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Home of Shirley Miller

*Fire marshals, ATF agree...*

# No evidence of foul play in Colortyme fire

Investigation of last week's fire on the Snyder square is expected to close today and inspectors have determined where the blaze began.

The Colortyme Rent-to-Own building, built in 1905 and owned by the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club, was destroyed and two adjacent structures suffered extensive damage in the fire.

Kent Meadows, a deputy state fire marshal from Alpine, said Tuesday afternoon that officials of the Snyder Fire Department, the State Fire Marshal's office and the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are all in agreement as to where the fire originated.

"We are classifying this as the area of origin, rather than the point of origin because the damage was so complete it is hard to be too specific," Meadows said. "The area of origin was in the center 2/3 of the structure near the heating and air conditioning unit."

The deputy fire marshal said locating the area that suffered the greatest amount of damage makes the determination. "Because that is where the fire burned the longest."

Meadows also said part of the second floor "came down very early in the fire."

Investigators will not make a determination as to the cause of the fire that leveled the two-story structure, but they are adamant that foul play was not involved.

"There is absolutely no evidence of any involvement or man-made hindrance," Meadows said. "Our investigation of the fire pattern along with our interviews of witnesses lead us to believe there was no foul play. And we brought in the dog from our Abernathy office that confirmed our beliefs by locating no accelerants."

The deputy fire marshal said the dog was brought to the scene because of the large size of the fire and everyone involved "wanted to cover all of our bases."

Meadows also had high praise for Snyder's firefighters.

"The State Fire Marshal's Office has had exceptional cooperation through the entire process," he said. "The Snyder firefighters did a top-notch job in getting this fire contained. Considering the age of all of the buildings on this square, a fire of this magnitude could have led to a disastrous outcome. And they did it without getting anyone hurt."

Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said he was impressed with the out-of-town inspectors.

"I think we all worked very well with the state and federal agencies in piecing this together," he said. "They were friendly and helpful and willing to work as a team."

Westmoreland also said local citizens continue to show support for Snyder's firefighters.

"We are still getting support from the people of our community and that means a lot to all of us," he said. "It's been incredible to witness the outpouring of concern and support."

The site of the fire, which continued to smoke and occasionally flare up, now will be cleared and the smoldering remains will be fully extinguished, according to Westmoreland.



WORK IN THE PARK — Scurry County Parks employees Larry Johnson (left) and Darrell Robertson worked this morning to remove a large cedar tree that died across from the Towle Park Barn. Several dead trees have been cut and removed this winter. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Columbia investigation gaining concrete clues

HOUSTON (AP) — A spray of molten aluminum found on much of Columbia's debris and burst tires from the left landing gear are providing concrete clues for shuttle accident investigators a month into their probe.

They are not yet ready to say, however, whether the scorching gases of re-entry entered the left wing at the vulnerable leading edge or through the landing gear compartment.

"Everybody has their own theory," Roger Tetrault, an investigation board member, said Tuesday. "I'm going to be patient and not express my theory at this time."

During the board's weekly news conference, Tetrault and other members revealed that molten aluminum was found on Columbia's thermal tiles and even inside the leading edge of the left wing, bolstering the theory that the shuttle was destroyed by hot gases that penetrated a damaged spot on the wing.

Tetrault said he suspects the melting of the spaceship's aluminum frame occurred because of the intruding gases and also because of the intense heat of falling through the atmosphere.

The melted aluminum, or slag, looks like black soot, and is present on both the right and left sides of the spacecraft, especially the left, he said.

"Many of the tiles on the left side have a thin, black deposit on them, and that deposit has never been seen on any previous flight," he said.

Tetrault said both tires from the left main landing gear also show evidence of extreme trauma from the Feb. 1 disaster: They are flat with torn fabric, possibly from a rupture in the final seconds of the spaceship's flight.

"I would not speculate that it blew out the door or blew down the landing gear and that caused the accident. It is the result, not the initiating event," said Tetrault, a retired corporate executive with experience in nuclear submarines. He noted that rupturing tires "could have been the ultimate breakup event — but we don't know that."

Investigators have theorized that foam or other debris that broke off the shuttle's big external fuel tank during liftoff Jan. 16 damaged the wing.

# Constable indicted for stealing debris from space shuttle

TYLER (AP) — A Harrison County constable accused of looting space shuttle material has been formally charged with stealing government property.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted Robert Hagan II, 45, of Hallsville, on a charge that he stole a shuttle tile. He's the third person indicted for stealing space shuttle parts that landed in East Texas after Columbia broke apart Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts.

Court documents show that the indictments of Merrie Savage Hipp, 43, of Henderson, and Bradley Justin Gaudet, 23, of Nacogdoches led to Hagan's arrest.

Hagan showed shuttle debris to a Harrison County sheriff's deputy and told him he was allowed to keep the items found in the first days of the search for shuttle parts, according to records.

Once the deputy heard of the other looting arrests, he told his superiors about Hagan, a court affidavit states.

Sheriff Tom McCool and another officer confronted Hagan, who initially denied having the pieces, but later said he did, according to documents. After debris was found in his patrol car, Hagan claimed he was allowed to keep the items, documents show.

In a subsequent interview with the FBI, Hagan said he knew he couldn't take debris, according to court documents.

Hagan remained free on bond and had not appeared in federal court to enter a plea on the charge. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

# Longview man shoots at trooper during stop

MARSHALL (AP) — A Longview man is in custody after authorities said he exchanged gunfire with a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper during a routine traffic stop Tuesday afternoon.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said the trooper was checking identification on three people in a vehicle on U.S. 59 near Marshall when one of the men fled, firing at the officer. Vinger said the trooper returned fire. No one was injured in the exchange.

Thomas Allen Wynne, 20, was booked into Harrison County Jail in Marshall on a charge of attempted capital murder in the exchange with Trooper Grady Clark of Marshall, Texarkana DPS communications officer Rosie Turner said today.

That prompted a search by Texas Rangers, a DPS helicopter, Harrison County deputies and police dogs, Vinger said. That led to Wynne's capture about 10 p.m. Tuesday, Turner said.

Wynne had outstanding warrants from nearby Gregg County, Vinger said.

The shootout occurred around 6 p.m. Tuesday, following a traffic stop, Sheriff Tom McCool said.

## THE SDN COLUMN

### MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley



Growing up is no easy chore — some never reach the goal of maturity when it comes to actions portrayed at sporting events.

Many "thou shalt nots" are taught at home, at school and through participation in sports throughout a child's climb to adulthood.

Sports have become an integral part of today's lifestyle and are a good way for parents and coaches to instill positive attitudes, respect, fairness, patience and the necessary down side – tolerance. They also learn hard work bears rewards.

But one slanderous, negative shout from parents, coach or spectator can be hurtful and damaging to a child.

On the other hand, a word of encouragement is the ingredient to help a child formulate the self-image needed to mature mentally and physically.

The following yellowed and wrinkled clipping of a poem by an unknown author surfaced from one of the many boxes of souvenirs from child rearing-days and grandchildren's mementos. We recall the first time we read it; it was tacked to the window of the Lota' Burger, back when the owners were Sue and the late Don Gressett.

HE'S ONLY A BOY

Please don't curse the boy down there.
He is my son you see.
He's only just a boy you know.
He means a lot to me.
I did not raise my son dear fan,
For you to call him names.
He may not be a super-star,
It's just a high school game.
So please don't curse the boys down there.
They do the Best they can.
They never tried to lose a game,
They're boys and you're a man.
The game belongs to them you see,
You are just a guest.
They do not need a fan like you,
They need the very best.
If you have nothing nice to say,
Please leave the boys alone
And if you have no manners,
Why don't you stay at home.
So please don't curse the boys down there.
Each one's his parent's son.
Win or lose or tie, you see,
To us they're "Number One."

We like a sign posted in the West Austin Youth Association's gym spotted while watching our grandchildren's basketball games. It was headed: Zero Tolerance Policy. "Coaches and fans may not criticize players or referees.

Violators will be ejected from the premises and may face additional suspension pending WAYA board action."

It was a pleasant environment as the children learned the fundamentals of the game and had fun doing it.

Snyder has the same environment, let's keep it that way for the sake of our children and their future.

## ASK US

**Q—Can I renew my vehicle registration online?**

**A—Not in Scurry County. Only 29 Texas counties currently have online vehicle registration renewal, and Scurry isn't one of them.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



**Lisa Jeffrey...**

...is a busy lady. She and her husband, Donald, live in Snyder and Lisa works for SISD as a teachers' aide for PPCD and is program director for the Boys and Girls Club. She has lived in Snyder all her life. When not working, she enjoys cooking, reading and just being with her friends and family.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.**

**—Willie Nelson**

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events

# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### Ash Wednesday service

The First Presbyterian Church will host an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. The community is welcome to attend.

### Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

### Public school observances

In observance of Public School Week, Stanfield Elementary parents may eat lunch with their children any day this week. West Elementary will have Donuts for Dads at 7:30 a.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. An awards assembly will be held at 9 and 9:30 a.m. Friday in the auditorium. Parents are invited to eat with their children in the Central Elementary lunch room today through Friday.

### FBC services televised

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

### Golden K garage sale

The Golden K garage sale begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M. Donations are now being accepted.

### American Legion garage sale

The American Legion will host a garage sale Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 1804 Ave. R. Proceeds will benefit Gateway Family Services and the American Legion building fund.

### WSI garage sale

WSI will have a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 2808 42nd to benefit Relay for Life. Employees who want to donate items may call Deana at 573-3365 or May Ann at 573-2808

### Country, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

### Retired teachers to meet

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Sharla Bryan Moffett will speak about Cogdell Hospital services.

### Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

### Community services fair

The community services fair will be Tuesday, March 18, from 4-6 p.m. at 2800 Second St. Free hot dogs, drinks and door prizes. Hosted by Scurry Community Services.

### Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

### Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing withered flowers for a project. Call Camelia Soa at 574-2922 to have them picked up.

### Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand Plum, Honeylocust, and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

### Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

### WTC adult basic education classes

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

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

## Jail officials disciplined in alleged beatings

CHICAGO (AP) — Eight officers accused of beating inmates at the Cook County Jail and then covering it up have been disciplined, officials said, four years after the alleged attacks.

The allegations surfaced last month when the jail's former director was nominated to head the state Department of Corrections. Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich later asked the state Senate to halt his confirmation proceedings.

At least 49 inmates told investigators they were beaten by guards on Feb. 24, 1999, following a gang-related stabbing at the jail, the Chicago Tribune reported. The officers also were accused of filing false paperwork to cover up the alleged rampage.

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan said none of his findings of officer misconduct involved excessive force.

# Shooter convicted in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A judge found a Kuwaiti policeman guilty today in a shooting attack that wounded two U.S. soldiers and sentenced him to a total of 15 years in prison.

"This is not fair, your honor!" Khaled al-Shimmiri, who had pleaded insanity, shouted from the dock when the verdict and sentence was read.

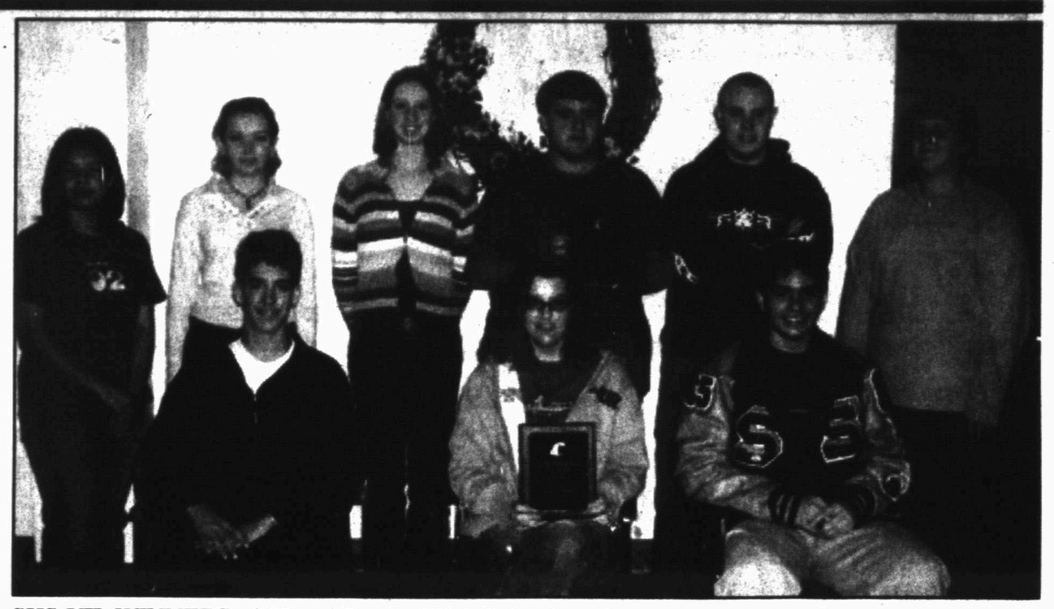
In addition to the sentence of 10 years for attempted murder and five for unlawful possession of a weapon, to be served consecutively, Judge Nayef al-Mutairat ordered al-Shimmiri, 20, to be dismissed from the Kuwaiti police force. Prosecutors had asked for the harshest possible sentence, life in prison.

The shooting came amid growing anti-American sentiment in this small oil-rich ally of Washington where tens of thousands of U.S. troops are massing ahead of a possible war on Iraq. Across the Arab world, the threatened U.S. attack on Iraq has been portrayed as part of an alleged American campaign to control Arab lands and wealth.

Master Sgt. Larry Thomas, 51 and Sgt. Charles Ellis, 27, both reservists from Lake Charles, Louisiana, were driving along a Kuwait desert highway on Nov. 21 when al-Shimmiri, in a patrol car, flagged them down, ostensibly for speeding, and shot and seriously wounded them.

Though as a policeman al-Shimmiri was authorized to carry a gun, he had called in sick that day and therefore, officials said, should not have had his weapon, leading to the unlawful possession charge. Al-Shimmiri's lawyer had questioned why his superiors allowed him access to a gun at all given that he had been under psychiatric care for months before the shooting.

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SHS UIL WINNERS — These Snyder High School students placed in last Saturday's academic UIL practice meet in Abilene. Back row from left, Cindy Morin, Kasey Wemken, Meagan Langham, Glenn Burns, Josh Payne and Seth Cooper; front row, Matthew Kerr, Lilli Valdez and Josh Kemp. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# SHS students win at UIL meet

Fifteen Snyder High School students attended the annual Abilene Cooper Cougar Classic UIL Practice Meet Saturday. Students around the area in Districts 1A through 5A attended the meet.

Competing as a team, Glenn Burns, Matthew Kerr and Seth Cooper captured first place in current issues and events.

Individually, Burns received second; Kerr, fifth and Cooper, seventh.

Josh Kemp placed first in number sense, second in mathematics and first in accounting.

Josh Payne finished in ninth place in number sense.

Lilli Valdez earned second place in two events, accounting and ready writing.

Matthew Kerr placed sixth in accounting.

The accounting team, consisting of Josh Kemp, Lilli Valdez and Matthew Kerr, received first place.

In computer applications, Kasey Wemken earned first place with a perfect score. In the same category, Cindy Morin placed third and Meagan Langham placed fifth.

Academic UIL sponsors at SHS for 2003 include Shad Nachlinger, Phyllis Smith, Wynola Early, JoAnn Cotton, Lynda Patterson, Darlene Stokes, Thomas Strayhorn, Diane Arnold, Christy Smith, Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester.

Academic UIL students will attend the district UIL contest March 21-22 in Seminole.

# Death penalty moratorium considered

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pennsylvania should order a moratorium on executions while the governor and the state Supreme Court review a study that found black defendants are more likely to be sentenced to death, a committee said.

Since October 1999, the Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System, appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, has studied race, ethnicity and gender issues in the courts. It released a 550-page report Tuesday, calling on Gov. Ed Rendell and the court to order the moratorium.

"We acted beyond our role. We realized that the recommended changes did not lie solely within the courts," said Nicholas Cafardi, dean of Duquesne University's School of Law and the committee chairman.

The report addressed several issues, including gender bias in jury selection, a lack of diversity in jury pools and the courts' treatment of sexual assault victims. It also said many defense attorneys in death penalty cases need better pay and standardized training.

In calling for a moratorium, the report cited studies of Philadelphia's courts and statistics showing that blacks make up 62 percent of Pennsylvania's 242 death row inmates but only 10 percent of the state's general population.

Kent Scheidegger of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, which supports the death penalty, said those studies were written by researchers biased against capital punishment. "The system is generally fair. It's been studied, reformed and tinkered with for 30 years now," he said.

Rendell, a former Philadelphia prosecutor and mayor, supports the death penalty, but has said he would review the issue if warranted. A spokesman for Rendell did not return calls Tuesday.

Cafardi said it will be up to two new task forces established by the Supreme Court to find ways to implement the committee's recommendations, including the collection of data on capital litigation.

There have been calls for moratoriums in several states, but they have only taken effect in Illinois and Maryland. Maryland's new governor, Robert Ehrlich, lifted the moratorium when he took office in January.

Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, Pennsylvania has executed three people. The most recent was in July 1999.

## Date Book

**Wednesday, March 5, 2003**

Today is the 64th day of 2003 and the 74th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1770, an altercation between British troops and Boston residents, since known as the Boston Massacre, led to five deaths and six injuries.

On this day in 1933, President Roosevelt proclaimed a national "Bank Holiday" to help save the nation's banking system.

On this day in 1946, Winston Churchill delivered a speech wherein he set the terms for the cold war: "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriadic an iron curtain has descended across the continent."

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Gerhardus Mercator (1512-1594), cartographer and geographer; William Blackstone (1595-1675), settler; Reginald Carey "Rex" Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Penn Jillette (1955-), magician, is 48.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1983, Cris Collinsworth, wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals, challenged a race horse to a 35-yard race. The horse won.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "My favorite thing about the Internet is that you get to go into the private world of real creeps without having to smell them." — Penn Jillette

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (March 2) and first quarter (March 11).

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RESULTS

**Tuesday's Lottery Numbers**
**Texas Two Step**
**AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:**
**7-10-16-19**
**Bonus number 32**
**Estimated jackpot: $200,000**
**Pick 3**
**(Day) 1-0-8**
**(Night) 7-1-4**
**Cash Five**
**7-12-21-26-33**

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**BOOK FAIR CONTINUES — Stanfield Elementary Book Fair will continue through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Proceeds from the fair will benefit the school library. Students in Margie Martinez' class who looked at books Monday morning from left are Kellie Sanders, Vanessa Ornelas and Johnny Mendoza. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)**

# Inmate convicted in plot to kill judge

AMARILLO (AP) — A man already serving time for murder was convicted of plotting to kill the federal judge in the Oklahoma City bombing trials, allegedly in the hopes that the judge's death would help the white supremacist movement.

The jury deliberated just 35 minutes Tuesday before finding Christopher Lee Bennett, 28, guilty of two counts of soliciting to commit a crime of violence. He faces up to 40 years in prison and $250,000 in fines.

Bennett, 28, is already serving a 99-year sentence for the 1994 strangulation and beating death of a Hispanic pharmacist.

Prosecutors said Bennett solicited two fellow inmates in January 2001 to kill U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who presided over the Oklahoma City trials as well as the 1987 trial of two white supremacists convicted of killing a Jewish radio host in Denver.

The inmates testified that Bennett wrote them letters in which he said the slaying would give publicity to the white supremacy movement.

The letter written to inmate Jimmy Stamps said the slaying would send a "clear and unmistakable" message akin to the gruesome 1998 death of a black man in Jasper, Texas. In that case, three white men were convicted of killing James Byrd Jr. by dragging him behind a pickup truck.

"If you think back just two years ago, my brothers in Jasper, Texas, drew national attention ... Imagine the publicity that would generated by that lapdog's death," the letter said.

Stamps said Bennett also promised him $50,000 from the Ku Klux Klan for the judge's murder.

Another inmate from the Clements Unit in Amarillo, Ryan Martin, 26, read from a letter in which Bennett offered him $6,000 for the murder "to get the message out about the Aryan cause."

A former FBI agent testified that Bennett was angered by the death sentence of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and the sentence of life in prison for McVeigh's partner Terry Nichols, as well as the punishents of others tried before Matsch.

"He said it was not a joke," said Scott Hendricks, who interviewed Bennett. "He said Judge Matsch deserved to die, and it was just a matter of time."

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## *The disabled deserve human rights as well as legal rights*

**DEAR READERS:** In the hope that it will raise awareness about the rights of people with disabilities, I am continuing the subject of yesterday's column.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing about "Kent," the 40-year-old man, bedridden with muscular dystrophy, who asked his friend, "Vic," to arrange his first sexual experience. His deeply religious parents were offended and now refuse to allow him any contact with his friend.

Abby, those parents have a right to determine what happens in their home. While the son lives there, he should respect the rules of the house. This is called RESPECT! — **MARGE IN CLARKSVILLE, TENN.**

**DEAR MARGE:** Respect should work both ways. Those parents could learn a lot from meeting other parents of adult children with disabilities. **Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a social worker and advocate for individuals with disabilities. What was described in the letter is abuse on the part of the parents and should be reported to adult protective services immediately. "Kent's" caretakers have violated his religious and sexual rights as a human being, and this could be considered false imprisonment. Practices like these are often only the tip of the iceberg. Being a caretaker is about helping someone live, not forcing one's beliefs and practices on another. — **FURIOUS IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.**

**DEAR ABBY:** It is illegal to prevent an adult dependent from having consensual sex or seeing friends. (This would not be the case if the woman had charged for her services — which she did not. If she had, the parents would have the right to prohibit "illegal activities" in their home.)

Facility accreditation statutes prohibit such restrictions, but often it is not brought to the attention of the local human services department. Thank you for addressing this, Abby. — **DISABILITY ADVOCATE IN IOWA**

**DEAR ABBY:** What do these parents think will happen to their son when they die? "Kent" needs to start learning to hire and deal with attendants, manage an apartment from his bed, coordinate medical care and all the rest of the skills that life on his own will involve.

Abby, he needs intervention and possibly legal services. These are listed in the phone book under headings such as "disability services" and even "legal aid." — **CATHRYN IN DANNVILLE, CALIF.**

**DEAR CATHRYN:** When I answered the letter from "Vic," I did not realize that what the parents are doing could be interpreted as abuse. I want to thank you and my other readers for pointing that out.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Vic" deserves a medal for what he did for his friend. My husband and I are disabled with different disabilities. We must constantly deal with people who think we should give up our freedom. Thank you for printing that letter. If anyone can get the public to realize that adults with disabilities need to be regarded as worthwhile human beings, it's you.

Please don't reveal our name or location. We live in a small town with small-minded people. — **"X" IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR X:** In addition to the letters I have printed, I have received many in which the writers poured out their hearts about the isolation they feel because of their disabilities. They want to love and be loved, to be recognized as having something positive to offer to those around them. Everyone has different qualities that make them unique and special. In today's world, people with disabilities have rights — and being recognized as a sexual being is only one of them.

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# Federal appeals court staying enforcement of pledge ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Public school officials in nine western states may still lead students in the Pledge of Allegiance after a federal appeals court that ruled the recitation was unconstitutional put its decision on hold pending a review by the Supreme Court.

Judge Alfred T. Goodwin issued the order Tuesday, giving the Elk Grove Unified School District 90 days to ask the high court to review the ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Elk Grove district was the target of a lawsuit that brought the pledge into federal court. Michael Newdow, a Sacramento atheist, sued the schools, alleging that his daughter shouldn't be subjected to collective recitations of the pledge.

In a case that bitterly divided the nation and the federal judiciary, the appeals court ruled in Newdow's favor last summer, declaring that use of the pledge in public schools violates the Constitution. It said use of the words "under God" amounts to a government endorsement of religion. On Friday, the court refused to reconsider its ruling.

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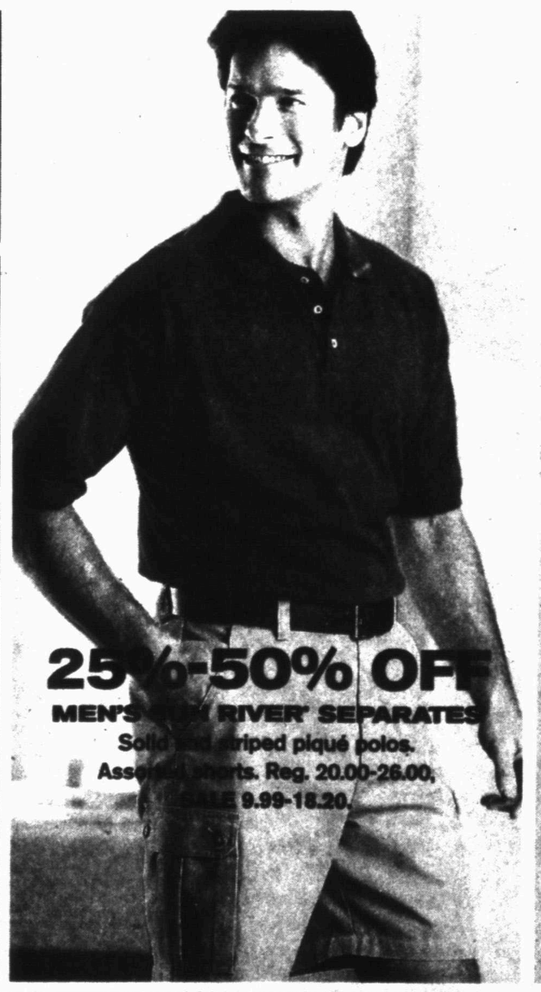
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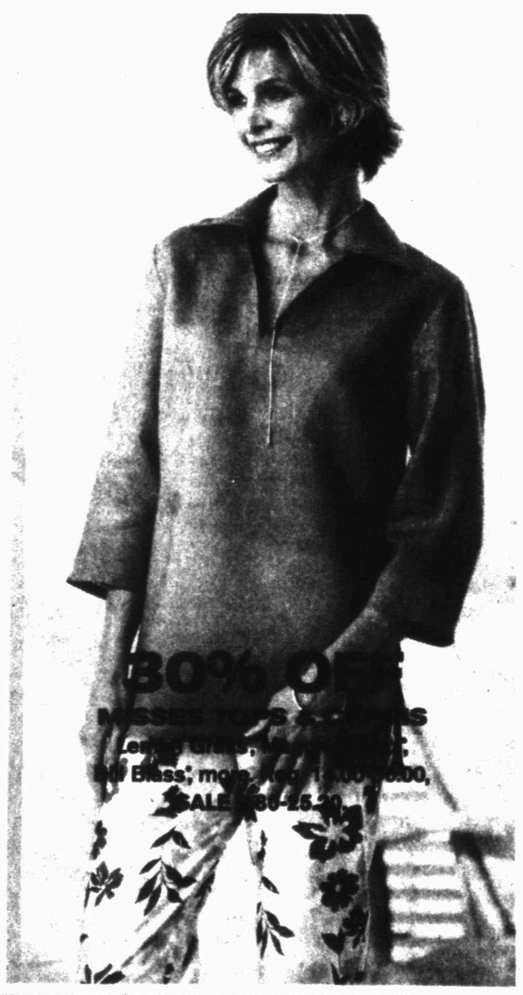
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Let's go team! Good luck at State. Coach Fe & Gar Thomas

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Stephanie State bound

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Go Andra and teammates play well! Mike and Judith Dunham

Best of Luck at State, Danner, and the entire Tiger Tennis Team! Love, Dad, Mom, & Jeremy

Congratulations Varsity tennis team! Good luck at State. Play hard, Pat! Oscar & Ramona

Good luck Kara, at the State Team Tournament. We are proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad

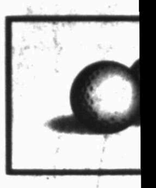
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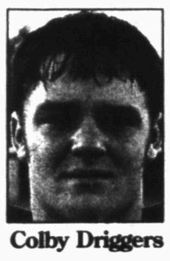
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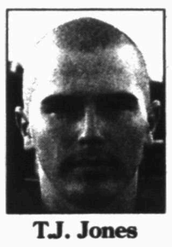
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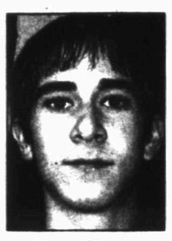
## Jones, Williams grab spots on 3-3A All-District team



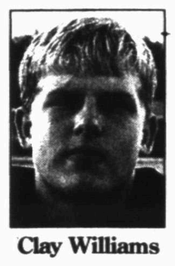
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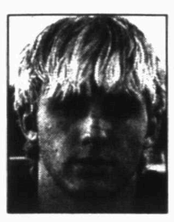
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**District 3-3A All-District Basketball Team**

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John Eric McDonald, Sweetwater
Sam Griffin, Denver City
Andrew Vargas, Sweetwater
Channing Wesson, Lamesa
Daniel Clay, Seminole

**All-Defensive:**
Clay Williams, Snyder
Josh Williams, Denver City
Randyn Tenery, Sweetwater
Korbin Williams, Seminole
Chris Sambrano, Lamesa

**MVP:**
Mychal Carrillo, Sweetwater
Justin Foss, Merkel

**Newcomer of the Year:**
Ty Caffey, Seminole

**Defensive MVP:**
Cole Riggan, Merkel

**Honorable Mention:**
Colby Driggers
Logan Hill,
Josh Mendoza
Lee Scott

# Tigers top Lake View with late rally

**By Bobby Allen**
**SDN Sports Editor**

A disastrous start from the Tigers ended in triumph Tuesday, as the Tigers overcame a shaky first-inning in the field and a seventh-inning deficit to pull out a thrilling 4-3 victory over San Angelo Lake View.

Bradley Price's sharp grounder with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh was mishandled by shortstop Zeke Franklin, and the Tigers escaped with the win.

Snyder rallied to victory without getting a base hit.

Reliever Wesson Day hit Billy Pena to lead off the inning, and Logan Hill and Isaac Ramon were walked with two outs.

Bradley's grounder was drilled right at Franklin, who lost his grip on the ball as Pena crossed the plate.

"I don't think these guys mind playing from behind," said head coach Charles Bollinger. "But I think they are going to give me a heart condition."

The Tigers were forced to play come-from-behind after reliever Ty Collier gave up a single following an error in the top of seventh.

Tyler Trout then took over on the mound and got the first batter before Lake View right fielder Zach Sewell lined a shot to deep right field that scored the go-ahead run. Lake View got greedy on the play and tried to score Day from first, but he was gunned down at the plate.

Trout pitched one inning for the win.

"All of our pitchers did a great job," Bollinger said. "I thought Chance (Greenwood) pitched great, and Collier came in and threw strikes."

He said the team is hitting the ball well, but some mental lapses on the base paths and in the field gave Lake View extra opportunities.

Greenwood got off to a rough start, bobbling a pop-up by the leadoff hitter Jimmy Rivas, then walking the next batter.

Two singles and another error later, the Tigers quickly trailed 3-0.

Greenwood settled down after that, striking out three of the next five batters he faced. He went 5 2/3, allowing one earned run on three hits, and fanning six in the tilt.

San Angelo's lead would quickly evaporate, though.

Second baseman Blake Grimmett drove the first pitch from Lake View starter Zeke Franklin deep over the left field wall to spark the offense and wake up the crowd.

Two batters later, Greenwood lined a sharp single to right, and catcher Shawn Roemisch followed it with a towering two-run homer to tie the game.

Grimmett and Greenwood were both two-for-four. Marcus Villarreal was one-for-one with two walks and a run scored.

"It's time to put a winning streak together," Bollinger said. "I want to start putting teams away."

The Tigers (4-4) got a much-needed victory after dropping three of four at Frenship last weekend.

They will get a chance when they play their first game of the Snyder tournament Thursday at 8 p.m. against Slaton.

## Sterling, Wilson garner All-Region selections



Celeigh Sterling



Lindsey Wilson

Ira High School senior Celeigh Sterling earned first-team All-Region honors and second-team All-State accolades from the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.

Junior Lindsey Wilson was tabbed for the All-Region second team.

Sterling led the Lady Bulldogs with a 15.2 scoring average, shooting 76 percent from the free throw line. She averaged 6.7 rebounds per game, pulling down 192 in 29 games.

She collected 39 steals in leading Ira to an 18-11 record on the season.

Wilson was Ira's second-leading scorer, averaging 13.2 points per contest, converting on 52 percent of her field goal attempts.

She paced Ira on the glass, averaging 7.2 boards a game. She also stole 43 balls.

# Lady Tigers' pitching stymies Big Spring, 3-1

The Snyder Lady Tigers got some quality competition Tuesday night, but like almost every other team Snyder has played this year, Big Spring didn't have enough.

The Lady Tigers (17-2) got another dominant performance from the mound in claiming a 3-1 victory over the Lady Steers.

Kelsi Johnson (6-0) pitched a complete game four-hitter, striking out three and giving up one run.

Head coach Shelly Hayes said the team's hurlers have benefited from a sound — sometimes spectacular — defense.

"Everybody has played solid defense, and they played really well again," she said. "With that behind them, our pitchers can go out there and relax."

She said Johnson used her entire repertoire of pitches to prevent Big Spring's hitters from getting comfortable in the batter's box.

"Kelsi really kept them off-balance," she said. "She was really hitting her spots."

Hayes said Big Spring is notorious for hitting fly balls, adding that Johnson spotted the ball to take advantage of that tendency, as the majority of outs came on pop-ups.

Snyder got just enough offense to come through, with Shelley Fisk crushing an RBI triple and Chaelyn Robinson driving in a run with an RBI fielder's choice.

Ashley Martinez was two-for-three with two singles, and Missy Vasquez crossed the plate twice for the Lady Tigers.

Johnson helped herself at the plate, picking up a single.

"It was just a matter of us outhitting them and playing defense."

The Lady Tigers will challenge Jim Ned Friday evening at 6:30.

The JV Lady Tigers once again rode the arm of Amber Luecke to a 3-1 win over their Big Spring counterparts.

The teams finished regulation tied at 1-1, and the teams went an extra frame.

"Amber pitched great, and the girls came through with the big hits at the end."

The JV tilt with Jim Ned Friday has been cancelled, and the team will enter the Eula tournament Thursday and Saturday. The team will play at Eula Thursday, before trekking to Holley Saturday.

The varsity will face San Angelo Lake View Tuesday at San Angelo at 2:30 p.m., after the 1 p.m. JV contest.

The varsity squad hs also entered Eula's tournament, scheduled for March 13-15. Originally, the team was slated to play Tascosa next Saturday, and Hayes said she will see if they want to travel to Snyder to play the JV team.

# Mavericks throttle Nets, 88-79

DALLAS (AP) — The New Jersey Nets are leading the Atlantic Division and are in a tight race with Indiana for the best record in the Eastern Conference. A team that strong isn't supposed to settle for moral victories.

Yet, that's exactly what the Nets sounded like they were taking from an 88-79 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

"For 48 minutes, we were very competitive," New Jersey coach Byron Scott said. "We did everything but get the win. If we play like this, we'll be in good shape."

Point guard Jason Kidd, who had 13 points and seven rebounds while shooting 5-for-15, echoed Scott's statements.

"We played the best team in the league down to the wire. Nobody gave up," Kidd said.

"We played the top team in the league and held them to 88," fellow guard Lucious Harris said. "They made some tough shots, but they've been doing that against everybody."

Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki each scored 24 points to lead Dallas to its 26th home win, tying New Jersey for the most in the NBA.

But the Mavericks seemed as disgusted with the way they won as the Nets were pleased in how they lost.

"We couldn't separate ourselves from them. It was frustrating," Nash said.

"Our man-to-man was brutal. They got whatever they wanted. Our zone wasn't productive, either," Nowitzki said. "I'm just happy we found a way to win at the end. It was one of the ugliest games we've played all year."

Dallas, the highest-scoring team in the NBA, had only 15 points in the first quarter and just 60 after three periods. Nash finally got the Mavericks rolling by scoring or assisting on 16 straight points in the fourth quarter.

Nowitzki capped that run with a layup and a 3-pointer that put them ahead 80-75 with 4:11 left, sending the Nets to their fifth straight road loss and their sixth in a row against Dallas. That's New Jersey's worst current skid against any team.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson didn't share his players' disdain for this performance. To him, the slow pace and low score was a preview of what the playoffs will be like.

"We had to toughen up and play playoff basketball, which was good," Nelson said. "It was a great game to pull out."

The Nets made only three field goals in the first quarter, yet only trailed by nine.

# Phoenix upset Spurs, 104-97

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With a tenuous hold on the final playoff spot in the Western Conference, the Phoenix Suns got a big lift by upsetting the San Antonio Spurs.

"We did what we had to do to win this one," Stephon Marbury said. "This was more than a game to us tonight. This was a big game. We really needed this one.

Marbury had 35 points and 13 assists in the 104-97 victory Tuesday night, connecting on 12 of 14 shots from the field and six consecutive 3-pointers. Phoenix blitzed San Antonio, shooting 59 percent from the field. The Suns connected on an NBA season-high 76.9 percent from 3-point range, on 10-of-13 shooting from behind the arc.

"We are kind of desperate right now," said Marbury, who played the entire game. "We can't afford to play at a level any lower than where we played tonight. If we play like we did tonight and still lose, I can accept that, but nothing less."

Phoenix has a two-game advantage over Houston for the eighth and final playoff position.

"We're looking to make the playoffs, so every win from here on out is big," rookie Amare Stoudemire said. "We're a young team, we still have got a lot to learn. It's a big win for us."

San Antonio, which had a four-game winning streak snapped, entered with the league's lowest opponent field-goal percentage, holding teams to 42 percent.

## Snyder Bowling Leagues

**Men's Commercial League**

| Team | W | L |
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| Snyder Brick & Tile | 75.5 | 43.5 |
| Snyder Iron & Metal | 68 | 51 |
| The Shack | 66.5 | 52.5 |
| WTP Energy | 66 | 53 |
| Anadarko | 64.5 | 54.5 |
| Blue Sunoco | 61.5 | 57.5 |
| Pin Busters | 58 | 61 |
| Timely Finance | 52 | 67 |
| NAPA Auto | 42 | 77 |
| Robert Early's Weld | 41 | 78 |

**High series:** Lynn Smith, scratch, 615; Mike Logan, handicap, 656.
**High game:** Rick Mammolite, scratch, 229; Glenn Coy, handicap, 260.
**Splits and special mentions:** Gary Chaney 5-7; Harold Kornegay 5-7, Wayne Monrony 5-6.

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**High series: Scratch:** Lynn Smith, 589, Daphene Thompson, 483; **Handicap:** Mark DeSilva, 693, Joanna Browning, 629.
**High game: Scratch:** Kevin Jones, 241,

## National Basketball Association

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
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| New Jersey | 38 | 23 | .623 | — |
| Philadelphia | 34 | 25 | .576 | 3 |
| Boston | 34 | 26 | .567 | 3½ |
| Orlando | 31 | 30 | .508 | 7 |
| Washington | 29 | 31 | .483 | 8½ |
| New York | 26 | 34 | .433 | 11½ |
| Miami | 20 | 40 | .333 | 17½ |
| **Central Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Indiana | 38 | 22 | .633 | — |
| Detroit | 38 | 23 | .623 | ½ |
| New Orleans | 35 | 27 | .565 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 30 | 30 | .500 | 8 |
| Atlanta | 23 | 38 | .377 | 15½ |
| Chicago | 21 | 41 | .339 | 18 |
| Toronto | 19 | 38 | .333 | 17½ |
| Cleveland | 11 | 49 | .183 | 27 |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | |
| **Midwest Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Dallas | 46 | 14 | .767 | — |
| San Antonio | 41 | 18 | .695 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 40 | 22 | .645 | 7 |
| Utah | 34 | 25 | .576 | 11½ |
| Houston | 30 | 30 | .500 | 16 |
| Memphis | 18 | 41 | .305 | 27½ |
| Denver | 12 | 49 | .197 | 34½ |
| **Pacific Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Sacramento | 42 | 19 | .689 | — |
| Portland | 39 | 20 | .661 | 2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 32 | 26 | .552 | 8½ |
| Phoenix | 32 | 28 | .533 | 9½ |
| Golden State | 30 | 30 | .500 | 11½ |
| Seattle | 28 | 31 | .475 | 13 |
| L.A. Clippers | 19 | 40 | .322 | 22 |

**Monday's Games**
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New Orleans 111, L.A. Clippers 108

**Tuesday's Games**
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Atlanta 92, Denver 86
Milwaukee 100, Miami 91
Detroit 96, Houston 83
New York 89, Cleveland 80
Phoenix 104, San Antonio 97
Dallas 88, New Jersey 79
Seattle 92, Minnesota 83
Golden State 107, Indiana 100

**Wednesday's Games**
New York at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**
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Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p.m.

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## Sports Briefs

### Knox to play at Hardin-Simmons

Snyder senior Josh Knox has made a verbal commitment to play football at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The starting center for the 2002 district champion Tigers was named to the All-State and All-District teams. He was named the starting center on the *Lubbock-Avalanche Journal's* Super Team.

### Tennis team accepting donations for charter bus

The SHS tennis team is accepting donations to go towards the rental of a charter bus for the state team tournament. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Rhonda Sutter at 573-4818.

### Raiders ink Rice, Brown to extensions

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice has signed a six-year, $30 million contract extension that will give the Oakland Raiders more salary cap room.

Tim Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with all 15 of his seasons in Oakland, also signed an extension — which means the NFL's oldest receiving tandem will stay together for now.

### Iran boycotts NY wrestling championships

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's national wrestling team will boycott the world freestyle championships in New York because of a U.S. Defense Department decision to fingerprint all participants.

Iranian Wrestling Federation official Javad Rofougar said his country finds the fingerprinting procedure to be humiliating.

The Iranian federation also sent a letter to FILA, the world wrestling governing body, asking it to move the venue if the United States wanted to fingerprint athletes.

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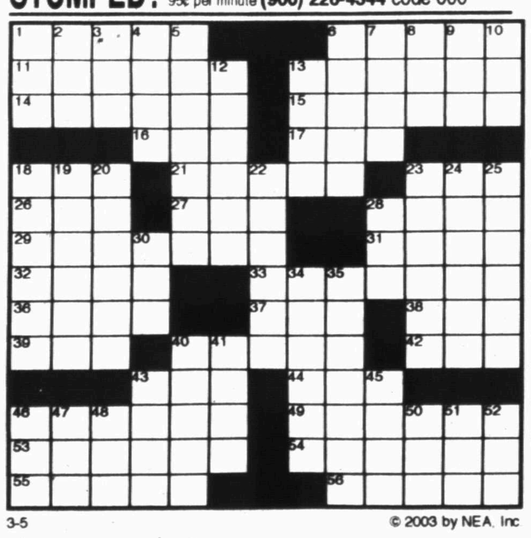
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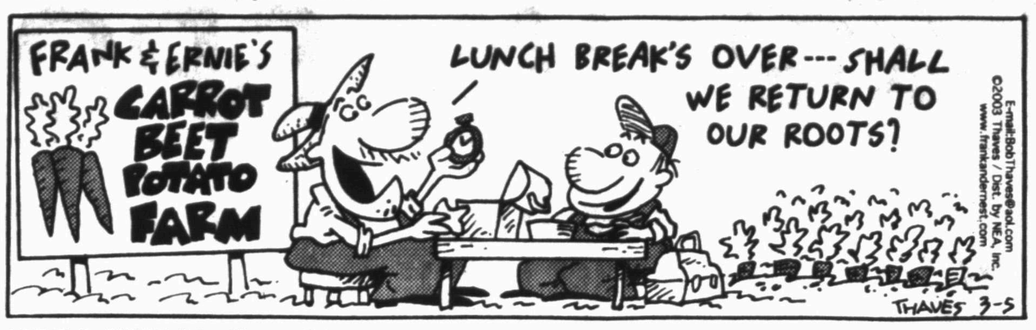
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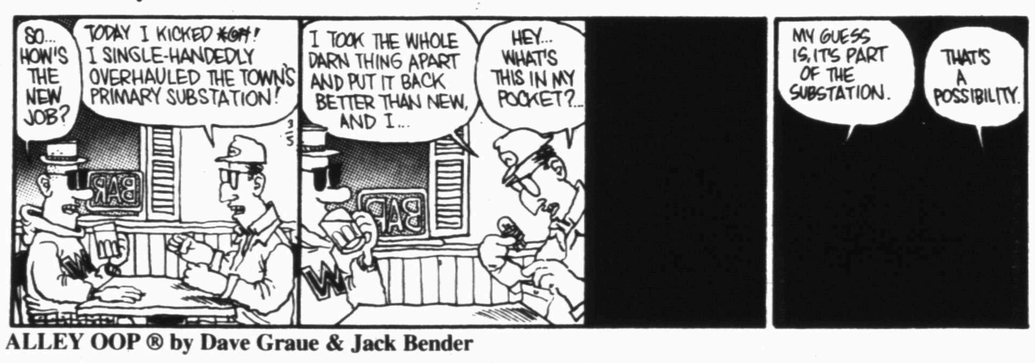

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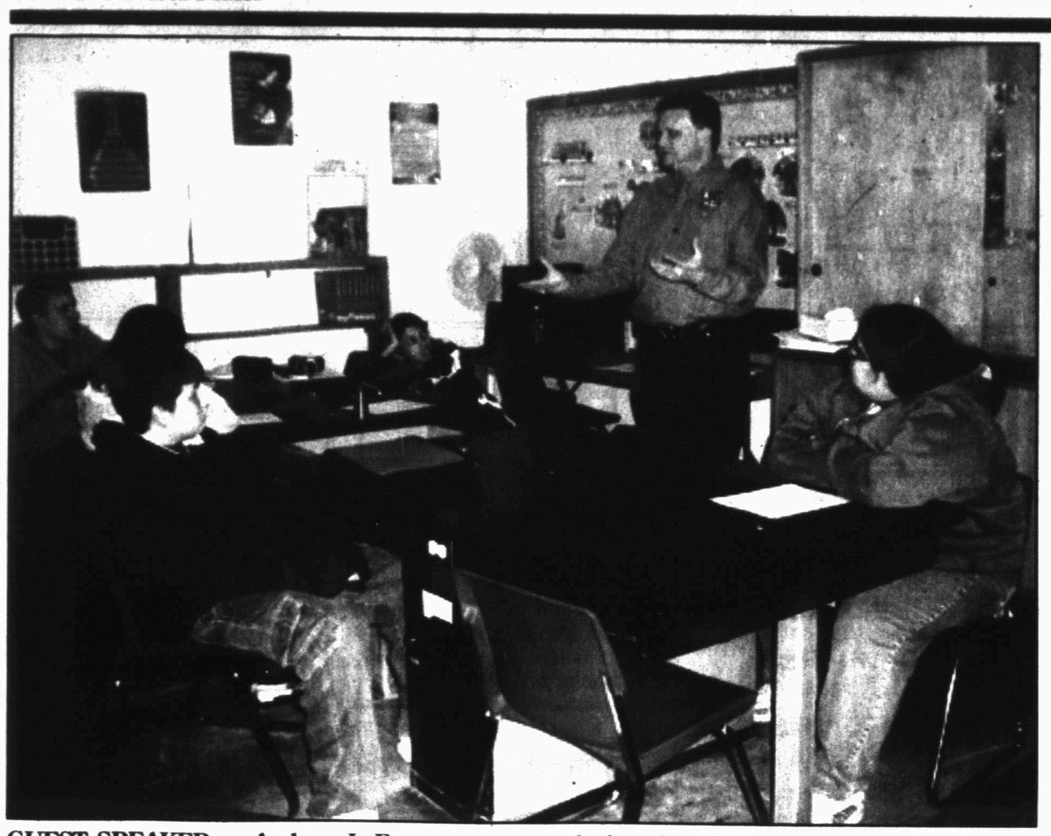

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"Stand by for the earthquake."

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GUEST SPEAKER — Andrew LaFavers, a meteorologist with KTXS, Channel 12 in Abilene, spoke to Sonya Hanks' science students at Snyder Junior High School Thursday. The first to hear LaFavers was the eighth grade earth sciences class. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Mexican transplant teen buried in N. Carolina

LOUISBURG, N.C. (AP) — Family and friends sobbed as the 17-year-old Mexican girl who endured two heart-lung transplants was laid to rest, even as a debate raged over whether such organs should have been offered in the first place.

Some 100 mourners gathered Tuesday at a small graveyard east of Louisburg for the funeral service of Jesica Santillan, who died last month after being given organs with the wrong blood type during the first transplant.

"She came as close to being an angel on Earth as anyone," attorney Frank Cassiano said after her white coffin was slipped into a mausoleum wall and covered with a pink granite slab. "This girl was brave every day of her life."

Critics have said American citizens should have priority for transplants. But transplant groups say it is only fair to give some organs to foreigners because they also donate organs to U.S. patients.

Plans to bury Jesica in Mexico were abandoned because there was no guarantee her illegal immigrant parents would be allowed to return to the United States afterward.

At the funeral, Nita Mahoney, whose husband started a charitable foundation in Jesica's name, seemed to hint at the controversy over whether the girl should have been on the long list of desperate transplant candidates.

"Love has no colors to it, and it crosses all rivers and nations," Mahoney said. "That was the only thing we wanted to do, was help a child. And in Jesica's memory, we will."

In an operation Feb. 7, Jesica was mistakenly given organs of the wrong blood type. Her body rejected the organs, and a matching transplant about two weeks later came too late to save her. She died Feb. 22 at Duke University Medical Center.

Cassiano said the family hasn't yet decided whether to sue Duke.

Hospital officials said they have the discretion to put foreign citizens, including illegal immigrants, on the national waiting list for transplants. And the United Network for Organ Sharing, which oversees the distribution of organs nationwide, allows up to 5 percent of recipients to be from other countries.

"Part of the rationale is that it may be hypocritical to accept donors who are not U.S. citizens, but not allow them to be transplant recipients," said Joel Newman, UNOS spokesman.

# Astro-graph

## By Bernice Bede Osol



### Your Birthday

**Thursday, March 6, 2003**

Big changes could be in store for you in the year ahead, both where your career and your social life are concerned. You'll like what transpires for you personally, emotionally and financially.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Friends might try to convince you today to partake in a new involvement that you've been dubious about participating in. Don't turn them down, it could turn out to be quite beneficial for you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — This can be an especially fortuitous day for you concerning your financial affairs or career. It looks like some kind of losing situation may unexpectedly turn into a winning one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Try out your ideas today, even if others don't fully understand what you're attempting to do. You possess a highly creative mind at this time and what you conceive does hold promise.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — A unique situation could develop today that has possible material advantages. Under your skillful handling you should be able to make the most of it.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Someone whom you couldn't get to agree with you before on an issue that you deemed important can be swayed to your way of thinking today, but only if you get to him or her before others do.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Put into practice today any creative steps you believe could be labor saving. Chances are they'll make your work easier and will save you more time than you could have imagined.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Should you receive an invitation today from someone you barely know, don't turn it down. Chances are it'll turn out to be an interesting event and you'll enjoy yourself immensely.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — A situation you believe has a great deal of financial potential, but which has been hanging fire, may make its move today and show you how much it is really worth. Be ready to move swiftly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — A quick change in direction regarding a venture you've been pursuing may be the right course of action for you to take today. The new course you conceive will be just what is needed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — The odds appear to be slightly tilted in your favor today, so now is the time to do what you've been putting off because you thought your chances were slim.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — When you suddenly run into that special someone today whom you've wanted to impress, be ready to quickly spin into action. This person will be very receptive to your overtures.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Through a unique chain of developments today, some obstacles that have been restricting you where your work or career is concerned could suddenly be eliminated.

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# Temperatures of three plane crash survivors are back to normal

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Doctors scrambled to raise the body temperatures of three brothers who spent 18 hours on a frigid mountainside in the wreckage of an airplane, while investigators tried to determine what caused the plane to crash.

The Ferris family, of Swanzey, N.H., was returning from a Florida vacation when their small plane slammed into the snow-covered mountains of southwest Massachusetts. Tayne Ferris and her two sons, Shawn and Kyle, died in the crash.

The conditions of brothers Ryan, 2, Jordan, 5, and Tyler, 10, improved Tuesday, but they remained critically injured. Their temperatures were back to normal after falling below 89.6 degrees, doctors said.

All three also were off ventilators, but it was too early to tell if any would lose extremities or tissue to frostbite, said Dr. Thomas Cohen, a pediatric trauma surgeon at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Severe hypothermia, defined as having a body temperature of 90 degrees or less, was the biggest physical worry, he said. It can lead to a loss of consciousness, depressed respiration and heart stoppage.

Doctors ran warm saline solution through gastric tubes inserted in Ryan's stomach and chest to warm his blood, Cohen said. They used heat packs on Jordan and Tyler, who also has a broken leg, to gradually raise their body temperatures.

Meanwhile, investigators said there was no sign of ice on the plane and that they planned to look at whether the distribution of weight in the cabin could have been a factor, said Luke Schiada, with the National Transportation Safety Board.

Ronald Ferris, 39, was piloting the single-engine Piper Cherokee Six from Siler City, N.C., to an airport near Keene, N.H., when he reported icing problems. Flight controllers lost radio contact with the pilot about 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The family had left Lakeland, Fla., on their way home 5½ hours earlier.



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# Artificial skin offers some hope to burn victims

BOSTON (AP) — For many of the badly burned survivors of the Rhode Island nightclub disaster, the best hope for a successful recovery may lie in a substance that is manmade and half-alive.

Artificial skin nurtures the body's own skin cells, sometimes even deceiving them as they struggle to grow and replace burned tissue. The technology is promising — but doctors warn it's costly and not always completely effective.

Covering a patient who is 50 percent burned can require $50,000 worth of the material, said Dr. Paul Taheri, director of the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center. The new skin also remains vulnerable to infections.

"While it's awfully useful, it's not the thing that we hoped: to be able in one setting to completely replace skin that has burned," said Dr. Colleen Ryan, a co-director of the burn unit at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"It's never like God made it again," she added.

The Feb. 20 fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killed 98 people and injured more than 180, many of whom were critically burned. Investigators believe a rock band's pyrotechnics ignited polyurethane foam used for soundproofing, causing the fast-moving blaze.

Burned, dead skin must be replaced with something that does everything the old skin did: regulate temperature, keep in fluids and keep out invaders like bacteria.

One option is to move a thin layer of healthy skin from elsewhere on the body to cover the burn. But if more than 50 percent of the body is burned, there obviously isn't enough healthy skin. Skin from cadavers can help temporarily, but after a few weeks will be rejected by the body's immune system.

Two companies that have attempted to market artificial skin have had mixed success.

San Diego-based Advanced Tissue Sciences Inc., the maker of one leading product called TransCyte, has been forced to turn production over to British firm Smith & Nephew after filing for bankruptcy protection.

# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Five years ago, at age 67, I was diagnosed with moderate osteoporosis and was placed on weekly Fosamax therapy. A recent bone density test showed that my osteoporosis has regressed; my bones are now normal.

My primary care physician wants me to continue the medicine, but my orthopedist said I could stop it. Which doctor should I listen to?

**DEAR READER:** There is an old story about Paul Dudley White, a brilliant and legendary Boston cardiologist. Many years ago, at the peak of his career, he was asked to make a housecall on a very rich socialite in New York City. Her physicians were at their wit's ends because, although the woman needed digitalis therapy for her heart disease, the drug — in a dose of one pill per day — made her very ill. The doctors needed to know if some alternative would be appropriate. The patient begged Dr. White to visit her and gladly offered to pay him for his time, travel expenses and consulting fee.

The cardiologist arrived at her townhouse, questioned her, performed an appropriate examination and noted that the digitalis did truly make her ill; yet he agreed that not taking it would be dangerous.

At that point, Dr. White proved his clinical superiority and did something the socialite's doctors hadn't even considered. He advised the patient to cut the digitalis pills in half! Problem solved. The woman ended up receiving the lesser dosage and lived to a ripe old age. Sometimes, particularly in medical practice, common sense does make sense.

Back to the osteoporosis issue.

At your age, your bones will lose a significant amount of calcium and, without therapy, your osteoporosis could well reemerge. On the other hand, I agree with your orthopedic specialist that weekly Fosamax is probably more than you require. Therefore, I suggest a compromise a la Dr. White. Cut back your Fosamax to one pill every three or four weeks. This should stabilize your bone calcium concentration. You must be monitored with a bone density exam every year. If your density falls, you can increase your Fosamax. If your bones remain strong, a further reduction in the drug's dosage might be in order. Ask your primary care physician if he would endorse this approach.

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

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I walk on the stairs in my house. I am 80 years old and believe that this exercise is beneficial. However, my wife is concerned that 15 stairs will tax my heart. I hope you can comment.

**DEAR READER:** Climbing 15 stairs at a brisk rate will not injure your heart, even if you have coronary blockage. If you are symptom-free, you can safely continue the practice. You might even consider performing this exercise two or three times a day.

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# Today's chuckle

## North Dakota town besieged by turkeys

ROCKLAKE, N.D. (AP) — This is a town besieged by turkeys.

The birds were raised on a Rocklake farm but left to fend for themselves when the family left, said Towner County Deputy Jerry Martin. In the summer, the birds hang out in the wild, but winter finds them in the town of about 150 people, where they eat at bird feeders and look for scraps from residents.



Martin said he had to rescue a woman who was trapped in her car after a group of turkeys stopped her from getting out.

"I had to chase them away with a broom," Martin said.

Officials said wild turkeys also have created problems in the towns of Minot and Wahpeton, and eventually will be trapped and moved to the wild.

"The trouble comes when someone who likes seeing them starts putting out food for them," said Greg Link, an assistant Game and Fish Department wildlife chief. "Any wildlife that hangs around people isn't a good situation."

Towner County Sheriff Vaughn Klier was asked what happened to one of the more belligerent turkeys after he threatened in a newspaper column to have "a meeting at high noon" with the bird. The sheriff said he would "have to plead the Fifth."

Klier moved back to the area three years ago after a 22-year law enforcement career in Oregon.

"I went up against really bad guys in Oregon, but they didn't tell me I had to go against turkeys," Klier said. "Things can get dangerous in Towner County."

# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

| | North | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ 4 | 03-05-03 |
| | ♥ 8 7 6 2 | |
| | ♦ A K Q 10 9 | |
| | ♣ 10 3 2 | |
| **West** | | **East** |
| ♠ A K J 8 3 2 | | ♠ 10 9 |
| ♥ — | | ♥ Q J 9 5 4 |
| ♦ J 6 | | ♦ 8 5 2 |
| ♣ K 8 7 6 4 | | ♣ Q J 9 |
| | **South** | |
| | ♠ Q 7 6 5 | |
| | ♥ A K 10 3 | |
| | ♦ 7 4 3 | |
| | ♣ A 5 | |

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 ♦? | 1 ♥? |
| Dbl. | 1 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ 6

**Wednesday, March 5, 2003**

## The comment that begat a column

**By Phillip Alder**

There are many bridge wives and a few bridge husbands, left at home while their spouses play the game. Sandra Penfold, twice a silver medalist for Great Britain in the Women's World Team Olympiad, made an amusing comment about her bridge husband — see below.

Before this deal, the last from the final of the 1993 British Women's Team Championship, Penfold's team was down by nine international match points (imps).

North opened an anemic one diamond. East overcalled with an absurd one heart. South, Penfold, made a negative double to show exactly four spades. West, who wondered if there were 50 points in the deck, bid one spade. After two passes, Penfold took a shot at three notrump.

Knowing South had the spade queen, West led her fourth-highest club. Penfold won the trick, realizing that if she ducked, East would shift to a spade. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's queen and cashed the diamond ace to check that that suit was worth five tricks. Then, aided by East's bid, Penfold played a heart to her 10. (Yes, she could have run dummy's heart eight, but she wasn't going to risk West's having a singleton nine.) When that won, Penfold claimed nine tricks (three hearts, five diamonds and one club) for plus 600.

At the other table, West made four spades by finessing twice in trumps. She lost only two diamonds and one club: plus 420. So, Penfold's team gained 14 imps to win by five.

Penfold, when asked about her husband, said, "He is the chief librarian of the National Library of Scotland. But it's easy to overstate the excitement of that."

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## COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

### WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 3-3-02 | 2-24-03 | 3-3-03 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 16.41 | 16.92 | 16.81 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 16,617 | 17,571 | 17,363 |
| PERCENT FULL | 8.28 | 8.76 | 8.66 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |
| SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.) | | 0 | 0 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 3-3-02 | 2-24-03 | 3-3-03 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 42.59 | 36.57 | 36.25 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 49,806 | 32,423 | 31,638 |
| PERCENT FULL | 9.63 | 6.27 | 6.12 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 0.90 | 0.40 |

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

| | ONE YEAR AGO | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 3-3-02 | 2-24-03 | 3-3-03 |
| ELEVATION (FEET) | 31.22 | 27.22 | 27.19 |
| CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET) | 250,067 | 208,423 | 208,128 |
| PERCENT FULL | 45.11 | 37.60 | 37.55 |
| RAINFALL (INCHES) * | | 1.55 | 0.36 |

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

| | LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE | THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE | THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2-24-03. 2-18-03 | 3-3-03 2-25-03 | 3-3-03 2-25-03 |
| BIG SPRING | 3,400,000 | 3,692,857 | 4,100,000 |
| ODESSA | 12,257,429 | 12,112,286 | 14,059,000 |
| SNYDER | 1,459,714 | 1,626,000 | 1,884,000 |
| MIDLAND | 16,901,000 | 16,255,571 | 17,564,000 |
| SAN ANGELO | 4,717,429 | 7,245,143 | 9,765,000 |
| STANTON | 94,143 | 101,143 | 137,000 |

Moderately Confused




# Patterson averaged 165 rigs in the U.S. and 15 in Canada

Patterson-UTI Energy, headquartered in Snyder, Tuesday reported that for the month of February the company had a total of 5,051 drilling days, or an average of 180 drilling rigs operating.

February's report included an average of 165 rigs in the U.S. and 15 rigs in Canada.

For the two months ended February 2003, Patterson-UTI reported a total of 10,114 drilling days, or an average of 171 drilling rigs in operation.

The two-month report included an average of 156 rigs in the U.S. and 15 in Canada.

It was noted that in some cases weather conditions prevented the movement of rigs to another location.

For the month of February, it was estimated that approximately 120 drilling days, or an average of four rigs, were lost as a result of weather-related delays in relocating.

Patterson-UTI announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire seven land-based drilling rigs, six of which are marketable, for $10 million in cash.

The acquisition also includes spare drilling equipment and drill pipe. The transaction is expected to close by May 30, 2003 and will increase the firm's rig count to 338.

Acquisitions announced on Feb. 4 have been completed, and Patterson-UTI currently has 331 land-based drilling rigs.

# Markets

**Midday Stocks**

NEW YORK (AP)

| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 2.56 | 2.49 | 2.52 | +.02 |
| AOL TimeWrn | 11.00 | 10.70 | 10.84 | —.03 |
| AT&T Corp rs | 18.40 | 18.14 | 18.27 | +.19 |
| Albertsons | 19.07 | 18.76 | 18.77 | —.08 |
| Alltel | 42.97 | 42.53 | 42.61 | +.01 |
| AmEl Pw | 21.86 | 21.57 | 21.70 | +.09 |
| AndarkPtr | 46.45 | 45.97 | 46.32 | +.27 |
| ATMOS Egy | 21.56 | 21.24 | 21.53 | +.04 |
| Aviall | 6.81 | 6.57 | 6.77 | +.01 |
| BP PLC | 39.52 | 39.21 | 39.29 | —.05 |
| BakerHughes | 30.71 | 30.25 | 30.39 | |
| Bank of Amer | 68.10 | 67.44 | 67.53 | +.12 |
| BellSouth | 21.35 | 20.70 | 21.12 | +.08 |
| BurlNoSFe | 24.46 | 24.14 | 24.14 | —.26 |
| Caterpillar | 45.77 | 45.12 | 45.13 | —.09 |
| CenterPoint | 5.80 | 5.61 | 5.70 | |
| ChevronTex | 65.24 | 64.63 | 65.01 | +.36 |
| Citigroup | 32.92 | 32.00 | 32.54 | +.17 |
| CocaCola | 38.38 | 37.03 | 37.05 | —1.32 |
| ColgatePal | 49.79 | 49.45 | 49.45 | —.28 |
| CmclMetals s | 13.53 | 13.40 | 13.46 | |
| ConocoPhill | 51.77 | 51.45 | 51.60 | +.10 |
| Cooper Inds | 37.61 | 36.95 | 36.95 | —.31 |
| DaimlrChry | 30.17 | 29.53 | 29.72 | +.44 |
| DeltaAirl | 8.39 | 8.16 | 8.24 | —.03 |
| Dillards Inc | 13.60 | 13.29 | 13.30 | —.25 |
| DowChem | 26.20 | 25.82 | 25.82 | —.13 |
| DuPont | 35.57 | 34.88 | 34.96 | —.61 |
| EastmanChem | 31.25 | 30.77 | 30.77 | —.24 |
| EstKodak | 29.33 | 28.95 | 29.01 | —.79 |
| EDS Corp | 15.19 | 14.90 | 14.90 | —.22 |
| Entergy | 45.80 | 45.28 | 45.34 | —.34 |
| ExxonMobil | 34.55 | 34.22 | 34.36 | +.13 |
| FootLocker | 10.07 | 9.99 | 10.00 | —.10 |
| GenDynam | 57.39 | 56.26 | 56.92 | —1.08 |
| GenElec | 23.61 | 23.24 | 23.27 | —.13 |
| GenMills | 42.01 | 41.57 | 41.81 | —.34 |
| GenMotors | 31.65 | 30.39 | 31.24 | —.03 |
| GaPacific | 14.57 | 14.41 | 14.41 | —.03 |
| Goodrich | 15.05 | 14.87 | 14.88 | —.18 |
| Goodyear | 4.32 | 4.07 | 4.20 | +.20 |
| GtAtlPac | 4.35 | 4.20 | 4.29 | —.01 |
| Halliburtn | 20.06 | 19.75 | 19.84 | —.10 |
| Hanson ADS | 24.31 | 24.10 | 24.23 | +.73 |
| HarteHanks s | 17.78 | 17.65 | 17.67 | —.19 |
| HomeDepot | 22.49 | 21.82 | 21.84 | —.26 |
| Honeywellintl | 22.37 | 22.01 | 22.04 | —.16 |
| IBM | 77.40 | 76.25 | 76.29 | —.41 |
| IntlPaper | 35.05 | 34.57 | 34.58 | —.30 |
| JohnsonJn | 52.70 | 51.50 | 52.25 | +.56 |
| KinderMorg | 44.50 | 44.30 | 44.35 | —.24 |
| Kroger Co | 13.12 | 12.98 | 13.02 | —.04 |
| LockheedM | 46.69 | 42.56 | 45.52 | —.56 |
| Lowes Cos | 37.83 | 36.96 | 37.05 | —.50 |
| Lubys | 1.28 | 1.26 | 1.27 | |
| LucentTech | 1.60 | 1.53 | 1.54 | —.04 |
| MarathonOil | 23.22 | 22.94 | 23.07 | +.17 |
| MayDeptStr | 18.93 | 18.63 | 18.66 | —.14 |
| Medtronic | 44.55 | 44.17 | 44.18 | +.01 |
| Motorola | 8.30 | 8.15 | 8.17 | +.02 |
| NCR Corp | 18.91 | 18.55 | 18.63 | —.35 |
| Navistar | 23.30 | 22.79 | 22.93 | —.05 |
| PNM Rescs | 20.78 | 20.58 | 20.65 | —.07 |
| Penney JC | 18.92 | 18.26 | 18.45 | —.21 |
| PepBoys | 8.96 | 8.68 | 8.80 | +.10 |
| PepsiCo | 38.05 | 36.24 | 36.74 | —1.31 |
| Pharmacia | 40.13 | 39.55 | 39.83 | +.28 |
| PhelpDodge | 34.65 | 33.92 | 33.92 | —.82 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 7.74 | 7.46 | 7.60 | —.24 |
| Praxair | 52.00 | 50.05 | 51.22 | —.36 |
| ProctGamb | 80.30 | 79.69 | 79.86 | —.03 |
| RadioShack | 19.35 | 18.99 | 18.99 | —.07 |
| RoyalDut | 40.24 | 39.95 | 39.98 | —.16 |
| SBC Comm | 20.78 | 20.35 | 20.48 | +.02 |
| SaraLee | 18.91 | 18.60 | 18.64 | —.08 |
| Scripps EW | 77.59 | 76.75 | 77.18 | +.35 |
| SearsRoeb | 20.25 | 19.81 | 19.89 | —.25 |
| SherwinW | 26.20 | 25.97 | 25.97 | —.02 |
| SouthernCo | 28.49 | 28.14 | 28.18 | —.03 |
| SwstAirl | 12.41 | 12.24 | 12.30 | —.03 |
| SprintFON | 12.58 | 12.25 | 12.25 | —.32 |
| SprintPCS | 3.88 | 3.75 | 3.75 | —.06 |
| Sunoco Inc | 36.29 | 36.05 | 36.27 | +.19 |
| TXU Corp | 16.11 | 16.00 | 16.04 | +.01 |
| TempleInland | 40.72 | 40.07 | 40.07 | —.25 |
| Texlnd | 19.38 | 19.20 | 19.20 | —.23 |
| TexasInst | 16.32 | 16.00 | 16.02 | +.02 |
| Textron | 35.23 | 34.71 | 34.76 | —.66 |
| TrinityInds | 16.24 | 16.03 | 16.05 | —.01 |
| TylerTech | 3.55 | 3.40 | 3.49 | —.11 |
| UnionPacif | 54.16 | 53.60 | 53.61 | —.42 |
| USSteel | 11.77 | 11.63 | 11.69 | —.01 |
| UnitedTech | 57.09 | 56.46 | 56.46 | —.52 |
| Unocal | 26.42 | 25.95 | 26.28 | —.11 |
| VerizonComm | 34.89 | 34.27 | 34.32 | —.09 |
| WalMart | 47.38 | 46.80 | 46.82 | —.08 |
| WellsFargo | 45.50 | 44.82 | 45.14 | +.14 |
| WstnGasRs | 33.01 | 32.90 | 32.92 | +.04 |
| WinnDixie | 12.19 | 12.06 | 12.08 | +.02 |
| Xerox Cp | 8.70 | 8.54 | 8.61 | —.03 |
| YumBrands s | 23.21 | 22.92 | 22.92 | —.23 |

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# Scurry County Country

## Diversified

**By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent**

**Wheat Hollow Stem Identification and Grazing Pull-Off**

When to Remove Livestock in the Texas High Plains if Grain Yield is Desired

Grazing wheat and other small grains after the appearance of a hollow stem will reduce grain yield. In the Texas High Plains this is especially an issue since over half of the wheat acreage is grazed to some degree each year.

With wheat grain prices higher than in the past several years, there is more insentive among producers to pursue higher grain yields rather than prolonging grazing or even grazing out all acres. If you are grazing now and are planning on grain harvest, how do you anticipate and look for the appearance of the hollow stem of wheat?

When should you look? We'll answer these questions with the guidelines from "Growth Stages of Wheat: Identification and Understanding Improve Crop Management," by Texas Cooperative Extension specialist Travis Miller.

As wheat growth progresses from late winter into spring, at some point it will switch from a vegetative to a reproductive state. The visible sign that the wheat has entered the reproductive phase of its life cycle is the appearance of a hollow stem at the base of the stem.

The hollow stem is visible a few days prior to jointing (visible node on tiller). Jointing does not occur at the same time every year. It is influenced by variety, planting date (especially for late planted wheat, which will joint somewhat later), and warm or cold weather. These factors can move jointing forward 7-14 days in some years, and delay it by a similar amount in others.

To optimize grain yield potential, it is best to physically examine the wheat rather than relying on a calendar date to decide when to terminate grazing. In many years in the Amarillo area jointing for numerous wheat varieties "averages" about March 10, but about a week earlier near Lubbock, and potentially even earlier further south. This means the hollow stem stage can be observed 3 to 5 days prior to that time. In studies conducted at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Bushland irrigated wheat yields were reduced 0.28 bushels for every day wheat was grazed the first two weeks of March wheat yields was reduced 0.94 bushels per day.

In general, when the leaf sheaths become strongly erect new tiller development has ceased and soon the growing point, which is below the soil surface, begins to develop an embryo head. At this stage head size, or number of spikelets, is determined. This is an ideal growth stage to spring top dress nitrogen fertilizer as later applications will not affect potential seed per head.

Once the embryo head has developed, the first inter node will begin to elongate pushing the head up through the leaf sheaths. This first inter node will be hollow, and that is what you look for. This will be visible before you can actually feel the first node (joint, located just above the first inter node.)

Prior to this stage the nodes are all formed but tightly packed together and hard to see. The first node (joint) is swollen and appears above the soil surface. Above this node is the head, or spike, which is eventually exerted from the boot. The true stem is now forming a second short inter node about ¼" long has begun to develop-there is a single node to the right, and all remaining nodes are stacked tightly together to the left just above the immature head. Use a sharp knife or razor blade to split stems and determine the presence of a hollow stem. Cut the largest tillers off at the ground, split the stalk, and look for the hollow stem. If it is present, cattle should be removed to prevent grain yield loss.

If possible, check for the hollow stem in a portion of the field that is not being grazed, such as outside a fenced area.

Often growers may be late by a few days in removing livestock as they wait for obvious nodes and hollow stems to appear. It is a grower's decision as to which is more important, a couple of extra days of grazing vs. reduced grain yield potential. Checking fields every 2 to 3 days after the middle of February is advised, especially if temperatures are warming nicely and growth is progressing.

For further information on management of wheat and other crops, as well as insects, irrigation, etc., in the Texas High Plains, visit the Web sites of the regional Texas A&M Research & Extension Centers in Lubbock, or Amarillo..

## Scurrying Around Snyder

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**Cook Once, Eat Twice**

Do you sometimes feel like a juggler at the circus as you hurry to get dinner ready? Preparing a meal can be like keeping several balls in the air as you bustle back and forth from task to task: Wash! Chop! Mix! Cook! Stir! Boil!

To keep from "dropping the ball" at dinnertime, try a technique of "cook once, eat twice."

**Cook Once, Eat Twice**

Give yourself a break. By planning ahead you can make some of the dinner tasks you're constantly juggling easier. Spend a few extra minutes planning complementary menus where you "cook once and eat twice." Here's how it works.

Plan meals based around key foods prepared in larger amounts for use in one recipe the first night and an entirely different recipe within the next night or two. This is different from making large batches and eating leftovers. Follow these general guidelines to assure your food remains safe and of high quality:

* Separate out and refrigerate the portion to be served for your next meal before you set the food on the table. This keeps your food quality higher by preventing "planned-overs" from becoming "picked overs."

* Promptly refrigerate the food for the next meal to keep it safe. Perishable cooked foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products, shouldn't be at room temperature longer than TWO hours TOTAL – that TOTAL is the total of the first and second use.

* Refrigerate the prepared-ahead food in shallow containers so it cools faster in the refrigerator. For thicker foods – such as stews, hot puddings and layers of meat slices – limit depth of food to 2 inches. Loosely cover food. This allows heat to escape and protects from accidental contamination from other foods during cooling. Stir food occasionally to help it cool; use a clean utensil each time. Cover tightly when cooled.

* As a general rule-of-thumb, use the extra refrigerated food you cooked within one to two days. Freeze for longer storage. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator when you're ready to use again – never thaw at room temperature.

**Examples of Two Day, Two Way Foods**

Here are some quick and easy examples of "cook once, eat twice" to get you started. Adapt according to your family preferences and add you own ideas for the different food categories. Think of these as "ACT 1" and "ACT 2" at the circus with something different for each performance!

**Chicken/Turkey**

**ACT 1:** Cook extra chicken breasts or turkey cutlets. Cover and refrigerate half the chicken or turkey. Top the remaining half with your favorite seasonings or sauce for serving immediately.

**ACT 2:** The next night, slice the plain cooked chicken or turkey into strips and combine with lettuce and Caesar salad dressing for a main dish salad.

For more Poultry Recipe Ideas: Check the Web sites of the National Turkey Federation (and the National Chicken Council)

**Rice**

**ACT 1:** Make a large batch of plain rice. The first night – while the rice is cooking – prepare a hearty sauce so your rice can be served as the main dish. For example: Add cooked ground beef to tomato sauce flavored with Italian seasoning.

**ACT 2:** On night two, make fried rice with your favorite veggies and a can of shrimp from your cupboard.

You also can save leftover rice from one night and chicken/turkey from another night and put them together in any number of dishes for night three. Possibilities include: rice-based casseroles, chicken or turkey rice soup and fried rice.

The USA Rice Council recommends you reheat leftover rice thoroughly before serving. Unless you use the rice in a dish with added liquid, you may need to add a small amount of liquid to your reheated rice. For each cup of cooked rice, the Council advises adding 2 tablespoons liquid. Cover and heat on top of the range or in the oven until heated throughout. In a microwave oven, cover and cook on HIGH about 1 minute per cup.

Rice also freezes well. After cooked rice has cooled in the refrigerator, transfer it to plastic freezer bags in quantities needed for future meals. Label with the date and quantity.

For more Rice recipes ideas: Check the Rice Council's Web site

**Beef/Pork**

**ACT 1:** Make a roast the first evening and enjoy part of it.

**ACT 2:** Slice the rest of your roast for delicious sandwiches or a hearty stew the next night.

For More Meat Recipe Ideas: Check the Web sites of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (the Nebraska Beef Council (and the National Pork Producers' Council)

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## NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Environs Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a $357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial environs customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately $50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of $6.93 to an increase of approximately $7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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# High court upholds three-strike sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld long sentences meted out under the nation's toughest three-time offender law, ruling that a prison term of 25 years to life is not too harsh for a small-time thief who shoplifted golf clubs.

California's three-strikes-and-you're-out law does not necessarily lead to unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment, the court said, even though a relatively minor crime can yield a life term if the criminal has a felony record.

The court divided 5-4 in two cases testing the limits of California's Proposition 184, intended to close the revolving prison door for criminals with lengthy, violent records.

Twenty-six states and the federal government have some version of a three-strikes law, which typically allow a life prison term or something close to it for a person convicted of a third felony.

Today's ruling addressed only the effects of the California law. But the high court's reasoning will likely shield other three-strikes laws from similar constitutional challenges.

The court noted the popularity of such laws and the public fears behind them. State legislatures should have leeway to keep career criminals away from the public.

# Bombers repositioned near North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is basing more heavy bombers near North Korea and will formally protest the communist nation's "reckless actions" in using MiG fighters to intercept a U.S. surveillance plane, officials said.

Shifting the military aircraft toward northeast Asia was described "as a prudent gesture to bolster our defense posture and as a deterrent" by Defense Department spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis on Tuesday.

Other Pentagon officials said the deployment includes sending B-52 bombers to the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam. The order was issued Friday, well before Sunday's incident in which North Korean jets came within 50 feet of a U.S. RC-135S surveillance plane over the Sea of Japan, they said.

"These (U.S.) moves are not aggressive in nature," Davis said.

Military officials said Tuesday the United States is reviewing its options in light of the gravity of Sunday's incident, one of the most dangerous military provocations in a monthslong standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Those options could include having U.S. fighter jets escort similar flights, a senior military official said. The United States has not suspended the flights and does not plan to, officials said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush would consult with allies to determine the best way to protest the incident. Fleischer said Bush believes the North Korean standoff can be solved through diplomacy.

He also disputed reports that the United States has begun to accept the idea of a nuclear-armed North Korea and is turning its attention to preventing Pyongyang from selling nuclear material to other nations. "I don't stand by that," he said, adding that U.S. policy calls for a "a nonnuclear North Korean peninsula."

# Putting more oil in reserves triggered higher prices of oil

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's decision after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to aggressively boost the federal emergency oil stockpile contributed to a dramatic decline in commercial oil stocks and caused energy prices to soar, says a study by Senate Democrats.

The report released today said that the diversion during 2002 of 40 million barrels of crude into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve required refiners to dip into their commercial inventories at a time when markets already were tight and production by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries was being reduced.

"We're confident this had a significant impact on the price of oil in 2002," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who released the report prepared by the Democratic staff of the Senate Government Affairs investigations subcommittee he chaired last year.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has defended aggressively filling the reserve, which now has about 600 million barrels — equivalent to four months of oil imports from the Middle East — stored in salt caverns on the Gulf Coast. The administration has cited national security as the reason for those stocks to be increased.

The Levin report cited internal Energy Department documents showing that the Bush administration in early 2002 decided against deferring the deliveries despite warnings from career officials that syphoning oil away from the market could have adverse impact on commercial inventories and prices.

"Commercial petroleum inventories are low, retail product prices are high and economic growth is slow," wrote John Shages, a senior official at the Strategic Petroleum Reserve office in Louisiana, in one memorandum. "The government should avoid acquiring oil for the reserve under these circumstance."

Shages said the government purchases during a tight market "would be difficult to defend" and could be criticized as mismanagement.

# DPS troopers respond to one-vehicle rollover

***Arrests***

DPS troopers responded to a one-vehicle rollover west of Snyder on U.S. 180 at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday and took a 23-year-old man into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. The man was not injured and he also had outstanding warrants for damage to private property.

Deputies arrested a 37-year-old woman at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday for bail jumping and failure to appear before a judge.

Also taken into custody was a 33-year-old man for bond surrender on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

Snyder officers arrested a 20-year-old man in the 500 block of Coliseum Dr. at 6:06 p.m. Tuesday for driving with a suspended license.

A 27-year-old man was taken into custody in the 2100 block of 40th Street at 1 a.m. today for public intoxication.

***Theft***

At 7:41 a.m. Tuesday, Amanda Bernal reported the theft of money from her residence in the 1900 block of Coleman. Officers filed an offense report for burglary of a habitation.

Kate Odom reported that her cellular phone was stolen while she was at Dollar General three days ago, but requested no report be made.

Daniel Gutierrez reported at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday that an amplifier was taken from his pickup while parked in the 1900 block of Scott. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a vehicle.

# Obituaries

## Carol Gruben

**1945-2003**

ROTAN – Carol Ann Gruben, longtime area resident, died Saturday, March 1, in an Abilene hospital following an acute infection.

Service for Mrs. Gruben, 57, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Rotan with Mike Oneil, Tony Gruben and Randy Evans officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Born on Aug. 16, 1945 in Wimbledon, England, she and her mother traveled by ship to America six months later to join her father in Snyder. She spent her childhood in Scurry and Fisher counties, graduating from Hobbs High School in 1963.

She married Wilber Gruben on Sept. 23, 1963 and they have resided in Rotan since 1970. She supported her children's activities in 4-H, winning numerous area and state honors.

Her father, Jimmy Walker, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Wilber Gruben of Rotan; a son, Greg Gruben of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Evette and Brian Peterson of Snyder; her mother, Joy Walker of Rotan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheila and Donnie Gruben of Rotan and Melody and Mark Parrish of Lockhart; and her grandchildren, Clancey Gruben, Madison Peterson and Chase Peterson, all of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Carol Gruben Memorial 4-H Fund at the First National Bank in Rotan.

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## David Casey

**1919-2003**

KILGORE — David E. Casey, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, March 3, in Longview.

Service for Mr. Casey, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Chandler Street Church of Christ with Chris Vidacovich officiating. Burial will follow in the Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Rader Funeral Home.

He was born July 9, 1919 in Altus, Ark., to Ralph T. and Carrie Casey. Mr. Casey served with the 54th Naval Seabees in the Philippines during World War II.

He was maintenance supervisor with Exxon for 38 years and lived in Snyder from 1958-1969. He was a member of the Chandler Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 63 years, Hettie Casey.

Survivors include a son, David Casey of Kilgore; a daughter, Peggy Jones of Kilgore; a sister, Stella Land of Katy; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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# Registration laws for sex offenders upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today that photos of convicted sex offenders may be posted on the Internet, a victory for states that use the Web to warn citizens about potential predators in their neighborhoods.

The court turned back a challenge from sex offenders who argued they deserved a chance to prove they aren't dangerous to avoid having their pictures and addresses put on the Internet.

The decisions came in the Supreme Court's first review of what are known as Megan's laws. They have far-reaching implications because every state and the federal government have sex-offender registry statutes.

The laws are named for 7-year-old Megan Kanka, a New Jersey girl kidnapped, raped and killed in 1994 by a convicted sex criminal who lived in her neighborhood.

The Supreme Court cases, from Alaska and Connecticut, required justices to balance the rights of offenders with the public safety interest in keeping tabs on people who may commit more sex crimes.

The court came down on the side of public safety in both cases, but left the door open for future constitutional challenges.

By a 6-3 vote, justices rejected arguments by two Alaska sex offenders who contended they already served time for sex crimes before the Alaska registration law was passed and were punished a second time with the registry. The Alaska law requires convicts to give police personal information four times a year or risk more prison time.

The government had argued that it was not burdensome for offenders to report to police every 90 days to provide information, including their addresses, and to have their pictures taken, because all people have to fill out paperwork in government office to vote, register a car or get married.

Justice Anthony Kennedy agreed the law is not punitive.

"Our system does not treat dissemination of truthful information in furtherance of a legitimate governmental objection as punishment," he wrote for the majority. "The purpose and the principal effect of notification are to inform the public for its own safety, not to humiliate the offender."

In a dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that "however plain it may be that a former sex offender currently poses no threat of recidivism, he will remain subject to long-term monitoring and inescapable humiliation." Also opposing the court's ruling were Justices John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer.

Information about sex offenders is available online in about three dozen states.

The court also ruled 9-0 that Connecticut did not have to hold separate hearings to determine the risk posed by sex criminals who have completed their prison sentences before putting them in a registry.

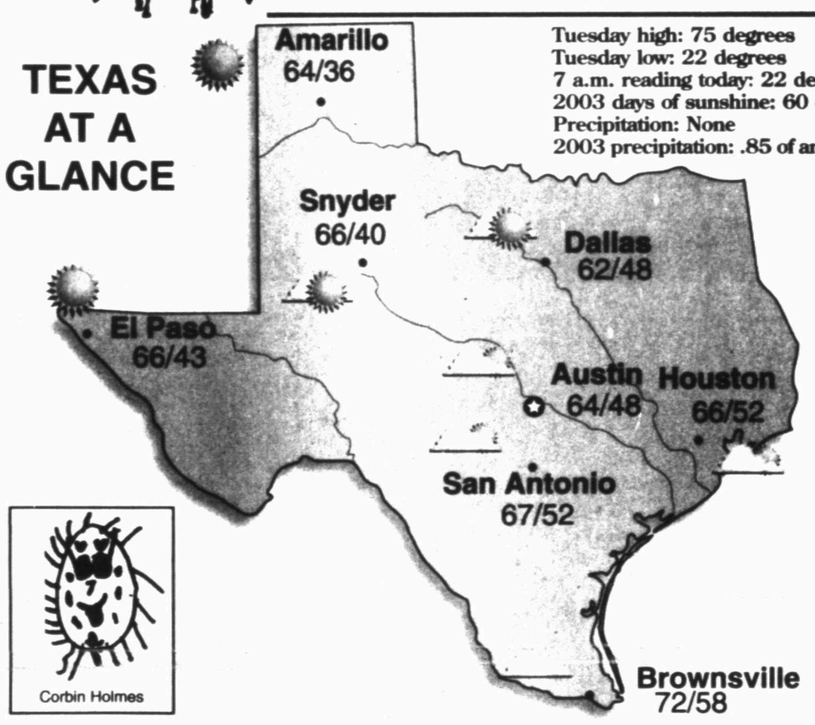
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

| Thu 3/6 | Fri 3/7 | Sat 3/8 |
|---|---|---|
| 66/40 | 71/40 | 70/42 |
| Mostly sunny skies. High 66F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph. | Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s. |
| Sunrise 7:06 AM Sunset 6:45 PM | Sunrise 7:04 AM Sunset 6:45 PM | Sunrise 7:03 AM Sunset 6:46 PM |

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### TEXAS AT A GLANCE




Tuesday high: 75 degrees
Tuesday low: 22 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 22 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 60 of 63
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .85 of an inch

Corbin Holmes

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 67 | 46 | sunny | El Paso | 66 | 43 | sunny | Midland | 69 | 44 | sunny |
| Amarillo | 64 | 36 | sunny | Fort Stockton | 71 | 46 | sunny | Raymondville | 70 | 54 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 64 | 48 | pt sunny | Gainesville | 59 | 41 | sunny | Rosenberg | 66 | 52 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 65 | 51 | pt sunny | Greenville | 59 | 42 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 67 | 52 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 72 | 58 | cloudy | Houston | 66 | 52 | pt sunny | San Marcos | 65 | 49 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 67 | 46 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 69 | 53 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 60 | 43 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 65 | 54 | pt sunny | Livingston | 65 | 47 | pt sunny | Sweetwater | 68 | 43 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 61 | 47 | pt sunny | Longview | 63 | 45 | pt sunny | Tyler | 63 | 48 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 62 | 48 | mst sunny | Lubbock | 68 | 39 | sunny | Weatherford | 60 | 42 | mst sunny |
| Del Rio | 73 | 54 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 65 | 50 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls | 64 | 41 | sunny |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 61 | 41 | rain | Houston | 66 | 52 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 71 | 50 | mst sunny |
| Boston | 30 | 14 | sn shower | Los Angeles | 66 | 49 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 58 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 35 | 27 | pt sunny | Miami | 87 | 72 | pt sunny | Seattle | 44 | 32 | rain |
| Dallas | 62 | 48 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 36 | 22 | sn shower | St. Louis | 49 | 36 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 53 | 31 | pt sunny | New York | 34 | 22 | sn shower | Washington, DC | 40 | 30 | mixed |

### Moon Phases

| New | First | Full | Last |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 3 | Mar 11 | Mar 18 | Mar 25 |

### UV Index

| Thu 3/6 | Fri 3/7 | Sat 3/8 |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | 7 | 7 |
| Moderate | High | High |

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

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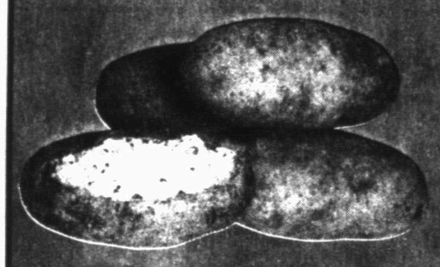
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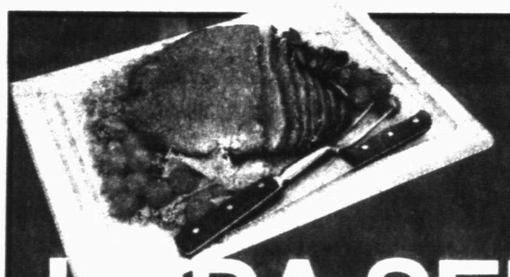
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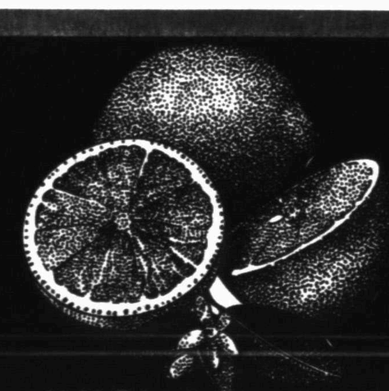


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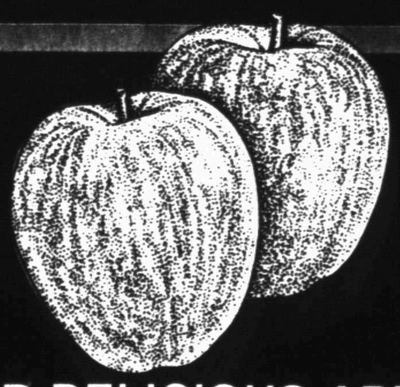
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