but found nothing. On Tuesday, attendance was just slightly lower than on an average day.

B-52 bombers turn 50; still being used

SEATTLE (AP) — When Guy Townsend took the B-52 bomber on its first test flight nearly 50 years ago, he knew it was well-designed. But he never imagined it would still be in use today.

"Never. None of us ever dreamed the airplane would stay in service this long," Townsend, 81, said Tuesday. "Three generations have flown the B-52. By the time it's retired we ought to have two more generations."

The plane is now being used in Afghanistan after seeing service during the Vietnam and Gulf wars.

The B-52 has never been used for its initial potential: dropping hydrogen bombs on a cold war enemy. But the Air Force has found other reasons to keep it around — for conventional bombing, photographic reconnaissance and launching missiles.

It was on Nov. 29, 1951, that the first prototype of the B-52 emerged from Boeing's south Seattle plant, under cover of night and a huge tarp. The tail fin was folded down to help conceal the plane's radical, eight-engine, swept-wing design.

That prototype was damaged during testing and never flew, but it was followed by a second prototype on March 15, 1952, and the maiden flight came a month later. In the first photographs released to the press, its landing gear was airbrushed out to hide its configuration.

In all, eight models of the B-52 were built over the next decade, a total of 744 planes. About 100 H models remain in service. The Air Force says it may retain them until 2040.

The 390,000-pound plane has a 185-foot wingspan and can carry a crew of five at speeds up to 650 mph. It can fly as high as 50,000 feet or as low as 200.

In a fast-changing world of laser-guided missiles and stealth bombers, the plane's longevity is like something out of a much older arsenal, such as the catapult. It has outlasted several other bombers, including the North American B-70 Valkyrie.

"It was a design that had a lot of growth potential," said Al Lloyd, a Strategic Air Command historian and former Air Force officer who works for Boeing. "It was designed to carry nuclear weapons, but it grew as the threat changed, as far as what kind of weapons they could put on it and what kind of electronics can be put on it."

Townsend, who went on to become a brigadier general, agreed.

"We used to have a big, open flight deck," he said. "That's all full of equipment now. It's doing a beautiful job."

Others have been less enthusiastic about the bomber's use. During the Vietnam War, it was reviled by the peace movement as an indiscriminate killer.

Since the 1980s, the B-52s have been upgraded with improved electronics, environmental controls, autopilots, radar and the capability to launch cruise and short-range missiles.

Boeing has suggested replacing the eight engines with four more powerful ones, such as those used on the Boeing 757.

Anthrax did not cause man's death

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Investigators remained puzzled by the anthrax death of an elderly Connecticut woman after determining that an 84-year-old man from a nearby town did not die from the bacteria.

The man's death had sparked interest because of the possibility his mail had crossed with letters of 94-year-old Ottilie Lundgren, who died last week of inhalation anthrax. The man died several weeks ago at his home in Seymour, which is about six miles from Lundgren's home in Oxford.

"The 84-year-old man from Seymour did not die from anthrax," Gov. John G. Rowland said Tuesday. "That report is conclusive from CDC and from our own public health officials."

Authorities weren't sure of the exact cause of his death, but he had a history of heart problems and diabetes, the governor said.

Lundgren died five days after she was admitted to the hospital, where she had sought treatment for what initially appeared to be a respiratory ailment. Tests of Lundgren's home, mail, mailbox and post offices showed no sign of anthrax.

events

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Date Book

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001

Today is the 332nd day of 2001 and the 68th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1924, the Senate Republican Conference disciplined three senators for failing to support Republican presidential candidate Calvin Coolidge in the 1924 election.

On this day in 1948, on the NBC TV network, the "Hopalong Cassidy" show was broadcast for the first time.

On this day in 1974, John Lennon appeared on the concert stage for the last time. He sang with Elton John at an Elton John concert in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Blake (1757-1827), poet-artist; Friedrich Engels (1820-1895), philosopher; Jose Iturbi (1895-1980), conductor-pianist; Claude Levi-Strauss (1908-), anthropologist, is 93; Berry Gordy (1929-), founder of Motown records, is 72; Randy Newman (1943-), singer-songwriter-composer, is 58; Paul Shaffer (1949-), musician-bandleader, is 52; Ed Harris (1950-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1929, Ernie Nevers scored 40 points for the Chicago Cardinals in a game with the Chicago Bears. The Cardinals won 40-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The weak in courage is strong in cunning." — William Blake

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 22) and full moon (Nov. 30).

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UT will no longer fight affirmative action lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — After years of appeals, the University of Texas on Tuesday announced it is finished fighting a court battle over affirmative action.

The decision effectively ends the case known as Hopwood, named for Cheryl Hopwood and three other white applicants who filed a lawsuit in 1992 against the UT School of Law.

The case prompted the 1996 ruling that prohibits consideration of race in college admissions.

UT could have appealed a 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision ordering the university to pay legal fees, which would have kept the case alive.

"We vigorously pursued appeals, arguing the complex issues surrounding affirmative action, to resolve these important issues for the nation at large. The Hopwood case will clearly not be the one that leads to this resolution," said university president Larry Faulkner.

Attorney Steve W. Smith, who represents two of the four plaintiffs, said when he filed the lawsuit nearly a decade ago he had hoped the U.S. Supreme Court would make a definitive affirmative action ruling that would set national precedent.

"That didn't happen, so that would be a disappointment," Smith said.

"But it's nice to have an end point after nine years and several months," he said.

David Rogers, one of the plaintiffs, said he was happy the university ended the court fight.

"I think somebody had to stop the university from using race in admissions. I'm glad I had some very small role to play in that. It's not appropriate for government to classify citizens based on skin color," said Rogers, 37, a recent Texas Tech University law school graduate who now lives in Maryland.

Doug Cox, an attorney who represented the other plaintiffs, did not immediately return a telephone message left at his office by The Associated Press.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the university's challenge to the Hopwood decision, and last month a federal judge ordered UT to pay more than $1 million in attorneys' fees and lawsuit expenses.

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs said they were denied because the school gave preferential treatment to less-qualified Hispanic and black applicants.

While parts of their argument were rejected, a federal judge found the university had an unconstitutional admissions policy.

Later, former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the rulings to apply to scholarships and financial aid as well.

The UT system and most other public universities in Texas stopped using affirmative action for scholarships and financial aid. Many blamed that for a subsequent drop in minority enrollment across the state.

Cross-dressing dermatologist convicted

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — Dr. Richard Sharpe claimed he killed his wife in a haze of drugs and alcohol, gripped by an uncontrollable rage that culminated years of madness, depression and sexual confusion.

But a jury ruled Tuesday that the millionaire, cross-dressing dermatologist knew exactly what he was doing when he burst into the home of his estranged wife, Karen, and gunned her down in July 2000.

Sharpe, 47, was convicted of first-degree murder and will automatically be sentenced Thursday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Sharp stood impassively, his long black hair hanging over his shoulders, and jerked his head slightly as the verdict was read.

His wife's relatives gasped and wept. Her sister, Kathleen Lembo, called the victim "a loving mother, the best sister anybody could have."

The case drew attention because of its lurid details. Photographs of Sharpe wearing slinky dresses and fishnet stockings were widely published after his arrest, and his wife had said in affidavits that her husband stole her birth control pills in an effort to enlarge his breasts.

Sharpe taught at Harvard Medical School and ran a cosmetic hair removal business and a business that developed medical software and lasers. He used the stock market to parlay his earnings into millions.

Prosecutors argued Sharpe was a calculating killer who shot his 44-year-old wife because he was afraid of losing the $3 million he had transferred to her name.

Defense witnesses, including Sharpe's siblings, testified that he endured years of childhood abuse by his father. Sharpe told jurors he first began dressing in women's clothing as a teen-ager as an escape from his painful home life.

Sharpe testified that he didn't remember much about the night his wife was shot in front of her brother and other witnesses as the couple's two young children slept inside the house.

"I love Mikey and Ally. I love Karen," Sharpe said as he was led from the courthouse. The couple also have a 27-year-old daughter.

A psychiatrist testifying for the defense said Sharpe suffered from a half-dozen psychiatric disorders, including depression and intermittent explosive disorder. He said Sharpe's disorders were aggravated when he drank alcohol. Sharpe testified he had two to four glasses of wine the night of the killing.

But prosecutors said Sharpe carefully calculated his actions before the killing so he would appear insane, and later faked mental illness to impress psychiatrists and the jury.

Sharpe's lawyer, Joseph Balliro, called the killing "a tragedy for everybody."

"Those three children have lost their mother and now they've lost their father," Balliro said. "There are no winners as far as this case is concerned."

Testimony also focused on the physical abuse that was a part of their 27-year marriage. In 1991, Sharpe was committed to a mental hospital for stabbing his wife in the head with a fork after she asked for a divorce. Karen Sharpe finally had left her husband just months before she was killed.

"It was only in the end that she was free from the yoke of Richard Sharpe, but unfortunately it was too late," Assistant District Attorney Robert Weiner said.

Worker falls from scaffolding at concert

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — A stage hand was treated Monday after falling from scaffolding at the site of country star Garth Brooks' South Padre Island concert.

The Cameron County Sheriff's Department said it appears the man fell anywhere from 20 to 30 feet.

The injured worker was transported to Valley Regional Medical Center in Brownsville.

A spokesman for the Brooks Production Company said only that the man's injuries weren't serious.

The stage is being built on what's known as "The Flats," just north of the South Padre Island Convention Center.

Wednesday's 9 p.m. performance will be televised live on CBS as the third and final stop in Brooks' coast-to-coast concert series.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Will mountain air affect angina?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 81 and have angina that is controlled with nitroglycerine. I've always enjoyed vacations in the mountains, but my doctor insists that I give up the practice, claiming that it's too difficult to stabilize my angina in the thin mountain air at 5000 feet. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Angina is cardiac-muscle cramp caused by an insufficient oxygen supply to the heart. It is usually associated with severe coronary artery disease.

In treating this affliction, doctors are eager to improve oxygen-rich circulation to the heart. Because mountain air contains less oxygen than sea-level air, I can understand your physician's reluctance to endorse your vacation plans. On the other hand, you obviously enjoy relaxing in the mountains, so I suggest you strike a compromise.

Vacationing on Mount McKinley is certainly out of the question. However, I see no reason why your couldn't travel to a 1000 to 5000 foot elevation, providing you modify your activity and your medication. For instance, you may need more medicine and you'll surely have to exercise less strenuously at the higher altitude.

Ask your doctor whether a compromise of your respective views would enable you to achieve your goal. From the limited information you supply, I don't believe your heart condition is an unequivocal contradiction to enjoying your vacation activities.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 46-year-old swinger. Lately, I've had a problem. I used to be able to orgasm every 24 hours; I could "re-charge" in just a few hours. Now I have to wait two or three days before having successful sex. Could I have a low testosterone level?

DEAR READER: Nah, you're just getting older and things are slowing down. If you are able to achieve sexual release every three days at the age of 46, count yourself lucky. Many men your age (and younger) experience sexual fulfillment every week or two - or three. There is, as you know, enormous variation in orgasmic frequency, but one fact remains clear: As we men age, frequency, intensity and interest progressively wane.

As an aside, I'm interested that you characterize yourself as a "swinger." In the 1960s and '70s, this term ordinarily indicated indiscriminate sex with any partner who was willing. The practice led to wife swapping and other anti-establishment behavior that was part of the hippie-generation's cultural milieu. Most of us today find that behavior to be unattractive. It really didn't accomplish much (except unwanted pregnancies, unhappiness and an increase in sexually transmitted diseases), so it seems out of style. Perhaps it's time for you to move on. Your body may be telling you that there's more to good sex than mere orgasm. Emotional intimacy, cuddling, trust and an alteration in perspective may actually be extremely important in sustaining a good life, over and above the challenge of frequent, new partners.

Note that I am avoiding moral judgments here. I'm simply suggesting that as we grow older and (normally) have less sex, other constituents come into play. My advice is to side with these alterations. You'll be a lot happier giving up the unrealistic expectation of the great daily sex you had 20 years ago, and mellowing into a relaxed and caring mode. This may well make you a more consistent and predictable partner, and it will certainly alter your orientation. Welcome to maturity.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parents won't welcome son's widow new man

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my brother "Devon" died after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, "Clarisse," and my two nephews. Devon and I were as close as a brother and sister could be. My husband was close to him, too.

Seven months after Devon's passing, Clarisse began dating "Tim." No one was overjoyed by this, but we knew that Clarisse had loved my brother and mourned deeply. We understood it was time for her to move on. We put our feelings aside.

The problem is, my daughter's birthday party is coming up soon. We are hosting a family party and inviting everyone, including Clarisse, Tim and the boys. My parents have expressed disappointment that Clarisse's boyfriend is being included and have informed us that they will not attend if Tim is there.

What should I do? Should I invite everyone, as my husband suggests, and let the chips fall where they may? Or should I respect the wishes of my parents and ask Clarisse not to bring Tim? — **IN THE MIDDLE IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: If your parents object to Tim's presence only because they have difficulty accepting that Clarisse has moved on, then I see no reason to exclude him. While they have my deepest sympathy for the loss of their son, they have no right to dictate who should or should not be on your guest list or part of Clarisse's life.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a high school senior. My boyfriend, "Corey," and I have been dating since ninth grade. I love him more than anything on Earth. Corey is like another son to my parents, and I feel close to his mother and eight brothers. I can't see myself with any other person.

Our school has a policy that allows seniors to use the loudspeaker system to dedicate birthday greetings to other students. My birthday was last week, and Corey got on the microphone. Instead of saying, "Happy birthday, sweetheart," he said: "To my girlfriend, my best friend, my skateboard buddy. I love you. You're 18, so no more waiting. What I really want to say, honey, is — will you marry me?" I told him I needed a week to think about it.

The week is up. After asking opinions of my family and friends — who all have given me a "thumbs up" — I am still undecided. I know that I love Corey and we are a perfect couple, but I need just one more push in either direction so I can give him a definite answer. Help! — **HOPEFUL AND HELPLESS IN MISSISSIPPI**

P.S. Corey said that if I say no, we'll still go out and everything will go back to normal.

DEAR HOPEFUL: A woman who is contemplating a decision as serious as marriage should not need a "push" in either direction. Tell Corey that you will consider his offer of marriage once you both have college behind you. Regardless of how much you and Corey may love each other, you shouldn't marry until you're both self-supporting.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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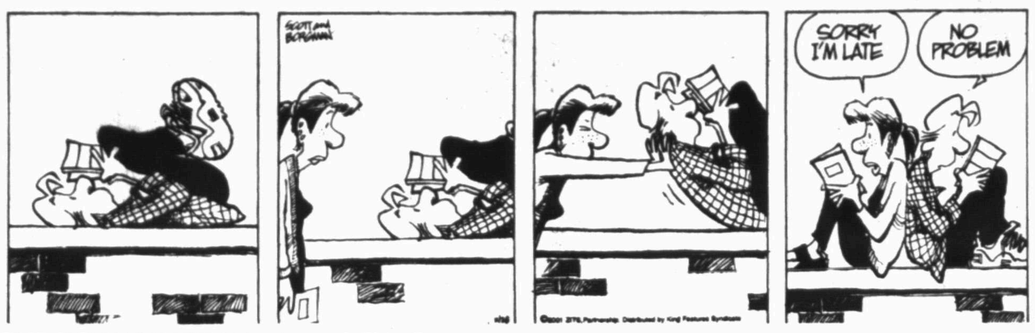

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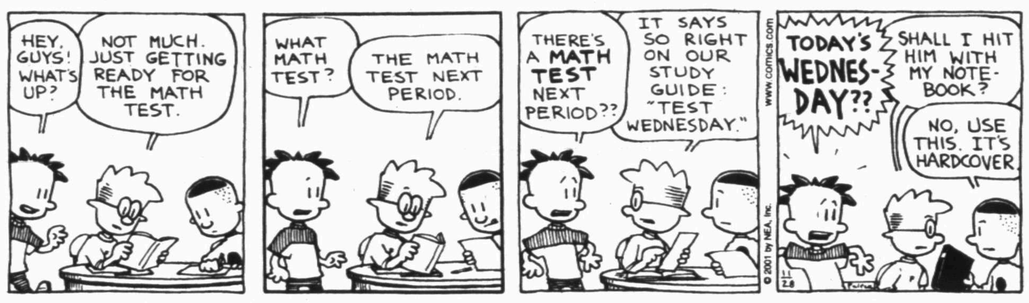

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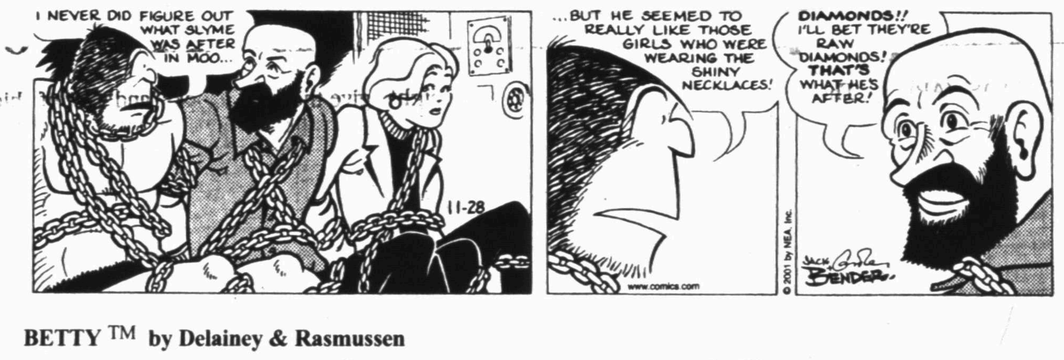

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Powdery
6 Gambol
11 Returned the favor
13 Enormously
14 Not as busy
15 Exhaust's opposite
16 Furtive
17 — — standstill
18 Equator segment
21 Radio parts
23 Boxing punch
26 "Vive le —!"
27 MIT grad
28 Type of wrestling
29 Shorten
31 Take ten
32 Dollar
33 Slight variations
36 Skye or Wight
37 Cable network
38 Prior to
39 Had a bite
40 Bond
42 Valentine color
43 "Westworld" name
44 Singer Damone
46 Curly or Moe
49 Cleaned the blackboard
53 Rubber-necked
54 Stinging plant
55 Copy machine need
56 Sherlock Holmes creator

DOWN

1 Fem. honorific
2 Lamprey
3 GI address
4 Mandates
5 Gave in
6 Tilts
7 Nick and Nora's dog
8 Grade-school org.
9 Forest grazer
10 Deli bread
12 Parching
13 Glass bottle
18 Saudi —
19 Healthy
20 Hoop
22 Spies
23 Kitchen appliance
24 Electrical unit
25 Ordered about
28 Worker's ID
30 Eisenhower nickname
34 Lopsided
35 Dressed
40 Ice-fishing tool
41 Luge or sleigh
43 Pair of oxen
45 "Julius Caesar" role
46 Mil. rank
47 Way of Lao-tzu
48 Have
50 Farm enclosure
51 Annex
52 River of Scotland

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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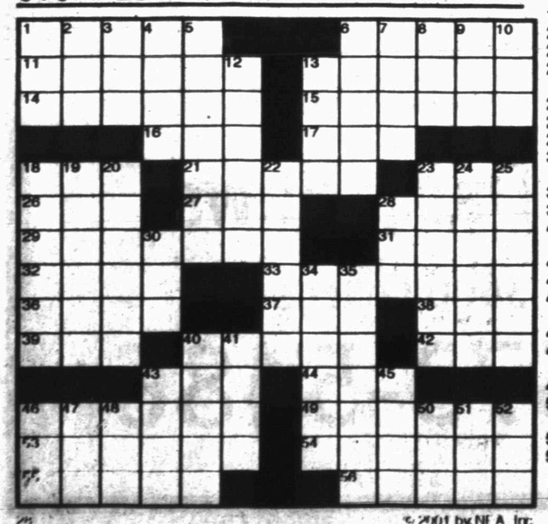

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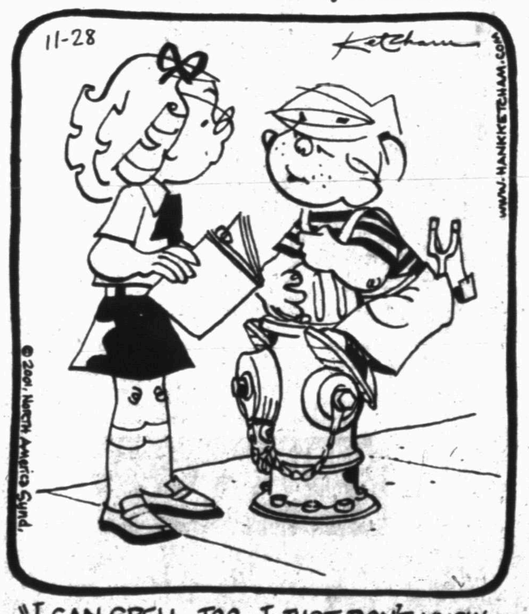

"I CAN SPELL, TOO. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SPELLING."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

Snow puts weekend hoops slate in doubt

Following the cancellation of Tuesday night's games, and with Thursday's tournaments in jeopardy, Snyder High School basketball coaches are getting antsy.

"We've only played three times so far, and district starts in two weeks," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "We don't need to miss out on any more games."

The Lady Tigers are scheduled to play El Paso Burges at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Concho River Classic in San Angelo. Between three and four inches of snow had fallen in the San Angelo area by mid-morning, but Martin is hopeful the Lady Tigers' late tip-off on Thursday will allow the team to play.

"I imagine it will still be pretty bad Thursday morning, but maybe by the afternoon it will have thawed out some," Martin stated. "Most of the other teams in the tournament are coming from down South, so we might be the only school that has trouble getting there. I'm hoping that since we aren't scheduled until 5:30, we'll be able to play."

The SHS boys are in a different situation.

The Tigers are slated to take on El Paso Franklin at 10 a.m. Thursday in the opening round of the Gene Messer Shootout at Frenship.

"We don't know what's going to take place at this point," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Our administration will make a decision as to when it's safe for us to travel. Whenever that time comes, we'll head to Frenship and get in as many games as we can."

As of this morning, Frenship High School reported the tournament is still on schedule and that EP Franklin was in the process of traveling to Wolfforth.

"There are other schools in the same situation we're in," Birks stated. "Abilene Cooper, Fort Worth Wyatt and Joshua are all entered in the tournament, and they're going to have a hard time getting there as well."

Birks said there's a possibility that some of Thursday's games could be pushed back to Friday.

The Tigers were to have played at Seminole on Tuesday, but icy conditions forced the cancellation of that contest, as well as the Lady Tigers' matchup with Lubbock High.

Ira and Hermleigh had their Tuesday games called off also, and are waiting for news regarding this weekend's tournaments.

The Ira boys and girls are scheduled to play at the New Home tournament, while Hermleigh's squads are entered in the Aspermont tourney.

UT learned lessons from '99 rematch

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas knows about rematches. And how to lose one.

Two years ago, the Longhorns played in the Big 12 title game against a Nebraska team they beat six weeks earlier in Austin. The Cornhuskers returned to Texas and won the second meeting 22-6 in the Alamodome.

The No. 3 Longhorns vow not to make the same mistake Saturday when they play No. 9 Colorado in the Big 12 title game at Texas Stadium. Six weeks ago, Texas beat the Buffaloes 41-7 in Austin.

Senior guard Antwan Kirk-Hughes, one of six starters remaining from the '99 Nebraska game, remembers the Longhorns being too confident going into that title game.

Although Nebraska had just one loss that season, Texas had beaten the Huskers three straight since 1996. UT was the only team to beat Nebraska three times in the '90s.

"We were saying we beat them once and the team was walking with big chests acting like it was going to happen again," Kirk-Hughes said. "They came out fired up because they remembered their last loss and it knocked them out of a lot of things. We didn't come prepared to play and we can't afford to do that this time."

Texas coach Mack Brown said he knew the Huskers were ready for revenge.

"Nebraska might have been the best team in the country that year. I thought Nebraska was a better team than we were when we beat them here," Brown said. "I knew Nebraska would be mad."

Colorado will be mad on Saturday, said Texas quarterback Chris Simms, who watched the '99 title game from the bench. The Buffaloes (9-2) won five in a row before losing to the Longhorns (10-1) and haven't lost since.

"Early on, we're going to have to weather the storm a little bit," Simms said. "It's similar to Nebraska in '99. We beat them here and they came out and jumped on us early It was like, 'Oh man, we might get blown out.'

"They're going to come out with that same intensity. We're just going to have to do a better job of being able to contain it and keep ourselves composed through it all."

Texas made it look easy in October, when Cedric Benson ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns and Simms passed for three TDs.

In both the regular-season wins over the title game foes, Texas got a huge boost from turnovers. Against Colorado, the Longhorns turned two first-half fumbles into 10 points en route to a 24-7 halftime lead, preventing the Buffs from getting their running game going.

While there are similarities to '99, there also are many differences.

For one, Texas is a better team than it was two years ago, Brown said. Plus, the Longhorns are coming off a 21-7 road win over rival Texas A&M instead of a 20-16 loss. The '99 Longhorns followed the losses to A&M and Nebraska with a blowout loss to Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

"We were on a real downer when we lost to A&M," Brown said. "We walked in there with less confidence than we have right now."

Preparing for this rematch, however, will be just as hard as it was then. What worked six weeks ago might not work on Saturday.

"We've already played them and put our best stuff on them and now what do you do?" Brown said. "Now you have to change everything."

Saturday's game marks the third straight year the Big 12 title game is a rematch from the regular season. Last year, Oklahoma had to beat a Kansas State team it had already handled during the regular season.

Brown said given the power structure of the league, it's a trend that's likely to continue.

"To win your championship," said Brown, who has never won a league title in his previous 17 seasons as a head coach, "it looks like you're going to have to beat a team twice."

High school cager dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A Pasadena high school basketball player collapsed and died during a game at the Houston suburb Tuesday night.

John Alexander, a 6-foot-2 junior guard at Pasadena Dobie High School, was standing about midcourt when he collapsed with 7:32 left in the second quarter.

Coaches from Pearland and Pasadena Dobie high schools rushed to aid the 17-year-old varsity guard while players from both teams formed a prayer circle near the Dobie bench, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Dobie athletic trainer Chad Jones tried to revive Alexander before emergency medical technicians arrived. They treated Alexander for about 25 minutes and then transported him to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, about two miles away.

Alexander never regained consciousness or showed any vital signs, and was pronounced dead soon after arriving.

A cause of death was not immediately released, a nursing supervisor at the hospital said.

The hospital emergency waiting area was filled with students, coaches and faculty after Alexander had been taken there.

After learning of his death, the crowd returned to Dobie, where grieving students joined in prayer with Emery Gadd, an associate pastor at Sagemont Church.

Gadd, a statistician for Longhorns football games, has worked with students since the school, located in Pasadena, near Houston, opened in 1969.

Alexander hit 3-pointers on Dobie's first two possessions.

Finley spurs Mavericks' 116-106 victory

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks got the kind of performance they expected all season from Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley.

Finley had 39 points and Nowitzki 33 Tuesday night as Dallas came from far behind for a 116-106 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Finley equaled his career high as the Mavericks fought back from a 21-point second-quarter deficit to extend their winning streak to a season-high four games and beat the Warriors for the 10th consecutive time.

"In the second half, he just took over the game," Nowitzki said of Finley. "He was in the zone and we just kept getting closer and closer in the third quarter. Any game, we can have a performance like that because we have so many scorers."

Dallas used a 33-17 surge in the third quarter, including eight points by Finley during an 11-2 run in the final 3:45 to go in front for good.

Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer with 36.5 seconds left in the third quarter broke a 79-all tie and capped the decisive run, giving the Mavericks their first lead since midway through the opening quarter.

"We had to get some flow and get into our game," Finley said. "They started missing them and we started making them. We took them kind of lightly, and it was a good test for us."

The Mavericks hit 24 of 39 second-half shots after a 20-for-49 opening half.

Golden State shot 15-for-25 from the field in the opening quarter, but sagged to 17-for-46 in the second half.

"We all knew what we had to do in the second half," Mavericks guard Steve Nash said. "We didn't give them easy looks, and a lot of good things happened for us."

The Mavericks went ahead by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter, with the Warriors only able to get as close as 112-106 with 31.9 seconds left on Larry Hughes' two free throws.

Antawn Jamison had 23 of his season-high 32 points in the first quarter as the Warriors opened a 39-23 lead. Jamison's first-quarter total was the most by a Mavericks opponent in any quarter in team history.

Danny Fortson had a season-high 24 points and 16 rebounds for the Warriors.

In the opening quarter, Jamison was 10-for-12 from the field, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range. The Warriors went on to a 44-23 advantage early in the second quarter, their largest of the game.

Golden State carried a 62-47 lead into halftime.

"We did a terrific job in the first half executing our offense," Jamison said. "Our guys got open shots and we moved the ball. But it's a 48-minute game."

Kings hold off Rockets, 89-84

HOUSTON (AP) — After the Memphis Grizzlies beat Sacramento without their best players the night before, the Kings nearly let it to happen again.

The Kings defeated the undermanned Houston Rockets 89-84 Tuesday night.

Houston played without its two leading scorers, Steve Francis, sidelined 4-to-6 weeks with a foot injury, and Cuttino Mobley, who is day-to-day with sprained ankle.

The Kings led by as many as 15 in the third quarter before Moochie Norris led a comeback. Norris scored 12 points in a 21-6 run that knotted the score at 64 with 2:10 to play in the period.

The Rockets lost their third straight, but were in the game to the end as Oscar Torres had a career-high 20 points. Kenny Thomas had 18 points and a season-high 19 rebounds, and Norris added 19 points.

Sports Briefs

Owners extend Selig's contract

CHICAGO (AP) — Baseball owners extended commissioner Bud Selig's contract through 2006 but did not take any action on the game's most debated issue — eliminating two teams before next season.

Owners also were told by their lawyers that the players' association may file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board.

Selig said baseball lost $500 million this year on revenue of $3.5 billion.

He said 25 of the 30 teams lost money this year, said $165 million was transferred this year from the six teams with the highest revenue to the six lowest, and said baseball will release specifics Dec. 6, the date tentatively set by the House Judiciary Committee for a hearing on the sport's 79-year-old antitrust exemption.

He said the commissioner's office had guaranteed loans to an unspecified number of teams to get through this year.

Yankees' Brosius retires

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP) — New York Yankees third baseman Scott Brosius retired.

The Yankees did not plan to re-sign the 1998 World Series MVP. Although he could have tried to play elsewhere, he felt the toll on his wife and three children would be too high.

Brosius, who came to the Yankees from Oakland, reached the World Series in all four seasons he spent in the Bronx, winning three times.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	10	5	.667	—
Philadelphia	7	6	.539	2
Boston	6	6	.500	2½
New York	7	8	.467	3
Orlando	7	8	.467	3
Washington	3	10	.231	6
Miami	2	11	.154	7
Central Division				
Milwaukee	9	2	.818	—
Detroit	9	4	.692	1
Toronto	9	6	.600	2
Indiana	8	9	.471	4
Charlotte	6	7	.461	4
Atlanta	5	10	.333	6
Cleveland	5	10	.333	6
Chicago	1	12	.077	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	10	3	.769	—
San Antonio	9	3	.750	½
Dallas	10	5	.667	1
Houston	7	8	.467	4
Denver	6	8	.429	4½
Utah	5	9	.357	5½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	13	1	.929	—
Sacramento	11	4	.733	2½
Phoenix	8	7	.533	5½
Portland	8	7	.533	5½
Seattle	8	8	.500	6
Golden State	7	8	.467	6½
L.A. Clippers	6	8	.429	7

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 94, Washington 75
Boston 84, Miami 83
New Jersey 100, Chicago 68
Sacramento 89, Houston 84
Dallas 116, Golden State 106
Portland 96, Indiana 90
Seattle 112, Minnesota 102
L.A. Lakers 104, Milwaukee 85

Wednesday's Games
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Miami	7	3	0	.700	214	212
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
New England	6	5	0	.545	257	212
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	265	298
Buffalo	1	9	0	.100	180	273
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	189	121
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	198	187
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	189	150
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	140	204
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	183	237
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	172	172
West						
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	278	201
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	182	224
San Diego	5	6	0	.454	263	226
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	190	206
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	232	131
Washington	5	5	0	.500	141	206
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	174	238
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central						
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	214	145
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	207	180
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	189	242
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West						
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	296	170
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	267	225
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	188	191
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	226	216
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	161	252

Thursday, Nov. 29
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2
Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Giants

Monday, Dec. 3
Green Bay at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

MEN

EAST
Columbia 53, Lehigh 47
Dartmouth 58, Holy Cross 47
Harvard 68, Northeastern 61
La Salle 61, Villanova 58, OT
Lafayette 69, St. Peter's 66
Massachusetts 62, Oregon 58
Oral Roberts 70, Binghamton 54
Rhode Island 59, Fairfield 57
Siena 60, Albany, N.Y. 48
Syracuse 70, Colgate 51

SOUTH
Auburn 78, McNeese St. 74
Centenary 89, LeTourneau 62
E. Kentucky 90, Marietta 71
Georgia St. 67, Charleston Southern 56
High Point 91, Warren Wilson 42
Lipscomb 75, North Texas 74
Louisiana Tech 83, Ark.-Monticello 66
Maryland 76, Illinois 63
Southern Miss. 66, Alcorn St. 60
Tennessee Tech 87, Loyola of Chicago 76
Tulane 76, Va. Commonwealth 72
UAB 82, Bradley 50
UNC-Greensboro 70, Elon 55
Virginia Tech 90, East Carolina 62
Wake Forest 85, Minnesota 79
Winthrop 67, Birmingham-Southern 53

MIDWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 83, SE Missouri 74
Butler 74, Purdue 68
Creighton 94, W. Kentucky 91, 2OT
Duke 80, Iowa 62
Ill.-Chicago 64, Evansville 61
Iowa St. 64, Savannah St. 39
Kansas St. 79, Tennessee St. 73
Ohio St. 64, N.C. State 50
UMKC 69, SW Missouri St. 63
Valparaiso 70, N. Illinois 50
W. Illinois 80, Drake 74
W. Michigan 83, Morgan St. 63
Wis.-Green Bay 78, Chicago St. 62

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 92, SMU 90
Lamar 87, Texas Southern 58
Stephen F.Austin 90, Rice 86

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 73, UC Riverside 64
Cal Poly-SLO 100, Portland St. 79
Hawaii 60, Northwestern St. 58
S. Utah 67, Adams St. 57
San Diego St. 98, UC San Diego 53
Santa Clara 65, San Jose St. 63

EXHIBITION
St. John's 87, New York Panthers 74

WOMEN

EAST
Binghamton 66, Cornell 61
Columbia 78, Hofstra 62
Illinois 74, Duquesne 71
Loyola, Md. 55, UMBC 51
Manhattan 70, New Hampshire 54
Pittsburgh 88, Robert Morris 53
Rhode Island 53, Providence 46
Siena 76, Albany, N.Y. 59
St. Bonaventure 76, Niagara 66
St. John's 68, St. Francis, NY 52
Tennessee 88, George Washington 57

SOUTH
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Centenary 85, LeTourneau 51
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Georgia 77, Georgia St. 67
Georgia Southern 94, Savannah St. 55
Middle Tennessee 78, Austin Peay 69
Mississippi 101, Ark.-Little Rock 57
Mississippi St. 95, Memphis 73
South Florida 76, Miami 68
Wofford 74, N.C.-Wilmington 54

MIDWEST
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Cent. Michigan 57, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 56
Chicago St. 60, Texas-Pan American 39
DePaul 67, Northwestern 50
E. Kentucky 83, Bowling Green 63
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Transportation department aims to get airline passengers past security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government likely won't meet the 60-day deadline to screen all baggage as required under the new aviation security law signed by President Bush, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta says.

But the agency is working to whisk passengers through security in 10 minutes or less, speeding up security checks that are creating long lines in many airports.

Too few employees, bomb-sniffing dogs and explosive-detection machines means screening all baggage by the 60-day deadline will be difficult, Mineta said Tuesday.

"The question about bomb-detection equipment is probably the most vexing and serious one we're facing," Mineta said.

Rep. John Mica, chairman of the House Transportation subcommittee on aviation, said he wasn't surprised the department probably won't meet the deadline. "Can it be done in 60 days? I don't think so," Mica, R-Fla., said.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., told Mineta to use National Guard troops at airports to help inspect luggage.

"I hope and expect that the Transportation Department will use any and all resources to come into compliance with the airport security bill's deadline," Gephardt said.

While acknowledging the problems, the Bush administration will try to meet the timetable, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"Congress gave a very tight 60-day deadline, and the administration is going to do everything it possibly can to comply with it," Fleischer said.

Mineta also said the department wants to screen air cargo without delaying a plane's departure and plans to have several thousand air marshals on flights by June 1.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, passengers have been asked to arrive at airports two hours before flight times, and some have endured waits of an hour or more at security checkpoints.

"Our goal in passenger screening is no weapons, no waiting," Mineta said. "We will strive to develop a screening process that prohibits weapons or other banned materials ... without requiring a waiting period of longer than 10 minutes."

That's welcome news to John Mackethan of Washington, seeking to avoid long waits with a 1-year-old in tow.

"Not having to show up two hours before would definitely help with a child," he said while waiting for a flight Tuesday at Reagan Washington National Airport.

"As time goes on, and as people keep moving closer and closer to their departure times, the lines are going to get long, and so is the wait," said another Washington resident flying out of National, Kimberly Turner. "It would be good to be able to do it in less time."

"We have to make this a convenient process," said Carol Hallett, president of the Air Transport Association, the major airlines' trade group. "The key is to have enough screeners and enough screening equipment to get them through."

Hallett and Air Travelers Association President David Stempler said one way to speed up the process is to provide tamper-proof identification cards to passengers who have undergone detailed background checks, allowing them to pass quickly through security checkpoints.

"There's two parts of security," Stempler said. "The first is, 'Who are you?'; and the second is, 'What are you carrying?'" Stempler said. "The voluntary travelers' national ID card would speed up the 'Who are you?'"

One aviation watchdog cautioned against issuing such cards.

"Barring some very legally questionable profiling and discrimination, ... the typical smart aviation terrorist of today would qualify for, and probably obtain, a smart ID card to avoid airport security checks, if (cards) were made available," said Paul Hudson, director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project.

New talks for Dynegy purchase of Enron has made shares go higher

HOUSTON (AP) — The high-profile deal to merge energy marketers Enron Corp. and Dynegy Inc. has gone back to the drawing board.

Meanwhile, Enron reportedly has made progress securing more than $1.5 billion in new cash to keep its business stable while it renegotiates with Dynegy.

In a move that sent Enron shares higher after days of double-digit declines, Dynegy confirmed Tuesday that it is in talks to renegotiate its $9 billion deal to buy its larger but financially troubled rival.

The disclosure that the two companies are revisiting the terms sent Enron shares up 2.5 percent, apparently easing some investors' concerns that the deal would fall through.

"There are discussions occurring related to the structure of the transaction," said Dynegy spokesman Steve Stengel, who declined to elaborate.

While news that the two Houston-based companies were renegotiating temporarily appeased investors, observers said they won't be confident about the deal's future until they hear details about new cash infusions to help keep Enron afloat.

"Putting more money into the deal to shore up Enron's credit situation, that would be a sign that Dynegy would be committed to the deal going through," said Mike Heim, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons.

Late Tuesday, The Financial Times of London reported on its Web site that a new consortium of investors is proposing making a $1 billion equity investment in Enron, citing a person close to the talks. The newspaper didn't identify these investors, but said an agreement could be announced as soon as today.

Separately, The Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site that J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc.'s Citibank, which are advising on the Dynegy buyout, have agreed to invest $500 million in the merged company and have said they would consider increasing that amount if they fail to find additional outside investors to take part in the deal.

The Journal, citing people close to the discussions, also said Dynegy and Enron have tentatively agreed to cut the value of the all-stock deal in half. Under a deal informally agreed to by Enron's board, Enron shareholders would get 0.12 Dynegy share for each Enron share held.

That would value Enron at $4.17 billion. The original deal, valued at $9.3 billion, was based on an exchange rate of 0.2685 Dynegy share for each Enron share.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North
♠ K 9 6 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 7 6

West
♠ J 10 8
♥ A K Q 7 6 4
♦ 10 3
♣ A 3

East
♠ 7
♥ 9 5
♦ 9 8 6 5
♣ 10 9 8 5 4 2

South
♠ A Q 5 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ A Q J
♣ K Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001

A free bid isn't free, it is necessary

By Phillip Alder

The themes for today's vignette, if that is the word I want, came from a column written more than a decade ago. South opens one spade. West overcalls two hearts. North responds two spades. What does North's bid promise? Would it have made any difference if West had passed? How did West defeat four spades?

In the old days — and in the original column — if the opponents were silent, a single raise showed 6-9 support points — exactly as it does today. But if rightie overcalled, the raise was called a "free bid." Because partner was going to get another turn, the responder's raise indicated 9-10 points. If you do this, please stop — please! The raise still shows 6-9 points. If you have support and some points, you must tell partner that he isn't fighting a one-handed war. (In the modern tournament game, North would jump to three spades. This is a pre-emptive jump in competition, showing four-card support and under a limit raise. With the strength for at least a limit raise — 10-plus support points — the responder cue-bids in the overcaller's suit: here, three hearts.)

West cashed two top hearts, East playing high-low to show his doubleton. Next, West took the club ace, but East signaled discouragement with the two. So, West continued with a low heart, and East, bless his cotton socks, ruffed with the vital spade seven, effecting an uppercut. South overruffed with the queen, but eventually lost a trump trick. (Yes, if West leads the heart queen at trick four, East should still ruff.)

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Alltel	62.84	62.33	62.40	—.44
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AndarkPtr	53.09	52.30	52.79	—.40
ATMOS Egy	20.74	20.51	20.51	—.23
Aviall	5.50	5.35	5.38	—.12
BP PLC	44.01	43.56	43.60	—.58
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LockheedM	46.10	45.80	45.80	—.48
Lowes Cos s	43.14	42.75	42.94	—.20
Lubys	6.83	6.70	6.80	+ .15
LucentTech	7.96	7.75	7.76	—.12
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PhilipDodge	35.72	35.36	35.42	—.65
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Praxair	52.39	52.10	52.23	—.16
ProctGamb	77.25	76.30	76.30	—.82
RadioShack	29.62	28.74	28.90	—.72
ReliantEngy	27.39	26.75	26.75	—.51
RoyalDut	48.16	47.68	47.90	—.50
SBC Comm	38.11	37.76	37.76	—.47
SaraLee	22.09	21.79	22.01	+ .21
Scripps EW	63.00	62.30	62.68	—.52
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SprintPCS	26.76	26.15	26.20	—.84
Sunoco Inc	36.30	35.75	36.00	—.39
TXU Corp	45.71	45.30	45.31	—.53
TempleInland	57.15	56.65	56.84	—.31
Textrnd	35.80	35.55	35.75	+ .20
TexasInst	32.49	31.47	31.61	—.97
Textron	40.49	39.80	40.02	—.33
TriconGlbR	49.00	48.61	48.86	+ .15
TrinityInds	26.24	26.04	26.05	—.01
TylerTech	3.45	3.05	3.30	+ .15
USX-Marathn	27.31	27.00	27.14	—.32
USX-USS	17.00	16.71	16.94	—.14
UnionPacif	55.36	55.05	55.29	+ .14
UnitedTech	59.75	58.90	59.68	—.14
Unocal	32.80	32.61	32.73	—.21
VerizonComm	48.25	47.80	48.04	+ .04
WalMart	55.10	54.48	54.84	—.24
WellsFargo	43.56	43.15	43.16	+ .05
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WinnDixie	14.34	14.17	14.21	—.14
Xerox Cp	8.30	8.11	8.20	—.05

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Scurry County Country

Scurrying around Scurry County

By Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent

Lighten Up

Holiday meals don't have to pack such a high calorie punch. Simple makeover tips can lighten a meal and keep the taste good:

•**Baked turkey** — choose a plain bird over a self-basting bird to lower the sodium content. To ensure a moist bird, leave the skin on while roasting, don't over bake the bird, and pour gravy on the meat after carving.

•**Gravy** — use a fat-skimmer cup or freeze the juices in a shallow pan so you can remove the fat. Save around 58 grams of fat per cup.

•**Dressing** — use low-sodium boxed stuffing mix and add sauteed onions, celery, apples and cooked rice. Add a little more broth and bake for a half hour.

•**Candied yams** — Sweeten with apple or orange juice and add ground cinnamon. Omit the margarine or butter and marshmallows.

•**Green bean casserole** — cook fresh green beans with chunks of potatoes and fat-free half-n-half instead of cream soup. Top with almonds instead of fried onion rings.

•**Mashed potatoes** — use skim milk, garlic powder and a little parmesan cheese instead of whole milk and butter. Use low-cal margarine instead of butter.

The best light pumpkin pie

This pumpkin pie saves 151 calories and 12 grams of fat per slice from the traditional version and it tastes identical.

1 cup ginger snaps
16 oz. can pumpkin
½ cup egg whites (about 4)
½ cup sugar
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice (cinnamon, ginger, cloves)
12 oz. can evaporated skim milk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grind the cookies in a food processor. Lightly spray a 9-inch glass pie pan with vegetable cooking spray. Pat the cookie crumbs into the pan evenly. Mix the rest of the ingredients in a medium-sized mixing bowl. Pour into the crust and bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Store in the refrigerator.

Allow to cool and slice in 8 wedges. Optional: serve each wedge with fat-free whipped cream.

Serves 8. Each slice: 165 calories. 1.5 g fat. 5 g saturated fat. 1.5 mg cholesterol. 170mg sodium, 32g carbohydrates, 2g fiber, 6g protein. Diabetic exchange 2 bread.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

TIPS ON TULIPS

The association of the popular tulip with Holland has led many to believe that it is native to that country. However, the tulip was brought from Constantinople in the mid to late 1500s.

The name "tulip" is derived from the Persian word "turban," which the inverted flower resembles. The tulip is a member of the lily family, and is represented by approximately 100 species, although few are found outside botanical gardens.

At one time, the tulip was considered completely unadaptable to Deep South gardens, but research has proven that with proper treatment and variety selection, tulip may be just as spectacular in Texas as they are in more northern areas. To achieve long, graceful stems and successful blooms, the colorful tulip demands a pre-chilling of the bulbs in the vegetable bin of your refrigerator for 45 to 60 days prior to planting. Be certain that the bulbs remain dry to avoid mold or rot: wrap them in paper towels, and put them in paper bags or plastic to help assure dryness. Plant the bulbs immediately upon removal from cold storage in December or early January.

There are many types of tulips that provide the gardener with a wide variety of types of blooms, times of blooms, size and colors. The following are some recommended types and varieties for Texas gardens. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive, as most varieties of tulips will perform if handled properly.

DARWIN TULIPS: The Darwin is an ideal all-purpose tulip, and is by far the best for general garden use and beauty. Darwins appear on long, graceful stems and usually reach peak bloom in late March and early April. Some recommended Darwin varieties include 'Aristocrat' (soft violet) 'Paul Richter' (bright red), 'Golden Age' (golden yellow), '"Red Master' (deep crimson), Bishop' (deep violet), and 'Zwanenburg' (pure white).

DARWIN HYBRIDS: These are improved larger-flowering Darwin types. Darwin hybrids usually bloom several weeks earlier than the regular Darwin types. Outstanding varieties include 'General Eisenhower' (large, scarlet red), 'Apeldoorn' (warm orange-red), 'Roosevelt' (orange-red), and 'Diplomat' (vermilion red). 'Jewel of Spring' is yellow, marked with red, and 'Elizabeth Arden' is deep salmon-pink.

COTTAGE TULIPS: This variety has many colors and flower forms, and blooms later than Darwin types. The blooms are usually large and egg-shaped. Outstanding varieties include "halcro' (carmine-red), 'John T. Scheepers' (soft yellow), 'Renown' (red), 'Smiling Queen' (light pink), and 'White City.'

PARROT TULIPS: Parrot tulips have fringed and scalloped edges. There are numerous varieties of parrot tulips have fringed and scalloped edges. There are numerous varieties of parrot tulips; however many have weak stems and do not flower properly. Because of their large, heavy blooms, wind and rain can damage parrot tulips. Some varieties include 'Red Parrot' (deep scarlet), 'Blue Parrot' (bluish with gray sheen), 'Texas Gold' (golden yellow), 'Orange Favorite' (bright orange), and 'Fantasy' (soft rose with apple-green stripes).

PEONY OR DOUBLE TULIPS: These tulips of many petals bloom late in the spring season. Good varieties include 'Eros' (rose-pink), 'May Wonder' (clear pink), and 'Orange Triumph' (soft orange).

OTHER TYPES: These include lily-flowered, breeder tulips, Rembrandt or broken tulips, Fosteriana tulips and Duc van Thol tulips.

Regardless of tulip choice, locate the planting in full sun or partial shade in well-drained soil and or a raised bed. Planting the bulbs beneath a deciduous tree will provide adequate sun before foliage appears in spring.

Tulips make a more effective display where planted in masses of one variety and color. However, a number of varieties will assure a longer season of bloom and show of color. For vivid garden displays, mix tulips with other spring bulbs, perennials, spring-flowering annuals.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, October 2001

IBM will pay San Francisco for ads

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — IBM Corp. will pay the city of San Francisco $100,000 for an ad campaign in which sidewalks were spray-painted to promote the computer giant's Linux-based operating system.

The company will also cover cleanup expenses, which could run another $20,000.

IBM advertised its Linux system with the slogan "Peace, Love & Linux" and a peace symbol, heart and penguin. Thousands were spray-painted on sidewalks in San Francisco, Boston, New York and Chicago, and the cities spent tens of thousands of dollars to clean them up.

The ad campaign was handled by the Ogilvy & Mather Inc. advertising agency.

Farmers nix plans to withdraw water

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Farmers and environmental groups are protesting plans by the city of Albuquerque to take water from the Rio Grande and are urging state officials to consider alternatives.

The city in 1997 adopted a strategy designed to provide water until the year 2060. The city hopes to have a specific plan in effect by 2005.

Albuquerque officials want to build a dam, then begin withdrawing water from the San Juan-Chama diversion project. That would decrease the city's reliance on water from its aquifer.

Farmers and environmentalists say Albuquerque should consider more water conservation.

"How could they do this and not have a conservation plan attached?" asked Robert Sulnick, head of the Alliance for the Rio Grande Heritage. "If Albuquerque was really sensitive to the river, they would have taken a different, more well-rounded kind of approach."

Sulnick said the city also should consider "aquifer recharge," in which waste water would be treated and put back into the aquifer.

Members of two farmers groups and the alliance, an umbrella committee that includes several environmental groups, held a news conference Monday on their way to deliver a protest to the state engineer. Monday was the deadline to protest the plan.

City water resources manager John Stomp said the city has an aggressive water conservation program that has reduced use more than 25 percent in six years. He also said the city had looked at dozens of alternative plans.

"We care about the river. We care about the aquifer too, and I think we have a plan that protects both the river and the aquifer," Stomp said.

"At this point, the river is already in dire ecological jeopardy," said Steve Harris, director of Rio Grande Restoration. "Removing more water from the river is not going to improve the situation."

The river already dries to a trickle for nearly 20 miles near San Acacia, he said. The past few summers have seen fights over water in that stretch of the river for the endangered silvery minnow.

Lawsuit over diabetes medicine heads to trial

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney for drug manufacturer Warner-Lambert Co. told a jury it was diabetes, not Rezulin, that killed a woman in January 2000, one day before her 59th birthday.

The wrongful death case is among the first lawsuits around the country to go on trial involving the diabetes medication. It is blamed in the deaths of several people, including Norma Culberson of Houston.

Jack Urquhart, representing Warner-Lambert, said in his opening statement Tuesday that Culberson, diagnosed with diabetes in 1987, was prescribed more than 50 medications and suffered from several health ailments that led to her death, including kidney problems that required dialysis. Urquhart said Culberson suffered kidney and liver failure, among other ailments.

Culberson's death certificate listed her cause of death as "renal failure due to diabetes," Urquhart said while projecting a copy of the certificate on a screen.

But attorneys for Culberson's two daughters, Laura Mercado and Penny Culberson Litzman, said Warner-Lambert failed to warn the U.S. government, physicians and patients of a "significant design defect" in Rezulin that produced cases of serious liver damage and death from 1997 until March 2000 when the drug was pulled off the market.

"For this three-year period, a tragedy, it was prescribed in the United States," George Fleming, the family's lawyer, the family's lawyer, said in the courtroom of state District Judge John Donovan.

Fleming said the diabetes pill was a cure to the company's financial woes.

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Justice lawyer: Detention necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department lawyer overseeing the terrorism investigation told lawmakers today the government's detention of hundreds of people is necessary to combat "sleeper cells" of terrorists quietly waiting to strike.

Assistant Attorney General Mike Chertoff testified that the government was lucky enough to avert a millennium celebration terrorist attack on Los Angeles in December 1999 with the border arrest of Ahmed Ressam. But Americans need more than a happenstance thwarting of attacks, he said.

"We could continue this war and hope we get lucky as we did in the Ressam case," Chertoff told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Or we can pursue a comprehensive and systematic investigative approach that aggressively uses every available, legally permissible investigative technique to identify, disrupt and, if possible, incarcerate and deport sleepers," he said.

Chertoff was greeted by pointed criticism from senators concerned the Bush administration had decided to use military tribunals to try some terrorist without first consulting with Congress.

"The administration has preferred to go it alone with no authorization or prior consultation with the legislative branch," Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the committee chairman, lamented.

Chertoff defended the possible use of tribunals as well as the monitoring of jailhouse conversations between lawyers and suspects.

"Are we being aggressive and hard-nosed? You bet," Chertoff said. "In the aftermath of Sept. 11, how could we not be?"

Chertoff said only 16 prisoners' conversations with lawyers were being monitored by the government— 12 convicted terrorists and four people held on espionage charges. He said none was being held in connection with the Sept. 11 investigation.

Chertoff's comments came one day after his boss, Attorney General John Ashcroft gave the most thorough public accounting of terrorism arrests so far, naming for the first time nearly all of the 104 people who have been charged with federal crimes.

Ashcroft declined, however, to identify the hundreds of people being held on immigration violations, suggesting some were members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

"I am not interested in providing, when we are at war, a list to Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida network of the people we have detained that would make any easier their effort to kill Americans," the attorney general said.

On another front, law enforcement officials said today the FBI has asked a team of agents who specialize in looking for new leads in stumped cases to examine anthrax deaths in New York and Connecticut that have baffled authorities.

The team will re-examine evidence, the forensic and traditional investigative methods and the theories in the cases of Ottilie Lundgren, 94, of Oxford, Conn., and Kathy T. Nguyen, 61, of New York City.

There's no evidence either woman got the anthrax through the mail as in other known cases.

The agents are specially trained to "think outside the box" and look for clues that might be missed through normal investigation, the officials said.

In all, 603 people remain in detention, including a Palestinian with a kit to make box cutters and a Pakistani interested in hunting near a nuclear facility.

Others were held for alleged violations with no obvious connection to past or future attacks, according to documents reviewed by the AP.

Overseas, the investigation made progress with the arrest in Hamburg, Germany, of a man who held a bank account used by hijacker Marwan Al-Shehhi. Prosecutors identified the man as Mounir El M.

One of those detained, Mohdar Mohamed Abdoulah, a 23-year-old San Diego college student from Yemen, originally was held as a material witness, meaning he might have information important to the investigation. He was arrested and taken to New York City .

U.S. airstrikes damage a compound

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. airstrikes damaged a compound believed used by senior Taliban or al-Qaida figures but it is unclear if any were killed, the Pentagon said today.

"They had a confluence of intelligence which led us to believe there was senior leadership in the building," said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

"We do not have names, we don't have a sense of exactly who was in there. We do not have any sense that Omar was there," she said referring to Taliban head Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Meanwhile, more Marines and equipment arrived at a U.S. base in southern Afghanistan today, bringing the number to between 750 and 800, Clarke said.

The Marines began arriving Sunday at a makeshift base 70 to 80 miles southwest of Kandahar to boost pressure on Taliban fighters holding out against opposition forces.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that the bombed compound near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar was thought to hold leaders of the ruling Taliban militia, Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization and Wafa, a Saudi humanitarian aid organization that was among several groups named by the United States as alleged money conduits for bin Laden and his network.

"The strike was considered effective in terms of the damage it did to the building, but beyond that there's not much to tell at all," Clarke told a today briefing, saying pictures showed "we got a lot of it."

F-16 jets and B-1B bombers dropped precision-guided weapons on the compound. Intelligence on the targets came into U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., while Rumsfeld was visiting Tuesday afternoon.

Rumsfeld later told reporters "it clearly was a leadership area" and that those targeted were not trivial figures.

"Whoever was there is going to wish they weren't," he said.

A senior Taliban representative denied speculation that the group's top leader, Omar,had been injured or killed in the airstrikes.

A former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said Omar was unharmed, the Afghan Islamic Press, a Pakistan-based news agency, reported today.

"Mullah Mohammed Omar ... is safe and sound. He hasn't been hurt, nor any other Taliban leader," Zaeef said. He said U.S. planes had hit the house of a local Taliban leader in Kandahar's Dand area. However, it was not an al-Qaida or Taliban base, he said. He gave no details of casualties and his claim could not be independently verified.

Several hundred members of al-Qaida have been killed during the seven weeks of the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Seven of those killed were considered al-Qaida leaders, said another official, also speaking on condition of anonymity. They include Mohammed Atef, one of bin Laden's top two deputies, killed in a U.S. strike around Nov. 14. Other leaders believed killed include Mohammed Salah and Tariq Anwar, two high-ranking members of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, who are part of al-Qaida, the officials said.

Rumsfeld spent several hours Tuesday at Central Command, where he met with Gen. Tommy Franks.

Franks said U.S. forces in Afghanistan are searching more than 40 laboratories and other facilities suspected of conducting secret work on chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. So far, none has yielded clear evidence of such work, he said.

He said results from initial tests of samples taken from some sites were not yet available. The more than 40 sites are in parts of Afghanistan no longer under control of the Taliban.

"What we have found in a variety of laboratories is laboratory sorts of paraphernalia," he said. "We have found a variety of chemical compositions and these sorts of things." He said it was possible these items were for legitimate purposes such as making fertilizer.

Obituaies

W.W. Mitchell

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KOUNTZE — W.W. "Mitch" Mitchell, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Nov. 25, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Mitchell, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Broussard's Mortuary Chapel in Kountze. Local arrangements are under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Holly Grove Cemetery in Segno, Tex.

Born Aug. 24, 1919 in Saratoga, he graduated from Saratoga High School. Mr. Mitchell served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1945. He married Louise Flowers on Nov. 22, 1947 in Sinton. She died Feb. 11, 1994.

Mr. Mitchell, a Baptist, had lived in Snyder from 1970 to 1999 before moving to Lubbock. He was a district foreman for Sun Oil Co., working a total of 40 years in Snyder and in South America.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Byron and Kathy Mitchell of Ropesville; and two grandchildren, Robert and Rebecca Mitchell of Ropesville.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road in Lubbock, 79424, or the Ropesville United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Broussard's Mortuary.

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LaVada Welch

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ANDREWS – LaVada Welch, the sister of Nada Thacker of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 25.

Funeral service for Mrs. Welch, 62, was held Tuesday in the McNett Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiated and burial followed in the Andrews North Cemetery.

Born Oct. 8, 1939 in Boonsboro, Ark., she was a graduate of Andrews High School and married Clyde Welch on Jan. 19, 1985 in Andrews.

Mrs. Welch was owner of the Main 66 Café and later owned the Pat Walker Salon, retiring in 1987.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Welch of Andrews; two sons, Mike Weis of Andrews and Matt Weis of Odessa; a stepdaughter, Linda Davis of Andrews; her parents, Edgar and Florance Walker of Waldon, Ark.; a brother, Donald Walker of Gardendale; two other sisters, Jody Brown of Waldon and Sue Stewart of Coleman, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Officers field numerous weather-related calls

Officer requested

A woman requested officers to check on a dog in the 2900 block of Ave. K in reference to the animal not having any shelter from the cold and snow. An officer responded to the residence and contacted the owner who advised he would find some shelter for the animal.

Water problems

Dispatchers received several calls during the night from residents around Snyder in reference to low water pressure.

Water department employees were notified of the calls and advised they would check for leaks. Calls continued through the night, but no leaks were found.

Slick roads

Dispatchers were kept busy during the night with calls of accidents around the county. Twenty calls were received by 6:20 a.m. today, reporting people sliding off of slick roadways. A full wrapup of the mishaps can be found on Page 1 of today's issue.

Harassment

A woman requested officers in reference to her husband harassing a subject at a local grocery store Tuesday evening. Officers responded and advised they would make contact with the man and advise him of the complaint.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Allsup's on College Avenue requested an officer at 4 p.m. Tuesday concerning a gas drive off. A driver left without paying for $13.12 worth of fuel.

At 5 p.m., a gas drive off worth $5.01 was reported from Town and Country East, but no description of the vehicle or its driver was available.

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested an officer at 3:40 a.m. today in reference to a drive off in the amount of $29.70. Officers were en route to the station when the clerk advised the driver returned to pay.

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Tiger's Lair

This is the final week to order 2002 yearbooks for $45. Beginning next week, the price for a yearbook will be $50. Orders may be mailed to SHS Publications at the high school. Monday is also the deadline for senior dedications to be submitted. Cost is $45 for a color photo and message. Call 573-6301, ext. 35 for additional information.

Head Start registration

This is the last week for registration for Scurry County Head Start. Registration is from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held Thursday from 5-9 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County Home for the Holidays, sponsored by the Scurry County extension service, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. Theme is Tex-Mex, featuring food, decorations, entertainment and door prizes. Admission is $5.

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries, 904 26th, will host the 8th annual conference Friday and Saturday. Speakers will be Keith Miller from Amarillo and Moses Akitwine from Uganda. Music will be provided by Mercy and Truth from Dallas. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 9 a.m. until dark Saturday at the Canyon Reef Gun Club. For information, call Skip Craig at 573-7750 or Paula Williams at 573-5881.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club members are to bring a toy to Tuesday's meeting or be fined. The toy will go to Toys for Kids Christmas project headed by the Girl Scouts.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabilia through Tuesday.

"Married for Life" information

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Home Bible study groups will soon start. For information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and also on Dec. 15, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed for Snyder and Scurry County. Contact Sherry Faulkenbery at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets 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.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Senior water aerobics

Water aerobics for senior citizens is held from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on 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 these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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Man ends suit but isn't giving up fight

DENVER (AP) — After 11 years of legal battles that reached the U.S. Supreme Court, a white businessman has ended a lawsuit over an affirmative action program he says cost him a highway contract because of his skin color — but Randy Pech isn't giving up the fight.

The case, alleging reverse discrimination, had been seen by opponents of federal affirmative action as the best opportunity to effectively eliminate the programs.

But on Tuesday, the Supreme Court dropped plans to rule on the case, saying it had become too muddled to be an appropriate vehicle for what likely would be aender. Someday someone in power will do something about it."

Pech, owner of Adarand Constructors Inc., sued the Transportation Department in 1990 after his $104,000 bid for a five-mile guardrail job was passed over for a $105,000 bid from a Hispanic-owned firm.

His lawsuit challenged a federal highway program that awarded general contractors a 1.5 percent bonus for subcontracting at least 10 percent of a job to "disadvantaged business enterprises."

In 1995, the Supreme Court declared the program unconstitutional, saying such aid must be "narrowly tailored to remedy specific past discrimination."

The 5-4 ruling prompted a government-wide revision of affirmative action programs. But Pech still claimed his company was losing business to minority-owned contractors.

Government attorneys argued that Pech's company qualified under the new rules and couldn't prove it was harmed.

"The fact that the plaintiff now qualifies and is a beneficiary of the program I think is perhaps the best evidence that there's not a clear racial demarcation between who can be in the program and who cannot," said Marisa Demeo, Washington-based regional counsel for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The Supreme Court's short ruling Tuesday laid out the procedural problems with the case and said that the justices could not step in to set things right. It essentially erases the Adarand appeal and leaves a federal 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling against the company in place.

Temple University Law School Associate Dean Mark Rahdert said the high court's decision not to rule in Pech's case "will allow for a clearer and more focused ruling" when a similar case comes before it in the future.

"It allows the program to remain intact and awaits a challenge by someone who can demonstrate that they are presently harmed by the existing program rather than by the claimed residue of past affirmative action," he said.

Curt Levey, an attorney for the Center for Individual Rights, said he was confident that when the right case is found, the court will strike down the disadvantaged business enterprise program.

"In the short term, it's good news for supporters of racial preferences in contracting," Levy said. He said the Supreme Court's interest in the case "shows they're very concerned about the unconstitutional aspects of the program and it's just a matter of finding a case that doesn't have the procedural problems this one has."

The case is Adarand Constructors Inc. v. Mineta, 00-730.

275 leftists vanished, agency claims

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Vicente Fox is creating a special prosecutor to investigate reports that hundreds of leftists vanished while in government hands — by far the most dramatic move by any Mexican administration to lift the veil from horrifying past abuses.

Fox ordered the position's creation Tuesday after Mexico's National Human Rights Commission presented a 3,000-page report concluding that many of the 532 people who were reported as having disappeared in the 1970s and early 1980s had been seized by municipal, state or federal agents.

Human Rights Ombudsman Jose Luis Soberanes said that while his agency could confirm only 275 of the cases, further investigation might confirm others.

"The justice that has been awaited for decades is beginning to become a reality," said Fox, whose action partly fulfills campaign promises he made before becoming taking office a year ago.

Fox also ordered the creation of a committee to consider ways of compensating relatives of the victims, and he directed federal agencies to release tens of thousands of files that might shed light on human rights violations between 1960 and 1985, or perhaps even cases today.

The missing victims include suspected members and sympathizers of small guerrilla groups that carried out bombings, kidnappings and occasional slayings during the 1970s in hopes of creating a communist state in Mexico.

Mostly farmers, students and rural school teachers, many were arrested without warrant and disappeared into clandestine prisons at Mexican police and military bases, Soberanes said.

All of those mentioned in the report were tortured or abused.

Soberanes opened the presentation by reading a terrifying account from a survivor: a woman who described being forced to watch the beating and electroshock torture of her husband and her 1-year-old daughter after agents had raped and tortured her as well.

Although the report implicated 37 municipal, state and federal agencies, the majority of the abuses appeared to involve the army or the former Federal Security Directorate.

Soberanes said human rights laws barred his agency from naming the 74 officials,— 59 federal and 15 from the state level — implicated in the forced disappearances. But he turned the report and its files over to prosecutors so that they could bring charges.

The report was formally presented at the National Archive, a former prison building known as the "black palace" of Lecumberri, which served as Mexico's chief political prison. The stone cellblocks, which now silently house library tables, were visible through tall glass windows.

During his campaign, Fox vowed he would investigate past human rights abuses; his election in December ended 71 years of often-authoritarian rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

But many human rights activists remained skeptical, especially following the Oct. 19 slaying of prominent human rights lawyer Digna Ochoa, after a series of death threats.

"There is a recognition that there was a period of clear and undeniable violations of human rights," said Edgar Cortez, director of the Jesuit-run Miguel Agustin Pro Human Rights Center where Ochoa once worked. He noted that previous governments had often tried to ignore the issue.

But he said he wanted to see the results of Fox's promises.

David Cabanas, whose brother Lucio led Mexico's most famous rural guerrilla band of the 1970s, expressed concern that the report did not name the torturers and that an army general, Rafael Macedo, is the attorney general overseeing the case.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001

Much can be accomplished in the year ahead in your chosen profession by working hand and glove with selected associations. Collectively, productivity will increase, and so will the rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You could push the wrong button today if you demand that a co-worker do a job for which you're responsible. Not only will this person be defiant, he or she could walk out on you. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should you get involved in some type of competitive social activity today, don't make winning all important. Play for the action and not the title.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you're especially careful today, you could do something to make yourself look good at the expense of another. It won't matter that you didn't realize it; it stills hurts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Usually you're a very compassionate and diplomatic person, but today these splendid qualities might be replaced with insensitivity and sharp retorts. Get back in character fast.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be alert for uncertainties, and be protective of your financial interests today. Conditions that have an influence on your material security are under attack.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you make things too difficult today over which friends you and your mate should spend your day with, all you'll accomplish is promoting a fight. Be more yielding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be careful today when you attempt to find shortcuts to perform your tasks that you don't inadvertently make simple jobs more complex. Don't create frustration detours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today, unless your pal is an expert on a matter on which you need advice, it isn't wise to consult him or her about it, no matter how good a friend. Seek only experienced guidance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — False starts and inaccurate premises could get you off to a bad beginning today. Don't get emotional over it, however. Get tenacious by regrouping and charging once more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The wisdom of Solomon might be needed today when dealing with an awkward issue concerning a couple of friends. Try your best to appease everyone when handling the matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The only way a joint endeavor can work today is if each of the participants contributes equally. Without parity, someone's joints will be out of whack, producing a no-go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Partnership arrangements could be a bit tricky today if everyone has contrary opinions. Set the example by striving to be objective and avoiding deliberate vetoes.

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State senator pleads no contest

AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator pleaded no contest to a drunken driving charge Tuesday and apologized for making a mistake.

"I made a mistake, and I accept responsibility for the consequences of my conduct," state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos said.

Barrientos was given a year on probation and ordered to attend alcohol counseling sessions, perform 40 hours of community service, and pay a $500 fine.

The Austin Democrat was charged with driving while intoxicated on Nov. 21 after a police officer pulled him over because his car was weaving back and forth in downtown Austin, according to police.

Because he refused to take a breath test when he was stopped, he will lose his license for 180 days.

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